

MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FAIRLIE, ON TUESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2009 AT 9.05 AM

PRESENT:

Simon McDermott (Chairman)
Graeme Page
John O'Neill (Mayor)
Graham Smith
Evan Williams

IN ATTENDANCE:

Glen Innes (Chief Executive Officer)
Paul Morris (Manager – Finance and Administration)
Rosemary Moran (Committee Clerk)

I APOLOGIES:

Resolved that apologies for absence be received from Crs O'Sullivan and Pullen.

Graham Smith/Graeme Page

II MINUTES:

Resolved that the Minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 4 August 2009, including such parts as were taken with the Public Excluded, be confirmed and adopted as the correct record of the meeting.

Graham Smith/Graeme Page

MATTERS ARISING:

1. Mackenzie Retirement Villas:

The Chairman requested that the final financial report on the Mackenzie Retirement Villas project be submitted to the next Committee meeting.

III REPORTS:

1. FINANCIAL REPORT - JULY 2009:

This report from the Manager – Finance and Administration was accompanied by the financial reports for the Council for the year to July 2009.

Resolved that the report be received.

John O'Neill/Graham Smith

The Manager – Finance and Administration undertook to provide a report to the next Council meeting on **deficit and surplus balances**.

The Chairman requested that **suppliers of electric power** be investigated with the view to achieving a better deal for Council.

The issue of **camping at Lake Opuha** was discussed. The Chief Executive Officer said that the area had not been set up for camping and noted the *Restraint of Trade* clause in favour of the Fairlie Camping Ground which was included in the lease. He said the existing *Camping on Roadways and Reserves* bylaw was due for review. He suggested Lake Opuha could be included in the bylaw as an area where camping was not permitted.

Cr McDermott said the area was in the Fairlie Community Board's community of interest in the same way that Lake Ruataniwha was cared for by the Twizel Community Board.

Cr Page suggested that a public meeting be convened.

The Chief Executive Officer undertook to have a report on the matter for consideration at the next meeting.

The Manager – Finance and Administration referred to the **depots at Lake Tekapo and Twizel** leased by Whitestone and his intention to review the rentals in light of recent revaluations of the properties.

The Manager – Finance and Administration said it was his goal to have the financial reports delivered to Councillors on a timelier basis; he would be sending them out monthly, separately from Finance Committee meeting agendas.

2. INSURANCE – RISK POOL:

This report from the Manager – Finance and Administration was accompanied by advice New Zealand Mutual Liability RiskPool dated 30 June 2009, that the Board of RiskPool is making a call on the Council for a shortfall in the mutual pool's funds and a further letter from Riskpool dated 3 (should be 30) July 2009.

Resolved that the report be received.

Graham Smith/Graeme Page

Resolved:

1. That the Council acknowledges the unbudgeted expenditure of \$15,559 to meet the RiskPool's call to fund the shortfall in the mutual pool's funds and notes that this will be covered by savings in insurance premiums made in renegotiating the contracts.
2. That a report be provided with recommendations on alternative options for public liability and professional indemnity cover.

Graham Smith/The Mayor

3. ROADING PROFESSIONAL BUSINESS UNIT:

This report from the Manager – Finance and Administration recommended appropriate treatment of the operating reserve deficit accumulated by the Roding Professional Services Business Unit to 30 June 2009.

Resolved that the report be received.

The Mayor/Graeme Page

The meeting was adjourned at 10.45 am for morning tea and reconvened at 10.55 am.

The Chief Executive Officer explained the make-up of Rooding Professional Business Unit's budgets and the subsidies available for the activity.

Resolved that a further report be provided for the next Council meeting, including all relevant roading reserve balances and recommendations as to how deficits should be treated.

Simon McDermott/Graham Smith

4. FINANCE WORKSHOP FOR ELECTED MEMBERS:

Cr Smith reported on the Finance Governance Workshop for elected members, which he had attended with Crs O'Sullivan and Williams. He said it had been designed to help improve their financial prudence in the management of the large amounts of money in local authorities' budgets.

IV GENERAL:

1. BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARDS:

The Mayor said Wendy Smith of the Aoraki Development Trust had asked for a grant of \$2,500 as sponsorship for the upcoming Business Excellence Awards ceremony. The sponsorship would provide tickets to the event and naming rights for the Council.

Resolved:

1. That the request for sponsorship for the Business Excellence Awards be declined.
2. That the Aoraki Development Trust be advised that in future years any application for sponsorship should be made to the Council or its agent, the Mackenzie Tourism and Development Trust, in time for consideration as part of the annual budgetary process.

Evan Williams/Graham Smith

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE
CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 11.45 AM**

CHAIRMAN: _____

DATE: _____