

**MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FAIRLIE COMMUNITY BOARD
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FAIRLIE, ON MONDAY
MARCH 16, 2015, AT 5:03PM**

PRESENT:

Owen Hunter (Chairman) (arrived 5.51pm)
Les Blacklock
Trish Willis
Warren Barker
Cr Noel Jackson (left at 6.04pm)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Garth Nixon (Community Facilities Manager)
Wayne Barnett (Chief Executive)
Nathan Hole (Planning and Regulation Manager) (left mtg 5.57pm)
Julie Jongen (Committee Clerk)

APOLGIES:

An apology for lateness was received for Owen Hunter.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

No declarations of interest were declared.

MINUTES:

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Fairlie Community Board held on February 2, 2015, be confirmed and adopted as the correct record.

Les Blacklock/Warren Barker

VISITOR:

Daniel Heslip – Lease land, Allandale Bridge. (Left meeting at 5.22pm)

Daniel spoke on how he would like to continue the lease and that he is on a roll over lease. He would like to build a maze made out of tyres, it would be a circular maze made with deer posts with tyres around the posts filled with dirt and some sort of plant growing up the posts.

He has a budget to do this and will build the maize around the pond and trees. It will be the biggest maize in NZ and he feels it will be good for Fairlie.

Cr Noel Jackson asked that if given permission what would his time frame be....Daniel replied that it would be dependent on sourcing and getting the tyres, and what sort of lease he could get, or even if he could buy the land, he estimated it should take about a year to complete.

Trish Willis said it would be good to see more of a time frame plan.

Daniel stated that it was all dependent on what lease he could get, and he wouldn't go ahead with it if he was on a roll over lease.

He was asked what sort of lease he would prefer and his reply was a 5 year lease with right of renewal.

Trish Willis asked if Daniel could give a plan that showed time frames and what the completed project would look like to show the board.

Les Blacklock commented that shouldn't the lease be sorted first, then we know where we are at and so does Daniel, then do the proposal.

Cr Noel Jackson said it will be a case of what should go there and whether there would be any other interested parties in that land.

Wayne Barnett mentioned it would be a large amount of tyres and that there would be a large expense for disposal. A consideration on the lease would need to be that if the business doesn't work out what would happen to all the tyres. Daniel said that he would be happy for a condition to go in the agreement.

Nathan Hole commented it may require resource consent and he could chat to Daniel about it.

In conclusion it was agreed that it could be put on the community board agenda for next time.

FAIRLIE COMMUNITY BOARD MATTERS UNDER ACTION

1. Fairlie Western Catchments Project:

No update

2. Allandale Bridge – Walkway:

Request for solar powered speed sign.

Wayne Barnett stated that Council need to make a request to NZTA.

Resolved that the Fairlie community board request NZTA Highway operations to include the Allandale bridge footpath in the national land transport work programme.

Les Blacklock/Trish Willis

3. Green Sign and Power Pole in front of Old Library Building:

Wayne Burnett said the latest update is that NZTA are the agents and they have been approached. They are working on a way to move it and will come back to council. It is likely to be a shared cost.

4. Raised ground on the north side of the bridge heading to Tekapo:

Nathan Hole mentioned that the community board wanted it pushed out a little further and it was agreed to plant later on in autumn. NZTA will clean up the area that requires it.

5. Community Centre Courtyard Upgrade:

Trish Willis commented how smart the courtyard looks. Garth Nixon said there a couple of trees to be moved. Trish Willis asked if Garth can take photos of the roots or damaged trees so members of the community can be shown if they ask as to why they were removed.

6. **Paintball Ground Lease:**

Garth Nixon said Daniel has started cleaning up the section and he's been told he needs to lift his game. Garth said he has had interest from 3 different parties on that particular piece of land.

He questioned whether Daniels idea would work and how he would irrigate and maintain the plants and that he agreed with Wayne Barnett's comments about the disposal of the tyres if and when it happened.

