

**Report and Minutes of a Meeting of the
ASSETS & SERVICES COMMITTEE**
held in the Council Chambers, 15 Seymour Street, Blenheim
on TUESDAY, 25 NOVEMBER 2014 commencing at 9.00 am

Present

Councillors T S Sloan (Chairperson), B G Dawson, G I T Evans, T E Hook , J C Leggett, J L Andrews, and Mr R Hunter (iwi representative)

Also Present

Cirs J A Arbuckle, G S Barsanti, C J Brooks, D D Oddie

In Attendance

Mr M S Wheeler, Manager – Assets and Services Department and Nicole Chauval (Committee Secretary)

Apologies

Cirs: Evans/Hook

That apologies for non-attendance from Mayor Sowman and Councillor J P Bagge and non-member Clr L M Shenfield and were received and sustained.

Carried

ATTENDANCE: Luke van Velthooven, Chairman Marlborough Stadium Trust and Matt Kerr, Treasurer, were present for the following item.

P.14/15.204 Marlborough Stadium Trust – Annual Report R300-001-04

The report, “Marlborough Stadium Trust Annual Report” was included with the agenda for members’ information.

The Chairman of the Marlborough Stadium Trust, Luke van Velthooven, spoke to the Trust’s report, along with Matt Kerr, Treasurer who presented the audited accounts for the year ended 2014.

Mr van Velthooven reported to the members that the Trust has continued to work closely with the Council to seismically assess and strengthen the Stadium Building with more works occurring over the upcoming summer period.

The members were advised that with the property aspect of the Stadium now consolidated the Trust is now able to focus on its core activities. Mr van Velthooven noted that the Trust, as a new initiative, is offering scholarships to young sports people in Marlborough to use the gymnasium. These scholarships not only provide affordable access to the gym, but also offer support services for the development of young people.

It was also noted that an offer has been made to both Marlborough Colleges and a number of teams to use the sports floor free of charge for structured training, coaching and competition. A number of teams are now using Stadium facilities for both training and competition.

Members were advised that the Trust is in the process of employing a Sports Coordinator. This role will assist in encouraging young Marlburians into a lifelong pursuit of health and well-being. It is also intended that, if young sports people wish to aspire to greater sporting heights, they are provided with the best possible grounding and opportunity Marlborough can provide. It is also envisaged that the position will enable the Trust to support all those volunteers who deliver so much to this community.

Treasurer, Matt Kerr reported that a net surplus for the year of \$143,230 from total turnover of \$2.99m was achieved. Growth was experienced across all of the Trust’s activity based income streams, reflecting the

continued support for the programmes and services the Trust provides. Revenue streams for the business are reasonably stable compared to previous years with the major contributions coming from Aquatics at 28%, Stadium and Health and Fitness 29% and Council funding 28%.

The cost of energy is the Trust's second biggest expenditure and Trust staff are continually looking for areas where efficiency gains can be made, particularly in the way the aquatic facility plant and equipment is operated. Primarily due to this work, energy costs have been able to be slightly reduced in the 2014 year.

Members were advised that over \$300,000 has been spent on repairs and maintenance during this financial year. It was noted that the level of expenditure reflects the age of the stadium facility and also that the Trust is funding the total asset management plan for the stadium and aquatic facility.

Members were advised that the Asset Management Plan details expected expenditure on repairs and replacement of plant out to 2035. The plan forecasts expenditure of \$2.38 million over the next ten years and it is the Trust's intention to self-fund this if possible. The Asset Management Plan does not include any allowance for earthquake strengthening, however, the Trust funded geotechnical and engineering investigations and reports to the sum of \$66,918 in the 2014 year. This resulted in the commissioning of pricing for strengthening work to be undertaken by the MDC and is at present an on-going project.

Mr van Velthooven acknowledged Paul Tredinnick's management skills in creating a positive culture at the Stadium which is identified in having low staff turnover and increased customer satisfaction.

Cirs: Leggett/Sloan

That the Marlborough Stadium Trust's Annual Report and audited financial accounts for the year ended 30 June 2014 be received.

