

# **MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ASSET AND SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FAIRLIE, ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2014, AT 11.09AM**

### **PRESENT:**

James Leslie (Chairman)  
Claire Barlow (Mayor)  
Cr Graham Smith  
Cr Evan Williams  
Cr Russell Armstrong  
Cr Noel Jackson

### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

Wayne Barnett (Chief Executive Officer)  
Garth Nixon (Community Facilities Manager)  
Bernie Haar (Asset Manager)  
Geoff Horler (Utilities Manager)  
Suzy Ratahi (Roading Manager)  
Angie Taylor (Solid Waste Manager)  
Arlene Goss (Committee Clerk)  
Jack Montgomerie (Timaru Herald)  
Three representatives from the Twizel Early Learning Centre

### **APOLOGIES:**

There were no apologies.

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **MINUTES:**

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Asset and Services Committee held on September 2, 2014, including those parts taken in public excluded, be confirmed as an accurate record.

**Claire Barlow/Russell Armstrong**

### **REPORTS:**

#### **ASSET MANAGERS MONTHLY REPORT – OCTOBER 2014:**

The purpose of this report was to update the Asset and Services Committee on the progress on various projects and also the normal operation of the department for the past month. The following matters were included in the discussion of this report:

Geoff Horler said progress was being made on the Twizel water upgrade. Cr Armstrong asked what size generator was required and Mr Horler said this was around 3000kva and would be quiet.

Cr Leslie asked regarding the Manuka Tce water supply. Mr Horler said he hoped to present a report on this at the next meeting of the Asset and Services

Committee. The Mayor asked if we could take this report to the residents of Manuka Tce to let them know what is going on. Bernie Haar said this would form part of the discussion held by the committee once the report was received.

Suzy Ratahi said some good work was done on Godley Peaks Road. Traffic is high on this road with people going to Mount John and Lake Alexandrina. This means the road is deteriorating faster than expected. Cr Smith asked if the road had been compacted properly. Bernie Haar provided a history of this road. We are getting more tourist traffic on the road than anticipated and the land use change at Godley Peaks also means more traffic.

Discussion was held on whether stations changing their land use should contribute to road maintenance when their heavy traffic was having an impact.

Regarding the Lake Tekapo Footbridge, this is on the national land transport plan and we are awaiting regional approval from NZTA. This is being followed up by the chief executive.

Cr Smith asked regarding environmental maintenance of \$55,000 spent. This is mainly due to ice gritting on the roads this year.

Suzy Ratahi said more work has happened to develop the roading collaboration with other councils. There is uncertainty around how many roading contracts there will be. The chief executive said these issues will be discussed at a meeting on Friday and a report will come back on this matter.

Cr Armstrong asked for a progress update on issues at Maitland Place, Twizel, and the Telecom box on Ostler Road. Suzy Ratahi updated these issues which are ongoing.

The Mayor asked Geoff Horler for an update regarding the clean-up of a storm water drain after a sewerage line was accidentally put into it. This was done accidentally over 10 years ago and we have paid for a portion of the repair and clean-up.

Angie Taylor reported on solid waste. Bin audits are being carried out. Contractors have checked about 100 bins in Twizel over two days. Generally they were good, but there were a few recurring issues to address through education. Further bin audits are planned for Tekapo and Fairlie.

The Mayor said she was concerned about allowing wilding pines to grow to screen rubbish at Twizel, and should other trees be used? Angie Taylor said there was cost involved in wilding removal. The Mayor said she would discuss this further with Angie Taylor.

Cr Jackson asked regarding waste metal drop off and if it included car bodies. We discourage this unless the body has been stripped of contaminants.

Resolved that the report be received.

**Evan Williams/Graham Smith**

#### LAKE ALEXANDRINA CONSERVATION TRUST:

A letter from the trust asking for a contribution towards conservation work at Lake Alexandrina is attached to the minutes at page 22.

