

MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TEKAPO COMMUNITY BOARD HELD IN THE LAKE TEKAPO COMMUNITY HALL ON MONDAY 23 JUNE 2008 AT 7.00 PM

PRESENT:

Peter Maxwell (Chairman)
Leon O'Sullivan
Murray Cox
Catherine Young
Peter Munro

IN ATTENDANCE

Glen Innes (Chief Executive Officer)
Garth Nixon (Community Facilities Manager)
Bernie Haar (Asset Manager)
Rosemary Moran (Committee Clerk)

I APOLOGY:

An apology from the Mayor was noted.

II MINUTES:

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Tekapo Community Board held on 12 May 2008, be confirmed and adopted as the correct record of the meeting.

Catherine Young/Leon O'Sullivan

MATTERS UNDER ACTION:

4. **Walkways:**

Catherine Young suggested that a link be created from walkway which had been re-routed from Cowans Hill to Lochinver. The Community Facilities Manager said there was potential for access to be made via the cemetery when it was developed.

7 **Fire Risk to Dwellings in Lake Tekapo:**

Peter Munro suggested that the debris under the forestry trees be cleaned up before summer to reduce the fire risk. He said District Forest Manager Kevin O'Neill had offered the use of a truck for what could be a fundraising opportunity for a local group. Catherine Young undertook to find out if the Tekapo School was interested in the project.

10 **Cowans Hill Walkway:**

The Community Facilities Manager undertook to write to Rob and Ann Allen to thank them for the past use of their land for the Cowans Hill walkway.

12 **Proposed Lake Tekapo Community Centre:**

The need to ensure that a community centre was sited in the right place and contained the right components was discussed.

The Community Facilities Manager undertook to arrange a workshop for Board members and invited key people to take place following the Chairman's return to town on 14 July 2008.

Resolved that a public meeting be held at Labour Weekend 2008 to consider options for the siting and potential uses of a community centre in Lake Tekapo.

Peter Munro/Catherine Young

15 **Parking in the Village Centre**

The Chairman undertook arrange for business owners to be reminded to ensure that valuable parking spaces in the village centre were left available for the use of customers rather than taken up by staff.

16 **Access from Camping Ground to Ice Skating Rink**

Catherine Young said the main problem seemed to be that lighting of the access to the ice skating rink was obscured by trees. The Asset Manager advised that the edges of the road from the squash courts to the motor camp were to be tidied up which should help improve the situation and suggested the branches/trees concerned be marked for removal.

It was noted that it was unlikely that further work on the access road would be undertaken until the Spring, however the operator of the Ice Rink should be reminded of any conditions associated with the resource consent which remained to be completed.

III REPORTS:

1. **SUBMISSION TO DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN:**

The Community board considered the submission from Colin MacLaren regarding the proposed Lake Tekapo Community Centre, and noted that the subject had been discussed earlier in the meeting.

2. **LAKESHORE CYCLEWAY PROJECT**

This report from the Community Facilities Manager updated the Community Board on progress to date with the lakeshore cycleway project.

Resolved that the report be received.

Leon O'Sullivan/Catherine Young.

The Board members viewed the plans for the project.

Resolved that the proposed plans be approved and submitted to Transit NZ and other parties to enable progress to the next stage to be made.

Peter Munro/Leon O'Sullivan

3. LAKE ALEXANDRINA CONSERVATION TRUST:

Cr O'Sullivan spoke to a letter from the Lake Alexandrina Conservation Trust which sought endorsement from the Community Board for the tasks which they were undertaking in the Lake Alexandrina Reserve Area. The endorsement was required to support the Trust's applications for funding assistance.

Resolved:

1. That the letter be received.
2. *That the Tekapo Community Board endorses the endeavours of the Lake Alexandrina Conservation Trust with regard to the Lake Alexandrina Reserve because of the value of that area to the region.*
Leon O'Sullivan /Peter Munro

4. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS WHO REPRESENT THE BOARD ON OTHER COMMITTEES:

1. **Department of Conservation Project River Recovery Liaison Group**
Peter Munro reported that he had attended a meeting of the Group in Twizel. He said a number of local people were doing good work in the Godley and Cass areas and work was being planned for the Upper Tekapo. He said there was enthusiasm for the development of Forks Stream as a native fishery and support for the project was to be sought from the Lake Tekapo community.
2. **Regional Park**
Murray Cox reported that the creation of an incorporated society to work with Environment Canterbury and raise funds was being investigated. A public meeting was to be held on 10 July 2008 to discuss its formation, aims, rules etc. He said progress towards the construction of fencing and signage was underway and it was hoped the project would be completed by the spring.

IV GENERAL:

1. TEKAPO COMMUNITY BOARD SUBMISSION TO PLAN CHANGE 13 – SUBMISSION FROM FEDERATED FARMERS:

The Chairman advised of submissions from the Mackenzie Branch of Federated Farmers which totally opposed the submission the Board had made to Plan Change 13, and from Simons Pass Station which supported some parts of the Board's submission.

The Chief Executive Officer said the Council had resolved that submissions to Plan Change 13 would be heard by a panel chaired by independent commissioner David Collins with the Mayor and Cr Williams. The hearings were to be held in September 2008 and were expected to take about two weeks.

