

# MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND REGULATION COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FAIRLIE, ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2014, AT 1.40PM

### PRESENT:

Cr Murray Cox (Chairman)  
Mayor Claire Barlow – until 1.45pm  
Cr Graham Smith  
Cr James Leslie  
Cr Russell Armstrong  
Cr Noel Jackson

### IN ATTENDANCE:

Wayne Barnett (Chief Executive Officer)  
Nathan Hole (Planning and Regulation Manager)  
Toni Morrison (Senior Policy Planner)  
Garth Nixon (Community Facilities Manager)  
Arlene Goss (Committee Clerk)  
Alistair Munro (Rural Fire)

### APOLOGIES:

The Mayor apologised in advance because she needed to leave the meeting and attend another appointment at 1.45pm. She re-joined the meeting later.

### VISITOR:

Alistair Munro from the Rural Fire Service spoke to the meeting. He began by outlining the history of the rural fire district and the present situation regarding funding from territorial authorities and other sources. He said the number of fire districts in New Zealand had reduced over time. He outlined current discussions with other regions, such as Ashburton, regarding enlarging the fire district. He said they were having difficulty negotiating with the Department of Conservation but he hopes to have them on board soon.

*The Mayor left the meeting at 1.45pm.*

Mr Munro was asked for more information on the situation with the Department of Conservation. He said all the good staff were leaving DOC, making it difficult to deal with the organisation. Cr Cox asked if Mr Munro was happy with how things were working in this district. Mr Munro said yes. He believed the way things were done in this district was simple and transparent.

Nathan Hole said the way SC Rural Fire operates is that Mackenzie District Council contributes to the administration costs but also has its own budget for assets. Timaru and Waimate don't need to be concerned about Mackenzie spending their money or vice versa.

Cr Smith thanked Mr Munro for his time and congratulated him on the excellent job he does. Mr Munro asked councillors to be careful of flash points in the district.

*Mr Munro, Cr Jackson and Toni Morrison left the meeting at 1.54pm. The meeting was adjourned at 1.55pm so councillors could attend the unveiling of the trooper statue on the village green. The meeting reconvened at 3.33pm and the Mayor re-joined the meeting.*

#### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **MINUTES:**

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Planning and Regulation Committee held on September 2, 2014, including those parts taken in public excluded, be confirmed and adopted as the correct record of the meeting.

**Russell Armstrong/Graham Smith**

#### **REPORTS:**

##### **PLANNING AND REGULATION MANAGER'S ACTIVITY REPORT:**

The purpose of this report was to provide the committee with an activity report for planning and regulations for the period 23 August to 3 October, 2014.

Cr Smith asked if there was any reason for the decrease in the number of LIMS being provided. Nathan Hole said they are down a little on last year but there is plenty of activity in terms of interest in properties. He expects more interest in spring.

Building consent numbers are high. We are on a par with last year, which was higher than any other year. The council will see about 300 building consents applied for this year. Traditionally we have seen 240-250 each year.

Cr Cox asked regarding the tourism zone at Pukaki Downs. Nathan Hole provided background on this issue, related to Plan Change 13.

Resolved that the report be received.

**Claire Barlow/Evan Williams**

##### **DRAFT BYLAWS AND DOG CONTROL POLICY:**

The purpose of this report was for the committee to adopt the attached statements of proposal, draft bylaws and draft dog control policy, and resolve that they proceed through the special consultative procedure under the Local Government Act 2002.

Councillors were happy that these draft bylaws reflected previous discussions held in workshops and meetings, and that changes had been made as discussed previously.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received.

**Graham Smith/Russell Armstrong**

2. That the Committee adopt the following statements of proposal, draft bylaws and draft policy for consultation under the Special Consultative Procedure in accordance with section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002:

- Statement of Proposal - Draft Freedom Camping Bylaw 2014
- Draft Freedom Camping Bylaw 2014
- Statement of Proposal - Draft Dog Control Policy 2014 and Draft Dog Control Bylaw 2014
- Draft Dog Control Bylaw 2014
- Draft Dog Control Policy 2014
- Statement of Proposal - Draft Mobile Shops and Traders Bylaw 2014
- Draft Mobile Shops and Traders Bylaw 2014
- Statement of Proposal - Draft Market Place Liquor Ban Bylaw 2014
- Draft Market Place Liquor Ban Bylaw 2014
- Statement of Proposal - Draft Wastewater Network Bylaw 2014
- Draft Wastewater Network Bylaw 2014
- Statement of Proposal - Draft Water Supply Bylaw 2014
- Draft Water Supply Bylaw 2014
- Statement of Proposal - Draft Downlands Water Supply Bylaw 2014
- Draft Downlands Water Supply Bylaw 2014

**Claire Barlow/Graham Smith**

**DRAFT FREEDOM CAMPING STRATEGY:**

This report is for the committee to approve the draft Freedom Camping Strategy and put it out for public consultation.

Councillors noted that the views of the community boards had been included in this draft. This has also been run past the Caravan Association who have made comments which have been factored into the draft. Garth Nixon said he had also received feedback from a camp ground owner who would be making a submission.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received.

**Claire Barlow/Russell Armstrong**

2. That the committee approve the draft Mackenzie District Council Freedom Camping Strategy.

**Graham Smith/James Leslie**

3. That the committee agree to notify the draft strategy for public submission.

**Graham Smith/James Leslie**

**VERBAL REPORTS FROM THE WATER ZONE COMMITTEES:**

Cr Evan Williams said the last meeting of the Opihi Orari Pareora Water Zone Committee was held in Geraldine on Monday. There was some very lively public debate and nobody went home happy. Some members of the public refused to accept the findings of water scientists. Rivers and streams in the Geraldine area are having problems and catchment groups have been formed to clean this up.

Cr Murray Cox reported from the Upper Waitaki Water Zone committee. Last week they held public meetings on scenario 2, which highlighted the issues of what would happen with more irrigated land. It's the smaller streams and lakes that are affected so this is where a lot of the work needs to be done. Aquaculture will have a bigger effect than they thought previously. The salmon farms are featuring significantly in the equation. There is also talk of putting another big salmon farm closer to the Waitaki Dam. Concern was expressed there was no ability to dilute the effects of the farm before the water goes over the dam.

At the last meeting there was a discussion on the Mackenzie Agreement. The Mayor added that this meeting was interesting. The local iwi were not involved in the Mackenzie Agreement process and were testy. Since then she has spoken to iwi and will catch up with them this week to seek their views. There is no intention for our ratepayers to fund the Mackenzie Agreement.

Cr Cox said the zone committee process is picking up now that the public meetings have been held and technical information is available.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE  
CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 4.10PM**

**CHAIRMAN:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_