

Picton Regional Forum Meeting held at the Picton Emergency Centre, Memorial Park, Picton on Monday 4 September 2017 at 1.30 pm

Present

Clr Trevor Hook (Chair), Steve Murrin (Marlborough Lines), Dean Heiford (MDC), Alec McNeil (MDC)

Group Representatives

Rose Prendeville (Port Marlborough), Bryan Strong (Tiromoana), Brian Henstock (Greypower), Graham Low (Waikawa Bay), Tim Healey (Queen Charlotte Sound/Tōtaranui), Monyeen Wedge (Queen Charlotte Sound/Tōtaranui), , Don Miller (Whatamango Bay), Aileen Walker (Whatamango Bay), Graeme Gosling (Picton Business Group), Rosemary Ballantine-Scott (Ngakuta Bay Community Association), Judith Andrews (Ngakuta Bay Residents Association), Tim Newsham (Bay of Many Coves Residents Association), Hiram Taylor (Waikawa Bay Residents and Ratepayers Assn)

Attendance

Rebecca Waldron (Secretary MDC)

Apologies

Clr Nadine Taylor, Clr David Oddie, David Hosie, Margaret McHugh, Chrissie Powlesland, Stuart Eyes, Bill Brehaut, Paul Keating

Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Brian Henstock/ Graham Low: That the minutes of the meeting held on 3 July 2017 were confirmed.

1. Actions from the Previous Meeting

	Action	Person Responsible
1.	Endorse Waikawa Bay's submission to Marlborough Lines.	Dean
	Completed	
2.	Request to Marlborough Lines that a safety audit be done on the lines from Picton to Waikawa.	Dean
	Completed	
3.	Provide a package of information on the Sounds Residents Berthage Concession for the group	Rose
	Completed	
4.	Look into what happened to the Ngakuta Bay Residents and Ratepayers Association Mooring Proliferation Submission to the PMEP.	Clr Hook
	Completed (below)	
5.	Waikawa Bay breakwater – terms of responsibility	Dean
	Confirmed that the breakwater is Council's responsibility.	

	Actions cont'd	Person Responsible
6.	Invite Steve Murrin of Marlborough Roads to the Forum	Dean
	Completed	
7.	Discuss adding minutes of PRF to the Council website with member organisations	Members
	Completed – Dean and Bec will see that the minutes are added to the website.	

Re Action Point 4: Reply received from Pere Hawes – MDC Environmental Policy Manager

If they made a formal submission it would be considered as part of the hearings process, but I suspect they actually mean feedback provided to you in consultation. They provided a layout and sought a mooring management area for the Bay during consultation. We have all that detail on record; however we have said that we will not implement until there is more certainty with respect to the ratification of the Bylaw and the confirmation of the mooring management area provisions in the Marlborough Environment Plan.

John Cunliffe is currently working on the former with respect to a mooring management area in Waikawa. There are a lot of administrative procedures to confirm and iron out.

8. Marlborough Roads Update – Steve Murrin

- Every contractor in Marlborough is working to get State Highway 1 back in action or helping keep the alternate highway open. Therefore; crews left in Marlborough are only able to complete the most urgent repairs.
- Marlborough Roads are planning to have all repairs completed on Kent Street and Wairau Road prior to Labour Weekend, however for this to be achievable we will require a reasonable period of fine weather.
- Marlborough Roads is working on a business case to re-classify Kent Street as State Highway 1, ferry traffic will be directed down Kent Street and then all light ferry traffic will be directed down Dublin Street on to Auckland Street. The intersection of Dublin Street/Auckland Street will have to be upgraded. Signage to direct traffic to the ferry terminals has been has been redesigned. (This information has been circulated to the group via email).
- All issues and risks that come into the Marlborough Roads office are noted to be looked into. Major issues regarding safety will be investigated straight away. Don Millar noted that he has highlighted an issue on the Port Underwood Road to Marlborough Roads, where a slip is encroaching on to the edge of the road causing trucks to cross the centre line and that this has still not been dealt with.

Following the meeting: Steve has spoken with their contractors HEB Construction and pointed out the importance of clearing slips that cause vehicles to have to move into the opposing lane. The recent prolonged spell of wet weather has created a lot of slips on the Sounds roading network.

- Discussion followed on the issues of the Port Underwood Road. Steve is going to look at improving the markings and signage on the road. A safety review of this road is being undertaken this month.
- It will soon be possible to bike from Picton to the Queen Charlotte Track along the Link Pathway.
- Funding has been allocated to upgrade footpaths for mobility scooters. A programme runs in Blenheim that identifies mobility highways. Mobility scooters have a legal right to use the footpaths and are not allowed to use the roads. Picton can look at being included in the scheme to identify and provide a safe route to town.

