

Māpua & Districts Community Association

Minutes Public Meeting at Māpua Hall

Monday 9th October '23 @ 7pm

Agenda Item	Time	<i>To view full reports go to www.ourMāpua.org Items for Membership action highlighted in red</i>	Report by
Present	7:30pm	Jim Vause, Marion Satherley, Fiona Bibby-Smith, Bruno Lemke, Lee Curtis, Petra Dekker, Annette LeCren, David Loe, Tony Jemmet, Elena Meredith, Joy fowler, Brett Glass, Roger Taylor, Margaret Cotter, Roy Courtney, Dave & Elaine Cresswell, Del Trew, Lynette Graham, Neville Bibby, Wayne Chisnall, Cally Stokdale, Bruce Struthers, Cllr chisteen Mackenzie, Cllr Dan Shallcrass, Karin Hoffman, Lynley Worsley, Gay & Derek Ball.	
Apologies	1 min	Paul McIntosh, Henk Vermeer, Aileen Connell, Cllr Mike Kininmonth	
Minutes Review	2 mins	Public Meeting Moved: Jim Seconded: Fiona Last Exec. Meeting - no Exec. meeting in September	
Presentation	7:35pm	<p>Helen Bibby - 10th anniversary of Dominion Flats A transcript of Helen's verbal presentation is included here as Appendix 1 and will also be uploaded onto MDCA website under the 'Our Mapua' tab, then 'Our Environment', to 'Dominion Flats Reserve Project'</p> <p>Tony Jemmett – Mapua Tennis Club president Talked the audience through the thought process of the Tennis Club. What's happening, where are they at:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The lights are up. 2. The resurfacing should occur in 2 weeks, but this is not confirmed. Lights and resurfacing has been paid mainly for by TDC. <p>Future wish list:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Some internal structures 2. Storage space, changing rooms, running water, power and pavilion. <p>Court Access:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. is via a locked gate that is only opened via an online payment of \$5.00 per half hour to gain an access code. 2. Free public access will be available for two hours on a Saturday and one other day through the week. 3. Club membership will be made available to the school. <p>Club membership:- is on the increase with 80 senior and 85 junior (under 15yrs) members.</p> <p>Future Plans:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Through the TDC LTP and Reserves plan processes the club has asked for two additional courts to be provided to cater for non club members and visitor demand over the Christmas break. Location of these courts yet to be determined. 2. The club has been approached by Cllr Mike Kininmonth to see if they were open to sharing facilities with the Football and Cricket Clubs. The dilemma is where to locate a facility. The ideal location would be were the current pump track is, yet a pump track upgrade is in the pipeline. This could cause a conflict. <p>Community concerns aired:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Parking for visiting players – Tony said the club was not concerned about this. 2. It was clarified that the courts belong to TDC and that this is a community asset should be not shut of from the use by kids and residents of the community. 3. Club needs to know who is using the courts and they are safe? Why, there was not time to ask this question 4. Why did the club decide to raise money through the rates funding, why not use other funding sources? Because the TDC recommended this as the avenue to be used. 5. How many competition teams are there? 9 teams 	
Open Forum	7:35pm 10 mins	<i>Each speaker has a maximum of 3mins to speak – the timer will be on. Any item considered needing longer will be moved to General Business</i> No one took up this opportunity	All
TDC Slot	7:45pm 15 mins	See latest TDC Community Update in correspondence Dan shallcrass:	Councillors