Wayne Barnett stated that there are 3 sections, the one at the back is privately owned and the fence is set back 10 meters, but NZTA rules state it needs to be set back 50 metres to build. They could apply for a special condition but they would still need to be 20mtrs back.

Trish Willis asked if we can see a map of the area so the board can see what land they are talking about.

Garth Nixon said the neighbour is looking after the land and keeping a bit of stuff there, but he is keeping it mowed and tidy.

Wayne Barnett will put a paper together for the next council meeting and get feedback on it, depending on what council says he will contact the board via email.

7. **Town Projects:**

- River Track – Allandale to Talbot Development and Maintenance.
Update required from Owen, who wasn't at the meeting at this time.
- Allandale Rd State Highway Entranceway.
Garth Nixon reported he has been talking to E-Can about this area in respect to flooding and the flood protection trees. Nigel Blair has been chosen to do the work as he is experienced in river work. \$2800 to do the digger work and any leftover funds will be used for planting.
- Mount Cook Rd State Highway Entranceway.
- Timaru State Highway Entranceway.
- Fairlie Village Hub – Improve Street Keeping and Maintenance.
Everything is as status quo.
- Improve watering system on Main Street Islands.
- Painting of Town Furniture.
Garth Nixon is pushing for this to be completed in the next week or two.
Trish Willis stated it would be nice to have this completed by Easter.
- Community Centre maintenance and improvements.
The roof work is on the books after the other projects completed.
- Survey of Residents on Community Centre Use.
Future use and opportunities of the community centre.

Trish Willis said that she hasn't done anything about this yet and she may put something on the community facebook page as a starting point and will report back at the next meeting.

Public Toilets – The donation box is collecting about \$1000 every 3 months and it seems to be up a little on last time.

Cr Noel Jackson asked if the toilets are big enough and whether it's time to make them bigger as he has seen queues outside the ladies. Garth Nixon responded with the question do we want to spend \$300,000 on new toilets? And that Council have had great feedback. They are due to be upgraded after Easter.

8. **Restaurant seating on footpath:**

Appropriate use of footpath dining.

Nathan Hole spoke that the council own the land out the front of Daz's and it is not a road, it's a freehold parcel of land the council own. In terms of it being used for seating, there is no issue as it is zoned VC and on Council, but questioned whether there should be a lease of some sort.

Warren Barker questioned if council could be liable if there was an accident in that area since we own it.

Garth Nixon asked about the gate that opens into the old library and whether that changes anything with the way the tables are placed on the footpath. It was agreed to leave things as is and keep the gate open. A discussion took place whether a bylaw is needed and it was decided not at this stage.

Cr Noel Jackson commented that he had spoken to George Rhind of Carnegies Restaurant (previously the old library) and that the two businesses are complementing each other with the gate open.

The 2 carparks in front of Daz's could be leased from council and used for table and chairs.

Trish Willis is going to have a chat with George (Carnegies) and Darryl (Daz's) to get their opinion on how they see that area looking in the next 5 years.

9. **Improvements to Signage at the entrance to town:**

Three "Welcome to Fairlie" signs.

This is on Richards schedule to do when he is doing the signs for Allandale road.

10. **Relocation of community noticeboard:**

Sign to relocate into middle of town.

The noticeboard will be to the left of the statue and work is under way checking out services before commencing.

11. **Land for Expansion of Township:**

Land availability for expansion of town.

Owen Hunter had a developer arranged to buy this piece of land but then the vendor pulled it off the market on the last day.

Information Panels – Trish Willis read out the proposal for information panels and a request for favourable support to place a number of panels beside the Railway, Allandale Road /Main Street, and Talbot Road/Main Street. This will be in conjunction with Fairlie 150 years. Costings will be brought back to the board at their next meeting. There could be a chance that heritage funding could assist.

Resolved that the Board support the proposal from the “Community Enhancement Board” to move forward with the concept of signage.

