

MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FAIRLIE ON TUESDAY 25 JUNE 2013 AT 9.30 AM

PRESENT:

Claire Barlow (Mayor)
Peter Maxwell
Annette Money
Graeme Page
Evan Williams

IN ATTENDANCE:

Wayne Barnett (Chief Executive Officer)
Paul Morris (Manager – Finance and Administration)
Garth Nixon (Community Facilities Manager)
Bernie Haar (Asset Manager)
Suzy Ratahi (Roading Manager)
Keri-Ann Little (Committee Clerk)

I OPENING:

The Mayor opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

The Mayor welcomed Bernie Haar, Asset Manager and Suzy Ratahi, Roading Manager who presented photos from last week's two weather events, flooding and snow. Mrs Ratahi said in dollar terms the repair bill for the flood event would be \$100-200,000 and in regards to the snow event this will not be known until the end of this week.

The Mayor thanked Mr Haar and Mrs Ratahi for all their hard work and commended Mrs Ratahi on her establishment of the Facebook page. The Mayor said she has received great feedback from the Community.

Mr Haar and Mrs Ratahi left the meeting.

II APOLOGY

Resolved that apologies be received from Councillor's John Bishop and Annette Money.

Graham Smith/ Evan Williams

III DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Cr Page expressed a declaration of interest for The Lake Alexandrina Trust agenda item, Cr Page will exclude from all discussion.

IV BEREAVEMENTS:

The Mayor referred to the recent death of William Dobbs, Anthea Kirke, Thomas Sutherland and Roy Morris.

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

V MAYORAL REPORT:

This was the report of The Mayoral activities to 21 June 2013.

Resolved that the report be received.

Peter Maxwell/ Evan Williams

The Mayor said the Fairlie Lions change of officers evening and the Canterbury Mayoral Forum was postponed due the snow event.

VI REPORTS REQUIRING COUNCIL DECISION:

1. TWIZEL NETBALL CLUB:

This report from the Chief Executive Officer was to notify Council of the difficulties that have arisen from an administrative error within Council.

Mr Nixon joined the meeting and elaborated on the process of the assessment of the application. Total of SPARC funding granted this year was \$9,500.

The Mayor said the application should be referred back to the Rural Travel Fund Committee for a decision.

The Mayor said the Council has no authority to make a decision on the SPARC funding.

Mr Nixon said another avenue is approaching the SPARC Foundation themselves.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received

Evan Williams/ Graham Smith

Resolved: that Mr Nixon goes back to the SPARC Foundation and approaches them over the reallocation of money to Twizel Netball club and once spoken to SPARC and return to the SPARC Committee.

Graeme Smith/ Graeme Page

Mr Nixon left the meeting at 10:35am

VII INFORMATION REPORTS:

1. ALPS 2 OCEAN CYCLE TRAIL:

This report from the Chief Executive Officer is to update Council in relation to a proposed change in governance structure for the Alps 2 Ocean (A2O) Cycle Trail and to update Council in relation to contractual negotiations for the implementation of the A2O business plan.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received

Graham Smith/ Graeme Page

The Chief Executive Officer spoke to his report.

Cr Smith said his biggest concern is that we must keep management of the track in our District. What will the term of contract be.

The Chief Executive Officer said the track is one track and should be marketed as one track. Tourism Waitaki will advertise the whole track. The contract will be 1+1+1, renewal each year on the proviso benchmarks are reached.

Cr Maxwell said we will benefit the most as it is the *Alps 2 Ocean* trail and we have the same objective as Waitaki. Cr Maxwell congratulated the CEO on his work.

Cr Page said he is nervous as this structure sounds like the information centre (I-site) and very much doubt it will be cost neutral and asks why we are going down this complicated structure.

The Chief Executive Officer said there are some risks with revenue but our cost is fixed. At this stage we are trying to manage around the risks with suitable CPI and contractual agreements.

Mr Morris, Manager Finance and Administration joined the meeting at 11:14am and spoke to the Council regarding the financial contribution to A2O.

Mr Morris said \$100,000 contribution will come out of the Tourism budget. We are looking at talking to other providers to see where we can remove nice to haves and free up some funding for Economic Development. Also the raise in the Tourism Rate was gathered to fund part of the A2O.

Is this \$50,000 for marketing for the next 3 years, asked Cr Smith, The Chief Executive Officer said there will be \$100,000 each year for 3 years with maintenance on top of that, this is of course dependent that the contract is on-going.

The Mayor said we need to establish this business and said we need to get on board and in the long term, 3-5 years it will become self-funded

Cr Smith thanked the Chief Executive Officer for the effort he has put into the contractual agreement, it is excellent.

Resolved:

2. That the Council authorises the Chief Executive to proceed with negotiating a contact with Tourism Waitaki for implementing the business plan for the A2O Cycle Trail.
3. That the Council indicate its support for the principle of a revised governance structure for the A2O Cycle Trail.