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		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Masterplan early engagement has been completed – 700 residents have responded – 100 on the open day gave feedback 2. He was involved in pump track upgrade plans – the upgrade plan will tie in with the Reserves Plan. For an example of what the upgraded pump track may look like check out the one in Wakefield. 3. Dan was questioned why he was excited about what is happening in Mapua – he said no reall plans but maybe club rooms as youth are wanting a place to hang out in the evening. <p>Christeen Mackenzie:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. LTP is ongoing for Cllr's and Managers. Don't know what the financial picture is as yet. It will be a hard decision as costs are rising and rates increasing. 2. Masterplan – community issues raised by community will be looked at with a draft plan out by Jan 3. CEO, Janine Dowling has resigned as of end January 2024 4. Those on low incomes can apply for a rates rebate funded by Internal Affairs. Maximum rebate is \$700.00 5. There is uncertainty at the moment with the elections looming. A lot is going on with what's coming down from central govt. <p>Questions asked of Christeen:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In TDC documents it states that feedback does not have to taken into account, only consultation does. If council is seeking community input why are they asking for feedback rather than accountable consultation? Christeen responded by stating when decisions are being made they need to be made public. 2. Mapua projects seem to be ending at the end of 2030 – 31 yet project dates appear to be carried over. What is the reason for this? Christeen responded stating there are many reasons for project over runs and that TDC can extend project end dates and carry the money allocated over from one financial year to another. 3. Will the two lanes going up the Bluff hill be reinstated soon? Answer: No.more time is needed to see the stability of the slope. 4. Karin's understanding is that TDC documents also state that Petitions do not require to be taken notice of. At a recent TDC full council meeting when Cllr Kinimonth questioned Jamie McPherson (Transport Manager) how the 216 signature petition he presented to TDC was taken into consideration. After long silence Jamie said he hasn't taken it into consideration. The CEO stated TDC do not have to respond to a petition. Therefore if TDC are not required to respond to feedback, if they are not require to respond to a petition, the only avenue left to residents is to make a formal complaint. Consultation does require TDC to consider all community responses. <p>Motion:- The Council go back and look at their consultation process with regard the public. Moved by Karin Secoded by Cally. Vote carried – 14 for, 10 against, 3 abstain Karin to provide MDCA with information and background information to be f orwarded to TDC.</p> <p>Christeen stated – the LG Act requires TDC to provide clarity with regard plan changes. However, other consultation is not covered under the LG Act.</p>	
<p>Treasurers Rpt See full report by clicking 'Reports' within the meeting notice email</p>	<p>Report viewable on website 8:00pm 5 mins</p>	<p><i>Membership (1 July to 30 June 2024) 48 - 4 of which are life members</i> Status of bank account as at 23/9/2023 \$6,897.96 in NBS account. This is split into the following groups for reporting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$1,564.41– General Fund <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o This is from membership funds and a grant from the TDC o Use to pay Honoraria, meeting room hire, website and other admin costs required to run the association - \$767.92 – Dominion Flats <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o All monies are from grants and donations. Spending is controlled by the Dominion Flats sub committee - \$2436.87 – Māpua Development communications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Donation from MDCA member concerned about housing development plans for Māpua o All monies to be used for community engagement to keep residents updated bout developments - \$1563.83 – AED fund (for repair and upkeep of units) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o This is funded with grants from the TDC 	

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<p>Correspondence See all correspondence by clicking 'Correspondence' within the meeting notice email</p>	<p>Viewable on website 8:05pm (taken as read)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Colin Walker x 3 – Planned retirement Village – Green space Aranui Rd/Tahi St corner – <i>Jim to follow this up with Colin & report back next month.</i> - Mapua Hall News - Mapua School Newsletter – Term 3 - MDBA – Wanna rejoin - MDCA – Meet the Candidate – Redwood Valley - MDCA – TDC Community Grants Accountability - NZTA – SH60 appleby to Motueka – Traffic disruptions due to resurfacing - TACA – Notice of Meeting & August AGM - TDC – community Consultation Funding - TDC – David Arseneau – Mapua Structure Plan - TDC – Development plan for contaminated site - Dominion Flats Community Grant acceptance - Mapua Community Update - Mapua Master Plan – MDCA internal communications - MWWG draft minutes – August meeting - TDC – NTCCRA – workshop invitation - TDC – Regional Climate Change Risk Assessment meeting –<i>NN & TSM working together to develop online tools. Jan questioned whether input could still be given</i> - TDC – AED accountability form 2023 - Tim David – Re Mapua Village road layout - Trap. NZ – Phone app online training dates 	
<p>Māpua Waterfront Working Group</p>	<p>8:10pm</p>	<p>Communication was received from TDC today stating that TDC will no longer provide staff to this group. The group is currently considering whether to continue independently.</p>	<p>Marion</p>
<p>Roads & Pathways</p>	<p>8:10pm 15 mins</p>	<p>Streets for People: There has been a lot of unhappy residents via the Mapua Village facebook page. Letter from Tim David asks –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Why does the cycle path stop at a commercial enterprise and place cycles onto the pavement when that particular area would have an increased pedestrian population. This seems unwise given the increased probability of an accident. 2) Why does the cyclepath leading out to the crossroads of Mapua Drive and Aranui stop at the Aranui Domain, essentially forcing cyclists to cross the pedestrian crossing when there are a significant number of cyclists who would wish to turn left at that crossroads and continue up the hill. Those cyclists now have to effectively go over a “hump” and continue on the road which seems to defeat the object of keeping cyclists in a safe place. <p>A report was received from Vincent Revell (Street's for People project manager) which didn't answer the questions Jim had put to him about a cycleway on the South west side of the road. Report not included in correspondence</p> <p>Del Trew spoke about his experience being on the community working group. Del is also a member of a walking and a cycling group. In the early phase of the working group a good plan was agreed to by community members which included one way cycling on both sides of the road. The group was told at the time that one one cycle ways were a good safe solution and that two way cycleways were 8 times more dangerous. The agreed plan was changed by the consultants without the agreement of the working group. We have ended up with the statistically unsafe two way cyclway which is dangerous, there is not enough space for two way cycling due to the limited space, the raised dividers are a safety hazard, and there is a kerb in the middle. None of which stand up to the required criteria.</p>	<p>Paul</p>

