

# **Picton Regional Forum Meeting held at the Picton Emergency Centre, Memorial Park, Picton on Monday 14 May 2018 at 1.30 pm**

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## **Present**

Clr David Oddie (Chairperson), Dean Heiford (MDC)

## Group Representatives

Rose Prendeville (Port Marlborough), Bryan Strong (Tirimoana), Brian Henstock (Greypower), Graham Low (Picton Smart & Connected), Graham Gosling (Picton Business Group), Monyeen Wedge (Queen Charlotte Sound/Tōtaranui), Aileen Walker (Whatamango Bay), Don Miller (Whatamango Bay), John Perano (Picton Museum), Sergeant Richard Van Asch (Picton Police Station), John Reuhman (Ecoworld), Ian Shapcott (Te Ātiawa), June Strong (Seniornet), Michelle Campbell (Greypower), Julian Hawkin (Ngakuta Bay), Ian Davis (Ngakuta Bay), Rob Burn (Queen Charlotte Track) Chrissie Powlesland (Picton Smart & Connected), Nicki Neilsson, (Picton Resource Centre) and Julie Kennedy (Picton Smart & Connected)

## **Guest Speakers**

Alice Taylor (Tōtaranui 250), Steve Murrin (Marlborough Roads)

## **In Attendance**

Rebecca Waldron (Secretary MDC)

## **Apologies**

Clr Nadine Taylor, Clr Trevor Hook, Linda Thompson, Stuart Eyes, Hiram Taylor, Tim Newsham, Margaret McHugh

## **Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting were taken as read.

## **1. Marlborough Roads Update – Steve Murrin**

- The roading programme for the next three years is currently being put together.
  - The new Government has released its Government Policy Statement (GPS) with a focus on safety, access, value for money and environment; this is a change in direction from the previous Government's focus on economic growth and development and safety.
  - Some of the big projects for Marlborough have now been shelved. This includes the Welds Pass realignment which has been pushed out for another three years. Marlborough Roads are trying to have the project reinstated.
  - The Koromiko Cycleway has now also been pushed out to commence in 2023/2024.
  - There are new safety initiatives which have been brought into the three year programme including \$25 million worth of safety works between Blenheim and Seddon. The road between Seddon and Kaikōura is going to be brought up to a KiwiRap Class 4 Road standard. A similar programme is going to be carried out for the Blenheim to Nelson highway.
  - The roading programme proposal for Marlborough will be finalised at the Regional Transport Committee meeting on Friday and then submitted to the NZTA.
  - A consultation period on the Regional Land Transport Plan resulted in 80% of submissions being on the cycleway from Picton to Kaikōura.
  - Steve noted that the new Government's emphasis is on walking and cycling in urban areas and also focussing on trying to get single occupancy vehicles off the roads.

- Seal repairs worth \$½ million are being carried out on the Kenepuru Road to repair damage from the 14 November earthquake and flooding.
- Culverts damaged in the earthquake have been repaired on Port Underwood Road.
- The Wairau Road resurfacing has been completed
- Steve asked for feedback on a plan by the Railways to put barriers on the Auckland Street, Broadway, Wairau Road intersection. This plan also includes closing off Broadway West and Auckland Street South (Figure 1).



Figure 1 Map of Railway Intersection

- The street lights in Picton are being converted to LED which will provide large savings to Council in power and maintenance costs.

### Questions/Answers

- It was clarified that the \$2 million allocated for the Kaikōura Cycleway will be carried forward until the programme is implemented.
- Steve commented on the action point from the last meeting regarding the extra logging trucks on Port Underwood Road. He noted that Council has some control on the majority of the logging vehicles, as most of the trees were planted under the Town and Country Planning Act. However two or three properties were planted prior to the Town and Country Planning Act and Council does not have control over the logging of these. One of these forests is being logged at the moment. The Council has a gentlemen's agreement that they are to keep to 10 trucks a day but this is unenforceable. However they are not supposed to bring trucks through at the times when school children are on the roads. Steve agreed to reinforce the road being off-limits during school hours to the logging companies.
- Logging trucks crossing the roads was discussed.
- Trucks and work vehicles in the centre of Picton on cruise ship days was discussed. Steve noted that contractors are aware of the cruise ship days but sometimes due to circumstances, work needs to be continued.
- The proposed diversion of State Highway 1 down Kent Street has been put on hold due to the GPS; however this is one of the items which Steve hopes may be reinstated to the three year programme.

