

**MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FAIRLIE COMMUNITY BOARD  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FAIRLIE, ON MONDAY JULY  
20, 2015, AT 5:03PM**

**PRESENT:**

Owen Hunter (Chairman)  
Les Blacklock  
Trish Willis  
Warren Barker  
Noel Jackson

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Wayne Barnett (Chief Executive)  
Suzy Ratahi (Acting Asset Manager) – left at 6.39pm  
Annabelle Bray (Christchurch and Canterbury Tourism) – left at 5.30pm  
Paul Morris (Finance Manager) - left at 5.56pm  
Arlene Goss (Committee Clerk)

**APOLOGIES:**

No apologies were received.

**MINUTES:**

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Fairlie Community Board held on June 8, 2015, be confirmed and adopted as the correct record.

**Warren Barker/Les Blacklock**

**FAIRLIE COMMUNITY BOARD MATTERS UNDER ACTION**

The chairman said that at the last meeting Anne Thompson sought the support of the community board regarding the Village Green and this needed to be followed up. Discussion was held on her proposal. The board agreed it was a good idea. It would be good to have something for the older children on the Village Green. The Community Board has not been asked for funding, as it has been sought from external sources. Trish Willis asked if she could talk to Anne Thompson on behalf of the community board regarding what goes on the green. This was agreed.

*The chairman noted that Annabelle Bray was present to speak regarding the public excluded item on the agenda and changed the order of business to consider this item next.*

**PUBLIC EXCLUDED:**

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

<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>
Starlight Highway Tourist Drive	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: *Starlight Highway Tourist Drive, under section 7(2)(b)(ii).*

**Trish Willis/Les Blacklock**

*The meeting re-opened to the public.*

## **REPORTS:**

### **FAIRLIE COMMUNITY BOARD FINANCIAL ACTIVITY REPORT TO MAY 2015:**

The chief executive spoke on the financial report. Under 'Fairlie Domain' there are administration expenses that are incorrect. These will be corrected. The rest of the accounts are in order. Warren Barker asked why the maintenance bill was high. Would it be worth having a retired carpenter employed by the council to do operational maintenance? The chief executive said Council made a decision to out-source this work. He said employing staff requires ongoing commitment and you cannot re-tender the work. The chairman said employment had been tried in the past and was a minefield.

### **WARD MEMBERS REPORT:**

Cr Noel Jackson updated the community board on the Long Term Plan. The decision was made not to sell forestry. Council will probably borrow money to cover the shortfall in the district. The roading service level has been cut but not hugely. The three waters have been amalgamated which will make it more affordable for the district as a whole. The chairman asked whether communities can still debate issues such as drinking water standards. The chief executive said the decision around drinking water standards will be made by Council. Community boards can still take an interest, but decision making will be at a council level, which it always has been.

### **REPORTS FROM MEMBERS WHO REPRESENT THE BOARD ON OTHER COMMITTEES:**

There were no reports from members.

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Verbal Update on Fairlie Campground	Commercial sensitivity	48(1)(a)(i)

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**Trish Willis/Les Blacklock**

*The meeting re-opened to the public.*

**COMMUNITY FACILITIES FEES AND CHARGES:**

This was a review of the fees and charges for Fairlie community facilities. The Community Board discussed various charges and agreed on the amounts suggested.

Resolved

1. That the report be received.

**Les Blacklock/Warren Barker**

2. That the Fairlie Community Board adopt the revised fees and charges as proposed.

**Les Blacklock/Warren Barker**

**FAIRLIE PROJECTS AND ALLANDALE ENTRANCE TO TOWNSHIP:**

The board were asked to make a decision on what to do with a surplus of \$21,000 from last year's budget. The chairman went through a list of town projects and said all were progressing well. He handed around some photos showing the Allandale Entrance to town. The chairman said there is permission from the landowner to put a garden against the brick wall and plant grasses to soften the area.

The chairman asked the roading manager to ensure that snow does not get dumped on the access to the river because this is the only access for fire engines to get water. Suzy Ratahi agreed. Suzy Ratahi said the council spent \$25,000 to \$35,000 on snow clearance and gritting in Fairlie, with a total amount of \$114,000 spent throughout the district. The chairman suggested the costs of snow clearing be published in the Fairlie Accessible.

Warren Barker said the town clock was not working the other day. The chairman will look at this.

Cr Jackson asked questions regarding town signs and Suzy Ratahi agreed to follow up.

Trish Willis asked about the area that used to be the paint ball ground and whether a decision had been made about what to do with the land. The chief executive said this has not gone to council yet. He will follow this up.

The chairman said he would like a monthly report to keep track of the projects money.

### Resolved

1. That the report be received.

**Trish Willis/Noel Jackson**

2. That the Fairlie Community Board recommends to Council that the surplus funds of \$21,000 from the projects budget be carried through to the Township Reserve Account and the uncompleted work be undertaken in the next financial year, and funded from this reserve as an unbudgeted item.

**Trish Willis/Noel Jackson**

### MINOR IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT LIST - REGENT STREET:

Suzy Ratahi outlined the proposal to look at parking and amenity issues and possibilities on Regent Street, Fairlie.

Warren Barker said he was uncertain about paying a consultant to do this work. The chief executive said staff have looked at this. Public consultation showed the public didn't want to change things. But the subject came up again. The idea was to have someone else give it a fresh look and come up with some options and possibly new ideas. The chairman asked if the consultants will talk to the commercial businesses on the street. This can be included in the scope. Part of the problem is a lack of business parking in the street.

Discussion was held on who should pay for the consultant's report. There was a suggestion that it be funded from the roading budget. The chief executive said it is fair for the community board to pay, as other towns are paying for similar work.

Les Blacklock suggested adding Grey Street to the study.

The chief executive said discussion with other councils might result in parking wardens being available to visit the towns in the district for occasional enforcement work. This might be a way to resolve the issues on Regent Street.

Resolved

1. That the report be received.

**Les Blacklock/Noel Jackson**

2. That the Fairlie Community Board employ Abley to undertake a layout and parking bylaw study on Regent Street, Fairlie for the fee of approximately \$4500 +GST and this be funded from the township projects reserve.

**Les Blacklock/Noel Jackson**

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

Suzy Ratahi asked to update the community board on two issues before leaving the meeting. The first is the green sign on the power pole in front of the Old Library Café building. NZTA have agreed to supply a price to move this sign back down the road. The chairman asked for access to the motor camp to be taken into consideration when placing the sign.

The second issue was the Allandale bridge walkway. NZTA have looked at the information related to the clip-on bridge walkway. The community board needs to send a letter requesting NZTA to consider the issues we have with the bridge. This letter could come from the Mayor. This will prompt NZTA to look at it more closely but there is no guarantee of any action being taken. It was agreed that the Mayor would be asked to send this letter.

*Suzy Ratahi left the meeting at 6.39pm.*

Trish Willis updated the board on the Fairlie Community Centre survey. She said a good meeting was held and there seemed to be an underlying assumption that there was an intention to reduce the size of the stadium, so she corrected this and assured people this was not being considered. Discussion at the meeting was around the size of the stadium being a priority for some groups, but there was also a need to soften some areas so they could be used for weddings and other events. Discussion was also held on the maintenance needed in the building.

It was noted that the district promotions association is winding up and handing over its website to the community enhancement board.

The chairman said that with the Fairlie Western Catchment project now off the table, Council could sell the land at Nixon's Road. The chief executive offered to write a report on this subject and bring it to the next meeting.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRPERSON  
DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 6.50pm**

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

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