

MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FAIRLIE, ON TUESDAY 24 OCTOBER 2006 AT 9.05 AM

PRESENT:

John O'Neill	Mayor
Crs Dave Pullen	Pukaki Ward
Simon McDermott	Pukaki Ward
Barry Stringer	Pukaki Ward
Evan Williams	Opuha Ward
John Gallagher	Opuha Ward
Graeme Page	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
 Rosemary Moran (Committee Clerk)

I OPENING:

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

III BEREAVEMENTS:

The Mayor referred to the recent deaths of Phillip Mathias, Doris Butters, Merle Struthers, Leah Reid and Carol Scott.

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

IV MAYORAL AND MANAGEMENT REPORTS:

1. MAYORAL REPORT:

This report from the Mayor referred to Council, Committee and Community Board meetings attended and Activities.

Resolved that the report be received.

B J D Stringer/G Page

2. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER:

This report from the Chief Executive Officer referred to Council, Committee and Community Board meetings attended, Other Meetings and Activities, High Country Health, National Dog Control Information Database, Staffing, Plan Changes, Pipe Appeal, Twizel Zoning Changes, Rural Zone Changes Proposed for the Mackenzie Basin and South Canterbury Irrigation Trust.

Resolved that the report be received.

D Pullen/S McDermott

Resolved that the Council formally appeals against the decision of the Canterbury Regional Council on its Representation Review.

B J D Stringer/J Gallagher

Resolved that Council notes the payment of \$1,680 + GST as its contribution to the National Dog Database.

B J D Stringer/S McDermott

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9.35 am for a meeting with the directors of Mackenzie Holdings Ltd.

XIII VISITORS:

The Mayor welcomed Mackenzie Holdings Ltd Directors, Chairman Derek Kirke and Bruce Anderson, Rick Ramsay and Tim Johnson.

V OTHER REPORTS:

4. MACKENZIE HOLDINGS LIMITED ANNUAL REPORT:

Director Bruce Anderson presented the Annual Report for Mackenzie Holdings Limited for the year ended 30 June 2006.

Resolved that the Annual Report for Mackenzie Holdings Limited for the year ended 30 June 2006 be adopted.

D Pullen/J Gallagher

IX PUBLIC EXCLUDED:

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

1. Land Sales at the Pukaki Airfield

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

Land Sales at the
Pukaki Airfield

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

48(1)(a)(i)
That good reason exists
for not discussing the
matter with the public
present and is not
outweighed by
the public interest

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:

“Land Sales at the Pukaki Airfield” - 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).

J Gallagher /G Page

PUKAKI AIRFIELD

The Council continued in Open Meeting and adopted the following decisions which had been made with the Public Excluded:

Resolved that the proposal to proceed with the subdivision at the Pukaki Airfield as presented by the Directors of Mackenzie Holdings Limited, be endorsed.

D Pullen/E Williams

Resolved that planning steps to support this Pukaki Airfield development project be developed.

S McDermott/B J D Stringer

XIII VISITORS:

2. QUOTABLE VALUE:

The Mayor welcomed Brendan Bodger of Quotable Value. Mr Bodger worked through a power point presentation which outlined the Mackenzie District Revaluation 2006. A copy of the presentation is attached to this record as Appendix B.

It was suggested that a press release be made to coincide with the release of the notices to owners to explain how the revaluation process works and the potential impact of the new valuations.

The Mayor thanked Mr Bodger for his presentation and invited him to join the Council for lunch.

XII ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned for lunch at 12.50 pm and reconvened at 1.35 pm.

IV MAYORAL AND MANAGEMENT REPORTS:

2. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (continued):

The Chief Executive Officer noted that the hearing of submissions to **Plan Change 11 – Residential Accommodation in Airport Zones** would be conducted by an independent commissioner on 21 November 2006 (not 7 November 2006 as reported at the meeting.)

The Chief Executive Officer undertook to supply a copy of the final **Pipe resource consent decision** and related agreements to the members of the Hearing Panel.

Cr Pullen referred to the proposed **rural zoning changes** and suggested that affected rural landholders be consulted. He also suggested that elected members needed to be involved. It was noted that the discussion material drafted by Davie Lovell Smith had yet to be distributed to elected members. The Chief Executive Officer undertook to contact Landscape Architect Graham Densem regarding his availability to support the consultation process.

