

MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TWIZEL COMMUNITY BOARD HELD IN THE COUNCIL SERVICE CENTRE, TWIZEL ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2014 AT 4.00PM

PRESENT:

John Bishop (Chairman)
Phil Rive
Bruce White
Pat Shuker

IN ATTENDANCE:

Garth Nixon (Community Facilities Manager)
Geoff Horler (Utilities Manager)
Jason Gaskill (Tourism Waitaki)
Arlene Goss (Committee Clerk)
Five members of the public

OPENING:

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APOLOGIES:

Resolved that an apology be received from Cr Russell Armstrong.

Bruce White/Phil Rive

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest.

VISITOR:

Jason Gaskill from Tourism Waitaki was at the meeting to update the community board on the Alps2Ocean cycleway.

Mr Gaskill introduced himself and provided some background on his role running the Alps2Ocean commercial operation. Planning for off-roading the trail is continuing and negotiations are underway with land owners. Promotional activities are moving ahead with new trail counters installed. This year the number of people using the trail will probably exceed last year. He is expecting in excess of 10-12,000 visitors on the trail.

An online booking engine and website have been established allowing people to book their entire trip and hire bikes before they get here. He estimated about a thousand people spent multiple nights on the trail last year. He is working with NZ Cycle Trails and the government. NZ Cycle Trails have agreed to incorporate the Tekapo canal road into the Alps2Ocean. They are still working through logistics but everyone is happy. He has been raising the profile of the Tekapo section of the trail and will be working on signage over the next months.

Mr Gaskill said maintenance was a big issue. As more sections come off road the maintenance requirement became bigger. The trail is holding up well. A video camera has been installed to give people information about the conditions on the trail.

He asked if the community board had questions. The chairman asked if it was off-road from Twizel to Oamaru. No, a section between Sailor's Cutting and Duntroon is still on the highway, but they are working on getting it off-road. Bruce White asked about predicted numbers for 2018. Only have forecast numbers that far ahead. Based on current usage Mr Gaskill hopes the income from the trail can meet all operational costs by then. If not this will be flagged beforehand.

A member of the public asked if operators would pay a levy for the maintenance of the track. Mr Gaskill said a requirement of public funding is that the trail is free to use. But there are agreements with commercial operators. There is goodwill in the industry to make sure the trail is maintained. Spend about \$100,000 a year on maintenance. People recognise that to continue to benefit they need the asset to stay viable.

The chairman thanked Mr Gaskill for his presentation. Mr Gaskill left the meeting at 4.15pm.

MINUTES:

Pat Shuker said the minutes have missed recording her comment that the Manuka Tce water supply does not come under the jurisdiction of the Twizel Community Board. She questioned why this matter was included on the community board agenda. The chairman said the community board would always be advised about what was happening in Twizel, even if it did not have jurisdiction.

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Twizel Community Board held on October 6, 2014, be confirmed and adopted as the correct record of the meeting.

Pat Shuker/Phil Rive

TWIZEL COMMUNITY BOARD MATTERS UNDER ACTION:

1. Town Projects:

- a. Walkways: Remove from list
- b. Tekapo Drive: Completed, remove from list
- c. Done, remove from list
- d. Greenway fencing – On target at present. Edging to be installed for greenway from Mackenzie Drive to Hunter Cres. Garth Nixon said work is about to start on lifting the path.
- e. Cemetery completed, remove from list

2. Twizel Public Toilets:

Report on asbestos shows it is low risk. Garth Nixon is waiting to hear back from contractor on a price for demolition. This will then go to full council.

3. Bike Lockup:

Garth Nixon to wait until the toilets are gone before considering this. More bike space to be created when old toilets and building are removed from town centre.

4. Twizel Youth Centre:

Ongoing, out for public consultation.

