

MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TEKAPO COMMUNITY BOARD HELD IN THE LAKE TEKAPO COMMUNITY HALL ON MONDAY 25 JUNE 2012 AT 7.35 PM

PRESENT:

Murray Cox (Chairman)
Alan Hayman
Peter Munro
Ian Radford
Peter Maxwell

IN ATTENDANCE:

Claire Barlow (Mayor)
Paul Morris (Manager – Finance and Administration)
Garth Nixon (Community Facilities Manager)
Rosemary Moran (Committee Clerk)

Before the meeting the Mayor opened the new Lake Tekapo Community Courts.

I APOLOGIES:

There were no apologies.

II DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no Declarations of Interest.

III MINUTES:

Resolved that the Minutes of the meeting of the Tekapo Community Board held on 7 May 2012 be confirmed and adopted as the correct record of the meeting.

Alan Hayman/Ian Radford

MATTERS UNDER ACTION:

1. Civil Defence

The Chairman advised that the Emergency Management Officer was about to embark on the appointment of wardens for the Tekapo area.

2. Community Centre

The Community Facilities Manager advised that an aerial photograph would be provided to Colin McLaren to assist in the development of a landscape plan. The Chairman invited Community Board members to contribute ideas towards the plan.

3. Campervan Dump Station

The Community Facilities Manager advised that the area had been cleared in preparation for grassing which would provide a greatly improved area for parking

and picnicking. The Community Board members confirmed their approval for the project to proceed in the new financial year.

4. **Lake Tekapo Plantation - Logging:**

The Community Facilities Manager advised that the District Forester had indicated that work would not be carried out during the school holidays. It was noted that while adverse effects of the logging would be exacerbated during winter, to undertake the work during summer could be attended by an increased risk of fire.

The Community Facilities Manager undertook to keep the Community Board up to date with any developments.

IV REPORTS:

1. FINANCIAL REPORT – APRIL 2012:

This report from the Manager – Finance and Administration was accompanied by the financial report for the period to April 2012.

Resolved that the report be received.

Peter Maxwell /Ian Radford

Provision of Township Services

Cr Maxwell advised that while Council had not approved the Community Facilities Manager's proposal to employ maintenance persons for the three Townships, it had supported a pilot township project for Lake Tekapo.

3. WARD MEMBER'S REPORT:

Cr Maxwell referred to:

- Prices for the Tekapo Water Upgrade
- The Long Term Plan 2012 – 2022:
 - Twizel submissions had opposed the amalgamation of urban water, sewer and stormwater rates
 - The Council had approved the District-wide funding of roading
 - Overheads were to be funded from the General Rate.
 - There would be no further funding of the Mackenzie Tourism and Development Trust after 31 July 2012.

4. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS WHO REPRESENT THE BOARD ON OTHER COMMITTEES:

Peter Munro reported on progress with the **Tekapo Footbridge** project.

The Chairman undertook to liaise with **Genesis Energy** on a number of issues include the canal remedial work and workers accommodation and the Tekapo School energy project.

The Chairman tabled two letters from The Tekapo Promotions Assn – one thanking the Community Board for their promotion of the **Community Courts project** and the other acknowledging the good work of Community Facilities Manager Garth Nixon in managing the project.

The Chairman said working was progressing on bollards, tracks, fencing and rabbit control at the **Regional Park**. A meeting was to be held later in the week to discuss the proposed lease of land to the Motor Caravan Association.

It was noted that the **Tekapo Playground Committee** had been re-launched and was engaged in fundraising for the new playground. The Community Facilities Manager said he intended to remain involved with the Committee and suggested the Community Board appoint a representative on the group.

V GENERAL:

1. LANDSCAPING AND WALKWAY - CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD:

Ian Radford advised that he had discussed the project with David Scott but had yet to meet with the Manager – Roading. He emphasised the importance of the project in terms of the walkway between Tekapo Springs and the Regional Park.

He said the Church of the Good Shepherd committee had been discussing the walkway and the footbridge projects and their implications for the Church.

2. COMMUNITY CENTRE:

The Community Facilities Manager said the Council's building inspectors were happy with the plans which now incorporated the revised entrance and provision for car parking. He undertook to email the plans to the Board members. The Chairman suggested they be posted on the Council's website and on the Lake Tekapo Community Noticeboard.

The Community Facilities Manager said the next step was to get the project specified and put it out for tender.

3. LIGHTING ORDINANCES FOR PROTECTION OF THE NIGHT SKY:

The Chairman referred to renewed interest in the lighting ordinances which protected the night sky in the area. He suggested it would be timely for a new campaign to raise awareness of the ordinances.

Peter Munro said the community would benefit hugely from the recent approval of the Aoraki Mackenzie region as an International Dark Sky Reserve.

It was suggested that the building inspectors as well as Council planners ensure that the information is made available and the lighting ordinances enforced particularly in respect of new buildings.

It was proposed that, as well as that information, all home owners, including holiday home owners, be encouraged and reminded by the use of the website and production of a glossy brochure, of the need to protect the dark sky.

4. LONG TERM PLAN FEEDBACK:

The Chairman said there had been no feedback from his Lake Tekapo Long Term Plan publicity. He suggested a concept plan of the next projects could be launched when the community hall upgrade was underway.

2. BUDGET UPDATE:

The Manager – Finance and Administration outlined the Council’s decisions following the Long Term Plan 2012 – 2022 submission process.

He said that because of the weight of opposition from Twizel, the proposal to harmonise urban water, sewer and stormwater rates had been discarded in the meantime. He noted that the Council had agreed to harmonise the roading rates District-wide and to fund overheads from the General Rate.

The Manager – Finance and Administration explained the impact of the decisions on low, mid and high value indicator properties at Lake Tekapo and on each rating unit. He noted that he had highlighted those units which would have increases in 2012 – 2013 larger than 6.5%, which had been adopted as the maximum rates increase level in the Financial Strategy.

Resolved that the Budgets for the Lake Tekapo Community as previously adopted for 2012/2013 be confirmed.

Murray Cox/Peter Maxwell

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE
CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.40 PM**

CHAIRMAN: _____

DATE: _____