

## **MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL HELD AT THE TWIZEL SERVICE CENTRE, ON TUESDAY MAY 13, 2014, AT 9.30AM**

#### **PRESENT:**

Claire Barlow (Mayor)  
Cr Graham Smith  
Cr Murray Cox  
Cr Noel Jackson  
Cr James Leslie – from 9.48am  
Cr Evan Williams

#### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

Wayne Barnett (Chief Executive Officer)  
Arlene Goss (Committee Clerk)

#### **OPENING:**

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

#### **APOLOGIES:**

An apology was received from Cr Russell Armstrong.

#### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **BEREAVEMENTS:**

The Mayor noted the following bereavements:

- Sholto Hamilton Georgeson (Dick), husband of Anna Wilson and formerly of Irishman Creek Station. A well-known New Zealand record holder in gliding.
- Ngaire Paton Willis, mother of Ian, Peter, Carolyn and Rodney. A long term resident of Fairlie and former Fairlie High School teacher.
- Stephen Henry Waller, husband of Toni. A former Mackenzie District Council building/health inspector who is remembered by many at the council.
- Colleen Kearns, late of Twizel.
- Anthony Walter John Lancaster, husband of the late Margaret, late of Twizel.
- Jo Heal, late of Twizel.
- Elaine Kelligan, who passed away in a car accident, late of Twizel.

A moment of silence was observed.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

This was the report of Mayoral activities from April 2, 2014 to May 12, 2014.

Cr Smith asked for details of the Mayor's meeting with the University of Canterbury. The Mayor said the university is working with Earth and Sky and there is no threat to the long term running of the operation at Mt John. It would be helpful to look at ways the council and the university can help each other promote the region as a location for astronomy.

The Mayor has also met with various constituents on different issues.

Cr Williams asked what concerns were expressed by one constituent regarding the resource consent process. This person's concern was about not being told up front what would be required to get a resource consent, and if they had known they may not have gone down that path. They felt they were a test case and were concerned about the costs. There was dissatisfaction with the consent process. The Mayor said these concerns need to be addressed in the district plan review process.

Resolved that the report be received.

**Noel Jackson/Graham Smith**

***Cr James Leslie joined the meeting at 9.48am.***

## **REPORTS:**

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ACTIVITIES:**

This was the report of chief executive activity from April 2 to May 12, 2014. A correction was noted that Cr Smith did not attend the CCT function on April 28 with Cr Cox.

Cr Smith asked for more information regarding meetings the chief executive has held with Tony Alden (Waimate DC) and Peter Nixon (Timaru DC). These meetings were to discuss shared services in the area of roading. No problems at present. They are currently focussing on what each of the three councils do and asking if doing this individually is appropriate. If we are doing things the same, can we do it together? Also looking at joint purchasing and the alignment of contract documents.

Cr Smith said the Mackenzie roading contracts will always be different to the other districts due to the colder climate in the Mackenzie district causing frost heave in the roads. Our road base and thickness needs to be better. The timing of roading work is also different. We can't seal sometimes when they can. The chief executive said an independent party from Opus is acting as a

project manager. He is consulting with staff and will write up a report to come back to council. Can move forward from there.

Cr Jackson asked if all the repair work goes to one contractor. The chief executive said the re-sealing of current roads is normally a separate contract.

Councillors were concerned that joining the other councils in a larger contract would squeeze out the smaller contractors working in the district.

The Mayor said it had been indicated to her that when the larger companies win a tender they may sub contract some of the work to smaller local companies who are already working in the area and more able to perform maintenance. One of the issues to consider will be the impact on small local companies.

The Mayor asked the chief executive how his meeting with the union representative went, and the chief executive provided a summary of the discussion to councillors.

Resolved that the report be received.

**Murray Cox/Evan Williams**

#### PROPOSAL TO CLOSE ROADS OFF BRAEMAR ROAD:

Councillors discussed whether the Army could be asked to contribute towards the maintainance of public roads in that area.