Trish Willis/Warren Barker

REPORTS:

FAIRLIE COMMUNITY BOARD FINANCIAL ACTIVITY REPORT TO JANUARY 2015:

Resolved that the report be received.

Trish Willis/Owen Hunter

Wayne Barnett went through the report.

Page 13, Sewerage Capital Expenditure of \$862 (not budgeted) in 0278410 New Reticulation-Eversley, was for an additional connection, installation only, pump from stock.

Garth Nixon took over going through the financials. Strathconan Swimming Pool expenses up slightly due to staff, as discussed in the past, should we have two staff or one the same as Geraldine, but if one staff cannot supervise and run the office. It was agreed two is required at the moment.

WARD MEMBERS REPORT: (verbal)

Cr Noel Jackson had left the meeting by this time.

REPORTS FROM MEMBERS WHO REPRESENT THE BOARD ON OTHER COMMITTEES: (verbal)

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Fairlie Water Supply.

Owen Hunter suggested we need to look at water consents and supplies Wayne Barnett believes the consent we are operating came into force on 1 January 2014.

Owen Hunter said as a town we need to look at the consent. Wayne replied that we could apply for another one but would need to weigh up the expenses. Wayne is going to get Bernie Haar and Geoff Horler to do a report on water restrictions.

2. Fairlie 150 years Celebration budget.

150 year meeting was attended by Owen Hunter and Trish Willis. At some stage the community board will need to come to the party and will need to put something in the future budget to assist with this.

Garth Nixon suggested put money towards a grant and let the community decide what they want to do and then the board can make a decision.

Wayne Barnett mentioned about workshops being run on essential services to explain to the public about roading, reticulated services and how they relate to rates, the next meeting is on the 24 March and asked if any of the board members are available for the workshop at 5.00pm.

Owen Hunter is going to discuss with Paul Morris on what happened with Fairlies water debt?

3. Paint Ball Lease-consideration for future use.

Garth Nixon suggested we open the door for other interests in use of this land but not ruling out Daniel Hislips suggestion of the Maze. Garth stated he has had proposals from three commercial operators.

Resolved that "Council terminate the paint ball lease, and draft up an expression of interests for use of the site.

Les Blacklock/Warren Barker

4. Estimate of scope of traffic volume that impacts on the Fairlie Highway Township roads, parking and footpath planning. Council's report on scope of traffic and implications for our village streets?

Wayne Barnett wanted clarification on the last discussion about what was required, was it more than parking? He tabled a list of topics (attached).

It was agreed we are doing a lot of the things on the list.

Wayne stated that Bernie Haar has approached a couple of companies to put together a report on traffic activities.

Trish Willis said that a report/study has already been done and wondered if it would be more affordable that that report be revisited.

Trish stated that Chinese tourism is going to raise 100%. She mentioned that there could possibly be different parking for camper vans, boats and bigger vehicles. Les Blacklock commented how great Grey Street is but no one parks there.

5. Mount Michael tourist stop - update from NZTA/Council staff

Garth Nixon spoke to NZTA and he went out there and put a barrier back up that was over the bank. Tidying up of this area is not really NZTA responsibility. Garth asked if it could be a Lions project, it would require weed

eating once or twice a year, and otherwise the community board would need to pay for this to be done
Owen Hunter is going to speak with the Lions group.

6. Policy on conflicts of interest to be provided to Board Members. Wayne Barnett confirmed it is in the "reserves act".

Copy of the Reserves Act pertinent to the leasing of reserve land to be provided to Board Members. Garth sent email to Trish Willis with internet links for information. Garth read out a report on costs etc for lighting.

Resolved that funding for the village green lights be approved at a cost of approximately \$2,700.

Les Blacklock/Trish Willis

Warren Barker asked if council had a bylaw regarding the selling of vehicles on the side of the road. Garth replied no there isn't.

Trish Willis mentioned that the fire hydrant and a sign by Daz's are broken. Wayne Barnett will talk to staff.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRPERSON
DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.20PM**

CHAIRMAN: _____

DATE: _____