- Discussion followed on the proposed closure of Auckland Street south and Broadway west (see Figure 1) and the intersection at Auckland Street and Dublin Street. There was also discussion on the possibility of making Broadway the main entrance into Picton.
  - Rose commented that conversations are planned to take place between Council, the Port and ferry companies within the next six months on the reticulation of traffic around Picton.
  - Steve noted that there is an emphasis of getting freight moved by rail in the GPS.
- The prediction by CentrePort that ferry passenger crossings will increase to 1.7 million by 2025 was discussed.
- Safety engineers are looking at the area of Koromiko/Freeth Road/State Highway 1 at the moment.
- Steve is going to investigate the trees which are overhanging at Waikawa Marina when he leaves the meeting today.
- The issue of campervan parking on Waikawa Road and blocking the line of sight at the intersection of Waikawa Road and Wellington Street was brought to Steve's attention.

**Steve withdrew from the meeting at 2.00 pm**

## 2. Tōtaranui 250 Update – Alice Taylor

- Alice introduced herself to the group. She is the General Manager of the Tōtaranui 250 Trust. The Tōtaranui 250 Trust is focussed on the Marlborough Region while Tuia-Encounters 250 is the national organisation.
- Alice presented a Powerpoint presentation to the group on the progress and aims of the group. See the website for more information.  
<https://www.totaranui250.co.nz/>
- Alice noted that Hotorua Barclay-Kerr and Dame Jenny Shipley are co-chairs of the Tuia-Encounters 250 National Coordinating Committee.

## Questions/Answers

- Alice noted that significant challenges for the Trust include time and opportunities of engaging with the public. The collaboration with the Ministry of Education is a great opportunity but that with inquiry learning it is challenging to programme what to do with the projects until they are realised.
- Alice clarified that the Trust will be working with DOC to add interpretive signs at Motuara Island.
- Tōtaranui 250 is interested in supporting Queen Charlotte Track's bid for great walk status.
- Alice confirmed that a \$9 million lottery grant has been allocated to fund the commemorative events throughout the country.
- David thanked Alice for coming to speak to the group.

**Alice Taylor withdrew from the meeting at 2.15 pm.**

## 3. Action Points from the Previous Meeting

	Action	Person Responsible
1.	Provide recognition for Omega Rental Cars - tbc	Clr Taylor
2.	Investigate the issue with radio reception – completed (Improvements will only be possible with the introduction of Rural Broadband)	Dean
3.	Monitor the situation of logging trucks on Waikawa Road - completed	Steve Murrin
4.	Investigate warning siren at Waikawa Bay - completed	Dean
5.	Look into when a Council meeting can be held in Picton – Dean has raised this with the Mayor and it will be fitted in when possible - completed	Dean
6.	Investigate overhanging trees on Waikawa Marina (Marina Drive and Beach Road corner) – completed – passed information to Steve Murrin	Dean

#### 4. Update on Te Ātiawa in the Post Settlement World – Ian Shapcott

- Ian introduced himself to the group. He is working for the Trust in Kaitiakitanga/Rohe management), planning for sustainable outcomes for the area that Te Ātiawa has cultural, traditional and statutory responsibility for.
- Ian has previously worked for Te Ātiawa and is now employed there on a temporary basis until Christmas.
- Ian noted that it has been a steep learning curve since settlement in 2012. Ian works with Sylvie Heard in Rohe Management work. The CEO is Richardt Prosch. The Office Administrator is Pare Puketapu, with Noelene McEwen as the Registrations Officer.
- Visit the website for more information on what is happening with the Trust.

<https://www.teatiawatrust.co.nz/>

- Ian was asked how long Te Ātiawa would be involved in the MEP Hearings. Ian noted that initially it was very important to have Te Ātiawa's input for the Iwi Chapter, Regional Policy Statement and the Sounds. He noted that the Marine Farming Provisions were not included in the MEP and that Te Ātiawa will be involved with that process. Freshwater is the next area that Te Ātiawa will be heavily involved in with the MEP.

#### 5. Picton – Waitohi Spa Wellness and Pool Centre on the Picton Foreshore – John Reuhman

- John shared a concept which has been put together and submitted to the Long Term Plan.
- This project is in its early stages but it is proposed to build a Spa and Wellness Centre on the site of the mini golf business in Picton. The proposal would include a 25 metre swimming pool. The whole complex would be on a smaller footprint than Hanmer Springs. The architects have included the Museum and I-site in the design.
- The complex will be run by a charitable trust with a discounted entry for ratepayers. (Similar pricing to Stadium 2000).
- The Trust would need to be in partnership with community, Council and other parties for the project to go ahead.
- The group who have been putting the concept together are working hard to put a case to Council to have the concept become a flag ship project.
- 16-17° of base temperature can be drawn from the sewage pipes.
- John stressed that the project is in its early stages and the concept picture is not accurate. The concept has not been discussed with the Picton Museum yet.