Garth Nixon spoke regarding this matter. The trust has applied for money historically which council has granted. They have done some good work around Lake Alexandrina. Council has a policy related to the funds that come from the

lease of the huts. We have to retain about \$24,000 for emergency work and there is a balance in the reserve of approx. \$200,000. The community can do work on the reserves using this fund.

He thinks we should fully fund the request of \$16,400 to carry on with the work the trust are doing. This will be used for further work on Scott's Creek and other tasks outlined in the letter from the trust.

The chairman suggested that we ask the trust to invite councillors to view their activities at some stage.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received.

**Claire Barlow/Russell Armstrong**

2. That the Asset and Services Committee approve a \$16,400 grant to the lake Alexandrina Conservation Trust funded from the Lake Alexandrina Reserve.

**Claire Barlow/Russell Armstrong**

#### TWIZEL EARLY LEARNING CENTRE:

The purpose of this report was to consider a request from the Twizel Early Learning Centre for land. Three representatives from the Twizel Early Learning Centre were at the meeting.

Garth Nixon said the Twizel Early Learning Centre had approached council for assistance and options to expand. Following discussion with our planners he had discovered that childcare facilities were appropriate on land zoned Rec A. The community board were in favour of using Rec A land to assist.

He is asking the Asset and Services committee to approve further exploration of using Rec A land and said there were other examples of childcare facilities using council land in this manner.

Garth Nixon then tabled a map showing a building in the viewing corridor in Twizel which would require a resource consent, as an example of what he was considering.

The Mayor asked if that was the only Rec A land that makes practical sense in Twizel. Anything in the viewing corridor would require a resource consent.

Garth Nixon said another possibility was the existing basketball court. The chairman asked if the old medical centre had been considered. Garth Nixon has considered it but questioned the suitability of this site due to the value of the land.

Cr Jackson asked what would become of the old Twizel Early Learning Centre building, which stands on council land. If the land was sold they could have the value of the building. The land could be sold and this money would go back into the council's real estate account.

Cr Smith asked the representatives from the Twizel Early Learning Centre if they wanted to be in the middle of town. They said yes, this was best location for parents. What are the growth projections? The baby area at the current centre is at full capacity at the moment and there has been a baby boom in

Omarama and Twizel over the past six months. They are the only childcare facility available for this age, and only have seven spaces for babies under 2.

The new building would allow 50 children so is larger than the current building. They would also like to expand over time as needed.

Garth Nixon said the viewing corridor is up for review in the district plan, but expansion of a childcare centre on that site would currently require resource consent.

The Mayor said she sees this as part of the critical infrastructure for Twizel. Council should lend support to foster growth in the community. She thinks it's a good location.

Cr Jackson asked the representatives from the Twizel Early Learning Centre how they feel about their old building being put up for sale to help fund this. They agreed with this idea.

Cr Armstrong asked if they qualified for any assistance from the government. They replied that they cannot get funding from the Ministry but can apply for grants from places like Meridian, and do fundraising.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received.

**Evan Williams/Graham Smith**

2. That council agree in principle to offer a piece of the Rec A zoned land for child care facilities and explore the options alongside the Twizel Early Learning Centre and Twizel Community Board.

**Russell Armstrong/Evan Williams**

**PUBLIC EXCLUDED:**

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

1. Previous minutes of the Asset and Services Committee meeting on September 2, 2014.
2. Contract Bridge Replacements

<b>General subject of each matter to be considered</b>	<b>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</b>	<b>Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</b>
Previous minutes September 2, 2014.	Enable Commercial Negotiations	48(1)(a)(i)
Contract Bridge Replacements	Commercial Sensitivity	7(2)(b)(ii)

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: *Previous minutes of the Asset and Services Committee under section 7(2)(i). Contract bridge replacements 7(2)(b)(ii).*

**Claire Barlow/Evan Williams**

*The Asset and Services Committee continued in open meeting.*

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE  
CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 12.08PM**

**CHAIRMAN:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_