

MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE TWIZEL COMMUNITY BOARD HELD IN THE SERVICE CENTRE, TWIZEL, ON TUESDAY 31 MARCH 2008 AT 4.00 PM

PRESENT:

John Bishop (Chairman)
Khandro
Phil Rive
Peter Bell
Dave Pullen

IN ATTENDANCE

Glen Innes (Chief Executive Officer)
Garth Nixon (Community Facilities Manager)
Rosemary Moran (Committee Clerk)
Graham Hughes (Manager - Twizel Events Centre)

I APOLOGY:

An apology from the Mayor was noted.

II MINUTES:

Resolved that the minutes of the meetings of the Twizel Community Board held on 18 February and 10 March 2008 be confirmed and adopted as the correct records of the meeting.

Peter Bell /John Bishop

MATTERS UNDER ACTION:

11. **Ablutions Block**

The Community Facilities Manager advised that the building was to be painted in a colour similar to the *Lotto Plus* shop.

Cr Pullen reported that he had consulted with the widow of the man who had painted the mural and there had been no adverse reaction to the Board's proposal that it be painted over.

13 **Naming of the Children's Playground:**

The Chairman read out a letter from Dr Peter Laws accepting the Board's proposal to name the new children's playground after him. He noted that Dr Laws had offered to attend a formal opening function if required. He suggested that when the project was completed such a function could be arranged. He undertook to keep in touch with Dr Laws.

14. **Twizel Green Spaces:**

Cr Pullen suggested that the maintenance of all greenways and reserves, including the pony club, domain and water supply land, the new reserves on Ruataniwha Road and the old grave site, be included in one cost centre. He noted that the maintenance of the river reserve land, which was currently the subject of the land swap negotiations with the Department of Conservation, could also be included in that cost centre.

The Community Facilities Manager advised that because of the separate management requirements for the town belts they would need to have a dedicated cost centre.

Peter Bell referred to his proposals for the management and development of the green spaces and the need to produce a written strategy. The Community Facilities Manager said he was in the process of developing a brief to enable professional expertise to be engaged. He undertook to make the draft proposals for the strategy available for the next Community Board meeting. He noted that the process would involve consultation with the community.

The Chief Executive Officer suggested that it would be useful to consider the issue alongside the proposed Twizel zone changes and Plan Change 13. He said the Board needed to decide how much it was willing to budget to maintain reserves areas to a high standard and also to identify the areas which they wished to remain in their natural state.

Income from the Net Proceeds of Land under the Old Halls:

Cr Pullen suggested that because the land under the old halls had not been returned to a useable condition following the demolition of the buildings, the costs associated with reinstating the land to a standard upon which the new developments associated with the upgrade of Market Place could be constructed should be refunded to the Community Board. He said this was in accordance with the Council's resolution to gift the net sale proceeds of the land to the Twizel community, viz:

That the Council gifts any net sale proceeds of the land under the existing halls to Project 2000 if required, and that the cost of the demolition or removal of the buildings is borne by the normal land sale process in the interim.).

Cr Pullen suggested that it had been generally understood that the land would backfilled and returned to a useable state, ie grassed over and/or with footpaths.

Resolved that the cost of reinstating the old halls site to the workable standard required for the Market Place Upgrade project be refunded to the Twizel Community Board.

Dave Pullen/Peter Bell

III REPORTS:

1. VET BUILDING OHAU ROAD:

This report from the Manager - Finance and Administration sought resolution of a way forward for the use or disposal of the vet building on Ohau Road.

Resolved that the report be received.

P Rive/P Bell

Resolved that the Board recommends to the Council's Finance Committee to tender the vet building on Ohau road for removal - highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

John Bishop/Khandro

2. TWIZEL COMMUNITY WORKER'S REPORT:

This report from the Committee Clerk was accompanied by the report from the Twizel Community Worker for the period 29 January 2008 to 14 March 2008.

Resolved that the report be received.

Khandro/Phil Rive

3. TIMARU TO TWIZEL BUS SERVICE:

The Chief Executive Officer circulated a memorandum which briefed members on possible future changes to the Twizel to Timaru bus service.

Resolved that the report be received.

Dave Pullen/John Bishop

Khandro and Peter Bell undertook to attend the meeting.

Khandro undertook to research the number of people who used the current service and the likely need for it to be retained.

4. WARD MEMBER'S REPORT:

Cr Pullen advised that the Council had decided to consider the proposed Twizel zone changes separately from Plan Change 13. He suggested that new rules in Plan Change 13 would be too restrictive for developments adjacent to the Township and that it would be of benefit for the community boundary to be extended to include areas which were served by water supply/sewerage/stormwater infrastructure. Such an extension to the boundary would provide more rating income for the community. He suggested the Board should be planning for the next fifty years.

The Chief Executive Officer noted the need to differentiate between the community boundary (which was for electoral and rating purposes) and zone

boundaries. He said the community area which had been established in 1989 was relatively small; if the Board so wished it could consider changing the community boundary as part of a separate exercise when the Council reviewed representation in 2009.

5. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS WHO REPRESENT THE BOARD ON OTHER COMMITTEES:

As a result of a misunderstanding with regard to previous consultation about the production of the **Twizel Brochure**, Khandro proposed to reconvene the discussions with Graham and Bronwen Hughes and other interested parties with the view to refining costs and developing a style for the brochure which would be consistent with the Twizel website and other local promotional material. Graham Hughes agreed with the proposal.