Figure 2 Picton Waitohi Pools & Wellness Centre

- The mini golf would have to move to a new site.

#### Questions/Answers

- John confirmed that the Charitable Trust has not been set up yet. Hardy-Jones Clark has offered to set up the Trust pro bono.
- John noted that this project can integrate with the beginning or end of the cycleway and there has been a meeting with Port Marlborough to let them know about the project so that it can be included in any planning by them.
- John noted that 50% of all spas and wellness centres in the world make their own waters. The wellness area would include massage and rehabilitation.

- John suggested reading the Kaikōura Feasibility Study to get an idea of how the Picton Spa would work.  
<https://www.kaikoura.govt.nz/assets/Docs/Council/Meetings/October-17/Council-171025-Agenda-pages-30-102.pdf>
- After the submission to Council, the Trust would make an application for a full feasibility study from the Provincial Growth Fund. This could take 4-5 months. John suggests that if everything went well, Stage One could be complete by 2020-21. Stage 2-3 2022-25.
- John noted that the footprint would be the same or less than it is at present or has been approved for development, but that it would rely on the Museum moving.
  - This was questioned - as the image provided shows that part of the reserve is being used for the Wellness Centre, but John clarified that the picture is not accurate and will be refined. He noted that the structure would be at road level or below, so that there would be flow from Picton Town to the foreshore.

## **6. Marlborough Sounds Community Vehicle Trust Update – Bryan Strong**

- The Trust has carried 130 passengers on 97 trips. They are now also carrying passengers from Picton and the Sounds to appointments at Wairau Hospital (dependant on circumstances).
- The two cars have not been purchased yet.
- A location in Blenheim has been found to garage the car.
- Mag and Turbo have offered to maintain and WOF the Blenheim car for free.
- The Trust has funds of just over \$15,000 including \$5,000 from the Rata Foundation to buy a car for Picton and \$4,300 from Marlborough District Council to buy a Blenheim car. When the cars are purchased there will be costs for insurance to be considered. Bryan expects that in 2 or 3 years ongoing funding will be required dependant on how long the purchased cars remain viable.

## **7. General Business**

- Monyeen put forward a suggestion that due to the costs of Sounds Residents travelling to Blenheim to see the Duty Planner, that it would be a good idea for a duty planner to be available in Picton once a fortnight or monthly. Dean is going to investigate the possibility of providing this service at the Picton Library.
- Picton Smart and Connected received funding from Council to bring an artificial skating rink to Picton between 8 – 11 June. The admission charge is \$2.00 with proceeds going to the Queen Charlotte College Japan Trip. (Please note that the rink is privately booked on 11 June).
  - A Matariki Festival is being organised from 14 June to 23 July. Events within that include a Pop-up feast for 60 people, and a free family event on 14 July. Community groups are being encouraged to provide food stalls. Other groups are also organising events to run in conjunction with the festival. Chrissy noted that they would welcome more volunteers. For more information visit the link below:  
<https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2018/matariki-festival/picton>
- The Waikawa Bay Ratepayers and Residents Association will be adding barbeques and a new green space to the Waikawa Bay foreshore area over the winter.
- The Dublin Street truck parking area is progressing. The sewerage upgrade is nearing completion. An update will be added to the minutes or presented at the next meeting.
- The weather station is being installed at the back of the Waitohi Domain.
- There were 24 submissions on the resource consent for the expansion of the Waikawa Marina. The Hearings will be held 30 and 31 May.
- The Hearing on the Navigation Bylaw Review has been held.



- There has been itinerant burglar operating in Picton. Sergeant Van Asch reiterated that to contact the Police you need to ring 111 otherwise you will end up queuing in a pool with everyone else in the country.
  - Monyeen invited Sergeant Van Asch to attend the public meeting of the Sounds Advisory Group which is being held in the Kenepuru Sounds in June.
- The Picton Museum gave an update on their current projects.

The meeting closed at 3.10 pm

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 9 July 2018

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## 8. Actions from the Meeting

	Action	Person Responsible
1.	Provide recognition for Omega Rental Cars	Clr Taylor
2.	Remind logging companies not to use the roads when school children present	Steve Murrin
3.	Duty Planner service for Picton	Dean
4.	Provide upgrade on truck park and sewerage upgrade on Dublin Street for the minutes	Dean

### *Future Speakers*

Queen Charlotte Yacht Club

Havelock Community Representative

Rosemary Wells or Tony de Reepa - Rata Foundation

EnviroHub Marlborough and Plastic Bag Free Picton – Linda Thompson (July)

Engineers report on sewage update

### Meeting Dates for 2018:

- Monday 9 July
- Monday 10 September
- Monday 12 November