5. **Overnight Camping:**
To be discussed later in the meeting.
6. **Traffic Issues at Maitland Place and Irishman Drive:**
To remain on the list until the work is done. This is a district-wide roading project with council sign-off. A price has been obtained from Whitestone and work will be underway shortly.
7. **Twizel Water Supply Upgrade:**
Geoff Horler said he is awaiting information from Opus. A briefing has been held with the community board on the treatment plant. The chairman said they appreciated this briefing.
8. **Climbing wall in Twizel Events Centre:**
Shaun Norman was at the meeting. He said this has been pushed back a month due to him being overseas and he will report back to a later meeting.
9. **Security cameras for Market Place:**
Security cameras are installed. Remove from list.
10. **Manhole on the corner of Mackenzie Drive and Ostler Road:**
No action to date. This is with Chorus. This is expected to be fixed within a fortnight. The community board has asked that this be followed up. Garth Nixon to follow up with Bernie Haar.
11. **Christmas Decorations for Market Place:**
Cr Armstrong will touch base with TPDA regarding progress on the decorations.
12. **TPDA Lease Agreement:**
Agreement has been finalised and signed. Remove from list.
13. **New Twizel Medical Centre:**
Council has approved this and work has begun on the subdivision. Remove from list.

Pat Shuker asked regarding the storm water that runs off the roof behind the Twizel gym. Garth Nixon said he will chase up the plumber to do this job.

Bruce White said the new toilet block needs a sign to say it's a public toilet, as it's not possible to tell when cars are parked in front of it. Garth Nixon will organise signage. A resolution was passed as follows:

Resolved that the Twizel Community Board puts up a sign above the level of campervans to identify the public toilets.

Bruce White/Phil Rive.

Pat Shuker asked if security cameras were working at the public toilets. Yes. She said she was on community patrol duty on Saturday night. There were people who urinated on the concrete and locked the toilet doors. Garth Nixon said they can be identified on the camera.

FINANCIAL REPORT TO SEPTEMBER, 2014:

The purpose of this report was to update board members on the financial performance of the Twizel Community as a whole for the period to September, 2014.

On page 13, community centre maintenance, this is mainly the cost of roof repair. There was a flooding issue in the gym. It needed significant scaffold work. There was also about a thousand dollar repair in the foyer that was on-charged to the hirer of the hall after someone was thrown into a wall there.

On page 14 under depreciation, why was there a variance on the budget for sewerage depreciation when council should be able to know in advance how much it would be depreciated? Geoff Horler did not know the reason for this. The chairman will ask the finance manager about this.

The chairman said there was money available in the greenways path reinstatement. Whitestone is doing work on this now. Bruce White was organising one reinstatement. Discussion was held on whether edging would be included, the chairman said the community board agrees on edging. Further discussion was held on construction materials.

Garth Nixon raised the subject of Twizel Reserves on page 19. There was an overspend expected with work at Lake Ruataniwha that was planned last year being carried out this year.

MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2015:

The purpose of this report was to advise the community board of the schedule of meetings for 2015. Following discussion the community board agreed to move the winter meetings to 3pm in the months of June, July and August, 2015.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received.
2. That the schedule of meetings be noted.

John Bishop/Bruce White

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WARD MEMBER'S REPORT:

Cr Russell Armstrong not present to give a report.

REPORTS FROM MEMBERS WHO REPRESENT THE COMMUNITY BOARD ON OTHER COMMITTEES:

There was nothing to report.

GENERAL BUSINESS – FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW:

A copy of the draft Freedom Camping Bylaw and Freedom Camping Strategy was attached to the agenda at page 28.

Garth Nixon said this was currently out for public consultation. It was valuable for the community board to hear from others on this. He encouraged community board members to encourage members of the public to put in a submission so their concerns could be heard.

He explained the difference between the strategy and bylaw. There were limited areas where council had control, the rest was about education. We were only enforcing the bylaw. The strategy was about education, such as putting up signs.

The chairman said the word "Freedom" gave the wrong impression of what was needed to park a vehicle in a place. Council needed signs that said fully self-contained vehicles only.

Garth Nixon said signage and education were important. The chairman said the feedback he had received from people in self-contained campers was that they didn't want to park close to town. They were happy with Lake Wardell and Ruataniwha. The chairman tabled a newspaper item from the Otago Daily Times. He said there was no camping in Queenstown in an area with an 80km speed zone and under.

Bruce White said there would be objections to the town sites. Garth Nixon said council needed to identify the problem and justify it before imposing restrictions. There were examples around the country where councils were being taken to court and spending money on legal fees because they did not comply with the Act.

The chairman asked who was going to police it and was it possible to impose a trial period that would show if it was working after a few months.

Pat Shuker asked why people can't stop in Twizel and have a meal and then move on. Phil Rive suggested drink driving might be a problem.

Member of the public Margaret Armstrong spoke from the floor and said it was not the campervans disturbing her, it was the young people in vans who give her abuse and take their toothbrush and dishes to the public toilet. They also dropped their rubbish in the car park.

