

MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FAIRLIE, ON TUESDAY 4 AUGUST 2009 AT 9.55 AM

PRESENT:

Simon McDermott (Chairman)
Graham Page
John O'Neill (Mayor)
Dave Pullen
Leon O'Sullivan
Graham Smith
Evan Williams (from 10.07 am)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Glen Innes (Chief Executive Officer)
Paul Morris (Manager – Finance and Administration)
Rosemary Moran (Committee Clerk)

I APOLOGY:

Resolved that an apology for lateness be received from Cr Williams.

Graham Smith /John O'Neill

II MINUTES:

Resolved that the Minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 23 June 2009, including such parts as were taken with the Public Excluded, be confirmed and adopted as the correct record of the meeting.

Graham Smith/Graeme Page

The meeting was adjourned at 10.45 am for morning tea and reconvened at 11.00 am.

III REPORTS:

1. FINANCIAL REPORT TO 30 JUNE 2009:

This report from the Manager – Finance and Administration was accompanied by the financial reports for the Council for the year to June 2009.

Resolved that the report be received.

Graham Smith/Graeme Page

Cr Williams joined the meeting at 10.07 am.

1. **Rural Water Supplies:**

It was requested that a debate be held on operation of rural water supplies (as referred to in the minutes of the Operations Committee of 31 March 2009). The Chief Executive Officer said a report would also be made on the proposal that the debt held by rural water supply committees be converted into term loans.

The meeting was adjourned at 10.43 am for morning tea and reconvened at 11.00 am.

2. **Roading:**

Cr McDermott requested that the report on the deficit in the Roothing cost centre be developed including what the debt was made up of and recommendations on the way forward.

3. **Mackenzie Retirement Villas:**

It was requested that a final report on the Fairlie pensioner housing project be provided.

4. **Legal Advice:**

The Manager – Finance and Administration undertook to provide information on Council's arrangement with Anthony Harper for legal advice.

5. **Reporting:**

The Manager – Finance and Administration advised that he intended to change the reporting format to provide increased detail for the Councillors.

2. **ALPINE ENERGY ANNUAL REPORT:**

This report from the Manager – Finance and Administration was accompanied by Alpine Energy's Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2009.

Resolved that the report be received and the information noted.

John O'Neill/Graeme Page

3. **TEKAPO WHITE WATER TRUST:**

This report from the Manager – Finance and Administration referred to the Tekapo White Water Trust's request for a variation and assignment to the existing lease between the Tekapo Whitewater Upgrade Trust and Council and to transfer the resource consent to Tekapo Whitewater Trust from the Tekapo Whitewater Upgrade Trust (The Trust).

Resolved that the report be received.

Graeme Page /Graham Smith

Resolved:

1. That the Council approves a variation to Clause 5 of the lease to allow the lessee to assign the lease subject to the Trust agreeing to meeting Council's legal costs (if any) in respect of this amendment.
2. That the Council approves the transfer of consent number 940028 from the Tekapo Whitewater Upgrade Trust to the Tekapo Whitewater Trust.

Leon O'Sullivan/Evan Williams

Cr Smith requested that, in advising of the approval of the variation and transfer which had been requested, the trustees be asked to note their responsibilities as detailed in the Trust Deed, in particular those relating to noxious weeds, waste and camping.

4. BANCORP QUARTERLY REPORT:

This report from the Manager – Finance and Administration informed Councillors of the performance of the Council's investment portfolio managed by Bancorp Treasury Services Limited.

Resolved that the report be received.

Dave Pullen/Graham Smith

Resolved:

1. That the continued holding of the Deutsche Bank bond be recognised as a policy exception.
2. That Council continues to hold the Floating Rate Note (FRN) for Deutsche Bank until such times as interest rates rise sufficiently or credit spreads decrease to such an extent that selling the FRN would not produce a capital loss on the disposal of this bond.

Leon O'Sullivan/John O'Neill

5. APPOINTMENT TO MACKENZIE MEDICAL TRUST:

This report from the Manager – Finance and Administration referred to the need to appoint a new representative to the Mackenzie Medical Trust subsequent to the resignation of Ray Bellringer from the Trust.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received.
2. Cr Graham Smith be appointed as Council's representatives on the Mackenzie Medical Trust.

Dave Pullen/Graeme Page

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE
CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 12.25 PM**

CHAIRMAN: _____

DATE: _____