- Marlborough District Council receives a 51% subsidy for Marlborough Roads. In July 2018 there will be changes to the classification of roads to provide consistency throughout the country. There are two areas in Marlborough where there is a targeted rate on the roads to upgrade seal. (French Pass and Kenepuru).
 - State Highway 1 will be classified as a national route. Priorities will be made to provide passing lanes on State Highway 1. There is a Picton to Christchurch corridor study underway.
- A new rule for Speed Limits comes into effect on 21 September 2017.
<https://nzta.govt.nz/assets/resources/rules/docs/setting-speed-limits-2017>.
- The proposed campervan park at Koromiko was turned down. Dean will follow this up and circulate the information to the group.

9. Litter Less Recycle More – Alec McNeil, MDC

- The Litter Less Recycle More Project is a national initiative funded by the Waste Minimisation Fund (Ministry for the Environment).

- There is also funding available to community groups for waste minimisation projects.

<http://www.mfe.govt.nz/more/funding/waste-minimisation-fund/about-waste-minimisation-fund>.

Council would be available to help facilitate an application.

- The Council will be installing bins which have a lens which can detect how full the bins are. The contractor receives the information and allows them to know when the bins need emptying. The bins have technology to build a wi-fi circuit around the bin which allows the public place to have an intranet system. This can be used to communicate to tourists and locals. The Council will use this technology to promote recycling and waste disposal messages.



- Picton is one of five sites nationally to trial these bins. There will be up to 10 sets of the bins situated in Picton. The trial will run until March/April 2019, at the end of the trial Picton can keep and pay for them or return them if they are not proving suitable.
- The bins should be in situ by the end of October. Where the bins will be sited has not yet been decided. They are four or five times larger than a standard litter bin. The signs on the bins will be in English and Te Reo.

Questions/Answers

- The issue of the waste services at the wharves was discussed. It was noted that there is disappointment in the community that there is now no bottle recycling available. There is some confusion over who is able to use the bins that are situated by the water taxis. Alec is going to speak to the operators to provide clarification.
- There is a bin sited at the Coathanger Bridge for members of the public coming off boats to dispose of their rubbish.
- It was suggested that the Council look into providing colour coded rubbish bags which are pre-paid by users, for holiday homes. One colour could be for recycling. This would make it possible to sort the recyclables from the rubbish when they are received by Council.
- The use of a barge to collect Sounds refuse was discussed. Alec noted that keeping rubbish out of the environment is the top priority. He suggested that group members talk to their Residents Associations and forward any ideas to him for putting forward to the Long Term Plan.

- Alec noted that finding a suitable position to place the big recycling container is an issue and isolating the use to off-shore users is also a problem.

10. Marlborough Sounds Community Vehicle Trust Update – Bryan Strong

- The first Annual General Meeting was held on 4 September 2017. Bryan read the Chairman's Report. Attached: Appendix 1.
- The Trust is organising a disability sticker for the car for use at Nelson Hospital.
- The pros and cons of the Trust owning its own vehicle were discussed.
- Bryan emphasised the rescues of passengers stranded at Nelson Hospital, which have been carried out by the Trust.
- Clr Hook congratulated Bryan and the Trustees on the success of the project.

11. Picton Bank Closures – Brian Henstock

- Locals are concerned that there is now only one bank in Picton.
- Banking capacity and currency exchange in the town is a problem when large cruise ships berth at Picton.
- Rose noted that a meeting has occurred between different parties on preparing the town for the coming cruise ship season. She is going to check with Destination Marlborough that they are ensuring adequate facilities for changing currency and eftpos are available on cruise ship days.
- Brian suggested that the new library may be a good location to host Kiwi Bank as the conditions at Fresh Choice are cramped and do not offer privacy. Dean confirmed that there is no intention to put an ATM or banking/post office facilities at the library.
- It was noted that the ANZ ATM machine at the Mariners Mall is a smart ATM. (You can deposit cheques and cash into it).

12. Payment for use of Emergency Management Centre – Dean Heiford

- It was agreed that Dean would organise for Council to make a donation of \$600.00 for the use of the meeting room for the year.

