

MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ASSET AND SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FAIRLIE, ON TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2015, AT 11.12AM

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 Officer)
Bernie Haar (Asset Manager)
Suzy Ratahi (Roading Manager)
Geoff Horler (Utilities Manager)
Angie Taylor (Solid Waste Manager)
Julie Jongen (Committee Clerk)
Len Fleete (Environment Canterbury) Left at 11.46
Shannon Boorer (Environment Canterbury) Left at 11.46

APOLOGIES:

No apologies received.

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 3, 2015, including those parts taken in public excluded, be confirmed as an accurate record.

Murray Cox/Graham Smith

VISITOR:

Len Fleete and Shannon Boorer from Environmental Canterbury to speak on Stock Effluent report.

REPORTS:

ASSET MANAGERS MONTHLY REPORT – FEBRUARY 2015:

The purpose of this report was to update the Asset and Services Committee on the progress on various projects and also the normal operation of the department for the past month. The following matters were included in the discussion of this report:

Resolved that the report be received.

Russell Armstrong/Murray Cox

Bernie Haar spoke on his report. Twizel installation has been delayed due to electrical board not being ready but should be installed by mid-April.

Cr James Leslie congratulated Bernie and his team on their presentation.

Cr Graham Smith questioned if there was any more expense expected for testing of pipes and if Opus are the only company who can do this testing, the reply was yes.

Bernie stated we are making very important decisions on the life of these pipes and accurate data is crucial.

Cr Graham Smith queried the amount of testing that has been done. There have been 12 tested and possibly another 2 to do.

Roading - Suzy Ratahi stated that farmers have been very co-operative this year regarding hay bales away from the road side.

Coal Pit bridge #2 will be brought forward as it could be an issue whether it needs repairing or replacing.

Cr Russell Armstrong asked Suzy if she had a date for completion of Market Place car park as there are no markings and it is not completed. Suzy will follow this up with the contractors and will email Councillors with their response.

Mayor Barlow had a couple of queries from Finance meeting re NZTA budget, and requested more details on reports with the variances.

Cr Murray Cox asked if NZTA scrape the sides of the road between Fairlie and Tekapo. They are doing a ten and five year drainage improvement programme. There was mention of concern about the damage/removal of the lupins. The reason for doing this is to get the water off the road and onto the pavements underneath.

Utilities – Geoff Horler stated that Fairlie is still on a total water ban. Stormwater upgrade should be completed by next week.

Solid waste – Angie Taylor is going to be talking with the solid waste team in Waitaki to see what is required with the waste collection from Lake Ohau. Bernie Haar stated that a figure was set some years ago with no adjustment to the fee Waitaki are paying.

Angie mentioned that there are a lot of pre-paid green and clear bags left over. It has been a very busy summer and are looking into where this waste is coming from eg homes, tourists.

METAL CHARGING REPORT:

Resolved

1. That the report be received.

Graham Smith/Claire Barlow

2. New charges for metal and white ware deposits to the Resource Recovery Parks be introduced as follows and be effective immediately:

White ware – increases from \$10 per item to \$15 per item

Metal – new charge of \$15/m³ with a minimum charge of \$5

Graham Smith/Evan Williams

Angie spoke on costs for removal of metal waste. The metal merchant expenses are rising and we are now required to pay to have the metal removed, so therefore need to look at charging for dumping these items.

Cr James Leslie asked if we could stockpile, response was we would run into problems with space and it's not a good look.

Mayor Barlow agrees we should charge the public for the costs in getting rid of white ware.

Cr Russell Armstrong made comment that he would be happy to speak to Bernie and Angela re the cartage of waste metal to Christchurch as he is travelling up there regularly and can get better money for it in Christchurch than Timaru.

Bernie Haar said he is more than happy to look at any ideas and cost savings on removal of the metal.

NZTA AUDIT REPORT:

Resolved

1. That the report be received.

Claire Barlow/Graham Smith

2. The recommendations from the recent NZTA Procedural Audit be implemented within this audit period.
 - i. That Mackenzie District Council confirms its costs charged to the business unit are based upon up-to-date information in the future.
 - ii. That Mackenzie District Council develops a process for monitoring over and under spend in the maintenance and operations output.