Nobody uses this paper road because it's on a firing range. It might have been used by people accessing DOC land, but an alternative route is available and there is a safety issue involved.

Councillors agreed to invite Sam Staley from the Army Camp to a future meeting to discuss the situation with roads and public access in that area.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received.

**Evan Williams/Murray Cox**

2. That the roads identified on the attached maps be temporarily closed in the interest of public safety for the period of 14th May 2014 to 14th May 2015 in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1974 Section 11c.

**Graham Smith/Evan Williams**

## APPOINTMENT TO AORAKI FOUNDATION:

The Mayor said Leon O'Sullivan has stepped back after doing great work on the Aoraki Foundation, which included securing money for the Tekapo foot bridge, the swimming pool and the Twizel Medical Centre. He has suggested Lesley Roy, who used to chair the Mackenzie Tourism Trust, as a good person to replace him. She would be a good advocate for the district and is happy to do it.

### Resolved:

1. That the report be received.

**Murray Cox/Graham Smith**

2. That Lesley Roy be appointed as council's representative on the Aoraki Foundation.

**Graham Smith/Evan Williams**

## COMMON SEAL AND AUTHORISED SIGNATURES:

This report advised councillors of documents signed under the common seal from March 22, 2014, to May 6, 2014.

### Resolved:

1. That the report be received.

**Evan Williams/James Leslie**

2. That the affixing of the Common Seal to document number 782 be endorsed.

**Evan Williams/James Leslie**

## GENERAL BUSINESS:

### UPDATE ON OLD LIBRARY CAFÉ:

The chief executive said the re-build of the old library café has been put out to tender. The original intent was to ask four local building companies to tender. But two local companies have said they don't want to. Therefore the chief executive has invited tenders from two Timaru companies and two local ones. One of these is too busy to complete the work in the timeframe, so council is expecting to receive three tenders. The closing date is soon and council will then be in a position to make a decision.

Cr Smith said council is in a worse position now than it was three years ago because costs keep going up. He believed the public consultation process was unfortunate in delaying the work. The Mayor said the hold-up has been in

getting specialist engineering information, not due to public consultation. She supported the public consultation process.

#### UPDATE ON GUDEX ROAD:

The chief executive updated councillors on the progress of making legal road alterations at Gudex Road. This is at the final stage in the process which involves sending it to LINZ and then for ministerial sign off. Our solicitors have submitted it to LINZ where there appears to be a delay. Our solicitors have experienced frustration in finding out what point the application is stuck at in the LINZ process. This is being followed up by solicitors. The delay is not creating extra costs for council.

Cr Smith said he can't believe that the process of closing this road has been on the agenda ever since he has been on the council.

#### **PUBLIC EXCLUDED: UPDATE ON THE PUKAKI INFORMATION CENTRE**

Resolved that the public be excluded from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting, namely an update on the Pukaki Information Centre, due to the commercial sensitivity of the information to be discussed.

**Claire Barlow/James Leslie**

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: *Update on the Pukaki Information Centre under under section 7(2)(b)(ii).*

#### **OPEN MEETING:**

Resolved that the council meeting continue in open meeting.

**James Leslie/Murray Cox**

#### **COMMUNITY BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS AND MINUTES:**

This report from the Chief Executive was accompanied by the minutes of the meetings of the Tekapo and Twizel Community Boards on April 22, and the Fairlie Community Board on April 28, 2014.

Resolved: that the report be received.

**Evan Williams/Graham Smith**

TEKAPO COMMUNITY BOARD:

Council **noted** the following resolution regarding the allocation of a grant to the Tekapo School board of trustees to bring the Garden City Band to Tekapo as a fundraiser for the school:

That the community board approve a grant to pay the total amount of the hall hire for the event.

**Alan Hayman/Lyn Martin**

Council **noted** the following resolution regarding an application for a grant from the Tekapo Solar System project committee:

That the Tekapo Community Board decline the request from the Lake Tekapo Solar System Project Committee for \$2,200 and request a further application with more detail be submitted for consideration under the projects budget.