13. General Business

- There is a training programme to identify Marine Pests being put on by Marine Futures at Havelock on September 14, 10.00 am to 1.00 pm.
- There is a beach clean-up organised for Sunday 10 September for Waikawa and Picton Foreshores.
 - The Waikawa Ratepayers and Residents Association have purchased a defibrillator for the Waikawa Boating Ramp and St Johns will be giving a demonstration on how to work it at 11.30 am on the day of the beach clean-up.
 - There is also a defibrillator situated at the Marina Services Centre at the Waikawa Marina and at Bay of Many Coves Resort.
- It was noted that the Waikawa Waka Ama group and their whānau who have been supported by Port Marlborough have reciprocated by cleaning up around the shoreline at Shakespeare Bay.
- Suggestions for the next agenda were asked for: New signage for Picton (Graeme Low), update on Waikawa Marina extension (Rose Prendeville), wattle trees (Hiram Taylor), emergency management.

- The Marlborough Environment Plan Hearings will be commencing on 20 November 2017. There are seven panel members. Councillors; Hook, Oddie, Shenfield, Arbuckle, and three independent commissioners; Mrs Shonagh Kenderdine, Mr Ron Crosby and Mr Rawiri Faulkner. The hearings will continue well into 2018. Submitters will be notified of procedures of hearings process. For more information on the hearings go to:

<https://www.marlborough.govt.nz/your-council/resource-management-policy-and-plans/proposed-marlborough-environment-plan/hearings-on-the-proposed-marlborough-environment-plan>

14. Actions from the Meeting

	Action	Person Responsible
1.	Investigate issue of slip on Port Underwood Road as reported by Don Millar. Completed	Steve Murrin
2.	Follow up why proposed Koromiko campervan park was turned down.	Dean Heiford
	Provide clarification over usage of rubbish bins at the water taxi areas.	Alec McNeil
3.	Inform Destination Marlborough of need for extra banking facilities on cruise ship days.	Rose Prendeville
4.	A cheque for \$600.00 to be paid to the Emergency Management Centre for the use of their meeting room.	Dean Heiford

The meeting closed at 3.30 pm

The next meeting is scheduled for 13 November 2017.

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Appendix 1

Chairman's Report

Since we started in October 2016 and up until last Friday we have had a total of 49 passenger journeys. Many passengers have travelled more than once on the 34 trips meaning an average of around 1.5 passengers per trip.

Our oldest and first passenger was 91 and the youngest 5.

All passengers have to be a member of the Trust and that costs \$15.00 although many have generously paid more like the man who has made five trips, taken his wife along for company and has paid us \$100 each time

There are many sponsors and supporters including:

Omega Rental Cars. They have provided us with a free car whenever we have needed one.

Fresh Choice Picton, Hamish Watson, Manager, has been most generous on more than one occasion.

You may have seen in the Sun that Kurt Trixl, as the outgoing President of Picton Rotary was able to decide how to use the President's fund and recently gave us, through our Treasurer, a cheque for \$1,000.

MDC and NMDHB both of whom gave us a hefty financial start as well as assisting us with the background knowledge and expertise we didn't have.

Marlborough Primary Health, St John, Grey Power Marlborough, Signs Now (Picton), Picton Regional Forum. All of whom in their various ways have helped us along the road (to Nelson?).

Both the Marlborough Express and the Sun have been very supportive and neither has refused a request for a story with photo.

Other organisations such as Age Concern, Blind Foundation, Florence Nightingale and Grey Power have all undertaken to print our leaflets and distribute or display them.

We have accounts with Work and Income (WINZ) and ACC which makes it easier for low income people to use the service.

It's all very well for me to sit at home, field a few phone calls, arrange for a driver and car etc. but the real heroes of this organisation are the:

Drivers: We have 10 volunteer drivers all of whom have done at least one trip with several having done many more. All drivers have had a "fit to drive" clearance from their own doctor and have been vetted by the New Zealand Police.

For the future our intention is to have our own car based in Picton by Christmas this year, and we have already applied to the RATA Foundation for \$5,000 for that purpose, and, assuming the current upward trend continues, to have a car based in Blenheim by Christmas 2018. Depending on our costs such as insurance, fuel and car maintenance etc. It may be possible to purchase the second car from our own funds. My thinking on that is that, as a "not for profit" organisation without premises, we do not need a huge bank balance.

I offer this report and will willingly answer any questions.

Bryan Strong, Chairman

Marlborough Sounds Community Vehicle Trust

Passenger Journeys (for MSCVT)

Year	Month	Picton	Blenheim	Sounds	Total	Rescue P	Rescue B	Trips
2016	Oct	2			2			2
	Nov	1	4		5	1		2
	Dec				0			0
2017	Jan	1			1			1
	Feb			1	1			1
	Mar	1			1			1
	Apr				0			0
	May	1	6		7		1	5
	Jun	1	7		8		1	7
	Jul	5	4	1	10			6
	Aug	1	10	1	12			8
	Sep	0	3		3			2
	Oct				0			
	Nov				0			
	Dec				0			
		13	34	3				
				Total	50	1	2	