

MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE MACKENZIE FORESTRY BOARD HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FAIRLIE, ON TUESDAY 19 MARCH 2013 AT 9.30 AM

PRESENT:

Graeme Page (Chairman)
Mayor Claire Barlow
Crs Evan Williams
Graham Smith
Peter Maxwell
Annette Money
John Bishop

IN ATTENDANCE:

Kevin O'Neill (Forester Manager)
Paul Morris (Manager – Finance and Administration)
Garth Nixon (Community Facilities Manager)
Nathan Hole (Manager Planning and Regulations)
Keri-Ann Little (Committee Clerk)
Anne Braun – Elwert (Member of the Public)
Colin Maclaren (Member of the Public)
Tracey Bell (Member of the Public)
Two Members of the Public

I APOLOGY

There were no apologies.

II DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest.

III MINUTES:

Resolved that the Minutes of the meeting of the Mackenzie Forestry Board held on 18 September 2012 be confirmed and adopted as the correct record of the meeting.

Graham Smith/Evan Williams

- *Cnr Smith asked the Committee for an update on the health of Mr Terry O'Neill, District Forester, following his recent accident. The Chair, Cnr Page reported he had been to visit Mr O'Neill yesterday in the Spinal Unit at Burwood Hospital in Christchurch. He reported Mr O'Neill was feeling a lot better in himself and is looking to be discharged in a month's time. Mr Chair also stated that he believes Mr O'Neill is now starting to realise some of the issues in front of him and Mr O'Neill is currently liaising with ACC about his future in his current home. Mr Chair also took this opportunity to ask Mr O'Neill various questions regarding the Lake Tekapo Plantation that were raised at the meeting last Thursday evening.*

IV LAKE TEKAPO PLANTATION:

The Chairman welcomed Lake Tekapo residents Anne Braun-Elwert, Colin Maclaren and Tracey Bell and invited Ms Braun-Elwert on behalf of the group to address the meeting regarding the Forestry Board's intention to harvest some of the trees in the Lake Tekapo Plantation.

Ms Braun-Elwert's report is Appendix A of the record.

Mr Chair called on Cr Smith to address the Committee with a report from the Public Meeting held in Lake Tekapo on the evening of Thursday 15 March. Cr Smith reported it was an interesting meeting and that he had possibly thought there would have been more people in attendance; he gave a rough indication of about 30 people in attendance. Cr Smith reported it was his belief it was an open meeting to discuss Forestry but from there it has progressed to a stage as a Forestry Board now have a lot of other issue to consider with the harvesting of the Lake Tekapo Plantation; including stumping of the plantation, irrigation and amenity planting's. Cr Smith stated that the meeting demonstrated that Lake Tekapo Residents want to maintain the Plantation and that was the main issue but felt quite confident that a resolution could be agreed on.

Cr Smith addressed the Forestry Board and stated that he recommends that due to the cost of amenity plantings, stump removal, irrigation and the felling of the trees and the share volume of work at hand that Council make the decision on the future of the Lake Tekapo Plantation.

Resolved: That Council make the decision as regards to the future of the Lake Tekapo Plantation.

Graham Smith/ Evan Williams

Cr Graeme Page, Chair voted in favour of the resolution.
Cr Annette Money voted against the resolution.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS
THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10.02 AM**

CHAIRMAN: _____

DATE: _____