

MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ASSET AND SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FAIRLIE, ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2016, AT 11.52AM

PRESENT:

Cr James Leslie (Chairman)
Mayor Claire Barlow
Cr Graham Smith
Cr Murray Cox
Cr Russell Armstrong
Cr Evan Williams

IN ATTENDANCE:

Wayne Barnett, Chief Executive
Bernie Haar, Asset Manager
Suzy Ratahi, Roading Manager
Geoff Horler, Utilities Manager
Arlene Goss, Committee Secretary
Chris Hyde, Timaru Herald

APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from Cr Noel Jackson and Solid Waste Manager Angie Taylor.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest.

MINUTES:

The Asset Manager requested a correction to the public excluded minutes at page 6 of the agenda. The heading 'Twizel Wastewater Treatment Plant Land Purchase' needs to change to 'Twizel Reservoir Re-Line and Cover Tender Acceptance'.

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Asset and Services Committee held on November 24, 2016, including those parts taken in public excluded, be adopted and confirmed as a correct record with the change noted above.

Cr Smith/Cr Williams

ASSET MANAGERS MONTHLY REPORT:

The purpose of this report was to update the Asset and Services Committee on the progress on various projects and also on the normal operation of the department for the past month.

The following matters were included in the discussion of this report:

Geoff Horler took the councillors through the main points of his report. The chairman thanked Geoff Horler for his ability to postpone the Twizel Reservoir Reline and Cover for a month.

Fairlie water restrictions have been lifted. Lake Opuha is filling but the level of the river is dropping. Unless we get substantial rain again we will be back onto restrictions again before the end of summer. Work is being done on whether it is feasible to apply for a variation to the water take consent for Fairlie.

Suzy Ratahi updated the councillors on roading activity. Recent rain has created pot holes and there will be ongoing pothole issues throughout the district. Active warning signs for Tekapo School have been put up.

Cr Smith asked about Godley Peaks Road. Further drainage work was needed and it is due for a re-seal. The road was built at the time to meet needs but the farming operation on Godley Peaks Station has changed in 10 years, putting greater traffic loadings on the road, specifically since they have installed irrigation. Now that the farmers have a resource consent for irrigation it has made a big difference to the traffic using the road. The Mayor asked if tourist traffic makes a difference. Yes traffic to Mount John has increased. Will need to keep drainage work up to scratch to maintain this road.

Bernie Haar spoke regarding solid waste. The big issue was handling of Christmas waste. This was a busy period for ESL in all communities. The double collections in Twizel were well used by residents. The methods used to get the message out were appropriate. No complaints that we are aware of. More people are asking for double bins across the district, particularly in Tekapo. A Cromwell business owner wants to set up a composting operation taking all of our green waste. Council staff are helping him with this project.

Cr Cox asked if Council has considered green waste bins. It's an added expense and the policy is to encourage people to have a home compost, however this is something that might be appropriate in the future.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE
CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 12.13pm**

CHAIRMAN: _____

DATE: _____