Cr Pullen referred to the potential for setting up a **trust to operate the Twizel Events Centre and Twizel Information Centre**. The Community Facilities Manager said that the Manager of the Mackenzie Tourism and Development Trust had offered Board members ideas about how a trust could be set up and how it might work. There were a number of proposals to be worked through.

Phil Rive assured the Community Facilities Manager that the Playground Group would provide their recommendations for **playground equipment** within the following week.

It was agreed that the recommendations for new playground equipment be confirmed at the next Community Board meeting.

IV GENERAL:

1. PROPOSED UPGRADE OF ENTRANCE TO TWIZEL COMMUNITY LIBRARY – FORMAL SUBMISSION TO COUNCIL:

The Chief Executive Officer referred to the Council's request that the Twizel Community Board make a formal submission to the Council in support of its endorsement of the Twizel Area School's proposal to upgrade the library entrance way. He explained that some Councillors remained concerned about the project because of the Council's inability to gain a contribution from the school towards the building of the Twizel Events Centre.

Phil Rive clarified that while the school had supported the project the Ministry of Education had declined to contribute to the facility because it did not own the land involved.

The Chief Executive Officer suggested that it could be helpful to advise that the Board supported the project and suggest the Council match its grant. He noted that such an approach would be outside Council policy given that libraries were funded from the General Rate.

Cr Pullen acknowledged that resentment remained that the Ministry of Education and the Twizel Area School had reneged on their responsibilities. He said he was of the opinion that the current Principal had inherited the situation and he felt that it was time to move on.

Peter Bell concurred, noting that the school Principals involved had worked hard to try and secure a contribution to the Events Centre from the Ministry of Education. He suggested it would be unprofessional not to bury the hatchet and move on.

Resolved that the Twizel Community Board utilise \$20,000 of local funds for the upgrading of the Twizel Community Library and advocate that the Council match that sum from its own resources.

Khandro/Peter Bell

The Chief Executive Officer suggested that it could be helpful for Board members to speak in support of the submission.

2. **WALKWAY OFF THE END OF NUNS VEIL ROAD DOWN TO THE RIVER:**

The Community Facilities Manager referred to a request that the section of the walkway from the end of Nuns Veil Road down to the river be widened to improve access for pushchairs etc. He said there were sufficient funds in the budget to widen the walkway and flatten its angle. It was agreed that prices be obtained from local contractors including Scott Aronsen, Chris Ramsay and Ali Busbridge.

3. **RUBBISH AND RECYCLING IN MARKET PLACE:**

Khandro suggested that extra litter bins were needed in Market Place particularly near the supermarket.

The Community Facilities Manager advised that it had originally been planned to have four recycling stations in Market Place. He said that the contract provided for the bins to be emptied every day and asked that he be notified if the bins were overflowing; he could then advise the contractor to increase the frequency of emptying.

It was suggested that the recycling station on Tasman Road be relocated into Market Place.

The Chairman suggested that shopkeepers be encouraged to take some responsibility for the litter generated by their businesses.

The Community Facilities Manager undertook to speak to the shopkeepers and to provide extra litter bins over the period of the Maadi Cup event.

4. CHILDREN'S' PLAYGROUND:

The Chairman read a letter from Dianne Aronsen which referred to problems being created by teenagers and adults using the equipment in the children's playground.

It was agreed that while the equipment was sufficiently robust not be damaged by such use, it would be helpful for a small sign to be erected restricting use to under 12 year olds. This would provide an authority which could be referred to when the equipment was being misused.

The Community Facilities Manager undertook ensure that straps were attached to the swings.

5. VARIOUS:

1. Seat:

Khandro requested that a seat be installed outside the supermarket.

2. School Playing Fields

Peter Bell referred to a lack of watering and maintenance of the school playing field during the summer which had left it looking like a paddock. He said the Principal had expressed concern about excess water charges made to the school and had referred to an agreement that the watering and fertilising of the field would be funded by the Community Board.

The Community Facilities Manager confirmed that the school had an outstanding account for \$20,000 and that there was an old agreement. He suggested it was time the school and the Council revisited the issue.

Resolved that the issues of Twizel Area School's excess water charges and the old agreement regarding the watering and fertilisation of the school playing fields be resolved and that the outcome be reported to the Community Board.

Peter Bell/John Bishop

3. Promotional Folders:

Graham Hughes referred to the Board's unallocated advertising budget of \$2,000 and requested approval to use it to develop corporate packs to promote the use of the Twizel Events Centre for conferences. He suggested this could be done in conjunction with the redesign of the Twizel brochure.

Mr Hughes was given authority to develop a sample corporate pack for the Board's approval. It was noted that the project could eventually be self funding through the sale of advertising.

4. Management of the Twizel Events Centre:

Graham Hughes noted that his management contract for the Twizel Events Centre was due to expire in June 2009. He requested that he be kept informed about any possible alternative management structures to enable him to make provision for his future employment.

5. **Radio Station at Lake Ruataniwha:**

Resolved that \$500 be granted towards the operation of the Twizel Radio Station at Lake Ruataniwha during the Maadi Cup Event.

Khandro/P Bell

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE
CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED
AT 6.25 PM**

CHAIRMAN: _____

DATE: _____