

MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TWIZEL COMMUNITY BOARD HELD IN THE COUNCIL SERVICE CENTRE, TWIZEL ON TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2014 AT 4PM

PRESENT:

John Bishop (Chairman)
Bruce White
Pat Shuker
Cr Russell Armstrong

IN ATTENDANCE:

Wayne Barnett (Chief Executive)
Garth Nixon (Community Facilities Manager)
Arlene Goss (Committee Clerk)

One member of the public

APOLOGIES:

An apology was received from the Mayor Claire Barlow and board member Phil Rive.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest.

MINUTES:

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Twizel Community Board held on March 10, 2014, be confirmed and adopted as the correct record of the meeting.

Bruce White/Pat Shuker

The board discussed several items included in the minutes. The greenway fencing has been done and looks good. Progress on other greenways will depend on how the budget is going. There has been no progress on the issue of the Twizel Youth Centre as Garth Nixon is still waiting to hear back from them. The builder is doing remedial work as covered by insurance. The Mayor and chairman attended the Maadi Cup opening parade and enjoyed it.

TWIZEL COMMUNITY BOARD MATTERS UNDER ACTION:

The chairman asked regarding a pile of screened soil. Whitestone have been using it on various projects. The committee were otherwise happy with progress listed under Matters Under Action on page 9 of the agenda.

FINANCIAL REPORT TO FEBRUARY, 2014:

The community board considered a report from Finance and Administration manager Paul Morris. The chief executive went through this report page by page and explained variances.

Questions were asked regarding rating for the new Twizel Water Supply. Bruce White asked why there was a need to borrow so much when there is already money in the bank for water. The chief executive said the money in reserve was more than a million dollars. The total spend will be about \$2.6 million, resulting in a deficit of \$1.6 million. Twizel would be paying interest on this amount.

Cr Armstrong asked if more money would need to be borrowed next year. The chief executive said this further work can be delayed but there is depreciation, capital and interest to pay. There will be an increase next year because depreciation will begin, but the amount spent will not be as much as what is spent this year.

Pat Shuker asked what the money would be spent on. It would be a re-build of the wells, new pumps and new treatment plant. She asked why the water needs to be treated, as when she first came to Twizel the water was great. The chief executive said the water previously was not safe. It got pumped out of a well, put into a pond, and ducks and animals in the pond resulted in poor water. The Medical Officer of Health instructed council to put chlorine in the water to make it safe. The design of the new treatment plant is to meet the NZ drinking water standards.

The chairman said the community board were not happy about this. He asked what will change if the pond is not covered to keep animals out. The community board have heard different messages regarding water quality in Twizel and feel some confusion regarding this issue.

The community board is proposing to have a workshop with Opus on May 7th to ask technical questions and seek information.

Garth Nixon spoke regarding the section of the financial report related to his areas of responsibility – community facilities. A question was asked regarding swimming pool staffing levels and use of lifeguards. People who use the pool are happy with the service.

A question was asked regarding whether there has been a financial difference with Whitestone mowing the school grounds instead of the school doing it. This is an agreement where community board is mowing the school grounds in return for public use of the grounds. The school is also paying for their water instead of paying for mowing.

The chairman said these financial reports are essential and he thanked the chief executive for presenting the report.

Resolved that the report be received.

Russell Armstrong/Bruce White

REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF ANNUAL GRANT FROM TWIZEL COMMUNITY CARE TRUST:

Garth Nixon explained the background to this issue as outlined in his report. There have been various funding arrangements in the past. The current agreement runs until June 2015. The chairman and Garth Nixon met with trust representatives and subsequently received information from the trust.

He would like to see a community board member on the board of the trust to get a better idea of what they need and how council can best support them.

The trust has employed a social development worker using a grant from the Department of Internal Affairs. This is separate to the request that has come to the community board. The chairman referred to a requirement that they supply a quarterly report to the community board. One of these is included on page 39 and 40 of the agenda.

Bruce White offered to represent the community board on the Twizel Community Care Trust Board.

