
ORDINARY MEETING

OF

TAWA COMMUNITY BOARD

MINUTE ITEM ATTACHMENTS

Time: 7:00pm
Date: Thursday, 8 December 2016
Venue: Tawa Community Centre
Linden Social Centre
10 Linden Avenue
Linden
Tawa
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Business

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REPORT TO TAWA COMMUNITY BOARD: 8 December 2016.
PROGRESS REGARDING THE TAWA MEMORIAL

Finance

2016 has seen a dramatic change in the financial fortunes of the Tawa Memorial. Prior to this year we had received a grant from the Mana Community Grants Foundation of \$10,000, but because other sources of funding had been gratefully received but were relatively minor in terms of the total cost, we were not able to use all of MCGF's grant, and repaid a significant proportion of it. We had received other small amounts over the years for this project, but not enough to advance our aims.

Early in 2016, I was approached by the committee of the Linden Tennis Club. They revealed that, with an ageing and dwindling membership, they had made the decision to wind up the Club, and had sold the land. They wanted to do something for the community of which they had been part since 1936, and offered us \$50,000 for use within 5 years. That offer was gratefully accepted. Then the Tawa Lions Club, as part of all such Clubs world-wide, had been asked by Lions International to do something significant in their local community. Funding of the Tawa Memorial seemed to the Club to meet such a desire, and they offered \$10,000. Thirdly, an old soldier member of both the Tawa Historical Society and Tawa RSA, Gordon Mygind, also offered \$10,000 because he was personally committed to supporting the project. Both these offers were accepted with alacrity.

Thus, by midway through 2016, we had almost half the money needed to build the Memorial. It was therefore resolved to approach the Lottery Grants Board, whose criteria regarding their Environment and Heritage Fund seemed to be entirely aligned with what we were proposing to achieve with our Memorial. On 27 July our request was filed with this organisation, and by 4 November 2016 we were notified that it was granted, as follows:

It was noted that The Committee has chosen to fully fund your request. It considered the project to have strong alignment with Lottery Grants Board outcomes and the Committee's cultural heritage priorities and funding criteria. The Committee thanks you for applying to the Lottery Environment and Heritage Committee and wishes you every success with the project.

We received a total of \$81,671.00 from the Lottery Grants Board, and have their cheque in our bank.

Since that time we have been contacted by the Tawa Rotary Club, who have approved support for this project both in kind and money. They have agreed in principle to underwrite any unbudgeted or unfunded costs for the Tawa Memorial project and its launch event expenses up to a value of \$5,000. Further, they are prepared to provide manpower to help with both the setup and clean-up of the Service during which the Memorial will be unveiled and dedicated. Details of this arrangement are yet to be finalised, but this offer will be gratefully accepted.

The confirmed location of the Memorial

The Memorial will be sited at the northern end of Oxford Street, Tawa, alongside Grasslees Reserve. The relatively small area of land required is road reserve belonging to the Wellington City Council, and therefore does not require resource consent, so saving us money. I am uncertain of the value of this land, but it has been provided free of charge by the WCC. We are very grateful for this generous offer. It is for this reason that we have invited the Mayor of Wellington to unveil the Memorial. Without the land there would be no Memorial.

Unveiling and Dedication Service

This will be held on Saturday 22 April 2017 at 10.00am. We are in the process of contacting newspapers across New Zealand from north to south, asking them to publish (perhaps in letters to the editor) this time and date, with other information which may bring to the attention of descendants of the 13 men whose names will be displayed on the Memorial, that this service will take place, and that they are invited to attend. Archdeacon Julie Rokotakala, who has acted as the Tawa RSA chaplain over past years, will take part, as will young people and student leaders from Tawa College and Tawa Intermediate School.

A small subcommittee of THS and Tawa RSA members are now meeting on a regular basis to organise the ceremony which will see the Memorial unveiled and dedicated. A draft Order of Service has already been prepared, and will be worked on further.

We understand that as far as assistance is concerned regarding the service to unveil the Memorial, we are on our own. I made enquiries of WCC regarding such matters as seating, sound amplification, printing of an Order of Service, and refreshments, but was told that such matters would be our responsibility. So, for example, I have approached *New Zealand Micrographic Services* for assistance with what I hope will be an appropriately presented Order of Service that those who attend might well want to salt away with other items of significance. I think we might well have a crowd attend of up to 300 people, young and old, so our planning will need to be thorough.

There will be some costs associated with the unveiling/dedication of the Memorial.

Construction of the Memorial

A contract for construction of the Memorial has been let to **Maycroft Construction** of Gregory Street, Lower Hutt. The contract price is **\$146,677.00** plus GST of **\$22,001.55**, giving a total price of **\$168,678.55**.

Precast concrete for the Memorial will begin to be made from 9 January 2017. The site at the end of Oxford Street will be set up on Monday 13 February, and the date for the clean-up and clearing of the site, following the completion of the Memorial, is scheduled for Wednesday 5 April 2017. My understanding is that the site will be fenced at all times during construction, and that the path to the bridge will remain available to members of the public.

Bruce Murray
Chair
Tawa Historical Society

5 December 2016.

Item 3.1 Attachment 1

Tabled item (B)