Graham Smith/ Evan Williams

2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT'S PLACE IN THE NZ CONSTITUTION:

The Mayor spoke to this report asking Council to consider support for Wellington City Council remit Local Government Conference in July 2013.

The Mayor said that it be recognised in the constitution that we are a separate body.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received.

Graham Smith/ Evan Williams

Resolved: that Council supports the remit.

Graeme Page/ Graham Smith

Mr Morris left the meeting at 11:41am.

3. KEEP NZ BEAUTIFUL BUTT BINS:

This report from Mr Nixon, Community Facilities Manager was for Council to consider a letter from the Medical Officer of Health in relation to Councils acceptance of Keep New Zealand Beautiful (KNZB) provision of Cigarette Butt Bins.

Resolved: that the report be received.

Peter Maxwell/ Evan Williams

Cr Maxwell said he supports Mr Nixon putting the bins throughout the Town and we need to accommodate tourists and smokers.

Cr Smith said he is disappointed with the Health Board and thinks they are being pedantic and agrees with Cr Maxwell's comments.

Cr Page thinks in a lot of respects this will help and a 0800 number on the bins, tobacco is still a legal substance and agrees with Cr Smith and thinks the Medical Officer is being a little PC. The bins will clean up the streets and our Towns.

Cr Williams supports the bins and there is a general swing against smoking in the Community so why not use this time to advertise. We are trying to deal with the problem and discourage it but not trying to ban it.

Resolved: That the butt bins remain and The Mayor relays Council's views to the Medical Officer of Health.

Graham Smith/ Evan Williams

Mr Nixon left the meeting 11:57am.

4. STARLIGHT FESTIVAL SPONSORSHIP:

This report from the Chief Executive Officer was to inform the Council the Community Board will contribute \$1,000 towards the Starlight Festival held by the Aoraki Mackenzie International Dark Sky Reserve from the 11th to the 13th of October 2013 in Tekapo if the Council contributes \$1,000 or more.

Resolved: that the report be received

Graham Smith/ Graeme Page

Cr Maxwell spoke on behalf of the Tekapo Community Board saying that the Community Board will fund black out blinds for the windows which will cost \$4,500 and realise the festival is being held in Tekapo.

Cr Page said this would be a good case for the Economic Development budget.

Mr Morris joined the meeting at 12:02pm.

Cr Page asked will there be more development money left over after funding the A2O.

Mr Morris said that is an unknown.

Cr Smith said we can take it out of this year's grants money. What is the grants budget.

Mr Morris said there is a substantial fund but a lot of that is allocated and said there would be roughly \$10,000 not allocated.

Resolved: that the Council contribute \$1,000 to the Aoraki Mackenzie International Dark Sky Reserve, Starlight Festival.

Graeme Page/Evan Williams

5. LAKE ALEXANDRINA CONSERVATION TRUST REQUEST FOR A GRANT:

This report from the Community Facilities Manager Mr Nixon was spoken to by Mr Morris, Manager Administration and Finance.

Resolved: that the report be received.

Graeme Page/ Graham Smith

The request from The Lake Alexandrina Conservation Trust to Council requesting a grant of \$10,000 to contribute to the completion of on-going improvement and conservation work around the lake.

Resolved: that the Council make a \$10,000 grant towards this project.

Peter Maxwell/ Graham Smith

VII INFORMATION REPORTS CONTINUED:

1. GENERAL ACTIVITIES REPORT:

This report from the Chief Executive Officer referred to Committee, Community Board Meetings, and Other Meetings and Activities.

Resolved that the report be received.

Evan Williams/Peter Maxwell

2. ADOPTION OF SPEED LIMIT BYLAW 2013:

This report from the Roading Manager was to seek Council's adoption of the Mackenzie District Speed Limit Bylaw 2013. The Mayor spoke to the report.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received.

Graham Smith/ Graeme Page

2. That the bylaw 2013 originally advertised is adopted for implementation on 1st of July 2013.

Peter Maxwell/ Graham Smith

3. ZONE 5 AND 6 REPORT:

This information report from the Mayor was to debrief elected members regarding the Zone 5/6 meeting in Queenstown on Friday 7 June.

The Mayor spoke to her notes.

The CEO spoke to defining the affordability of drinking water.

4. LETTER FROM HON CHRIS TREMAIN:

The Mayor said that the letter of response attached to the agenda referred to Mr Tremain's recent visit and was for the elected member's information.

VIII ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 12:33pm and reconvened at 1:12pm.

IX COMMUNITY BOARDS:

This report from the Chief Executive Officer was accompanied by the Minutes of the meetings of the Fairlie Community Board held on 13 March 2013 and the Twizel and Tekapo Community Boards held on 11 March 2013.

Resolved that the report be received.

Graham Smith /Evan Williams

FAIRLIE COMMUNITY BOARD:

1. World War I (WWI) Young Soldier Statue:

That the Council approves the Mackenzie Enhancement Board's request.