**Alan Hayman/Murray Cox**

TWIZEL COMMUNITY BOARD:

Council **noted** the following resolutions regarding a request from the Twizel Community Care Trust for a review of the grant it receives from the board:

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

**John Bishop/Pat Shuker**

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

**John Bishop/Russell Armstrong**

Council **noted** the following resolution regarding a request from the TPDA for a grant:

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**

Council **noted and considered** the following resolution regarding a request for a grant from Students Against Drink Driving in Twizel:

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**

Bruce White abstained from voting due to his conflict of interest.

#### Council Resolution

Resolved that council fund 50% of the request for a grant from Students Against Drink Driving at \$243.75.

**Claire Barlow/James Leslie**

Council **noted** the following resolution in response to a letter from the Twizel Swimming Club asking for help with pool hire costs:

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**

#### FAIRLIE COMMUNITY BOARD

Council **noted and considered** the following resolution regarding funding towards the covering of the stage on the Village Green:

Resolved that the Fairlie Community Board uses the money currently in the village green account towards the covering of the stage on the Village Green, and applies to council for non-ratepayer funds to fund the balance.

**Les Blacklock/Warren Barker**

Council requested that a report on this issue be provided at the next meeting of the Finance Committee.

#### **RURAL TRAVEL FUND ALLOCATION GROUP MINUTES:**

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Rural Travel Fund Allocation Group held on April 15, 2014, be received.

**Evan Williams/Graham Smith**

#### **CREATIVE COMMUNITIES ASSESSMENT GROUP MINUTES:**

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Creative Communities Assessment Group held on April 16, 2014, be received.

**Evan Williams/Graham Smith**

## COMMITTEE MINUTES:

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Asset and Services Committee held on April 29, 2014, be received.

**Graham Smith/James Leslie**

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Planning and Regulation Committee held on April 29, 2014, be received.

**Graham Smith/James Leslie**

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on May 6, 2014, including such parts as were taken with the public excluded, be received.

**Graham Smith/James Leslie**

## MINUTES AND MATTERS UNDER ACTION:

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Mackenzie District Council held on April 1, 2014, including such parts as were taken with the public excluded, be confirmed and adopted as the correct record of the meeting.

**Claire Barlow/Graham Smith**

## MATTERS UNDER ACTION

Councillors discussed the items listed under Matters Under Action. Discretionary funding has not been included in the draft budget. The chief executive is to raise this in the Annual Plan process. Councillors would like to be updated on progress with the item "missing soldiers names on memorials". Screens for the Lake Tekapo Community Centre have been done. Fairlie Community Centre Courtyard - awaiting proper plans. This is currently underway.

## MINUTES:

Resolved that the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Mackenzie District Council held on April 29, 2014, be confirmed and adopted as the correct record of the meeting.

**Claire Barlow/Noel Jackson**

## PUBLIC EXCLUDED:

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

- A) SALE OF LAND TO MERIDIAN ENERGY.
- B) PREVIOUS MINUTES TWIZEL COMMUNITY BOARD, APRIL 22.



- C) PREVIOUS MINUTES FINANCE COMMITTEE, MAY 6.
- D) PREVIOUS MINUTES COUNCIL, APRIL 1.

<b>General subject of each matter to be considered</b>	<b>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</b>	<b>Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</b>
Sale of Land to Meridian Energy	Enable commercial negotiations	48(1)(a)(i)
Previous minutes Twizel Community Board	Commercial sensitivity	48(1)(a)(i)
Previous minutes Finance Committee	Enable commercial negotiations	48(1)(a)(i)
Previous minutes Council	Commercial sensitivity	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: *Previous minutes Twizel Community Board and Previous Minutes Council under section 7(2)(b)(ii). Sale of Land to Meridian Energy and Previous Minutes Finance Committee under section 7(2)(i).*

**Evan Williams/James Leslie**

The Mackenzie District Council meeting continued in open meeting.

**THE MAYOR DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 11.54am.**

**MAYOR:** \_\_\_\_\_

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