Another member of the public said he was currently a warrant officer and was having trouble with the vans that were not self-contained. He would prefer that freedom campers parked outside the township.

Another member of the public suggested not allowing freedom campers within the 50km speed limit area. Bruce White said if you place a restriction you needed to employ a warden and was this something the township was willing to finance. Garth Nixon suggested a contractor and discussed the cost of doing this.

A member of the public said people liked to stay outside the town in places like Lake Wardell. They wanted to get out of the cities and out of the town and enjoy life. They did not need to be close to shops.

One member of the public suggested employing a person to pick up the rubbish. Another member of the public said it was the policing that was important. Sometimes they arrive at midnight and leave at 5am. How do you police that?

The chairman encouraged those present to make submissions to the council with their views. He suggested a recommendation from the community board to council. Garth Nixon questioned whether the community board would undermine Cr Armstrong as their representative if they put a recommendation to council. Cr Armstrong would represent their views.

The chairman said he would speak to senior planner Toni Morrison regarding this. No recommendation was made.

GENERAL BUSINESS – LETTER FROM ROSE GOLDING REGARDING RUBBISH:

A letter from Rose Golding is attached to the agenda at page 61. Garth Nixon updated the community board on this. Someone from a holiday home had put their rubbish on top of the bins, instead of sorting it into the bins, and this rubbish went everywhere. Discussion was held on various alternatives to the recycling bins such as a skip outside the recovery park or a regular inorganic collection.

Bruce White suggested adding wheelie bins to take the extra rubbish and the community board discussed this. The chairman said the wheelie bin idea was something the community board could look at doing before Christmas. The following resolution was passed:

Resolved that for the period of Christmas to the first week in January two wheelie bins are placed outside the Lotto Shop in Twizel.

Phil Rive/Pat Shuker

Garth Nixon has responded to Rose Golding regarding these issues.

GENERAL BUSINESS – REQUEST FOR DONATION FROM TWIZEL VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE:

This request is attached to the agenda at page 62. The chairman said this event had already happened and he donated fireworks to the event. It might be too late to do anything.

Bruce White said the fire brigade does good work and he would not want the community board to say no to a \$50 donation. He moved that the community board give them the money and this was seconded by Phil Rive. The following resolution was passed:

Resolved that the Twizel Community Board donate \$50 to the Twizel Volunteer Fire Brigade towards their fireworks display.

Bruce White/Phil Rive

LATE ITEM – REQUEST FROM TWIZEL AREA SCHOOL FOR A DONATION TOWARDS END OF YEAR PRIZES FOR STUDENTS:

The chairman has received a request from Twizel Area School. A copy is attached to these minutes. He said the community board usually gives the school \$100 towards this cause. He suggested that the same happen this year.

Resolved that the Twizel Community Board donates \$100 to Twizel Area School towards prizes for students.

John Bishop/Pat Shuker

Bruce White said he would attend the prize giving on behalf of the community board. The committee secretary was asked to contact those who have received money and ask for invoices.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

The chairman tabled a \$300 cheque he had received for the hire of the town mulcher. This was received by Arlene Goss (receipt number 234660).

Phil Rive asked regarding the demolition of the old public toilets. Garth Nixon has called for prices for demolition and the aim is to have this work completed before Christmas.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS
THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 5.24pm**

CHAIRMAN: _____

DATE: _____

6th November 2014

The Chairperson
Twizel Community Board
Twizel Service Centre
Market Place
Twizel

Dear Chairperson,

We are preparing for the 2014 school End of Year Assembly and would like to extend a personal invitation for you to support the Assembly again this year by contributing towards prizes for students.

The End of Year Assembly is a celebration of achievement for our students across the areas of academic, sporting and cultural disciplines, as well as acknowledging citizenship and leadership. In the past, local businesses and community organisations have generously supported the school with donations towards student awards. Cash donations have been preferred as we use them to purchase book vouchers for students, but the school would be grateful to receive any suitable contributions.

As always we extend an invitation to the business community and friends of the school to attend this Assembly, at 1.00pm on Tuesday 16th December, in the Twizel Events Centre Theatre.

* To ensure your donation is acknowledged in our Prize-giving list and at Assembly, we would appreciate receiving your gift before Friday 28th November, 2014.

Thank you for considering this request,

Yours sincerely


William Feasey
Principal

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