

MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FAIRLIE, ON TUESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2008 AT 1.15 PM

PRESENT:

Dave Pullen (Chairman)
John O'Neill (Mayor)
Evan Williams
Simon McDermott
Graham Smith

IN ATTENDANCE:

Glen Innes (Chief Executive Officer)
Bernie Haar (Asset Manager)
John O'Connor (Asset Supervisor) for part of the meeting.
Garth Nixon (Community Facilities Manager) for part of the meeting
Rosemary Moran (Committee Clerk)

I APOLOGIES:

Resolved that an apology be received from Cr Page.

Evan Williams/Leon O'Sullivan

II MINUTES:

Resolved that the Minutes of the meeting of the Operations Committee held on Tuesday 12 August 2008, including such parts as were taken with the Public Excluded, be confirmed and adopted as the correct record of the meeting.

The Mayor/Simon McDermott

MATTERS ARISING:

Eversley Reserve Sewerage Options

The Asset Manager advised that, because of representations from residents of the Reserve to the Fairlie Community Board that a decision on a scheme for the area be deferred until they had undertaken more investigations, he had not proceeded with design work for a STEP scheme as resolved at the previous Operations Committee meeting. He also advised that the Fairlie Community Board had declined to waive sewer financial contributions of \$1,214.96 per property.

MATTERS UNDER ACTION:

4. Peace Avenue Trees:

The Mayor noted that long grass and gorse was growing under young trees which had recently replaced Peace Avenue trees at Winscombe and because the adjacent land was being cropped, it could be difficult to clean the area. The Community Facilities Manager advised that he had already consulted with the farmer concerned and he would be pursuing the issue.

11. **Fairlie Medical Centre:**
The Community Facilities Manager advised that the draft plans for the proposed extensions to the Medical Centre were currently being costed.
12. **Haldon Camp:**
The Community Facilities Manager advised that he had been in touch with LINZ regarding the information they requested regarding the sewerage system at Haldon Camp. He said the information required was proof rather than the costings he had originally provided.

III REPORTS:

1. **VEHICLE REPLACEMENT:**

This report from the Asset Manager informed the Council on the vehicle replacement programme recently undertaken as approved in the 2008/09 Annual Plan.

Resolved that the report be received.

Simon McDermott/Evan Williams

3. **TWIZEL WATER SUPPLY OPTIONS:**

The Committee considered a letter from Greg Birdling, Principal Environmental Engineer for Opus International Consultants Ltd, setting out options for the Twizel water supply.

Resolved that the report be received

The Mayor/Evan Williams

The Chairman welcomed Andrew Hocken and Greg Birdling and introduced the Councillors to them.

Greg Birdling referred to the background of the issue of restricted vs full-pressure water supply options for Twizel. He then provided a power point presentation to the Committee. A copy of the presentation is attached to this record as Appendix A.

In response to a question from Cr Pullen on the effects that a full gravity supply from a new source could have on the issue of restricted vs full-pressure water supplies, Mr Bridling said that, Environment Canterbury issues aside, it would cost more to service larger lots with full pressure supply. He noted while such lots could have water meters, an appropriate charging regime would need to be instituted because water meters did not restrict usage. He suggested that if the Council wanted to change behaviour, then the charging regime might have to be draconian.

Andrew Hocken circulated a letter dated 23 September 2008 which referred to the water supply to RM040093 subdivision of Lot 28 DP83376 known as *The Drive*, which is attached to this record as Appendix B. The letter was accompanied by copies of the documents Mr Hocken referred to in his letter.

Mr Hocken then guided the Committee through the documents.

Mr Hocken said he could not vest the assets of *The Drive* to Council until the issue had been resolved even though rates were being paid.

Resolved that the 62 sections of RM040093 subdivision of Lot 28 DP83376 known as The Drive be granted unrestricted metered water supplies.

Leon O'Sullivan/Evan Williams

Mr Hocken and Mr Birdling left the meeting at 3.40 pm.

It was clarified that it was the Committee's understanding that an inline booster pump and 62 water meters would be installed for the subdivision at the developer's cost.

The meeting was adjourned at 3.45 pm for afternoon tea.

Resolved that a new District water policy be developed.

Evan Williams/Leon O'Sullivan

2. **ANDREWS STREAM BRIDGE:**

This report from the Asset Manager sought consideration on a further report from the Timaru District Council (which had already been presented to that Council) on the condition of the Andrews Stream Bridge and confirmation of the Council's position in relation to that structure.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received
2. ***That Council confirms that it is prepared to fund a maximum of \$10,000 towards the redecking of the Andrews Stream Bridge.***

The Mayor/Evan Williams

VI GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. **SILVER FERN RALLY:**

The Asset Manager advised that the rally would go through the District in two or three weeks. An objection to it going past the property had been received from the landholder at Guide Hill. The route of the rally had since been altered and would no longer interfere with Guide Hill. The objection had been withdrawn.

2. MINOR IMPROVEMENTS

Resolved that the Mayor with Crs Page, Smith and Williams be appointed as a working group to recommend the allocation of Minor Improvements funding for the 2008/09 year.

Leon O’Sullivan /Simon McDermott

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE
MAYOR DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED
AT 4.00 PM**

CHAIRMAN: _____

DATE: _____