

MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE TWIZEL COMMUNITY BOARD HELD IN THE SERVICE CENTRE TWIZEL ON TUESDAY 17 APRIL 2012 AT 5.36 PM

PRESENT:

Peter Bell (Chairman)
Phil Rive
John Bishop
Kieran Walsh

IN ATTENDANCE:

Glen Innes (Chief Executive Officer)
Paul Morris (Manager – Finance and Administration)

I APOLOGY:

An apology was received from Elaine Curin.

II REVIEW OF RATING PROPOSAL:

The Manager – Finance and Administration presented a series of overheads that outlined the replacement needs for all of Twizel's water and sewerage over eight decades. He showed that Twizel's share of the capital spend and that of the number of consumers were identical at 57%.

A range of five different scenarios was also outlined – merging/not merging, the rating requirements over a ten year period. The impacts on an average property in Twizel ranged from \$42 to \$59/year over a ten year period. It was explained that any scenario that involved capital funding from reserves had most impact on rural ratepayers who did not benefit from urban water or sewerage.

The Manager – Finance and Administration noted that the budgets now reflected the earlier Board suggestion of incorporating all reserves that were in funds into the mix from 1 July 2012.

The Chairman expressed concern that the Board, under the proposed regime, would have reduced control over expenditure on infrastructure in Twizel and there could be less control on the wise expenditure of funds.

Cr Bishop disputed the assertion that all towns would struggle to meet future capital expenditure on their own. He believed Twizel could do so.

Board members expressed discomfort about supporting a policy change that in the short term would impact upon Twizel's low rating levels.

Resolved that the Twizel Community Board advise Council that the amalgamation of rates of upon which its budget recommendations were made, was no longer supported and the Board urged Council to choose an alternative solution that would provide additional support for townships facing a heavy rate increases due to infrastructure spends.

Peter Bell/Phil Rive

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS
THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 5.30 PM**

CHAIRMAN: _____

DATE: _____