

# MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TWIZEL COMMUNITY BOARD HELD IN THE TWIZEL EVENTS CENTRE ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2015, AT 4PM

### PRESENT:

John Bishop (Chairman)  
Pat Shuker  
Cr Russell Armstrong

### IN ATTENDANCE:

Claire Barlow, Mayor  
Wayne Barnett, Chief Executive  
Garth Nixon, Community Facilities Manager  
Bernie Haar, Asset Manager  
Angie Taylor, Twizel Town Manager  
Arlene Goss, Committee Secretary  
Annabelle Bray, Christchurch and Canterbury Tourism  
Cr James Leslie, observing  
Two members of the public

### OPENING:

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from Phil Rive and Bruce White.

### DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest.

### VISITOR:

Annabelle Bray from Christchurch and Canterbury Tourism gave a presentation on tourism promotion in the district. This is available as an attachment to these minutes. Following the presentation the Mayor thanked Annabelle Bray for coming and for doing a good job on behalf of the district.

### MINUTES:

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Twizel Community Board held on August 24, 2015, be confirmed and adopted as the correct record of the meeting.

**Russell Armstrong/Pat Shuker**

### TWIZEL COMMUNITY BOARD MATTERS UNDER ACTION:

**Twizel Water Supply Upgrade:** Asset Manager Bernie Haar said everything is on track. The cartridge filter got blocked by the green algae that is growing in the reservoir so they have taken the filters offline and will accelerate the covering of the reservoir to control the algae. Apart from that everything is working well and on track for an official opening and open day in November.

**Early Learning Centre Location:** The Twizel Early Learning Centre will consult with the community on the Glen Lyon Road location. This is being progressed.

**Overgrown Trees, Market Place:** The chairman said a climbing weed was taken away but no limbs were cut off the trees. He asked for them to be pruned a little more. Garth Nixon said what was done was only moderate and he will give the trees another lift.

## REPORTS:

### FINANCIAL REPORT TO AUGUST, 2015:

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 August, 2015.

Garth Nixon said this was the first report for the financial year. Members' expenses are slightly over budget. The cleaning position at the events centre has moved from a contractor to a staff member and this has shown savings.

Resolved that the report be received.

**John Bishop/Russell Armstrong**

### TWIZEL TEKAPO VEHICLE TRUST GARAGE:

The purpose of this report was to seek community board approval to locate a new garage for storage of vehicle trust vehicles in the vicinity of the Twizel Events Centre.

Garth Nixon said the vehicle trust approached council and this Rec A land was considered suitable. There is an opportunity for a shared proposal to include council vehicles and trust vehicles in the same garage building. He asked if the community board was supportive of building a garage at that location.

The chairman has met with the trust and said the trust are in favour of building on this site. The chairman said an entry door will need to be included on both sides. Cr Armstrong asked if Council has a need for a garage. Garth Nixon said currently the council cars go home with staff at night in Twizel due to a lack of garaging.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received.

**Russell Armstrong/Pat Shuker**

2. That the Twizel Community Board recommends to Council that the Rec zoned land be provided to the Twizel-Tekapo Vehicle Trust, as identified in the plan attached to the report.

**Russell Armstrong/Pat Shuker**

### KERBSIDE COLLECTIONS:

The purpose was to report back to the board on waste disposal options for residents who have missed the scheduled kerbside collection, or who are unable to arrange for their bin to be put out on the scheduled collection day.

Angie Taylor spoke to this report. She said this does not appear to be a widespread issue and is restricted to Twizel, as she has not had similar requests from Tekapo or Fairlie. In light of that, and due to the wheelie bin system working very well for four years, she believes this is not a major issue. Because solid waste collection is a district-wide service, any changes would need to be considered by Council and be enacted district-wide.

Pat Shuker said she would prefer to stay with the status quo. The chairman said it's almost unanimous in the town that the wheelie bin system is the best they've had. He believes the inconvenience of arranging someone to put your bin out is minor. He would like to pursue more education and advertising to make people aware of the options. Cr Armstrong said the community board has only had one letter on this issue.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received.

**John Bishop/Russell Armstrong**

2. That no changes be made to the curbside rubbish collection system.

**John Bishop/Russell Armstrong**

**WARD MEMBER'S REPORT:**

Cr Armstrong reported on council decisions to remove fire risk wilding trees from council land near Twizel, and also reported that council owned sections on Glen Lyon Road have been put on the market and are attracting good interest.

Pat Shuker asked for a map to be put in the Twizel Update showing the area to be cleared of trees. Garth Nixon agreed to do this.

Pat Shuker asked regarding the clearing of trees at the back of Northwest Arch. Garth Nixon said we would need a resource consent to do the work and Angie Taylor is getting this underway. Not sure if this will be publically notified or just notified to affected neighbours. Pat Shuker said some people are upset about losing trees on the park land. Garth Nixon said when we apply for a resource consent they will be able to express their views. The chairman said it was important for people to understand the fire risk in this area.

