

MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FAIRLIE COMMUNITY BOARD HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FAIRLIE, ON MONDAY JULY 21, 2014, AT 7:00PM

PRESENT:

Owen Hunter (Chairman)
Les Blacklock
Warren Barker
Trish Willis
Cr Noel Jackson

IN ATTENDANCE:

Garth Nixon (Community Facilities Manager)
Arlene Goss (Committee Clerk)
Pauline Jackson (public)
Anne Thomson, Fairlie Heartlands (public)

APOLGIES:

Resolved that apologies be received from chief executive Wayne Barnett and Mayor Claire Barlow.

Noel Jackson/Warren Barker

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Declarations of interest were not called for.

MINUTES:

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Fairlie Community Board held on June 9, 2014, be confirmed and adopted as the correct record.

Warren Barker/Noel Jackson

FAIRLIE COMMUNITY BOARD MATTERS UNDER ACTION:

SH 79 Approach to Fairlie – Signage:

The Welcome to Fairlie sign has gone up.

Trish Willis expressed a concern that future similar signs need to be checked by someone at the council who has an overview of strategic branding for the district.

The chairman said this is the Fairlie Promotions Group sign, rather than a council or community board sign, and the advice from the chief executive was

that community board cannot tell them what they can or cannot put on their sign.

Cr Jackson said it was a sign for the Fairlie township, rather than the whole district, and it was helpful to have a sign to show what the township has to offer. The Promotions Society took advice from Transit NZ on the layout of the sign. He would like the sign to have a small border to give it a frame and make it stand out more.

Warren Barker said the community believes that signs come from the council anyway, so maybe the community board should have input.

Garth Nixon said a draft sign was put in front of the community board and a decision was made to go ahead with input from Christchurch and Canterbury Tourism. This occurred. The finished sign shows that fewer words and larger lettering is more effective.

Further discussion was held on the need for more collaboration with the Promotions Society on promoting Fairlie. A letter needs to be sent to them to thank them for their efforts in establishing the new sign. Town representation and signage is currently listed on the town projects list for further consideration.

Garth Nixon said the next step would be to create another sign to use on the same site, as the plan is to change signage regularly to keep it fresh. The community board discussed having more input into the design of the next sign.

Resolved that the Fairlie Community Board writes a letter to the Fairlie Promotions Group congratulating them on what has been done so far to establish a new 'Welcome to Fairlie' sign, and requests input and sign off on the design of the next sign on that site.

Owen Hunter/Trish Willis

PUBLIC FORUM:

Anne Thomson from Fairlie Heartlands was invited to address the community board.

She gave her views on the upgrade of the community centre courtyard. The points she raised were:

- The use of river stones in the courtyard needs to continue as a theme.
- A grass area is needed.
- She would like some thought given to the fate of the cherry trees because some people have an attachment to them. They have been there since 1986. She would like them retained.
- The recent pipe band championships were an example of good use of the area and she would like the space kept open and available for such occasions.
- Don't put in too many seats as they are not used.

The chairman thanked Anne Thomson for her comments and said the plans for the upgrade of the courtyard would be put out for public comment before anything happened.

This matter was also discussed later in the meeting.

REPORTS:

FAIRLIE COMMUNITY BOARD FINANCIAL ACTIVITY REPORT TO MAY:

Cr Jackson had a question regarding Strathconan Park on page 16 of the agenda. Why no budget? Garth Nixon said maintenance of the trees and mowing of this park is included in the township account.

Cr Jackson asked for details on the costs of maintaining the Fairlie walkway. Garth Nixon said the community board pays wages to the person maintaining the walkway and also other costs for contractors to do some jobs like the removal of large trees. There have also been costs for spraying, and contractors did work on the bottom section after it was blocked following a windstorm. New signage has also been installed at the Talbot St access point.

Mr Nixon was asked why the walkway entrance on Allandale Rd, going west, is like a pond. He is investigating this to see where the water is coming from.

The chairman said what the Lions Club would like to do is get the walkway to a high standard so it can be sprayed from a four-wheeler instead of by hand.

Trish Willis asked if there was an update on the lease of the domain camp ground. Garth Nixon said he would ask Finance Manager Paul Morris to provide an update on this to the community board.

The chairman also requested a balance sheet to tell the community board how much money each cost centre has in it. Garth Nixon offered to ask Paul Morris for this for the next meeting.

Resolved that the report be received.