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		<p>Del encourage residents to complain formally. Rob Smith (resident & TDC staff member) suggested residents use the 'Antenno' app for register problems / complaints.</p> <p>Jim to write to Vincent Revell CC'ing in Jamie McPherson to –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What steps, if any will be taken to address the community concerns about the safety aspects as above? 2. Ask how the gutters will be cleaned behind the planter boxes? 3. Who will be maintaining the plants in the planter boxes? 	
AED	8:25pm	<p>TDC accountability form 2023? Funds were applied for to undertake a resuscitation training. Jim to approach MDBA to investigate possible synergy of resuscitation training with businesses.</p>	Jim
Social Media	8:25pm 5 mins	Bruno thanked Henk for the work he has done on the facebook page.	Bruno/ Anne-Marie
Relationships	8:30pm 1 min	<p>TACA Meeting minutes within meeting correspondence documents on MDCA website ourmapua.org</p>	Paul
Projects	8:30pm	<p>Māpua Memories – Project on hold for a few months</p> <p>Dominion Flats: Christeen Mackenzie thanked Helen and the teams of volunteers for all the work they have done over the years at Dominion Flats. 10 year celebrations begin. Friday 3rd November at 2pm – a walk through Dominion Flats Friday 3rd November 3pm at Mapua Hall.</p>	Marion /Henk Helen
Community Interest Groups	8:30pm 10 mins	<p>Māpua Willing Wheels (MWW) and local transport services Is a very focused community project and is part of the NNTSM community Trust. Residents are encouraged to us the bus service. Willing wheel can be used by those who need assistance to get to the bus stops.</p> <p>Māpua Community Hub The market day and plate sale realised over \$3000.00. The original plan was to use the old church building as the hub, but due to the state of the building that has become a huge task. Instead the hub has been in negotiations with the church to use area's within the new church not being used through the week.</p> <p>Future Wildlife Corridors in Māpua: Next meeting is November 20th. When they will be checking the streams to identify possible fish egg laying locations.</p> <p>Higgs Reserve: Nothing reported</p>	
General Business	8:40pm 15 mins	<p>Māpua Masterplan Update – Discussion:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The consultation process needs to be open and transparent 2. What is the community process and how will this be conducted? 3. Will we see the data from the feedback? 4. Some people consider the themes and principles to be vague. It was explained the 1st phase is vague so as not to be leading, the 2nd phase is more defined. 5. Someone suggested to visit 'Shape Tasman' online for more clarity. 6. A summary of the feedback is required before the draft document is made public to understand how the feedback has been interpreted. 7. Christeen stated there were 700 submissions, 350 people have been spoken to. <p>Christeen Mackenzie is going to follow up the following questions –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What's the methodology being used to develop options? 2. What will the second round of consultation like like? <p>Māpua Boat Club Resource Consent: Anything to report</p> <p>Māpua Wastewater:</p>	Jan

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		Jan to give an update next month.	
Future Hot Topic's	8:55pm	Nov: Jan – wastewater update.	
Meeting Closed	9:00pm		
Next Meetings		Assn: Exec: Monday 23rd October Public Meeting: Monday 13th November	

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Appendix 1

Helen Bibby's Dominion Flats 10 year presentation to MDCA:

Tina Koutou katoa

A summary of the Dominion Flats Journey.

You may know that Waimea Estuary is the largest enclosed estuary in South Island and a survey done in 1993 showed 41 fish species and 50 different water birds inhabited the estuary and the Dominion Stream is known to be an important feeder into Waimea Estuary.

