

MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FAIRLIE, ON TUESDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2006 AT 9.00 AM

PRESENT:

John O'Neill	Mayor
Simon McDermott	Pukaki Ward
Dave Pullen	Pukaki Ward
Barry Stringer	Pukaki Ward
Evan Williams	Opuha Ward
John Gallagher	Opuha Ward

IN ATTENDANCE:

Glen Innes (Chief Executive Officer)
 Jason Beck (Manager – Finance and Administration) for parts of the meeting
 Bernie Haar (Asset Manager) for parts of the meeting
 Garth Nixon (Community Facilities Manager) for parts of the meeting
 Martin King (Manager – Planning and Regulations) for parts of the meeting
 Rosemary Moran (Committee Clerk)

I APOLOGY:

It was noted that Cr Page had Leave of Absence from the meeting.

IV MAYORAL AND MANAGEMENT REPORTS:

1. MAYOR'S REPORT:

This was the report of Mayoral activities December 2005 and January 2006.

Resolved that the report be received.

E Williams /B J D Stringer

2. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:

This report from the Chief Executive Officer referred to Council, Committee and Community Board Meetings Attended, Other Meetings and Activities, Rating of Areas adjacent to Twizel, Long Term Planning Issues, Extraordinary Meeting and Delegated Authority.

Resolved that the report be received.

S McDermott /D Pullen

Resolved that the Council confirms the extraordinary meeting scheduled for 14 February 2006 in Lake Tekapo will take place.

B J D Stringer/S McDermott

3. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION:

This report from the Manager – Finance and Administration referred to Fairlie Community Board By-Election, Mackenzie Holdings Ltd, Land Issues and Long Term Council Community Plan Preparation.

Resolved that the report be received.

S McDermott/D Pullen

4. ASSET MANAGEMENT:

This report from the Asset Manager referred to LIM Reports Processed in 2005/2006, Road Maintenance Activities Carried Out During the Month, Contracts and Improvement Works to Date, Fairlie Water Supply, Lake Tekapo Water Supply, Twizel Water Supply, Infrastructural Services Maintenance 2005-06, and Solid Waste – Resource Recovery Park Hours, Hardfill Sites, Recycling and Old Rubbish Bags.

Resolved that the report be received.

D Pullen/J Gallagher

Problems caused by the ongoing use of **old Council rubbish bags** were discussed. It was agreed that ratepayers, in particular absentee owners, be advised that the old bags which had been made available at no cost, were no longer able to be used.

Resolved that up until 30 June 2006, an amnesty apply during which holders of the old black Council refuse bags be allowed to swap them one for one for the new black residual waste bags up to limit of 26 bags..

B J D Stringer/S McDermott

Resolved that the following hours of operation at the Resource Recovery Parks, as proposed at the Solid Waste Workshop held on 30 November 2005, be confirmed:

Fairlie and Twizel	Weekdays	2.30 pm - 4.30 pm
	Weekends	12.30 pm - 4.30 pm
Tekapo	Wednesday	2.30 pm - 4.30 pm
	Sunday	9.00 am - 11.30 am

D Pullen/B J D Stringer

The Asset Manager noted the information in his report that **all plastics collected at the Resource Recovery Parks were being pressed in preparation for export to China.** He said the situation reflected the volatile nature of the recycling operation where stockpiles were disposed of when markets became available. He suggested the issue be publicised.

Cr McDermott requested that an explanation of the reasons for **water restrictions** in Twizel be publicised in the Twizel Update along with Council's appreciation of the successful efforts Twizel people were making to reduce their water use.

The Asset Manager was requested to provide an explanation of the **CPI index in relation to roading contracts.**

Cr Pullen reported on the ongoing discussions with Mr J Lyons regarding the **oxidation ponds in Twizel**.

5. COMMUNITY FACILITIES:

This report from the Community Facilities Manager referred to Twizel Landscaping Market Place Redesign and Development, Scott Street PlayArea, Tekapo and Burkes Pass Cemeteries, Swimming Pools and Peace Avenue Trees.

Resolved that the report be received.

J Gallagher/D Pullen

The Community Facilities Manager referred to his recommendation that three trees on **Peace Avenue** north of Opihi Street, Fairlie, be removed because they were in conflict with Alpine Energy's 11kv lines. He pointed out that the trees were already unsightly because of previous pruning which had left large L-shaped windows cut through them.

He also noted his proposal that a further two trees north of Stoneleigh be removed because, in addition to their growing under the 11kv lines, they were poor specimens. A Lime tree in the same area was growing in the wrong place.

Resolved that a letter be written to the Chief Executive Officer of Alpine Energy and to the Ministry of Economic Development:

1. advising that Peace Avenue trees are protected in the Mackenzie District Plan
2. suggesting that consideration be given to:
 - o undergrounding the affected sections of the 11kv lines with Council contributing to the project by digging the trench
 - o other options to avoid ongoing conflict between the trees and the lines.

