

MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TWIZEL COMMUNITY BOARD HELD IN THE SERVICE CENTRE TWIZEL ON MONDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2009 AT 4.00 PM

PRESENT:

John Bishop (Chairman)
Phil Rive
Dave Pullen
Peter Bell

IN ATTENDANCE:

Graeme Bond
John O'Neill (Mayor)
Glen Innes (Chief Executive Officer)
Garth Nixon (Community Facilities Manager)
Rosemary Moran (Committee Clerk)

I APOLOGY:

The apology from Khandro, who had earlier been granted leave of absence, was noted.

GENERAL MANAGER – DESTINATION MOUNT COOK MACKENZIE:

The Chairman welcomed Philip Brownie, General Manager – Destination Mt Cook Mackenzie, and invited him to address the meeting.

Mr Brownie thanked the Board for the opportunity to attend the meeting and provide an update on activities, in particular those affecting the Twizel Community.

He referred to the new information centre which had been set up in the Twizel Events Centre. He said the building extension and fit out had been completed and three staff employed; the information centre was functioning well.

Mr Brownie advised of the progress being made by the committee which had been established to prepare an application to the government for support for the *Alps to the Ocean* cycleway.

He reported on recent positive developments with regard to the proposed Tekapo-Aoraki/Mt Cook starlight reserve. He said the project had won unanimous support for nomination as one of only five world heritage night sky reserve sites to be considered at a UNESCO World Heritage meeting in Rio de Janeiro in 2010. The Starlight Reserve Sub-Committee chairman, Margaret Austin, had successfully presented the case for the Mackenzie Basin site at the UNESCO meeting held in the Canary Islands earlier in the month.

Mr Brownie concluded his report by noting the growth in bed nights in the District which was up 24,000 on the 2008 figure.

II MINUTES:

Resolved that the Minutes of the meeting of the Twizel Community Board held on 12 October 2009 be confirmed and adopted as the correct record of the meeting.

Dave Pullen/Phil Rive

NOVEMBER UPDATE:

Twizel 25th Anniversary

Dave Pullen said it had been suggested that a copy of Marion Sheridan's poem celebrating Twizel's 25 years as a county town be etched on a plaque and erected in Market Place as a permanent memorial of the anniversary.

Resolved:

1. That Marion Sheridan's poem celebrating Twizel's 25 years as a county town be displayed in Market Place as a memorial of the anniversary.
2. That prices be sought for the project.

Dave Pullen/Peter Bell

Twizel Kindergarten Request:

The Mayor referred to the request for the Board to assist with improvements to the car parking area adjacent to the kindergarten. Dave Pullen said that the land in question belonged to the Twizel Area School and approval would need to be gained from the school before any work was undertaken. The Chairman noted that there was ample parking space available on the street.

The Mayor undertook to convey the information to the Kindergarten.

Future of the Fountain outside the Service Centre:

The Community Facilities Manager advised that running repairs had been made to the structure to make it safe.

Resolved that no further action be taken on the fountain in the meantime.

Phil Rive/ Dave Pullen

Completion of Supermarket Car Park Landscaping:

Dave Pullen requested that holes in the seal be repaired.

The Community Facilities Manager advised that the landscaping of the area would be completed with the planting of five flowering cherries and two claret ash trees and under planting of red, silver and snow tussocks.

III REPORTS:

1. FINANCIAL REPORT TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2009:

This report from the Manager – Finance and Administration provided an update of the cost centres under the jurisdiction of the Twizel Community Board to 30 September 2009.

Resolved that the report be received.

Peter Bell/John Bishop

Dave Pullen referred to the the absence of **Khandro** on sick leave and suggested that she be contacted about her intentions with regard to her ongoing membership of the Community Board. The Chief Executive Officer undertook to talk to Khandro and provide feedback to the Chairman.

Dave Pullen referred to remedial work which had to be undertaken on the **sewer pipe in the Maryburn greenway** following damage caused by a private contractor.