Carried

ATTENDANCE: David Craig, Finance & Information Supervisor, was present for the following item.

P.14/15.205 Financial Report for Period Ended 30 September 2014

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The Finance and Information Supervisor, David Craig, presented the financial report for the Assets & Services Department for the period ended 30 September 2014. Mr Craig noted that as this is the first report for the 2015/16 financial year, the report focused on providing an analysis of the budget components for the various departmental activities.

For the reporting period, Departmental revenues are favourable to budget by \$207,139 due to disbursement recoveries (stadium insurances) \$93,092, roading subsidy \$189,108, recoveries for private landowner river protection works (Omaka) \$270,117, gravel and quarry rock sales \$96,939, dump fees \$50,467 and metered water sales \$84,339; offset by unfavourable land subdivision reserve contributions \$234,755, roading development contributions \$73,330 and vested assets \$257,250.

Operating expenditures are unfavourable to budget by \$357,560 due to advance payment of quarterly grant for Stadium \$209,750, emergency road reinstatement costs \$569,489, private landowner river protection works \$258,930, Omaka and upper Taylor River flood damage repairs \$123,566 and water treatment costs \$71,680; offset by favourable road maintenance activities (excluding emergency works and MRR roundabouts) \$249,688, MRR roundabouts \$419,771, sewer treatment costs \$125,813 and interest payments \$108,980.

The resulting operating deficit of \$1.47M is unfavourable to budget by \$150,421.

The total budgeted capital expenditure for 2014/15, including carryovers, is \$35.79M with year to date actual expenditure of \$2.91M (8%). Capital expenditure is mainly budgeted in roading \$9.74M (ytd actual \$0.98M) water \$8.06M (\$0.53M), sewer \$6.69M (\$0.27M) and community facilities \$4.63M (\$0.56M).

The Operational Activity for the month of September was summarised in Mr Craig's report.

Mr Craig also reported that the annual forecast fields will be updated for presentation at the next Committee meeting.

Cls: Leggett/Andrews

That the financial report for the period ended 30 September 2014 be received.

Carried

ATTENDANCE: Martin Fletcher, Manager, Corporate Finance was present for the following item.

P.14/15.206 Development Contributions Policy F270-00-01

Mr Fletcher reported that the purpose of this report was to inform the Committee of the requirements to address the recent amendments to the Local Government Act 2002 which relate to the charging and collection of Development Contributions.

The members were advised that Council is required to signal the changes to be made by 1 December 2014 but a final document does not have to be formulated. The key changes to the Act are the legislative changes which have been taken into account to model Development Contributions. This includes a change to the Community Infrastructure definition which provides a narrower definition focused around neighbourhood reserves and facilities.

Development Contributions for reserve purposes have been restricted to exclude non-residential developments. It is not expected that this will impact on the actual development levies determined appropriate for residential developments. However, some consideration of the regional grouping of Development Contributions for reserves may be needed and will be reported back to Council in due course.

The members were advised that in addition to the legislative changes it is proposed that Council take the opportunity to reset the Development Contributions levy to remove the need for a continuation of the current Remission Policy contained in the Development Contributions Policy. The forecast "Household Equivalent Units" (HUE) as a unit measure of demand from development will be updated in line with latest statistical forecasts.

The Development Contributions Policy will be provided to Council at its February 2015 Budget meeting as a basis for consultation as part of its Draft Long Term Plan process.

Cls Leggett/Evans:

That Council:

- 1. Agree to the attached Statement of Proposed Changes to its Development Contributions policy.**
- 2. Note the Development Contributions Policy will be updated and reported to the February Budget Meeting.**
- 3. Note that the significant elements of the Development Contributions policy adopted by Council for Consultation following its February 2015 meeting will be included in its Consultation Document.**

Statement of Proposed Changes to Development Contributions Policy (clause 9(2) of Schedule 1AA) of the Local Government Act 2002

In order to comply with amendments to the Local Government Act 2002 relating to Development contributions the Marlborough District Council proposes to:

- Incorporate the new purpose of Development Contributions as outlined in the Act as follows:

"to enable Marlborough District Council to recover from those persons undertaking development a fair, equitable and proportionate portion of the costs of capital expenditure necessary to service growth."