IX PUBLIC EXCLUDED:

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

8. High Country Health

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High Country Health	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	48(1)(a)(i) That good reason exists for not discussing the matter with the public present and is not outweighed by the public interest

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“High Country Health”- 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).

S McDermott/E Williams

The Council continued in Open Meeting.

IV MAYORAL AND MANAGEMENT REPORTS:

2. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (continued):

Resolved:

1. That Andrew Hocken, Simon Cameron Jeremy Silva, John and Neil Lyons and Dave Murray be invited to take part in a pre-consultation process on the proposed Twizel Zoning Plan Changes.
2. That Council agrees to debate the strategy for consulting with high country farmers on proposed plan changes in the Mackenzie Basin at its next planning meeting on 7 November 2006.

S McDermott/G Page

4. ASSET MANAGEMENT:

This report from the Asset Manager referred to LIMS processed for 2005/2006, Roding, Essential Services and Solid Waste

Resolved that the report be received.

E Williams/S McDermott

Resolved:

1. That a subcommittee of the Mayor, Cr Williams, the Manager- and the Asset Manager be delegated the responsibility of confirming the list of minor safety works for the 2006/07 year.
2. That the Council confirms the financial contribution for individual connections to the new Glen Lyn Road foul sewer to be \$5,000,00 plus GST.

D Pullen/S McDermott

The Asset Manager undertook to ensure that the street lighting in Irishman Drive was activated.

4. COMMUNITY FACILITIES:

This report from the Community Facilities Manager referred to Twizel Upgrade, Pensioner Housing, Peace Avenue Trees, Pukaki Lookout Toilets, Swimming Pools and Township Contract Renewal.

Resolved that the report be received.

B J D Stringer/G Page

Cr Pullen requested that appreciation be passed on to the contractor's staff for their good work which had the Twizel township looking well presented for Labour weekend.

V OTHER REPORTS:1. COMMON SEAL:

This report from the Committee Clerk was accompanied by a list of documents signed under the Common Seal from 8 September to 19 October 2006.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received.
2. That the affixing of the Common Seal to document numbers 534 to 544 be endorsed.

G Page/J Gallagher

XII ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 3.00 pm for Citizenship Ceremonies.

XIII VISITORS:

The Mayor welcomed Rene Crawford, Ann and Stephen Jay and Arthur McBride, candidates for New Zealand Citizenship, and their families and supporters. The candidates made their New Zealand Citizenship affirmations.

The Mayor congratulated the new New Zealand citizens, presented them with their Certificates of Citizenship and gifts and read a message from the Minister of Internal Affairs.

The visitors then joined the Council for afternoon tea.

XII ADJOURNMENT:

Afternoon tea was served at 3.15 pm and the meeting was reconvened at 3.40 pm.

V OTHER REPORTS:1. ANNUAL REPORT:

This report from the Manager - Finance and Administration was accompanied by key pages from the final Annual Report on which changes made from the previous draft Annual Report were highlighted. A Summary Annual Report also accompanied the report.

Resolved that the report be received.

E Williams/D Pullen

Resolved:

1. That the Council adopts the Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2006.
2. That the Summary Annual Report as presented be released for distribution.

D Pullen/J Gallagher

Resolved that no further monies be paid to Audit NZ until details of the balance owed to Audit NZ and proposals for a stepped system for payment are made available to the Council.

D Pullen/E Williams**VIII CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:**

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Mackenzie District Council held on 12 September 2006, including such parts as were taken with the Public Excluded, be confirmed and adopted as the correct record of the meeting.

S McDermott/J Gallagher**IX MATTERS UNDER ACTION:****43 Development of Stage IV Northwest Arch:**

In response to the request for clarification of the issue, Cr Pullen explained that the site of Stage IV was owned by the Council. He said wilding tree infestation was increasing rapidly and represented a significant fire risk. The Manager - Finance and Administration said that the control of the wilding trees would be funded by the real estate account and that while it had been intended to begin investigating the sale of the land, there had been some reluctance to do so because of the number of other lifestyle developments in the area. He noted that pony club land was also available to be developed and sold.

Cr McDermott agreed that because of the plethora of sections available for sale in Twizel, it could be more prudent in the meantime to commission an assessment of the land with the view to addressing the wilding tree problem.