2. NEW WELCOME TO LAKE TEKAPO SIGNS AND ADVERTISING SIGNAGE IN THE VILLAGE CENTRE:

Cr O'Sullivan referred to the Board's budget for new *Welcome to Lake Tekapo* signs and the need to commission design work to initiate the project. He suggested the use of the same stone cairn theme as for the existing *Welcome to the Mackenzie District* signs.

Cr O'Sullivan suggested that advertising boards be made available at either end of town on which space could be rented out to businesses which did not have a presence on the main road. He undertook to provide a suggested design for the next meeting. The Chief Executive Officer noted the need for such signs to comply with the requirements of both Transit NZ and the District Plan.

3. BOAT RAMP – MERIDIAN COUNCIL INITIATIVE:

Murray Cox said he, Leon O'Sullivan and Brett Shand had met with Dave Herrick of Meridian when improvements to the boat ramp had been agreed. Mr Herrick had considered that Meridian would support a joint venture with the Council and community but warned that the company would not assume ongoing responsibility for its maintenance nor wished the project to be seen as creating a precedent for Meridian to be involved in similar projects in the other lakes.

The Chairman said Mr Shand had suggested that safety issues could be discussed with Environment Canterbury in relation to the resource consent process.

The Asset Manager undertook to liaise with Mr Cox regarding plans for the boat ramp.

6. COMMUNICATION WITH THE COMMUNITY:

Catherine Young said she had become aware that some people thought the Board was making decisions behind closed doors and shutting out the community. She referred in particular to the village centre development and the Cowans Hill walkway.

The Chairman pointed out that all Board meetings were open; however members of the public rarely attended.

The Chief Executive Officer said that following all meetings he wrote press releases which focussed on decisions, rather than discussions. He acknowledged that absentee landowners might miss out on news published in the local free papers, however the news was also included in the *Mackenzie Messenger* distributed every three months with the rates accounts. He suggested the Board could include on its Agendas, *Items to be Publicised*.

Murray Cox suggested that Board news could be included in the TPA newsletter.

It was noted that all Community Board Meeting Agendas and Minutes were available at Air Safaris.

The Chief Executive Officer reminded members that the Mayor was always looking for issues to air during his regular radio interviews and would welcome topics from the Tekapo community.

7. DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION SUBMISSION RE TWO THUMB CONSERVATION PARK:

The Chairman referred to a suggestion from Peter Munro that the Board support the establishment of the Two Thumb Conservation Park, given its potential advantages for the Tekapo area and the position of the Township as the gateway to the park. He said he had composed a brief submission and circulated it for the approval of Board members.

The Asset Manager requested that he be made aware of such developments because of their potential effects on Council infrastructure. He said, while the philosophy was supported, there could be details such as roading that the Council needed to take note of and perhaps submit upon.

Resolved that the following submission on the establishment of the Two Thumb Conservation Park be endorsed:

The Lake Tekapo Community Board would like to support Department of Conservation's (DOC) proposal of establishing the Two Thumb Conservation Park.

The Board sees future benefits to the Lake Tekapo Township as there is huge potential for the establishment of further passive type recreational activities throughout the Park e.g. walking/hiking tracks, cross country skiing, mountain bike tracks etc. It would support establishing these activities either as a DOC alone activity or in conjunction with commercial operators.

The Board sees Lake Tekapo as being the gateway to the park and as such would suggest that DOC liaises with the Manager of Destination Mt Cook Mackenzie with the idea of incorporating the promotion of the Park in any future "I-site" centre which maybe developed in Lake Tekapo.

We do not wish to be heard on this submission.

Peter Munro/Murray Cox

8. REPRESENTATION REVIEW:

The Chief Executive Officer referred to the Mayor's proposal that the Council seek an increase in the number of Councillors for the District given the potential for quorum problems when Councillors had leave of absence from meetings.

He explained the process for a representation review which would have to be completed by the beginning of 2010.

Resolved that the Tekapo Community Board supports any effort by the Mackenzie District Council to increase Councillor representation for the triennial elections in 2010.

Peter Maxwell/Murray Cox

9. **INFORMATION CENTRE FOR LAKE TEKAPO:**

Cr O'Sullivan advised that the Mackenzie Tourism and Development Trust had resolved to establish an information centre in Lake Tekapo and was currently seeking a suitable site.

10. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE:**

Leon O'Sullivan was granted leave of absence from the next meeting of the Tekapo Community Board scheduled for 4 August 2008.

IX PUBLIC EXCLUDED:

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

1. Village Centre
2. Rabbits in the Township

<u>General subject of each matter to be considered</u>	<u>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</u>	<u>Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</u>
Village Centre	To protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it	48(1)(a)(i) That good reason exists for not discussing the matter with the public present and is not outweighed by the public interest
Rabbits in Township	To 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: *Village Centre- To protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it. Section 7(2)(b)(ii) and Rabbits in Township – Section 7(2)(a).*

Peter Maxwell/Leon O'Sullivan

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS
THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED
AT 9.40 PM**

CHAIRMAN: _____

DATE: _____