- Incorporate a set of seven principles into the development contributions policy as follows:
 - i. Development Contributions are only required when the effect of development is to require MDC to have provided, or to provide, new or additional assets or assets of increased capacity.
 - ii. Developments Contributions are determined in a manner that is generally consistent with the capacity life of assets, and in a way that avoids over recovery of costs.
 - iii. Cost allocations used to establish Development Contributions are determined according to who benefits as well as who created the need for assets.
 - iv. Development Contributions will be used for or towards the purpose for which they are collected.
 - v. Information will be provided in the Council's Long Term Plan which will demonstrate what Development Contributions are being used for and why.
 - vi. Development Contributions contained in the policy will be consistent with the methodology and schedules in the policy.
 - vii. Grouping of areas will be undertaken having given consideration to the balance between administrative efficiencies and fairness and equity.
 - Amend the definition of community infrastructure within the Development Contributions policy to be focused around neighbourhood reserves and facilities in accordance with the Act. This impacts on the Community Facilities levies excluding regional facilities except those that it has had previous reliance on Development Contribution funding in establishing these facilities e.g. the Marlborough Aquatic Centre.
 - Amend the Development Contributions Policy to exclude non-residential developments from any levies calculated to cater for reserve purposes.
 - Remove the Remission Policy contained in the current Development Contributions Policy.
 - Include the reconsideration and objections processes provided to developers received by way of request (sections 199A to 199N, Schedule 13A and section 202A of LGA).
 - i) Such requests for reconsideration can be made on the following grounds:
 1. Contribution incorrectly calculated.
 2. Territorial authority incorrectly applied its Policy.
 3. The information relied upon to assess the contribution was incomplete or contained errors.
 - ii) A new formal objections process is available to any person required to pay a development contribution. Objections cannot challenge the Development Contributions Policy itself. Objections are to be decided by independent commissioners selected from a register of commissioners appointed by the Minister of Local Government. The cost territorial authority has the ability to recover costs incurred by it from the objector.
 - These amendments will be included in the Development Contributions Policy to be adopted along with the Council's Long Term Plan following consultation.
 - Initial modelling estimates the effect on current Development Contributions to be an increase in some areas but these will be confirmed and included in the consultation material to be released in conjunction with the LTP next year.

Carried

ATTENDANCE: Geoff Dick, Rivers and Drainage Engineering Manager and Steve Bezar, Drainage & Floodways Reserves officer were present for the following item.

P.14/15.207 Wairau Lower Floodplain Land Drainage – Network Review R700-011-01

Mr Dick advised members that the report presented was to inform the Committee of the findings of a review of the drainage network managed by Council. It advised of the proposed changes and upgrades including cost estimates. It was proposed to consult with the benefitting landowners and interested parties on these changes to the network managed by Council. To highlight this report a powerpoint presentation was shown (presentation filed in Trim – Record No. 14251670).

The Committee were advised that a significant portion of the Wairau Floodplain has naturally high ground water levels that impact on agricultural and other productive use of the soil. The land to the east of Blenheim is low lying, being only 1 to 2 metres above (mean) sea level. Much of it would barely drain except at low flow and tides. Land to 4 km west of Blenheim is less low lying but is affected by groundwater springs.

It was reported that provision of adequate drainage channels and the maintenance of natural water courses and drains for flood drainage, and high ground water tables has been a priority for the Wairau lower floodplain for many years.

Members were advised that the current drainage and watercourse network managed by Council is essentially unchanged from that adopted as part of the original Wairau Scheme in 1960. Much in fact goes back well before that date to the earlier river and drainage board days. Since 1960 there have been significant changes in land use, subdivision and general intensification of land use warranting a review of the network. This review of the drainage network was signalled in the Council's current Long Term Plan (2012-2022).

