

Discussion notes from the meeting held at Mount Bridge Club on 18th September between representatives from Omanu Surf Club and Mount Maunganui Bridge Club.

Present : Grant Aislabie, Bruce Inglis, Julie Sheridan, Warren Coventry from Mount Bridge Club
 Donal Boyle, Ian Glover from Omanu Surf Club
 Bevan Wood from NZCC (Construction company)

Following on from the Special General Meeting held at the Mount Maunganui Bridge Club on Monday 14th September where the decision was made to continue discussions with Omanu Surf Club (OSC) on the transfer of our current lease to the OSC to enable the development of the site in exchange for new clubrooms, a meeting was called between representatives from both Clubs to move things along as quickly as possible so that tentative plans can be drawn up.

The key points discussed are as follows:

The new building will give the Bridge Club 50% more space than we have at present for playing bridge and we will have our own kitchen, offices, storage and toilets including handicapped toilets. We are aiming to have space to seat 200 bridge players at once.

The building will be 2 levels with the bottom area being used for storage for surf equipment and the top floor being split between our Bridge Club and offices for Surf Lifesaving NZ and staff looking after Surf Clubs in the Eastern Region. The storage area underneath will be used for overflow storage for the Omanu Surf Club and Eastern Region and movements in and out will be limited. The roller doors for this area will be at the south-east end of the building.

The entrance to the building will be from a lobby in the centre of the building at ground level with a commercial lift and at the first floor there will be separate entrances to the Bridge Club rooms and the Surf Lifesaving NZ offices who normally staff 20 people maximum.

There will be a soundproofed wall between the 2 leased areas upstairs and the floors will be concrete to reduce noise.

There will be an extra 15/17 car parks created with the new plans. The two organisations generally operate at different times of the day and the week and this reduces any conflict with space. An annual programme will be documented for both organisations and when major tournaments are being held at the Bridge Club the Surf Club will know in advance and there will be no duplication with functions.

There was a suggestion made that electric internal doors be used and also a wan-door so as areas can be separated to allow training to take place at the same time as normal bridge is being conducted.

With the new design the Bridge Club requires as much wall space as possible and excessive windows are not a major requirement.

With funds the Surf Club has from grants and cash on hand it is anticipated that as well as the building itself, the Bridge Club are not expected to contribute to extra costs for electrical fittings,

heating, carpeting, blinds, kitchen etc as these are covered in lieu of the land the Bridge Club has provided.

It is hoped the first draft of the plans can be provided within a week and the next meeting of the working committee is scheduled for Friday 25th September. The plan is for the new building work to start in March, 2021 and be completed by December, 2021 and when the existing building is demolished Tauranga City Council will find a suitable site for the Bridge Club to continue on a temporary basis.

A letter received from Gordon Cameron and Margret Bowditch was discussed and Grant is to reply to them.

Julie is to locate a copy of the current lease for Grant

Meeting finished at 10.45am