

MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TWIZEL COMMUNITY BOARD HELD IN THE EVENTS CENTRE LOUNGE, TWIZEL ON MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2015 AT 4.04PM

PRESENT:

John Bishop (Chairman)
Phil Rive
Bruce White
Pat Shuker
Cr Russell Armstrong

IN ATTENDANCE:

Wayne Barnett (Chief Executive)
Julie Jongen (Committee Secretary)
Jack Montgomerie (Timaru Herald)
Cr Graham Smith
Mayor Claire Barlow
Geoff Horler (Utilities Engineer)
Nathan Hole (Planning & Regulations Manager)

OPENING:

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APOLOGIES:

Apology received from Garth Nixon (Community Facilities Manager)

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

No declarations of interest.

VISITORS:

Val McMillan was invited to the meeting as she had written a letter to the newspaper re Two Thumbs Carpark.

Police officers Joe Rush and Les Andrew (Left meeting at 4.22)

Police report: Joe Rush and Les Andrew gave a report on crime within the Twizel district. There were approximately 100 traffic, burglaries and petty crime call outs last year, this year so far there have only been 28 reported incidents.

It was stated that not all accidents were caused by tourists and the majority of accidents were vehicles crossing the centre line. It was noted that statistics could be down as a result of people not being able to contact the police due to no cell phone coverage or difficulty getting in touch with the police. There were extra staff to assist over the New Year period but were no reports of crime and only one drunk driver.

In regards to the rowing issues, police had no calls regarding problems and it seems a small group ruined it for the whole regatta. Unfortunately the event was recorded in a negative way when it was a really positive event and it was felt the reporting of this issue was inaccurate.

The question was asked as to "what does the community want to do about cars driving through the green ways?" as police get complaints about these vehicles but cannot do anything without knowing their registration plates.

The liquor ban areas need to be very well marked to educate visitors, the locals know where they are but due to lack of signs the visitors don't. A suggestion to put up stencilled signs like the mobility signs may help.

The mayor asked if drug growing is a problem in Twizel. The reply was police keep an eye out as they know who these people are and hard drugs don't seem to be a problem in Twizel. There are still some issues with domestic violence but the problem isn't too bad and the police have information for help on hand.

Search and rescue have been busy at Mt Cook.

The police are happy to come along to the Twizel Community Board every 3 months with an update.

MINUTES:

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Twizel Community Board held on January 26, 2015, be confirmed and adopted as the correct record of the meeting.

Russell Armstrong/Phil Rive

Phil Rive queried the costings and design for the pump.

John Bishop spoke on the difficulty of knowing what trees were to be dealt with but couldn't identify them.

Pat Shuker stated that Garth Nixon and herself went and looked at the fences and some trees in the North West arch area that need to be taken out so less fire risk for next summer.

TWIZEL COMMUNITY BOARD MATTERS UNDER ACTION:

1. Town Projects:

- a. Greenway fencing – On target at present. Edging for greenway from Mackenzie Drive to Hunter Cres.

2. Twizel Public Toilets:

Russell Armstrong spoke to Garth about initiating the removal of asbestos and there is a person coming from Christchurch who will remove recyclable materials from the building and the rest of it will be demolished and taken away. He is waiting on the asbestos removal.

3. Bike Lockup:

There will be more bike space created when the old toilets and building are removed from the town centre.

4. Twizel Youth Centre:

An update has been received. Repair work is continuing.

5. Overnight Camping:

No update.

6. Twizel Water Supply Upgrade:

Opus have also been asked to do a review of the cost of building a water scheme for Manuka Terrace residents. This went to full council.

7. Climbing wall in Twizel Events Centre:

Shaun Norman to come up with a concept plan for a climbing wall and will bring it back to the community board.

8. Car Parking at Two Thumb Drive:

Geoff Horler confirmed that estimated costs are \$150,000. John Bishop asked for designs from engineers and they will be put out to the public. Council will be liable for the costs. Visitor Val had written a letter to the newspaper as she wanted people to know about it, and wasn't aware of any public consultation. She feels it is another green space been taken away from the town. Russell Armstrong agreed and said he had spoken to the owner of the 4 Square and that perhaps the carpark could be incorporated with their carpark.

John Bishop stated nothing was set in concrete and the plan will be submitted as well as putting it out for public consultation.

Cr Graham Smith added that if Council are paying for this it would not happen overnight as no budget has been set aside.

9. Future Direction for Twizel:

Geoff Horler stated that work has commenced on and stage 1 and will be completed by April. The pumps are just about ready, just waiting on the control and electrical panels, they will be there by end of April.