As you probably also know Mapua means "abundant" and specially refers to the fruiting stage of the kahikatea trees, most of which were felled by early settlers to get grazing land -and for the timber which were the priorities at that time, as settlers were trying to make a living.

Then in preparation for the Ruby Bay Bypass, the Crown obtained 11.3047 hectares at 28 Dominion Rd under the Public Works Act which, at that stage was a rural property used for grazing, near the head of the North west corner of the Waimea Estuary.

In 1989 DOC prepared a report about the effect on native habitat and wildlife in regard to a proposed bypass and, before construction began, studies of the streams showed good values of native fish species including giant kokopu and longfin eel which were nationally considered at risk. These fish were removed before work began.

Construction on the bypass started in 2008 and the highway was then built on a fill embankment which bisected the acquired land.

To do this the ground was significantly altered. The Chaytor Stream was diverted through a culvert under the highway and joined the Dominion Stream which was channelled through a concrete culvert also under the new highway and large areas of land were covered with clay spoil. When NZTA were finished building the highway they were left with a parcel of land superfluous to their needs.

This was when the real work began.

Huge preparation work and investigations were done by Elspeth Collier and David Mitchell on behalf of the MDCA including getting Tom Kroos and Michael North to each prepare in-depth studies of the streams and ecological values of the area for the MDCA. 8 species of native fish were found in the streams.

Then in Nov 2009 a meeting between NZTA, TDC, DOC, iwi, and the community was convened to discuss possibilities to protect the natural aspects of the area, and a proposal was sent from the MDCA to TDC asking them to acquire the area for reserve purposes. In mid 2010 this was achieved, some as riparian land alongside the streams, some as cycleway, as the Great Taste Trail was originally intended to be routed through here, but later changed its route to where the Great Taste Trail now goes, and some additional land to make up the whole.

The bypass was opened in 2011 and NZTA were responsible for an initial planting against the road which now looks to be part of the whole reserve.

TDC then sold a small parcel of land within the reserve to help offset the cost of the project – The buyer of that land actually moved a house onto the section which has since been resold and that is where Rory now has his buses. Behind this section there is a strip of land with a track running along it that is also part of the reserve.

To begin with TDC did some gorse, broom and blackberry spraying to prepare the land.

In 2013 Nelmac had a planting project that didn't eventuate, so they offered the plants to TDC who in turn asked if we were keen to start and this was the start of our planting programme – 10 years ago.

On November 2nd and 3rd 2013 90 people of all ages and abilities from Motueka through to Nelson and of course many from Mapua answered the call and came armed with spades and enthusiasm.

We were initially given 5000 plants then another 5000 so it was a very busy weekend that was almost too big to handle. Then these plants all had to be found amongst the long grass and covers put on – quite an undertaking.

The tracks were started with Beryl Wilkes and Nev Bibby cutting with their lawnmowers and weed eaters and we were planning as we went. We wanted the tracks to be interesting which I think they are. TDC helped with manpower for a lot of the work. The clear areas by the picnic tables and at the entrance to the reserve are still cut regularly by a volunteer with his lawn mower.

A local offered, what turned out to be, a very heavy picnic table they no longer had use for so this was carried down the track with frequent stops for a breather and now sits in the cleared area by the stream. The other tables and seats were made by Jim Hosie one of our regular volunteers with money donated for materials from Heather Hoad's Community Shop in Motueka.

We divided the area into 15 workable blocks to make it more manageable as you can see by the numbered discs beside the track as you go through.

DOC trainees from NMIT put in 6 boardwalk bridges with material supplied by TDC. They certainly got first hand experience as they were up to their knees in mud in some places and they worked hard.

Community members made 2 more bridges overseen by nearby resident Andy Palmer of TerraFirma Engineering then a third was built more recently by more volunteers.

Volunteers – a word that comes up frequently in this summary, volunteers including quite a few school kids, put down the netting on the bridges to make them safe in the wet and the frosts.

The Scouts had several planting sessions planting flaxes some of which were pulled out by pukeko overnight and had to be replanted the next day by volunteers.

We approached the Mapua School to see if they were interested in painting murals in the underpass and pupils from senior classes drew pictures in class, voted to choose which would be used, scaled them up then painted the 2 ends of the underpass that goes through to Dominion Rd – a good exercise that used all sorts of different learning skills. While some painted, others helped with weeding so some environmental learning as well. We then coated the drawings with anti-graffiti paint to try and avoid any extra adornment. Adult volunteers had also put an undercoat layer on beforehand. The following year the school children did further painting that goes the length of one side of the underpass.

