

Picton Regional Forum held at Picton Emergency Centre, Memorial Park, Picton, on Monday 11 November 2019, at 1.30 pm

Present

Clr Oddie (Chairperson), Clr Taylor, Clr Faulls, Dean Heiford (MDC), Luke Grogan (Harbourmaster 2.00 pm to 2.30 pm), Steve Murrin (Marlborough Roads until 2.00 pm)

Group Representatives

Don Miller (Whatamango Bay), Rebecca Woledge (Karakā Point), Bryan Strong (Tirimoana), Raewyn Buchanan (Karakā Point), Maria Baxter (Picton Business Group), Graham Low (Picton Smart & Connected), Monyeen Wedge (QCS Residents Association), Brian Henstock (Older Persons Forum), Stuart Eyes (Bike Walk Picton), John Reuhman (Picton, Marlborough Sounds Tourism), Tim Newsham (Bay of Many Coves), Rob Burn (QC Track)

Attending

Rebecca Waldron (MDC Secretary)

1. Apologies

Linda Thompson, Rose Prendeville, Graham Gosling, Margaret McHugh

2. Confirmation of previous meeting minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 September 2019 were taken as read.

3. Marlborough Roads Update – Steve Murrin

- There have been six months of staff changes within Marlborough Roads, with a completely new staff except for Steve. Andrew James is the Systems Manager for the top of the south and Steve is the Manager of Marlborough Roads.
- The maintenance contract is currently out for tender. The new contractor will start on 1 April.
- The summer reseals programme will commence as soon as the weather improves.
- Contractors have been asked not to work on roads in Picton on cruise ship days.
- There were 300 submissions on speed limits. Main points will go to the Assets and Services Committee meeting at the end of November including:
 - Some changes may include a default speed limit of 60 km/h on unsealed roads.
 - A 40 km/h speed limit at locations which currently drop from 50 km/h to 30 km/h in the summer.
 - Council roads except State Highways to drop to 80 km/h.
- Boons Valley seal extension is currently being undertaken.
- Repairs to flood damage are still being undertaken on the Kenepuru Road.

Road Safety on Port Underwood Road

- Discussion on issues with regard to road safety on Port Underwood Road took place:
 - There should be directional arrows on the roads where tourists are coming out of parking places on to the road.
 - It was noted that pedestrians are walking on the inside of bends and that signs to encourage them to walk on the outside of bends and wear light clothing would be helpful. Pedestrian bridges on the tightest bends would also help with the safety of pedestrians.
 - Trucks crossing the centre line is an ongoing issue.
 - Signage to look out for cyclists on the roads was discussed briefly.
- Steve addressed the issues noted above:
 - A programme to paint directional arrows in the Marlborough Sounds is being put together.
 - Steve is going to contact Robyn Blackburn (Road Safety Coordinator at Council) to see if some educational material or signs can be put out to people).
 - Currently there is no budget to bridge the tight gullies for pedestrians on Port Underwood Road. He suggested that the Forum may need to put a submission into the Annual Plan if this was a priority.
 - Trucks crossing the centre line has been discussed at the Forum previously. There have only been two reported incidents involving trucks on Port Underwood Road in the last five years.
- A plan to paint car parking markings at the Karaka Point parking place is underway and should be completed by Christmas.

Ngakuta Bay Crossing

- Due to existing driveways it has not been possible to find a suitable site to put in a crossing with an island. It may be possible to add a painted island instead. Steve is going to forward options to the Ngakuta Bay community and Clr Oddie for feedback.

Questions/Answers

- Dublin Street maintenance is still being managed by the contract which installed the new pipes. Marlborough Roads and Council are aware that this area needs tidying up as soon as possible.
- The intersection at Wairau Road and Kent Street was discussed. Steve noted that a structural dig out will take place when there is more certainty about the proposed Kiwirail changes.

4. Harbourmasters Update – Luke Grogan

- Speed cameras are going to be installed at the entrances to Picton and Havelock harbours. The cameras are able to be linked to the Cruise Guide so boaties could check out sea conditions.
- Harbour patrols are being undertaken. The promotion of life jackets in conjunction with Maritime New Zealand has been quite successful and the focus now is on safe speed. Requests from the community have seen an increase in 5 knot buoys which have been effective in reducing speeds.
- The safer boating courses continue to be run. There have recently been two women only courses run.
- A study has been commissioned looking at Tory Channel/Kura Te Au in response to Kiwirails proposed 230 m long ferries. Environmental effects, risk and controls which are currently in place as well as projections for 10 years ahead are being looked at. If any groups or associations would like their views to be considered let Luke know.
- Discussion on safety issues with regard to jetski use took place. The proposed jetski bylaw has been reviewed and will be put to Council with a submission period over the summer. Previous submissions on

the bylaw were taken into consideration in the review process, but those who submitted on the proposed jetski bylaw previously may need to resubmit.

- Luke will look into possibilities of providing education to young jetski users.
- Luke noted if there are problems with speed in certain areas or other issues, providing information to Harbours can help them target these areas. The Cruise Guide App can also be used to report an incident.
- Discussion on the growing issue of people living on their boats at moorings in the Sounds took place. Luke noted that restrictions can be included in a mooring management plan.

5. Easier Access to Sounds Ward Councillors – Councillor Oddie

- There has been discussion on the future direction of the many community groups with regard to the use of Council resources, community engagement and information sharing.
- As a result of feedback on the accessibility of Councillors during the election process, there has been a suggestion that Sounds Ward Councillors have a scheduled drop in meeting with community members rotating between Havelock, Rai Valley and Picton.
 - It was noted access to Council staff at the Picton Library has been appreciated by community members.

6. Action Items from previous meeting (9 September 2019)

Action	Person Responsible
1. Pay \$600 donation to Picton Emergency Operations Centre for the use of the meeting room - completed	Dean
2. Provide an update on the progress of the Ngakuta Bay pedestrian crossing - completed	Steve Murrin

7. Other Matters

Picton Community Patrol Update

- An email giving an update on the Picton Community Patrol was provided by the Community Constable Russell Smith prior to the meeting and will be sent out to the members. *(Sent 12/11/2019).*

Update members email address

- Please let Rebecca know if you have recently changed your email address as there were several bounce backs when the agenda was sent out.

General

- The group congratulated Cllr Taylor on her appointment as Deputy Mayor.
- Rubbish bins on the foreshore have been removed but it was suggested that this may be temporary. Cllr Taylor is going to check this.
- The amount of security cameras on the foreshore was discussed.
- Continuing vandalism of the playground was noted.
- The Picton Museum is hosting two talks on Captain Cook at the Endeavour Pavilion on 19 November at 7.00 pm. *(Details were sent out to member on 12 November 2019).*

8. Actions from the meeting

Action	Person Responsible
1. Forward options for Ngakuta Bay crossing to the Ngakuta Bay Community	Steve Murrin
2. Follow up with Robyn Blackburn on pedestrian safety issues on Port Underwood Road	Steve Murrin
3. Check if the rubbish bin removal on the foreshore is temporary	Clr Taylor
4. Follow up on whether there is sufficient security camera coverage on the foreshore	Dean

The meeting closed at 3.10 pm.

Future Speakers

- Mayor Leggett
- Picton Police Update (first meeting in the new year)
- NMDHB (general information and information on emergency provisions for Picton)

Proposed Dates for meetings in 2020

- 9 March 2020
- 4 May 2020
- 6 July 2020
- 7 September 2020
- 9 November 2020