J Gallagher /D Pullen

Cr Gallagher referred to the Community Facilities Manager's proposal regarding the trees north of Stoneleigh and requested that no decisions be made until Cr Page had an opportunity for input.

6. PLANNING AND REGULATIONS:

This report from the Manager – Planning and Regulations referred to Resource Management Act 1991 Issues, viz Plan Change 7 – Financial Contributions, the Eastern Mackenzie SNS and Landscape Project, Proposed Plan Change for Rural Residential developments around townships, Plan Changes 8 and 9, the Pipe Appeal, and Upcoming Matters for Council Consideration. The report also referred to the Building Act – Accreditation and Policies, Civil Defence, Dog Control, Community Outcomes for the Long Term Council Community Plan and Asset Management Plans.

Resolved that the report be received.

S McDermott /D Pullen

The Manager – Planning and Regulations advised that he would be attending a mediation meeting between Bruce Pipe and the Canterbury Regional Council regarding that Council's appeal against the granting of a resource consent to Mr Pipe for subdivision and land use on the Ohau moraine.

XII VISITORS:

The Mayor welcomed former Mayor, Neil Anderson, and his wife Anne, to the meeting. He referred to Mr Anderson being made a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit in the Royal New Year's Honours for 2006. The Mayor congratulated him on behalf of the District, noting that the award recognised amongst other achievements, his 21 years of service to the Mackenzie, which included nine years as Mayor. He noted that Mr Anderson was currently a member of the South Canterbury District Health Board.

Mr Anderson thanked the Mayor for the invitation to the meeting and for the congratulations. He told the Council how much he had enjoyed his time as an elected representative. He said he felt that many others had served the community equally as well and that his achievements were the result of a supportive team effort. He and Mrs Anderson then joined the Councillors for lunch.

XI ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 12.05 pm for lunch and reconvened at 1.15 pm.

IV MAYORAL AND MANAGEMENT REPORTS:

6. PLANNING AND REGULATIONS (Continued):

The Manager – Planning and Regulations reported that appeals had been received from Transit New Zealand and Meridian Energy Limited on **Tekapo Plan Changes 3 and 5**.

Cr Stringer referred to the protracted nature of the **Eastern Mackenzie Landscape project** and his disappointment that Dr Norton's report was not expected to be forthcoming for another three to four months.

The Mayor referred to the **Regional Civil Defence** organisation and noted that he was not particularly comfortable with the structure. He undertook to continue representing the District at the meetings but was not confident that the organisation was appropriate to meet the needs of the District in the event of a civil emergency.

V FINANCIAL REPORTS:

1. FINANCIAL REPORT – DECEMBER 2005:

This report from the Manager - Finance and Administration provided an update for Councillors on the financial performance of the Council as a whole for the month and for the year to date.

Resolved that the report be received.

B J D Stringer/E Williams

Cr Pullen requested a simple spread sheet setting out the rates expected to be gained from new sections and where it was anticipated that money could be spent.

The Manager - Finance and Administration noted Council could rate only for specific purposes.

Cr McDermott suggested that the opportunity could be taken for Twizel to rate for the upgrade of Market Place rather than accumulate reserve funds.

2. BANCORP QUARTERLY REPORT – DECEMBER 2005:

This report from the Manager – Finance and Administration was accompanied by report on the performance of Council’s portfolio which is managed by Bancorp Treasury Services Limited.

Resolved that the report be received.

S McDermott/E Williams

3. CAPITAL RESERVES:

This report from the Manager – Finance and Administration provided an update on the movements in the Capital Reserves for the six months to 31 December 2006.

Resolved that the report be received.

S McDermott/D Pullen

VI OTHER REPORTS:

1. REMUNERATION RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ELECTED MEMBERS FOR 2006/07

This report from the Chief Executive Officer sought decisions on how the draft remuneration pool should be spread for the 2006/07 year.

Resolved that the report be received.

J Gallagher /E Williams

Resolved:

1. That the Council note the draft determination of the Remuneration Authority establishing a remuneration pool of \$141,770 and a Mayoral salary of \$45,486 with effect from 1 July 2006.
2. That the Council recommend to the Remuneration Authority that the net pool of \$96,284 be distributed amongst elected members in accordance with existing relativities and in line with the recommendations from the three Community Boards which had yet to be received. For Council this would result in the following salaries being payable:

Mayor	Separately determined	\$45,486
	Relativity	Salary

Deputy Mayor	1.25	\$17,012
Councillors	1.00	\$13,609

For the Community Boards, the following proposals had been suggested for their consideration:

Fairlie & Tekapo Community Board Chairs	0.25	\$3,402
Fairlie & Tekapo Community Board Members	0.10	\$1,361
Twizel Community Board Chair & Members	0.1375	\$1,871

3. That mileage be paid for at a flat rate of 70 cents per kilometre effective as soon as possible .

S McDermott/J Gallagher

The Chief Executive Officer undertook to investigate the earliest date that the new mileage rate could be applied.

