

SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL

23 APRIL 2014

AGENDA ITEM C2

PAIN FARM BEQUEST REVIEW

Purpose of Report

To seek approval in principal for a review of the Pain Farm bequest as per Martinborough Community Board recommendation.

Recommendations

Officers recommend that Council:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Approve the Martinborough Community Board recommendation to Council that the Pain Farm bequest be reviewed.*

1. Executive Summary

On the 31 March 2014, the Martinborough Community Board made the following recommendation:

Pain Farm Bequest

MCB RESOLVED (MCB 2014/19):

1. To receive the information.
(Moved Cornelissen/Seconded Read)
2. To recommend to Council this bequest be reviewed.
(Moved Cr Stevens/Seconded McMaster)

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2. Background

The Supreme Court last considered the bequest made by George Pain in 1966, making an order on 11 February 1966.

There has been some discussion around the relevance of this 1966 order and it's applicability to the current and future needs of the Martinborough Community.

This paper seeks support, in the form of an endorsement of the Martinborough Community Board resolution to examine the relevance of the current order.

In addition to getting a present-day opinion on the Pain Farm bequest, a review is timely given the uncertainty of the future of South Wairarapa local government.

Either way, there are a number of initiatives that would benefit from a clear understanding of what the Pain Farm funds are available to support, e.g. Martinborough Town Hall.

It is anticipated the review group would consist of MCB, SWDC members, with input from the community.

3. Financial Implications

Historically any application to the Courts has been funded directly from Pain Farm Funds, so there will be no impact on Council operational budgets.

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