The Mayor suggested that the Council do an onsite inspection.

VIII COMMUNITY BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS:

This report from the Chief Executive Officer was accompanied by the minutes of the Tekapo and Fairlie Community Board meetings of 9 and 10 October 2006 respectively

Resolved that the report be received.

D Pullen/S McDermott

Resolved that the issues raised in the minutes of the Tekapo Community Board meeting, including such parts as were taken with the Public Excluded be noted and that the following recommendations be adopted:

a) **Proposed Cemetery**

That the Council accepts the Tekapo Community Board's approval in principle of the forestry reserve land adjacent to the Department of Conservation scientific reserve on Cowans Hill at Lake Tekapo as the site for the proposed cemetery.

b) **Proposed Car Park For Mt John Walkway – Removal Of Trees:**

1. That approval be given for the removal of two birch trees on the site of the car park for the Mt John Walkway.
2. That Karl Burtscher be asked to ensure that the appropriate resource consents for the disposal of stormwater from the car park are in place.
3. That a cost sharing arrangement for the development of the car park be developed.

D Pullen /B J D Stringer

Resolved that the Council notes the illness of the former mayor Bruce Scott and conveys best wishes and kind regards to him and his family.

D Pullen/B J D Stringer

Resolved that the issues raised in the minutes of the Fairlie Community Board meeting be noted and that the following recommendations be adopted

a) **Footpath Upgrade Programme:**

That the following footpath works be approved for the 2006/07 year:

1. BP Service Station to the PGGWrightson Building
2. Council Chambers to Gladstone Hotel
3. Bank Street to Princes St, East side

b) **Kirke Street Frayne Street Intersection:**

1. That the improvement project for the Kirke Street/Frayne Street intersection proceed.
2. That Minor Safety Works funding for the project be granted if other sources of funding are not able to be used.

J Gallagher /G Page

XI COMMITTEES:

Resolved that the Minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 26 September 2006 (with the correction that Cr McDermott's name be added to the list of those present at the meeting and Cr Sttinger's name be removed from that list), the Operations Committee held on 10 October 2006 and the Finance Committee meeting held on 10 October 2006, including such parts as were taken with the Public Excluded, be received and the recommendations adopted.

D Pullen /J Gallagher

The Manager - Finance and Administration asked the Councillors to let him know of any topics which they would like included for consideration in the **Finance Workshop** to be held on 7 November 2006. Cr Page requested that the relationship of capital reserves to rates be included.

VI PUBLIC EXCLUDED:

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 Mackenzie District Council meeting held on 12 September 2006
2. Public Excluded parts of the Minutes of the Mackenzie District Council meeting held on 14 September 2006
6. Public Excluded parts of the Minutes of the Tekapo Community Board held on 9 October 2006
7. Bosch Irrigation – Damage to Council Water Supply Asset
9. Mackenzie Holdings Ltd Remuneration

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1 Mackenzie District Council of 12 September 2006		48(1)(a)(i)
2. Mackenzie District Council of 14 September 2006		48(1)(a)(i)
6. Tekapo Community Board of 9 October 2006		48(1)(a)(i)
7. Bosch Irrigation Damage to Council Water Supply Asset	Legal Professional Privilege	48(1)(a)(i)
9 Mackenzie Holdings Ltd Remuneration	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

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S McDermott/B J D Stringer

The Council continued in Open Meeting.

IX ELECTED MEMBERS TIME:

Cr Stringer requested that every effort be made to ensure that the Scott Street playground is completed before Christmas 2006.

Cr Stringer also requested that the Chief Executive Officer ascertain the number of passengers that board the Twizel/Timaru bus at Lake Tekapo each Friday.

The Mayor noted that the Local Government New Zealand Zone 5 meeting was to be held in Timaru on 10 November 2006 and he asked Councillors to let him know topics which they would like to be included on the Agenda for that meeting. Cr Pullen suggested that Local Government New Zealand should be asked to strongly promote changes to the Waste Minimisation Bill. The Chief Executive Officer undertook to investigate the nature of the submission already made by Local Government New Zealand to the Bill.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE
MAYOR DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED
AT 6.00 PM.**

MAYOR: _____

DATE: _____