Resolved:

1. That a report be provided on the circumstances of the damage caused to the sewer pipe in the Maryburn greenway and any recovery of costs which had been sought.
2. That the area be reinstated to its original condition.

Dave Pullen/John Bishop

Dave Pullen requested that consideration be given to possible alternative uses for the **opening balance in the refuse collection cost centre**.

2. WATERING PUBLIC SPACES IN TWIZEL:

This report from the Community Facilities Manager sought to formalise the Board's intentions regarding the irrigation of green spaces in Twizel. The report was accompanied by a letter from Graeme Bond, an email from Peter Bell and an extract from the Minutes of the Twizel Community Board meeting held on 30 March 2009.

The Chairman invited Graeme Bond to speak to the issue. Mr Bond referred to the points he had made in his letter. He offered his services to shift hoses if required.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received.

2. That the green spaces at the town frontage bound by Tasman Road, Mackenzie Drive and Market Place, plus the lawns around the Twizel Events Centre to the school field, be irrigated.
3. That instructions to irrigate be provided to Dave Officer of Whitestone for actioning on 24 November 2009.

John Bishop/Dave Pullen

3. SALMON AND WINE FESTIVAL:

This report from the Chief Executive Officer provided information on the 2009 Salmon and Wine Festival in response to some local comment on how it had been run.

Resolved that the report be received.

John Bishop/Phil Rive

4. TWIZEL PROJECTS:

This report from the Community Facilities Manager updated the Community Board on the projects for the 2009/2010 year and invited consideration of options for township projects for the 2010/2011 year.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received.
2. That the funding of the balance of the Market Place upgrade and the extension to the Twizel Events Centre be capitalised and funded from sources other than the Township Projects budget.

John Bishop/Dave Pullen

It was suggested that the Greenways Strategy Committee develop proposals for projects for the 2010/11 year.

5. COMMUNITY CAR:

The Board considered a request from Tracey Beardsley of the Twizel Resource Centre to host a public meeting to explore the possibility of promoting a community car scheme. The letter also advised of an offer from Waimate of the loan of a community car for three to six months.

Resolved:

1. That the Twizel Community Board hosts a public meeting in 2010 to explore the possibility of promoting a community car scheme.
2. That the Chairman respond to the request from Tracey Beardsley of the Twizel Resource Centre.

Dave Pullen/Peter Bell

IV GENERAL:

1. SOUTH ISLAND ROWING – SPONSORSHIP REQUEST:

The Chairman presented a letter from Phillipa Watson, Sponsorship Coordinator for South Island Rowing, requesting sponsorship for the 2010 *Aon Maadi Cup* regatta.

Resolved that a sponsorship grant of \$1,000 be provided to South Island Rowing for the 2010 *Aon Maadi Cup* regatta.

Peter Bell/Phil Rive

2. TWIZEL EVENTS CENTRE REPORT – JULY/AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2009:

This report from the Twizel Events Centre Coordinator referred to the coordinator role which had been created and filled in mid-August 2009, the split of the information centre business from the management of the TEC, actions taken since the coordinator began in mid-August, a summary of the financial results and future directions.

Resolved that the report be received.

John Bishop/Dave Pullen

3. THE MUSTERER'S HUT CAFÉ AND GIFT SHOP:

The Chairman presented a letter from the *Musterer's Hut* requesting approval to place a vintage truck with sign writing on a mound by the new playground.

Resolved that the Manager – Planning and Regulations be requested to report on the off-site signage issues associated with the request from the *Musterer's Hut* to place a truck with sign writing on the mound by the new playground.

Dave Pullen /Peter Bell

4. LITTER COLLECTION AT LAKE RUATANIWHA OVER THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD:

Resolved that cleaning and extra collections of litter from the Lake Ruataniwha area over the Christmas holiday period be attended to by the contractor on an “as required” basis.

John Bishop/Phil Rive

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE
CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 6.40 PM**

CHAIRMAN: _____

DATE: _____