It was reported that there has been preliminary consultation over the proposed network changes to-date to try and eliminate any conflicts with any areas proposed to be designated as wetland in the new District Plan. The aim will be to complete this round of consultation by the end of February 2015. Leaving a couple of months to consider the feedback and make any changes to the proposal before further consideration by the Assets & Services Committee in May 2015.

Members were advised that the adoption of the new scheduled network will be important for the proposed new district plan. Any permitted activity approval for maintenance or upgrade of the drains and watercourses maintained by Council is proposed to be tagged to the schedule included in the Rivers & Drainage Asset Management Plan which will be adopted as part of this network review.

The proposed new network, if adopted, would increase the length of the network to be managed by about 5.5% and mean nearly all landowners serviced by the network will have direct access to a Council maintained drain.

Funding would come from benefitting landowners through reviewed rivers and drainage rating to be considered in next year's Long Term Plan process.

Clrs: Evans/Hook

That the Committee:

- 1. Receives and notes the contents in the report, and;**
- 2. Approves staff consulting with the parties outlined in this report over the proposed changes to the drainage network, noting that staff propose to bring a final recommendation back to the Committee in May 2015.**

Carried

ATTENDANCE: Stuart Donaldson, Planning & Development Engineer, was present for the following item.

P.14/15.208 Picton Water – Elevation Reservoir Budget **W460-001-008-01**

The purpose of this report is to seek Committee approval for an increase in budget to construct a second reservoir at the Elevation for the Picton water supply.

Members were advised that the existing reservoir has insufficient strength to meet the required seismic performance. The main components of the reservoir range from 20 to 60% of New Building Code. It was reported that it had previously been decided to build a second smaller steel reservoir and maintain, but not strengthen, the existing reservoir because if the existing reservoir failed in a significant earthquake, the small steel reservoir would maintain the supply.

Following that decision, more has been learnt about steel reservoirs from recent earthquakes in New Zealand. This resulted in the consultant providing tenderers with minimum requirements for critical parts of a steel reservoir. The consultant also provided tenderers with a fully designed and specified option for a concrete reservoir.

Members were advised that tenders have now closed and are being evaluated. Tenderers provided both steel and concrete options.

It was reported that to enable the options to be considered, an increase in budget from the current \$1,585,000 to \$1.9 M is required. A budget of \$1.9 M will not affect this year's (2014/15) forecast expenditure for Picton water because of adjustments to the programme for Speeds Road water treatment plant.

Cirs Hook/Leggett:

That the Picton water budget for Elevation reservoir be increased to \$1.9 M in the current year.

Carried

ATTENDANCE: Alex McNeil, Solid Waste Manager, was present for the following two items.

P.14/15.209 Second Hand Sunday Trial **W300-006-008-05**

The purpose of this report is to update the Committee on the outcomes of the Second Hand Sunday trial event held on 28 September 2014.

Members were advised that thirty participants registered and twenty six took part on the day. A Post Event Survey of participants was undertaken. Survey responses were, on the whole, positive.

It was noted that participant numbers were low but it is anticipated these will improve as time goes on.

It was reported that advertising costs will be kept to a minimum. Advertising of the events will be via the MDC website smart maps and potentially the Renwick community newsletter.

It was reported that there was one incidence of illegal dumping but this was due to a house clearance after a tenant vacated the property and therefore could have happened at any time.

Members were advised that the concerns raised by charity shops had been allayed as this event is at a different level. It was also noted that another positive spin off was neighbours meeting neighbours which generated a great community atmosphere with a sense of belonging and neighbourliness being established.

Cirs Andrews/Leggett:

That another Second Hand Sunday event is held in March 2015 and the outcomes reported back to the Committee by April 2015.

Carried

P.14/15.210 Rural Community Recycling **W300-007-01, W300-006-014-02**

The purpose of this report is to update the Committee on the outcomes of the Rural Community Recycling (RCR) project run between April and November 2014 and highlight a cost comparison with an equivalent kerbside service.

Members were advised that there were no reported incidences of illegal dumping inside or adjacent to the container during the project period. Pre and post project survey responses were favourable. Only Spring Creek School requested that an alternative location be used to avoid blocking the entrance to their carpark.