Waimea Intermediate students held a workday, planting trees in the reserve which they followed by giving over \$630 which was the takings from their next student day. This money of course went towards buying more plants.

So many different people lent a hand -Jonathon Kennett -a well-known cycling guru from Wellington -passing through one day, stopped to chat, then a few months later came through with a group of cycling friends and put in a solid morning of planting before they headed on to Golden Bay.

Crombie Lockwood from Richmond put in "work in the community sessions" planting trees early on. Treescapes donated mulch.

Lower Moutere School / Whenua Iti / Mapua School pupils/students from English Learning Academy in Nelson /the GeoCache Group /the Richmond Walkers / the Mapua Womens Walkers have all contributed time and energy into weeding or planting sessions.

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We were told that plants needed to be locally sourced so plants were purchased from Titoki Nurseries, Westbank Nurseries, or were from donations from locals, the iwi in Motueka, and local businesses and we received funding for several thousand trees from the national Billion Trees programme through the Tasman Environmental Trust in 2020.

The iwi in Motueka offered manuka plants which were going to be wasted and which looked well past outgrowing their pots and needed a home, so we took trailers - roped in willing /or not so willing helpers, got the plants into the ground not really sure how many would survive as they were not looking wonderful, but we were really surprised with the success rate that eventuated.

We were nominated for a TrustPower Award - and were the regional winner for the Environmental Award in 2018. Alongside the award, which we were very proud to receive, we also got \$1000 which, of course, was spent on more plants.

Over the years we have received more than \$90,000 in grants from many organisations like Pub Charities, Network Tasman, and many others with Rata being the largest donor. This meant many hours at the computer writing pleading letters and not all successful either. I have lost count of plant numbers but it will be well excess of 80,000. We have planted flax, cabbage trees, manuka, kanuka, matai, rimu, beech, kahikatea, nikau, miro, totara, titoki, maire, and many others all of which would have been in the original forest.

We were given gravel from road sweepings which we then manually put on to the tracks. Quite an undertaking as we had to get it from the reserve entrance to increasingly further up the track. Big thanks go to the neighbour who lent his rhino for us to use for the job of moving it up the track. We then had to spread the gravel which attracted abuse from a cycling group who complained about the gravel as they cycled through, and we sweated away in the hot sun – I think they thought we were PD workers – of the retirement age!

We decided we needed some information boards so we put our ideas together and took them to Jane Smith of Chocolate Dog who made them look professional. Another job for the volunteers to get them printed in Richmond, transported to Mapua then securely planted in the ground.

Pukekos were a real pest to begin with as they pulled out plants unless the plants were covered. Hares were a nuisance too when plants were more exposed as they too objected to new things in their territory and pulled out plants – not to eat – just to get them out of their space. We do have some rabbits but very few.

We have a series of traps through the reserve and trapping is run by yet another volunteer who has quite a tally of stoats, rats, weasels, and hedgehogs and he still gets results each time the traps are cleared.

We still have pukeko maybe not as many as there were, as the open wet areas are not so visible for them. There are fantails, tui, blackbirds, skylarks, chaffinch, silvereyes, bellbirds, greenfinch, a pair of kingfishers have a nest hole in an old tree stump each year, some resident weka, a very occasional visit from keruru, and we see paradise ducks and mallard ducks on the streams on occasion. Skinks are found often now, and we recently saw a weka running across Mapua Drive with one in its beak.

There are definitely fish in the streams too with a count being done in 2018.

TDC have been very easy overseers and have let us make a lot of the decisions when needed, then giving their stamp of approval. We have had easy communication and prompt replies to queries whenever we have requested information. They have funded materials for projects, and have provided plants. Ash Oliver's firm and Nelmac have both done contract work for TDC for some of the heavier work like track forming and bigger weed control.

The TDC have also recently conducted a review of reserves in this area and we are very pleased to know that Dominion Flats has been designated as a scenic reserve category B which means it is protected from being sold or built on in the future so all the hard work will not be in vain.

I have to mention the volunteers again / those that have come to our many planting days, those that have helped build bridges/ spread gravel/ pulled out old fencing, lent equipment, collected plants, got rid of rubbish and all the other jobs that volunteers do when needed -- and of course the wonderful, very few, regulars who have come (and still do) almost every week to do what's needed.

Truly this is a community project and now look what we have achieved.

Well done everyone. Nga Mihi Nui.