2. RESOURCE CONSENTS RM050094 AND RM050095, SUBDIVISIONS, MANUKA TERRACE, TWIZEL, RUATANIWHA FARM LTD:

The Manager – Planning and Regulations advised that at the request of the objector, the report had been withdrawn from the Agenda.

3. SPARC RURAL TRAVEL FUND:

This report from the Committee Clerk referred to the SPARC Rural Travel Fund 2006.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received.
2. That, subject to their approval, Rit Fisher (Albury), Wayne Dixon (Fairlie), Helen Giles (Twizel) and Lois Rewha (Maori Community) be invited to form the Council's Assessment Group for the SPARC Rural Travel Fund for 2006.
3. That Cr Stringer be delegated the authority to nominate a representative from Lake Tekapo to join the Council's Assessment Group for the SPARC Rural Travel Fund for 2006.
3. That the SPARC Rural Travel Fund Assessment Committee be delegated the authority to allocate the \$5000 Rural Travel Fund.

J Gallagher /S McDermott

4. CREATIVE COMMUNITIES NEW ZEALAND SCHEME:

This report from the Committee Clerk referred to the Creative Communities New Zealand Scheme 2006 funding round.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received.
2. That, subject to their approval, Anne Thomson, Julie Hadfield, Catherine Young, Marion Sheridan, Gaby Welsh and Pat Pudney be appointed as the assessment group for the Creative Communities New Zealand Fund for 2005.
3. That the Creative Communities Fund Assessment group be delegated authority to allocate the Creative Communities fund.

S McDermott /B J D Stringer

5. COMMON SEAL:

This report from the Committee Clerk was accompanied by a list of documents signed under the common Seal from 17 December 2005 to 1 February 2006.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received.
2. That the affixing of the Common Seal to documents numbers 503 to 505 be endorsed.

B J D Stringer /S McDermott

IX PUBLIC EXCLUDED:

Resolved that the public be excluded from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting namely:

1. Public Excluded parts of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 20 December 2006
2. Activity Report – Land Issues
3. 13 Ruataniwha Road, Twizel

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
1 PE parts of Council Meeting Minutes of 20 December 2005		48(1)(a)(i)
2. Activity Report Land Issues including 2 Land for Pensioner Housing	The making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it	That good reason exists for not discussing the matter with the public present and is not outweighed by the public interest

3. 13 Ruataniwha Rd, Twizel The making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it

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This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a)(i) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

“Activity Report Land Issues including Land for Pensioner Housing” and “13 Ruataniwha Road, Twizel”, to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it. Section 7(2)(b)(ii).

B J D Stringer/E Williams

The Council continued in Open Meeting.

VIII CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES:

Resolved that the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 20 December 2006 be confirmed and adopted as the correct record of the meeting.

D Pullen /B J D Stringer

IX MATTERS UNDER ACTION:

The Council considered the report of Matters under Action.

Resolved that the report be received.

D Pullen/J Gallagher

- 74 Opihi River Development Company**
Remove. The Manager – Finance and Administration undertook to obtain a set of the Opihi River Development Company’s accounts.
- 81 District Road Names**
Cr Stringer suggested that the schools be asked to come up with suggestions for names for new roads in the District according to the criteria supplied by the Asset Manager .
- 106 Glen Lyon Road Speed Signage:**
Completed
- 126 Motuariki Island**
The Chief Executive Officer undertook to liaise with Cr Stringer re the Motuariki Island Management Plan

XII ELECTED MEMBERS' TIME:1. BOTTLED WATER AT LAKE PUKAKI VISITOR CENTRE:

Resolved that subject to clarification of the conditions of the resource consent for the Lake Pukaki Visitor Centre and the Licence to Occupy issued by Meridian Energy, that bottled water be sold from the Lake Pukaki Visitor Centre.

B J D Stringer/E Williams

Cr McDermott voted against the motion.

2. CIVIC AWARD SCHEME:

Councillors considered the information memorandum which had been circulated in response to Cr Page's suggestion that the Council set up a Civic Awards scheme to recognise people who had made an outstanding contribution to the Mackenzie District community.

All Councillors expressed doubt that a formal structure was appropriate for the Mackenzie. It was suggested that when Mackenzie residents accomplished outstanding achievements or contributions to the community, the Mayor and the Council would recognise them in a timely and informal manner. It was noted that the Council had invited former Mayor Neil Anderson and his wife Anne to the Council meeting and lunch to congratulate him on his 2006 Royal New Year Honour.

Councillors deferred any decisions on the matter until Cr Page returned from his Leave of Absence.

3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Cr McDermott was granted Leave of Absence for the Council meetings on 14 and 21 February 2006.

III BEREAVEMENTS:

The Mayor referred to the recent deaths of Mrs Maxwell, Rosamund Harper and Bill Camp.

A motion of sympathy was passed and the Chief Executive Officer was directed to pass this on to those concerned.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE
MAYOR DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED
AT 4.20 PM**

MAYOR: _____

DATE: _____