Russell Armstrong asked what "was the issue with the drop in water pressure over the Christmas period". Geoff Horler replied that was there was an issue with the drive, but the new in line pump (booster) will make a difference. Opus will be doing the modelling.

10. Twizel Bedding Display on Tasman Road:

Two new flower beds are to be installed next week.

11. Tree Control on Jollie Road:

Community Board to view this area before making a decision.

12. Nuisance Dust Old Glen Lyon Road:

Bernie Haar wrote to Linda Tilson advising this matter would go on the Agenda for Council Meeting. (This is an attachment to these minutes).

13. Early Learning Centre Location:

There was a suggestion of placing the centre near the kindergarten. Garth Nixon has replied to Mr Power's letter.

REPORTS:

FINANCIAL REPORT TO JANUARY, 2015:

The purpose of this report was to update board members on the financial performance of the Twizel Community as a whole for the period to January, 2015.

Resolved that the report be received.

Phil Rive/Bruce White

Mayor Barlow requested that the sub headings on the report carry on over to the following pages.

John Bishop commented that on page 22, Capital Expenditure had no budget listed, Wayne Barnett will look into this

COMMUNITY FACILITIES UPDATE:

Good to see extended hours at the information centre.

Pat Shuker spoke on how she has spoken to the residents and others involved about trimming trees that are a fire risk. Wayne Barnett spoke about the trees by the golf course and he had spoken to Garth Nixon and consideration could be to remove the trees.

Resolved that the report be received

Phil Rive/Russell Armstrong

FUNDING REQUEST:

Mayor Barlow spoke that the International Dark Sky convention is to be held in Twizel next year and last time they approached council for funding. The Tekapo Community Board put \$1000 forward and Council matched it. This year it is based in Twizel and Mayor Barlow asked if the board would give a donation. John Bishop said that he is not sure what will be in the budget for next year and asked what are the costs for hiring the hall and if they could possibly support in that way. He will find out costs from Garth Nixon.

Resolved that the report be received

Phil Rive/Russell Armstrong

Resolved that the Twizel Community Board will make a \$1000 donation as long as it is matched by Council.

Phil Rive/Bruce White

WARD MEMBER'S REPORT:

Nothing to report

REPORTS FROM MEMBERS WHO REPRESENT THE COMMUNITY BOARD ON OTHER COMMITTEES:

Nothing to report

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Availability for workshop on "Keeping Rates Affordable in the Long Term Plan" suggested date is Monday March 23 (4pm for Twizel and 7pm for Tekapo)

Wayne Barnett explained that the workshop is about working out costs and planning for LTP (Long Term Plan) and what exactly the LTP is.

John Bishop is unavailable for this date. Pat Schuker, Russell Armstrong and Bruce White could make this date and Phil Rive was tentative.

Wayne Barnett suggested the Board confirm this date.

Pat Shuker read a letter from a member of the public (namely Maree Hema) to the community board about concerns with the elected members not being trustworthy and honest. Maree was sitting in the public gallery and spoke out rudely to members of the Board. She was asked to leave the meeting to which she did.

The following item on the agenda was to have been heard in Public Excluded, but it was decided at the meeting by the Chairman that this would be discussed in Public.

Chairman John Bishop left the chair at 5.01pm and requested deputy chairman Phil Rive to take the chair.

Phil Rive requested Russell Armstrong to go through each point.

1. Resource consent for the Meridian building. How can Meridian build within 10metre set back of the driveway? Nathan Hole replied that it is in a commercial zone and that in Market Place there are no restrictions to the boundary. An independent consultant did the recommendations of the resource consent. This document is available for public viewing. Nathan Hole answered Russell Armstrong's question, yes the resolution from the community board was taken into account and if they hadn't approved it, Council would have taken this into account.
2. The outcome of a vote went yes for supporting Meridian.
3. John Bishop replied the only support he gave Meridian was what the board had agreed with. Debated discussion took place on whether Russell Armstrong was deliberately left out of certain meetings. The fact he had declared a conflict of interest was the reason he wouldn't of being notified, and that there had never been and notification that "Russell Armstrong no longer had a conflict of interest". Mayor Barlow explained the role of the chairman, and the rights he has.
4. John Bishop stated that the wording of the letter was different to what it is on the resource consent and he did not write the words of the resource consent in his letter. John Bishop said he doesn't feel that this issue between two board members should be discussed in a public meeting and apologised for any grief caused to Russell Armstrong, and that he is a valuable member of the community board. He then proceeded to shake Russell Armstrong's hand and it was agreed to continue working together on the Board in a professional manner. Russell Armstrong stated that everyone needs to be kept in the loop at all times.

Chairman John Bishop returned to the chair to close the meeting at 5.37pm.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS
THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 5.38pm**

CHAIRMAN: _____

DATE: _____