The members were also advised that the RCR system will provide an increased access to recycling services for these communities and visitors to the region. This will lead to an overall increase in the amount of material diverted from landfill and recycled (up to 388 tonnes per year).

It was noted that additional containers that can hold cardboard have been built with a grant from the Public Place Recycling Scheme and Glass Packaging Forum and are currently on trial in Renwick and Rarangi. These will be monitored during the peak summer period in conjunction with the Department of Conservation (Rarangi).

It was reported that by comparison the RCR system is more cost effective than an equivalent kerbside collection system but there is the potential for costs to increase as more people use the containers. Members were advised that targeted rates would be required to eventually fund the service but currently there is no cost to ratepayers.

It was raised that there had been suggestions of the scheme extending out to include Waihopai and Wairau Valley and other areas where there is no transfer station. Mr McNeil reported that there has been contact made but that there is an economic limit to the scheme and it is possible that Renwick could be the feeder point for the outlining areas. He also noted that the Sounds is currently being investigated and this could possibly be included the LTP.

Cirs Hook/Sloan:

That the Committee consider submitting the introduction of the RCR system to Tuamarina, Spring Creek, Grovetown, Rapaura, Rarangi and Renwick as an item to the February 2015 budget meeting for possible inclusion in the 2015-2025 Long Term Plan.

Carried

ATTENDANCE: Robin Dunn, Reserves & Amenities Officer, was present for the following three items.

P.14/15.211 Street Tree Removal Request – Westhaven **Place R510-015-01**

The purpose of this report provided to the Committee is to seek a decision on whether a meeting be held with affected residents, Councillors and staff to consider the removal or retention of two street trees.

Members were advised that a letter had been received, signed by eight residents, requesting the removal of two upright oak street trees, the letter was attached to the agenda item. It was noted that the trees are healthy and add a number of benefits to the street and area; however they do generate additional detritus removal work. It was also noted that there are a number of established trees along Westhaven Place.

It was reported that the reasons for the request for the removal of the trees are that they continually drop leaves throughout winter months generating a large amount of leaf waste as well as dropping acorns, blocking drains, shade neighbouring properties and reduce vehicle visibility on the corner.

Cirs Evans/Hook:

That an onsite meeting is held with affected residents, Councillors and Reserves staff to view the trees and discuss issues and options, before a decision is made on the future of the trees.

Carried

P.14/15.212 Request to Remove Wattle Trees on Harling Ridge - Farm Park Boundary R510-009-W03-01

The purpose of this report provided to the Committee is to seek approval to remove and replace wattle trees that are causing hay fever and allergies and replant with non-allergenic native species on the Harling Ridge – Farm Park Boundary.

Members were advised that three letters from adjacent residents have been received with the Graham's letter containing signatures from 15 residents who live in close proximity to Harling Ridge. The wattle trees are located along the ridge line above Harling Park.

It was reported that tree removal is proposed for this autumn and replacement planting, using hardy native species, could be done as a community project.

Members were advised that the renewal process would be done in the interests of public health and safety, by reducing spring pollen levels and fire danger from flammable vegetation. These factors will enhance local residents' enjoyment of their adjacent properties.

Cllrs Hook/Leggett:

That the 140 wattle trees are removed in autumn, with replanting done as a community project using hardy local native species, with funding from the Reserve Sections budgets.

Carried

P.14/15.213 Mountain Bike Trails – Proposed Expansion in Wither Hills Farm Park and Victoria Domain R510-009-W03-11, R510-009-V01-04

Mr Dunn advised that the purpose of this report provided to the Committee is to inform and seek Council approval, in principle, to expand the size of the Wither Hills Mountain Bike Park, to the south and west towards the Rotary Lookout. It is proposed to incorporate marginal farm and forestry land to enable additional trails to be formed to complement existing trails. It is also proposed to construct an easy grade mountain bike trail that will connect the Rifle Range main car park directly to the Mountain Bike Park. Maps identifying the proposed trails were attached to the agenda for members' information.