Resolved:

1. That Bruce White represent the Twizel Community Board on the Twizel Community Care Trust Board.

John Bishop/Pat Shuker

2. That the report be received.

John Bishop/Russell Armstrong

3. That The Twizel Community Board decline this request in the interim and seek further information.

John Bishop/Russell Armstrong

GRANT REQUEST FROM TPDA:

This request on page 41 of the agenda was introduced by Garth Nixon. It was originally put to council who referred it to the community board. The request is for a grant to support the Twizel 30 Year celebrations by paying the cost of the hall hire.

The community board discussed the usual practice to charge for tickets or entrance to pay the cost of hall hire. There was not enough information in the request to determine if there would be an entry fee. The town will benefit from bringing a number of people here for the event.

The chairman said he would like to support this but questioned whether it should be supported in full. He suggested a grant of \$200.

This does fit the criteria as it benefits the whole town. Cr Armstrong wasn't sure if the people planning this event were committed to going ahead. However granting money towards the hall hire would not impact until the hall was hired. If the event does not go ahead the community board would not need to pay the grant.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received.

Russell Armstrong/Bruce White

2. That the Twizel Community Board approves a partial grant of \$200 towards the cost of the hall hire for the Twizel 30 Year Celebrations.

Russell Armstrong/Bruce White

GRANT REQUEST FROM SADD:

The board originally declined this request at its meeting on January 27, 2014. It then went to council who appeared to support the idea of paying half the amount, and was now coming back to the community board to be considered a second time.

Community board member Bruce White declared a conflict of interest because he works with the applicant Michele O'Carroll and was involved in the project.

There was some discussion on the different recollection of events from different parties regarding a warning given to the SADD team that they would be required to pay a fee for resource consent.

The chairman said the community board is planning a working bee at Northwest Arch and if the school could contribute some students to help with the working bee he would be happy to pay for half of the fee, with council having agreed to pay the other half.

Resolved that the Twizel Community Board approve the request from the Students Against Drink Driving and grant 50% of the request at \$243.75, and request that council fund the other 50%, subject to Students Against Drink Driving coming to the working bee at Northwest Arch.

Russell Armstrong/Pat Shuker

The motion was passed. Bruce White abstained from voting due to his conflict of interest.

The chairman requested that a letter be sent to the SADD team to inform them of this resolution.

WARD MEMBER'S REPORT:

Cr Russell Armstrong has nothing to report.

REPORTS FROM MEMBERS WHO REPRESENT THE COMMUNITY BOARD ON OTHER COMMITTEES:

There were no reports from members who represent the community board on other committees.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

The chairman tabled \$80 cash paid to him for the use of the community board mulcher. This money was received by committee secretary Arlene Goss for banking.

LETTER FROM TWIZEL SWIMMING CLUB:

The letter from the Twizel Swimming Club on page 59 of the agenda was considered by the community board. Garth Nixon said traditionally swimming lessons were held during a public session when a lifeguard was on duty for the public. The scenario mentioned in the

letter requires opening the pool specifically for the use of the swimming club and providing a lifeguard during this time. This is why the cost has risen significantly. The swimming lessons provided by the club are a good thing for the community, and other community boards subsidise swimming to a degree. He doesn't believe the club would struggle to fully fund this with a grant from a gambling trust or similar organisation.

The chairman said the pool loses \$70,000 a year and is funded by ratepayers. The club have sourced funding this year from a grant and there is no reason why they couldn't apply again.

Cr Armstrong said if the swimming club applied elsewhere and were turned down they could come back to the community board and ask again.

Resolved that the report be received and no action is taken while Garth Nixon discusses alternative funding opportunities with the swimming club.

John Bishop/Russell Armstrong

PUBLIC EXCLUDED:

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

1. Lot 26 DP52089 26 Glen Lyon Road (attached).

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
Lot 26 DP52089 26 Glen Lyon Road	Enable commercial negotiations	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: *Lot 26 DP52089 26 Glen Lyon Road section 7(2)(i)*.

Bruce White/Pat Shuker

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS
THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 5.15PM**

CHAIRMAN: _____

DATE: _____