Resolved: that the Council grants authority for the Statue of the WWI Young Soldier to be placed and remain on Council owned property at the Fairlie Village Green. Council undertakes to provide for the on-going maintenance of the statue and gardens in perpetuity.

Owen Hunter/ Ron Joll

2. Lease Reserve 41131:

That the Council notes the following decision on the lease of Reserve 41131.

Resolved:

1. That the Reserve 41131 be leased to Peter Johnson for three years at the agreed tendered rate of \$2,260 per annum including GST.
2. That the Community Board reduce the 1st year's rental by the sum of \$1,092 + GST to account for the spraying of the western boundary between the residents and the golf course.

Graeme Page/ Les Blacklock

3. Moreh Home Trust Board:

That the Council notes the following decision to grant a gift of \$2,000 to Moreh Home and the Board's request that Moreh Home undertake leak detection at their own cost.

Resolved:

1. A grant gifted to Moreh Home of \$2,000 on the proviso that the leak detection is undertaken at Moreh Home's own cost.
2. CEO investigates the issue of excess water charges.

Graeme Page/ Trish Willis

4. Old Library Café Public Consultation Report:

That the Council notes the decision moving forward for the Old Library Café following the Public Consultation Meeting.

Resolved:

1. The CEO will engage with two architects to provide prices and concepts drawing for a replacement building.
2. Staff will liaise with the existing tenant in relation to a favourable layout of a new or repaired building.
3. Staff will seek a cost estimate for total repair of the existing building.
4. Staff will obtain a rental valuation for a repair or replacement building.

Owen Hunter/ Ron Joll

6. Village Green Tables and Shelters:

That Council notes that after requesting the Communities feedback on the proposed new tables and shelters for the Village Green in Fairlie and only receiving one submission, Mr Nixon is now proceeding with the project.

TEKAPO COMMUNITY BOARD:

1. Starlight Festival Sponsorship:

That Council notes the Community Board's resolution to contribute \$1,000 or more to the Aoraki Mackenzie International Dark Sky Reserve Board, Starlight Festival being held in Tekapo from the 11th to the 13th of October 2013.

Resolved: That The Community Board contributes \$1,000 towards the Starlight Festival as long as the Council contributes \$1,000 or more.

Peter Maxwell/ Alan Hayman

2. Tekapo Community Hall Fees:

That Council notes the resolution from the Board in regards to a position of Community Centre Manager be created and that that position be advertised.

Resolved:

1. That the Tekapo Community Board recommends to Council the revised fees and charges and review suitability prior to 1 July 2014.
2. That the Community Board recommends to Council that a position of Community Centre Manager be created and that that position be advertised.

Peter Munro/Alan Hayman

3. Tekapo Community Hall Furniture:

That Council notes the resolved options to furnish the new Community Hall.

Resolved:

1. to investigate blackout blinds for the Hall, proceed with these unless it's over \$3,200.00.
2. Happy with plastic tables and meeting room tables, option F on the committee chair and the Bella chair for the Hall.

Peter Munro/ Alan Hayman.

TWIZEL COMMUNITY BOARD:

1. Twizel Events Centre – Carpet:

That Council note that the Board have resolved to replace the carpet right through the Twizel Events Centre.

Resolved: that the Twizel Events Centre carpet be replaced right through using carpet squares.

Peter Bell/ John Bishop

2. Public Toilet Progress Update:

That the Council note that the Community Board are happy with the design and build option proposed by Calder Stewart LTD.

Resolved: the Community Board are happy with the design build option proposed by Calder Stewart LTD.

Peter Bell/ Phil Rive

X COMMITTEES:

Resolved that Minutes of the meetings of the, Finance, Planning and Project and Strategies meetings held on the 11th and 13th of June including such parts as were taken with the Public Excluded, be received.

Peter Maxwell/ Graham Smith

XI CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Mackenzie District Council held on Thursday 13 June 2013, including such parts as were taken with the Public Excluded, be confirmed and adopted as the correct record of the meeting with the following changes:

Claire Barlow/ Graham Smith

Submission 3

Bill Bayfield – ECAN:

rejected but seek further information.

Resolved: that the submission be rejected.

Graham Smith/ Evan Williams

Cr Page voted against the resolution.

XII PUBLIC EXCLUDED:

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

1. Twizel Office Service Review
2. Robin Hughes Development

<u>Reason for passing General subject of each matter to be considered</u>	<u>Ground(s) under this resolution in relation to each matter</u>	<u>Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</u>
Twizel Office Service Review	Commercial Sensitivity	48(1)(a)(i)
Robin Hughes Development	Protect the privacy of natural Persons	48(1)(a)(i)

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: *Twizel Office Service Review* section 7(2)(b)(ii) and *Robin Hughes Development* Section 7(2)(a).

Graeme Page / Evan Williams

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS
THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 2:29PM**

CHAIRMAN: _____

DATE: _____