The members were advised that the proposed expansion will not encroach or interfere with existing walking tracks up to the Rotary Lookout and beyond and provision for a new exclusive walking track is also proposed to connect Taylor on Boulevard and Grigg Drive residents' to the Rotary Lookout.

It was reported that considerable support exists from local communities, in both Blenheim and Picton for new mountain biking trails, and the majority of riders are seeking easier grade trails. With the increasing interest in cycling as a recreational, hobby and fitness activity, significant potential exists to attract additional visitors to Marlborough as a mountain biking destination. The Marlborough Mountain Bike Club is well organised and keen to assist with proposed trail development and seek outside funding and sponsorship where possible. Upon Council and Consent approval, trail marking and building can commence as funding permits.

It is proposed to develop additional easier grade mountain bike trails within the Wither Hills Farm Park and Victoria Domain to meet requests from the Marlborough Mountain Bike Club and community. Many casual riders also use the existing mountain bike trails and would use more if available. Easier grade trails are proposed to be built and are clearly the preference for the majority of riders.

Well designed and constructed walking and mountain bike trails also provide an attraction for both domestic and international visitors.

Members were advised that trail construction is permitted and consistent with both reserves management plans and stakeholder consultation has taken place. Resource consent applications have or are being lodged for proposed trail construction and trail construction costs have been estimated.

It is proposed funding will come from a number of sources and possibly Council, however, trails will be used and enjoyed by many users once constructed. There are track counters on the hills that confirm the trails are well used and further track counters are being installed.

Mr Dunn reported that the mountain bike group are willing to do a large amount of work themselves which will reduce construction costs. The estimated annual cost of maintaining the additional 17 km of proposed trails is \$17,000, however completion would take a number of years.

Cirs Sloan/Dawson:

- 1. That approval be granted to construct the proposed new mountain bike trails within the Wither Hills Farm Park and Victoria Domain as mapped and outlined, on the condition that all consents and other approvals are met and as funding permits.**
- 2. That the Mountain Bike Park perimeter be modified to incorporate the northern gully through to the Rotary Lookout ridgeline and west towards Taylor on Boulevard.**

Carried

ATTENDANCE: Robert Hutchinson, Reserves & Amenities Officer, was present for the following item.

P.14/15.214 Rema Reserve Tree Removal Request R510-009-W03-11, R510-009-V01-04

Mr Hutchinson advised that the report provided to the Committee outlined the proposal to seek Councillors' consent to remove a eucalyptus tree from Rema Reserve.

The members were advised that there has been a history of complaints about gum trees in Rema Reserve creating nuisance and safety concerns.

The Committee heard that a large limb has fallen from the first eucalyptus in the reserve which has created a large cavity in the crown of the tree. An arborist investigated the tree following this and his findings were that the tree will not have sufficient opportunity to grow new reaction wood to strengthen branches and therefore the likelihood of future branch or limb failure has increased which will endanger pedestrians, vehicles and structures.

There was discussion on alternatives to removal, such as the possible bracing of the remaining limbs but it was agreed that there would be no guarantee that the Cobra bracing would work for this tree.

The Committee supported the tree's removal.

It was proposed that the timber from the tree would be given to the Lions Club who gift it to the elderly and needy for firewood.

Cirs Leggett/Andrews:

- 1. That the eucalyptus identified in this report be removed.**
- 2. That the removed tree be replaced with a number of large growing tree species.**

Carried

ATTENDANCE: Rosie Bartlett, Reserves & Amenities Manager, was present for the following item.

P.14/15.215 Freedom Camping Bylaw Amendments R510-005-08

The report, "Marlborough District Council Freedom Camping Control Bylaw 2012" was included with the agenda for members' information.

Ms Bartlett advised that the purpose of the report provided to the Committee is to recommend changes to the Freedom Camping Bylaw and suggests a trial to determine appropriateness of new sites before further consultation and adoption of a new Bylaw. To highlight this report a powerpoint presentation was shown (presentation filed in Trim – Record No. 14251672).