Garth Nixon has had a quote to limb the trees from Northwest Arch to the back end of the walkway and this would be about \$10,000. He asked if the community board was happy to start this work. Pat Shuker expressed concern about the layer of pine needles on the ground being a fire risk. She is also concerned about how to encourage property owners to limb their own trees on private land. The chief executive said it was important to do our own land first and that council's actions to control fire risk would encourage others to do the same.

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

There was nothing to report.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

**1. Letter from Mike Williams.**

The community board considered a letter from Mike Williams at page 37 of the agenda. Garth Nixon said this complaint is fair. He has spoken to Whitestone who apologised for dropping

the ball and said they will do better. They are engaging additional staff. The community board can request extra days of litter control from Whitestone. Garth Nixon offered to respond to Mike Williams.

## **2. Letter from Judith Holland, Twizel Community Care Trust.**

This item on page 38 of the agenda was discussed. Garth Nixon said this problem was a combination of frost heave and snow on these walkways. Different walkways were discussed. The chairman has organised for himself and the finance manager to attend a meeting at the Twizel Community Care Trust of people who have questions for the council. He considered the community board should put money aside each year to seal a couple of greenways. Garth Nixon said the community board already puts aside \$10,000 a year for greenway improvements. The board considered that sealing the main greenways was a good idea, as people value and use these. There is money left over from last year which could be spent. Garth Nixon to come back to the next meeting with costings for sealing greenways so this can be discussed further. Garth Nixon to reply to Judith Holland.

## **3. Request for funding from Colin McKinney, Twizel Promotion and Development Association.**

The community board considered an email from Colin McKinney at page 39 of the agenda. This is an application for funding from the TPDA for Christmas decorations and advertising of the Wine and Salmon Festival. Pat Shuker noted that the community board gave the TPDA \$500 for Christmas decorations last year. The chairman had reservations on providing \$500 a year and suggested \$300 this year. The community board agreed.

Resolved that the Twizel Community Board grants \$300 to the TPDA to put towards Christmas decorations.

**John Bishop/Russell Armstrong**

Regarding the request for \$1,000 towards Wine and Salmon Festival advertising, the community board would like to see a statement of financial position so they can consider it. The community board only has a grants budget of \$2,500. Grants are traditionally towards permanent items rather than advertising. The formal grant application form requires more information about the organisation, including financial information and how this benefits the community.

Resolved that the TPDA be asked to supply an official grant application for consideration at the next meeting of the community board.

**John Bishop/Russell Armstrong**

## **4. Request for funding from Liane Rush, Twizel Early Learning Centre.**

The community board considered an email from Liane Rush at page 40 of the agenda. This request is for a grant towards room hire.

Resolved that the Twizel Community Board grants \$72.50 to the Twizel Early Learning Centre towards room hire, and they pay the other \$50.

**John Bishop/Pat Shuker**

## 5. Possible Town Projects.

Community facilities manager Garth Nixon requested a discussion on possible town projects for the coming year.

Garth Nixon asked the community board if they would like to provide a grassed parking area next to the events centre on an area where the tar seal is broken and can be ripped up. Long vehicle parks are needed in this area and it is being used more now than it has been.

Garth Nixon said that without a hard surface it would be undefined parking. The chairman suggested a kerb to mark the parking area. Do they need to go back to the community and consult? No. This is already a parking area and is just being improved. This work could be done by Christmas.

The location of the new garage for the vehicle trust and council cars was discussed and a possible conflict between vehicles and pedestrians.

Garth Nixon also raised the issue of the river walkway being slightly rutted. He asked the community board if they wanted to put work into this walkway. The chairman said this is a river walk and not intended to be at the level of sealed walkway.

A member of the public who was at the meeting also commented on a walkway that needs further work. The chairman said there are already plans to improve the path.

Garth Nixon said the Twizel Events Centre fridge has been discarded because it wasn't working and needs to be replaced. Angie Taylor has found a fridge for about \$1800 and he would like to fund this through the maintenance budget.

Resolved that the Twizel Community Board approves the purchase of a new fridge for the Twizel Events Centre kitchen at a cost of \$1800, funded from the maintenance budget.

**John Bishop/Russell Armstrong**

Garth Nixon also asked for a resolution to approve the trimming of trees at Northwest Arch at a cost of \$10,000. This area is an avenue of trees nearly 3km long.

Resolved that the Twizel Community Board instructs Garth Nixon to spend \$10,000 on limbing trees at Northwest Arch.

**John Bishop/Russell Armstrong**

The chief executive raised the issue of the parking study rejected at the last meeting because it was too expensive. He asked if the community board would like the engineers to address them directly or if the community board would like to request assistance from Council.

Cr Armstrong said a parking study would be more helpful when the Meridian building is up and running to get a feeling of how they are impacting on the car parking. The chairman doesn't mind Abley coming and talking but he does not want to commit money to a parking study until they know more. No action was requested.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS  
THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 5.58pm**

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