Havelock Smart and Connected Community Meeting

8th April 2014

Meeting outcomes

Close to 70 local community members of Havelock and the surrounding areas met at the town hall from 7.00pm on Tuesday 8th April.
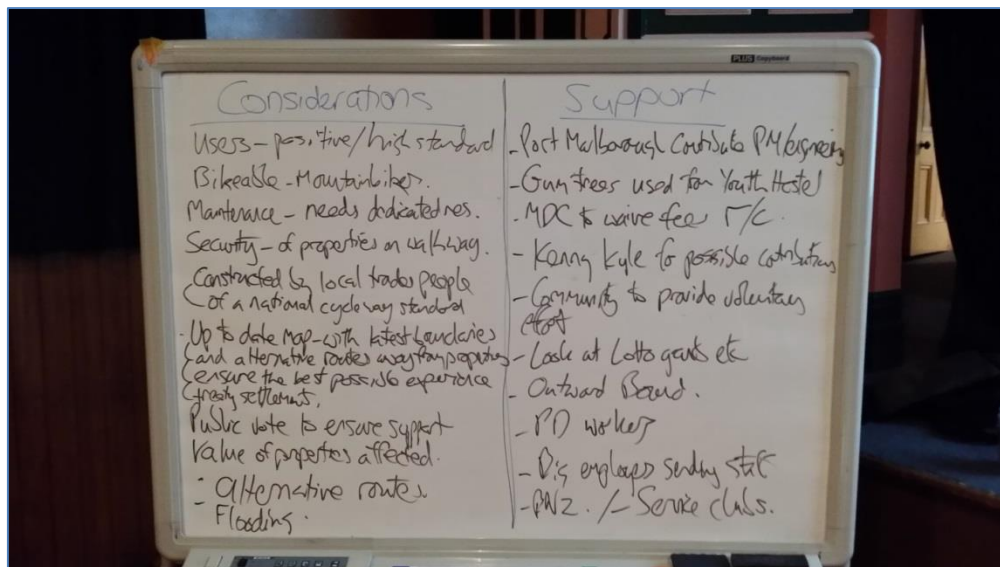
The meeting was introduced by Barbara Faulls, Chair of the Havelock Smart and Connected Steering Committee

Councilors Graeme Barsanti and Trevor Hook described the valuable opportunity the Smart and Connected pilot is for Havelock

Colin Bass, from BusinessLAB, facilitated the remainder of the meeting and covered the following areas:

Boardwalk project:

- Having carried out an audit of documented initiatives the Havelock community have sought to date and validated these through 25 targeted one on one interviews, Bass presented the estuary boardwalk as the one initiative with the most support in the wider local community

- A workshop was carried out to review the important considerations necessary to progress the boardwalk project in the most appropriate way for the Havelock community, and to gather ideas for how the community could work together to help reduce the overall cost of the project. Outcomes were gathered on a white board.

Workshop outcomes:

Considerations:

Considerations	Description
User experience	The boardwalk is of a high enough standard to provide a quality user experience
Bikeable	Mountain bikes and other bikes can use the boardwalk to maximise the link with the Link Pathway and NZ Cycle Ways
Well maintained	Any boardwalk developed should have a dedicated maintenance resource and programme
Security	Every effort is made to ensure the security of the properties closest to the boardwalk
Local resources	Use local trades people and materials wherever possible during construction
Route selection	Use latest maps and consider alternative routes to minimize impact on property owners while optimizing the experience for users
Treaty settlements	Respect recent treaty settlements during project
Public poll	Run a public poll to confirm levels of wider community support for the boardwalk
Flooding	Make sure the risk of flood damage to the boardwalk is minimised

Support opportunities:

Support opportunities	Description
Port Marlborough	Port Marlborough to be approached to provide engineering and project management assistance
Gum trees	Gum trees currently situated close to the Youth Hostel could be used as materials
Marlborough District Council	MDC to support the project by carrying the costs of resource consent
Native plants	Approach to Kenny Kyle for contribution of native plants for planting
Community	A well-coordinated community voluntary effort in fundraising for and construction of the boardwalk
Other grants	Apply for grants such as the Lotto grant
Outward Bound	Liaise with Outward Bound to enlist the help of their community service programmes in the project
Periodic Detention	Work with the local PD service to leverage it as a resource
Service clubs	Seek the support of the local service clubs in developing the boardwalk project
Big employers	Have contact with local large employers to enlist the help of their staff during the project

These tables capture the main points raised at the meeting. A more comprehensive project management plan will be developed to ensure all important considerations and opportunities for community lead support for the project are captured.

Vision for Havelock

The following refreshed vision for Havelock was presented at the meeting.

Havelock: Heart of the Pelorus

Havelock is a confident and cohesive village community nestled in the natural beauty of the Pelorus where the mountains meet the sea. Passionate guardians of the unique local environment, the community is proud of its strong heritage.

The village enjoys economic prosperity through acting as a pivotal hub for its productive rural communities, its internationally recognised aquaculture industry and strong connections to the wider Marlborough Sounds, Blenheim, Nelson and beyond.

Asked if the meeting felt this was a valuable draft new vision for Havelock, more accurately representing all Havelock has to offer, there was a strong show of support to further refine it as the vision for the community.

Department of Internal Affairs Grant:

Background information was presented on application made to the Department of Internal Affairs for the Community Development Scheme grant. The application was submitted by the Havelock Community Association. If successful it would mean a grant of $250,000 over a three year period that would be used to employ a community development coordinator to support volunteers' community development endeavours in Havelock.

It was clearly presented that such an appointment would follow a transparent, creditable recruitment process and would be advertised both locally and nationally in order to find the most suitable person.

A new organisation:

It was presented that the perceived greatest challenge for Havelock was a fragmented community. To rectify this a restructuring of the Havelock Community Association was proposed that would result in a fresh governance structure along the lines of:

- Minimum 5 Committee members
- Maximum 10 Committee members
- Quorum 50% + 1

- Committee to be made up of 6 community organisation appointees and 4 elected members

The six proposed community organisations to contribute appointees to the new governance structure are:

1. Havelock School Board of Trustees
2. Pelorus Promotions Inc
3. Local iwi representative
4. Havelock & Sounds Anglican Parish
5. Pelorus Area Health Trust
6. Marlborough District Council

A show of hands at the meeting indicated a strong level of support for progressing these changes

The following next steps were presented in making the changes to current organisational structures:

1. A show of support tonight
2. HCA/HV2020 agreeing to proposed changes
3. Announcement of a Special General Meeting
4. At the Special General Meeting approve changes to constitution and elect interim committee
5. At the AGM in September elect four community representatives and confirm appointment of six community organisation appointees

Please email any further thoughts or feedback you might have to *hca@havelock.co.nz*