

# **MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ASSET AND SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FAIRLIE, ON TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2016, AT 12.30PM**

### **PRESENT:**

Cr James Leslie (Chairman)  
Mayor Claire Barlow  
Cr Graham Smith  
Cr Murray Cox  
Cr Russell Armstrong  
Cr Evan Williams  
Cr Noel Jackson

### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

Wayne Barnett, Chief Executive  
Bernie Haar, Asset Manager  
Suzy Ratahi, Roothing Manager  
Geoff Horler, Utilities Manager  
Arlene Goss, Committee Secretary  
Chris Hyde, Timaru Herald

### **APOLOGIES:**

An apology was received from Solid Waste Manager Angie Taylor.

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **MINUTES:**

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Asset and Services Committee held on February 2, 2016, be adopted and confirmed as a correct record.

**Cr Smith/Mayor**

### **ASSET MANAGERS MONTHLY REPORT:**

The purpose of this report was to update the Asset and Services Committee on the progress on various projects and also on the normal operation of the department for the past month.

Utilities manager Geoff Horler and Roothing Manager Suzy Ratahi took their reports as read and answered questions from councillors.

Asset Manager Bernie Haar summarised the Solid Waste Manager's report. The table on page 20, titled "Contract Progress", is a new report that will come to each meeting.

## **TRANSPORTATION WORKSHOP SURVEY:**

The purpose of this report is to provide the Asset and Services Committee with an opportunity to discuss the Transportation Workshop Summary Report prepared by Abley Transportation Consultants.

The chairman said the workshop highlighted the fact that all of the urban areas have similar traffic problems. Council needs professional advice on what to do to plan ahead and address these problems across the district. Growth will continue and we need to address these problems sooner rather than later. He said Abley were appropriate to do this. The quotation is very reasonable. The benefits to the community will outweigh the cost. The Mayor supported this.

Cr Cox expressed frustration that another report was being considered when he believed decisions needed to be made. He said previous work by consultants in Tekapo had not been helpful.

Cr Smith said rural roading had bridges and roads that needed work and these were not included in the scope of the study.

Discussion was held on the usefulness of a transportation strategy for the district. The Chief Executive said the benefit of using specialists to plan ahead was that it will give Council confidence to move forward on decision making.

### Resolved:

1. That the report be received.

**Mayor/Cr Smith**

2. That Council engage Abley Transportation Consultants to develop a Transportation Strategy for the District.

**Mayor/Cr Williams**

The Mayor and Crs Leslie and Williams voted in favour of the motion. Crs Jackson, Cox and Armstrong voted against the motion. Cr Smith abstained from voting. The chairman used his casting vote in favour of the motion and the resolution was passed.

Cr Smith requested to add a resolution that rural bridges be included in the Transportation Strategy.

Resolved that rural bridges, including bridges servicing one land owner, be included in the Transportation Strategy.

**Cr Smith/Cr Jackson**

## **PROPOSED MANUKA TERRACE WATER SUPPLY:**

The purpose of this report is to advise Council on the outcome of the recent public meeting regarding the possible provision of a public water supply for Manuka Terrace area and determine a way forward for this project.

The chairman said public consultation has taken place. Some saw the benefit of reticulated water at Manuka Terrace and others disagreed because they have already spent money on a water source. Further work is needed on how to distribute the costs of a scheme.

This report provides the background to the issues and suggests staff investigate further.

The Asset Manager said a water scheme at Manuka Terrace was still worth pursuing but time is needed to work through the issues of funding it over time and recovering the cost back. The Mayor said her view of the public meeting was that most people saw merit in having a reticulated supply at some time in the future. A comparison was made with the situation at Eversley Reserve in Fairlie.

The Mayor read an email from a Manuka Terrace resident saying he was putting off building on his land at Manuka Terrace until a reticulated water supply was available.

### Resolved:

1. That the report be received.

**Cr Williams/Cr Jackson**

2. That the Council still considers this a worthwhile project and requests staff to investigate various funding options for Manuka Terrace.

**Mayor/Cr Smith**

## **TWIZEL CHLORINATION REPORT:**

The intention of the report is to inform Council of the advantages and disadvantages of chlorination and the importance of maintaining chlorine residual in the Twizel reticulation system.

The Mayor said education of the Twizel community is needed to let people know the background to this issue. The chairman said after the new reservoir is filled and operating smoothly there is a need to work out how much chlorine is required and something needs to be published in the Twizel Update to let people know what is happening. Cr Jackson said some people believe you don't need chlorine and they need to be convinced in a way they can understand the reason behind it. He said both sides of the story need to be put out. Cr Smith said chlorine needs to be reduced and monitored.

### Resolved:

1. That the report be received.

**Cr Smith/Cr Armstrong**

2. That chlorine residual is maintained at an appropriate level in the reticulation system and the public be kept informed of the pros and cons of chlorination of the Twizel water supply.

**Mayor/Cr Smith**

## **TEKAPO PUBLIC TOILETS:**

The purpose of this report is for Council to discuss options around the proposed new public toilets at Tekapo and consider desired levels of service in relation to the new facilities.

Cr Cox said the report is trying to progress the building of new public toilets in Tekapo. The proposal is that the new toilets go into the western car park. This is marked on the map attached to the agenda. Exeloo build self-contained toilet blocks off site and transport them to the site and connect them to the services. This allows them to be moved later if needed. They can be self-cleaning, self-locking and you can use payment systems on them.

Cr Jackson asked what happens if the power goes out and you are locked either in or out of the toilets. Cr Cox said he will ask that question. Cr Smith asked how many people can stand at the urinal at one time. Cr Cox thinks about four or five. The chief executive read out the dimensions of the urinal from the plan.

Cr Cox said these would not be the only toilets available in Tekapo. There would be a smaller set of toilets in the eastern carpark and toilets at Lakeside Drive. Cr Cox would like to upgrade the Lakeside Drive toilets to include showers and paid facilities.

These Exeloo toilets are used in Picton and the Mayor was impressed with them when she visited that town.

Regarding the location, Cr Cox would like the person leasing the land next door to sign off the site of the toilets. This location is the least restrictive area in terms of planning the layout of the car park.

The Mayor questioned whether the Asset and Services Committee has the authority to approve the site, which is located on council land. It may need to go to full Council. The chief executive said the site is on road reserve and he will check this further. If the committee does not have the delegated authority it will come back to Council.

### Resolved:

1. That the report be received.

**Cr Jackson/Cr Armstrong**

2. That the Asset and Services Committee approve the site identified as the preferred site for the location of the new public toilets.

**Mayor/Cr Smith**

3. That the Asset and Services Committee consider the Exeloo system as a means to providing public toilets in Tekapo.

**Mayor/Cr Armstrong**

4. That the Asset and Services Committee delegates the determination of the final costing and level of service to the chairman of the Asset and Services Committee, Cr Leslie, and also to Cr Cox, and that the final decision comes back to a meeting of full Council.

**Cr Smith/Cr Armstrong**

The Mayor requested that the Tekapo Community Board be informed of Council's direction. Cr Cox agreed this was necessary.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE  
CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 2.27PM**

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

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