Mayor Barlow congratulated Suzy Ratahi on the result of this report and what a great job she has done.

Claire Barlow/Russell Armstrong

STATE HIGHWAY 8 SPEED LIMIT REVIEW REPORT:

Resolved

1. That the report be received.

Graham Smith/Evan Williams

2. That the Council formally requests the New Zealand Transport Agency to conduct a review of the posted speed limits in the Lake Tekapo and Burkes Pass areas as requested and advise both the Lake Tekapo Community Board and the Burkes Pass Residence Association of the outcome.

Suzy Ratahi asked Cr Noel Jackson for his comments and he replied that he has spoken to local residents and they are in agreeance to change the speed restrictions. Council can formally ask NZTA to look at this.

Graham Smith/Claire Barlow

MDC – STOCK TRUCK EFFLUENT REPORT: (Presented by Len Fleete and Shannon Boorer from Environment Canterbury)

Resolved

1. That the report be received.
2. That Mackenzie District Council contribute \$3,000 per annum towards the Canterbury Regional Stock Truck Effluent Programme.
3. That Mackenzie District Council agrees to sign up to the Canterbury Regional Stock Truck Effluent Disposal Agreement for Sharing of Operational Costs.

Len Fleete spoke on this report. Stock truck effluent disposal group pays for the maintenance and cleaning of the five dump sites within the district. The cost is \$60,000 per year across the region to clean and maintain these sites.

Currently this cost is shared from eight of the nine district Councils including Christchurch City. Currently Mackenzie District Council do not contribute to this. The reason for this visit is to invite Mackenzie District Council to join the group.

Mayor Barlow asked why we have not joined previously to which Bernie Haar replied that it was decided we didn't have an effluent dump station here so it was not necessary to pay for this.

Cr Graham Smith asked whether there is a need for a dump station here as it is a long way for trucks to go and dump to other areas.

The process was we would join the group and take issues to the group and it would be dealt with at that level. The stock truck effluent working group has been idle in the last few years.

Cr Russell Armstrong asked who installs and pays for the dump stations? The reply was that NZTA initially pay for the installation of these stations. Then the question was asked why doesn't NZTA pay for the cleaning, as they control the state highways so shouldn't they pay for the emptying of these stations.

The response was that it's a national stance that NZTA do not pay for any stock effluent stations to be cleaned.

Cr James Leslie questioned whether the \$60,000 is likely to change the reply was it hasn't changed in the last 4 years. Cr Leslie commented that he would be concerned the amount could escalate.

Wayne Barnett commented it seems to be a regional issue, but rated through into the District Councils and he would be concerned about paying for something we would have no control over, where Regional have all the power but not the expense.

Environment Canterbury do not support this through their rates, and it comes from Local Tertiary's.

Cr Graham Smith asked if we sign up are we signing up for an exact amount and could this amount change, and are we locked in forever?

Cr Murray Cox asked if the transport companies or the farmers moving the stock should pay for this, the reply was, that is what was initiated originally but it never worked well.

Cr James Leslie feels we should be supporting this group and pull our weight with this issue but Cr Noel Jackson would like more discussion on this topic and come back to the group at a later date.

Mayor Barlow felt we should investigate this further and speak to Council staff and get their opinions.

Sharon Boorer commented that in regards to costs we could set a limit as to what we would pay up to and could do a regional review and lobby that to NZTA but we need to be in the group to do this.

Cr Graham Smith agreed we need to be part of this group and contribute especially if we are the only council not in the group in the region.

Resolved that further investigate Mackenzie District Councils involvement at the regional disposal of stock truck effluent.

Noel Jackson/Russell Armstrong

Sharon Boorer asked what would be the timing for the above resolution. She was told it will be within the next month.

Claire Barlow/Russell Armstrong

Adjourned for lunch at 12.36pm

Meeting recommenced at 1.02pm and went into Public Excluded

PUBLIC EXCLUDED:

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

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
Gordon St Stormwater Report	Maintain legal professional privilege	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: *Under 7(2)(g)*

James Leslie/Claire Barlow

Resolved that committee move back to public meeting.

Russell Armstrong/Claire Barlow

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE
CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 1.24PM**

CHAIRMAN: _____

DATE: _____