Members were aware that Council had requested that the existing Bylaw be reviewed and that a working group had been established. The working group have worked through the suggestions received from the public and have come up with recommendations that would then go out to the public for comment through the special consultative process. As part of this process it is recommended that the changes and new areas be trialled over the summer so that the public and Council will have a better understanding of the effect before committing them to the Bylaw. The working group recommendations were attached to the agenda item.

It was noted that during the consultation process last year there were many submissions regarding Koromiko which is a designated camping site for both non self and self-contained vehicles. The majority of users of the reserve are ferry traffic. The working group have recommended that Koromiko continues to be used as a designated site but with a restricted number of vehicles. As a response to this other areas in Picton have been suggested to cater for the ferry traffic.

Members were advised that under the legislation (Freedom Camping Act) Freedom Camping is considered to be a permitted activity but some parts of the district can be designated as prohibited for Freedom Camping or have restrictions applied if justified by specific adverse effects. The restrictions are enforced by Council with the ability to issue \$200 infringement notices if these are breached.

Ms Bartlett advised members that people are encouraged to contact Council if people are Freedom Camping in prohibited areas as the bylaw gives Council the authority to infringe if necessary but it is also seen as a good opportunity to educate users.

The members agreed that freedom camping is another way of encouraging people to visit and stay in Marlborough and giving them the areas to do that is also positive environmentally and that the working group have made really good progress.

[Clrs Hook/Sloan:

- ~~1. That the recommendations be adopted to form prohibited and restricted areas in the draft Freedom Camping Bylaw.~~
- ~~2. That a trial of the suggestions is put in place for the 2014/15 summer which will form evidence for the consultation phase of the Bylaw.~~
1. That the recommendations of the Working Group (attached as Appendix 2), with the exclusion of the Picton High Street carpark, be adopted to form prohibited and restricted areas in the draft Freedom Camping Bylaw.
2. That a trial of the suggestions is put in place for the 2014/15 summer which will form evidence for the consultation phase of the Bylaw.
3. That the trial commence at midnight 11 December 2014 and continue until 17 March 2015.

Carried [recommendations replaced with the above at the Council meeting on 11 December 2014]

Clr Leggett withdrew from the meeting at 11.30 am.

Clr Dawson withdrew from the meeting 11.55 am.

ATTENDANCE: Robert Hutchinson, Reserves and Amenities Officer and Brad Molony, Head Gardner, were present for the following item.

P.14/15.216 Pollard Park Management Plan

R510-014-003-01

The report, "Pollard Park Management Plan" was included with the agenda for members' information.

Mr Hutchinson advised that the purpose of this report provided to the Committee is to present the final Pollard Park Management Plan for approval. To highlight this report a powerpoint presentation was shown (presentation filed in Trim – Record No. 14251674).

It was reported that the 1997 Pollard Park Management Plan was released for public consultation in March 2014. Twenty eight submissions were received and these have formed the final Pollard Park Management Plan.

The establishment of commercial enterprises on the Park such as a café, coffee kart and mini golf course were requested through the submission process. It was noted that people enjoyed Pollard Park as a location that you could take your family to without the pressure of spending money. The Workshop Committee agreed that having no pressure to spend money was a positive thing and something that was becoming less common in public spaces. The plan therefore provides for any concession request to be brought to Council and weighed against Pollard Park being a free family experience.

It was noted that the Management Plan allows for the installation of infrastructure to support events at Churchill Glade such as power and toilets. Once this is achieved the play area can extend into the Baden Powell area, although there will still be space in this area for smaller events.

Mr Molony and his staff were congratulated on having Pollard Park included in the Garden Marlborough tours this year and members look forward to it being on the Garden Marlborough schedule in future.

Members were advised that planning and planting is well underway to commemorate 100 years WW1. It was reported that there is a large display in place and the memorial has been erected. Plantings will continue over the next couple of days with the overall design having great effect.

Cllrs Andrews/Hook:
That the Pollard Park Management Plan is adopted.

Carried

P.14/15.217 Information Package

That the Assets and Services Department Information Package dated 25 November 2014 be received and noted.

Carried

The meeting closed at 12.05 pm.

Record No. 14258786