Les Blacklock/Trish Willis

OLD LIBRARY CAFÉ BUILDING UPDATE:

Work is underway on the Old Library Café restoration. The traffic management plan has been signed off and the contractor is getting into demolition. The chairman said the contractor has been diligent with pricing. There is a possibility of some walls not being re-plastered and they may be water blasted and left as stone. Will be on schedule to finish in mid December, weather permitting. No resolution was passed on this item.

WARD MEMBERS REPORT:

Cr Jackson has nothing to report.

REPORTS FROM MEMBERS WHO REPRESENT THE BOARD ON OTHER COMMITTEES:

The chairman said the Lions Club are continuing to work towards covering the stage on the village green. They have sourced an original door to make the railway carriage look authentic and this will be built over the next few months.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

FAIRLIE COMMUNITY CENTRE COURTYARD DESIGN:

The chairman asked the board members to consider the two designs that have been submitted. Trish Willis asked that a letter be written to Randall Froude to thank him for his time and contribution, as he did not charge for the work. The chairman agreed.

The chairman said he likes the use of river stone in the design, but would also like some greenery because otherwise it's all grey. He would also like the noticeboard at the front of the courtyard to be moved. Discussion was held on other sites that may be more suitable for a community noticeboard. The community board agreed to move it from the entrance area.

Trish Willis suggested we have a form of promotion at the Mount Michael site that could include icons that represent our services to encourage people to stop in Fairlie.

The chairman asked if it was possible to amalgamate the two courtyard design plans. Garth Nixon said yes and asked the board members to give him an indication of what they like or don't like in each plan.

The community board would like to incorporate the stone work and bring it further to the front. They like the grass area, and want to remove the noticeboard and drag the green area further to the front. The community centre sign needs to come forward. You need to be able to walk from the council door into the main courtyard. They don't want to include a deck at the front of the community centre as part of project. A new low stone wall at the front near the footpath is good.

Garth Nixon was asked to prepare a revised plan and said he hoped to be able to do this by the end of the week. It then needs to go out to the community board members before it is sent out for community consultation.

Trish Willis suggested using large boulders to provide interest, similar to the Britomart area in Auckland. Discussion was held on whether this would be

appropriate in the courtyard, with concern that the space might be too confined.

The chairman asked about seating. They are planning to tidy up the current seating and re-use it. Seven seats are included in the plan and this is too many. Garth Nixon said the seats by the community centre and in the rock alcove are the essential ones.

Discussion was held on the removal of cherry trees and which ones could be left. Garth Nixon was asked to discuss this with Anne Thomson.

The community board agreed not to make changes to the community centre building and will leave it as is, except for the front gardens. This work can be addressed later as a separate project.

Trish Willis asked about the décor in the community lounge. Garth Nixon said yes there are concerns about the age of the décor. Chairs have been cleaned but are aged. Curtains are old and are on the list to replace.

Warren Barker asked if the plans for the courtyard were within budget. Garth Nixon said once a decision is made on what to do with the courtyard it can then be costed. He expects it to be within budget.

Garth Nixon will email the revised plan to community board members before it goes into the Accessible. We need to make it clear to the community that it is only the courtyard that is being discussed, not the community centre.

Discussion was held on the dishwasher in the community centre which needs to be upgraded. The roof is a priority as well, because it is deteriorating.

TOWN SIGNAGE:

This agenda item was discussed earlier in the meeting under Matters Under Action.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

The chairman would like to organise a projects workshop for the community board to discuss the projects list, which is attached to these minutes.

It was decided to hold this workshop on Monday, August 4, at 5pm. Paul Morris will be asked to attend to provide financial advice. The chairman will send out a memo after this has been confirmed.

The chairman raised the issue of a raised area of ground that used to be railway ground on the north side of the bridge heading towards Tekapo. It is never mown and needs to be tidied up. Garth Nixon has discussed this with the owner of the land behind it and favours planting. The chairman suggested

the raised ground be removed. Cr Jackson would rather see it tidied up and planted. Garth Nixon will discuss with the land owner the idea of it being sprayed and planted.

Warren Barker raised the issue of a sign that says "Ford" which is needed to prevent vehicles from getting stuck in the ford/stream on North Street. It was agreed a sign is needed and should be actioned.

The chairman raised the issue of the Give Way sign on the main intersection that is used by vehicles from Tekapo turning left towards Geraldine. NZTA would like to remove this sign, however this will create a bottleneck. Roding manager Suzy Ratahi has written to NZTA asking them to leave it as it is.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS
THE CHAIRPERSON DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.29pm.**

CHAIRMAN: _____

DATE: _____