

MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TWIZEL COMMUNITY BOARD HELD IN THE COUNCIL SERVICE CENTRE, TWIZEL ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2014 AT 5:05PM

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Claire Barlow (Mayor)
Wayne Barnett (Chief Executive)
Bernie Haar (Asset Manager)
Suzy Ratahi (Roading Manager)
Paul Morris (Manager Finance and Administration)
Garth Nixon (Community Facilities Manager)
Arlene Goss (Committee Clerk)

Liz Bloomfield (Twizel Youth Centre)
Christine Lavery (Twizel Youth Centre)

APOLOGIES:

Resolved: that an apology be received from Phil Rive.

John Bishop/Bruce White

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest.

MINUTES:

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Twizel Community Board held on November 18, 2013, be confirmed and adopted as the correct record of the meeting.

Pat Shuker/Bruce White

The chairman commented that regarding the issue of cars parking on footpaths he had put letters to the editor in local media and spoken to police, who informed him they could not issue tickets because there were no white lines or curbs in most areas.

Cr Armstrong joined the meeting at 5.11pm.

MATTERS UNDER ACTION:

Alleyways:

Fencing will be completed before spring. Sufficient timber left over to carry out two more alleyways perhaps opposite Rhoboro Road and Mt Cook Street. This has been initiated by Garth.

Town Projects:

- a) Walkways:
Tekapo Drive from Mackenzie to Glen Lyon.
Front of Town from Ruataniwha to Ostler Road.
- b) Tekapo Drive:
Levelling and re-sowing completed – rolled again in the spring. Tekapo Drive track has been sprayed. Improve irrigation. Mulch trees
Supplement planting – tree planting underway.
- c) Lake Ruataniwha:
Bollard fencing – Estimates previously and processing through these with assistance from Town Manager in regards to speaking with contractors. The bottom section by the start and the road way section will be undertaken first. Budget review will follow.
Tree felling
New road way
- d) Frontage Planting: This item is completed and can be removed from the list.
- e) Greenway fencing – Still awaiting the fencing of the last two greenways.
- f) Cemetery:
Tree removal and improvements. The cemetery is not quite complete. Contractors missed some areas.
- g) Stump grinding: Stump grinding is complete and this can be removed from the list.

Market Place Signs:

This item can be removed from the list.

Public Toilets:

Tender process start in New Year with both original and alternative options being advertised for tender.

Bike Lockup:

Agenda item for later in the meeting.

Market Place Car park Upgrade:

The chairman said the car park upgrade looks fantastic and he has heard many good comments. This item can be removed from the list.

TWIZEL YOUTH CENTRE

Liz Bloomfield from the Twizel Youth Centre spoke to the community board about the damage to the youth centre building during heavy rain and her concerns about roof safety.

There was some discussion about the maintenance of the building and the need to keep the guttering clear of leaves. Under the terms of the current lease the Youth Centre is required to maintain the building.

Garth Nixon has climbed onto the roof, taken photos and has instructed Whitestone to clean the gutters. During the heavy rain water had been stopped from entering the downpipe by the build-up of leaves and had poured into the ceiling, resulting in the ceiling collapse and the damage to carpet and building contents. The building is insured by council and he is waiting to hear back from the assessors. The insurers have indicated they are happy to fix the ceiling tiles and lay new carpet.

The community board supports having a youth centre in Twizel. The chairman asked if the youth centre was interested in taking over ownership of the building, while the land would belong to the council.

Liz Bloomfield and Christine Lavery supported this idea. There was some discussion around the need to pay a \$5,000 insurance excess to repair the current damage. Liz Bloomfield suggested the youth centre pay half at \$2,500. The chairman suggested selling the building to the youth centre for \$2,500, but he would not want to do this without getting an expert to assess the building first.

The chief executive questioned whether selling the building to the youth centre would over burden the youth centre in years to come if there was another rain storm and flooding resulted in the youth centre needing to pay for the insurance excess. He said it might be cheaper for the youth centre if council owned and insured the building under the current arrangement. He suggested that formalising the current agreement might be better in the long term for both parties.

Liz Bloomfield and Christine Lavery said they would go away and consider the options. The community board agreed to have the building assessed as soon as possible to enable further discussion.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received.
2. That council goes ahead with assessing the building with regards to the total cost, in conjunction with the insurance company.

Russell Armstrong/Bruce White

REPORTS:

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The chief executive went through the financial report with the community board.

The report prompted discussion about public space in the Twizel town centre being used by a local business to seat customers.

Bruce White asked what the cost was of mowing sections to prevent fire danger. The chief executive said notifications were sent out before Christmas to owners with problems and they were given over Christmas to mow. These properties were to be checked after Christmas, so he would not expect that any mowing done by council would be recorded in the financials at this stage.

The chairman questioned the timing of the notices and said he was concerned that nothing happens after a notice is issued. The chief executive said he would follow this up with Nathan Hole.

Resolved:

That the report be received.

John Bishop/Russell Armstrong

REQUESTS FOR GRANTS:

The board considered three requests for grants from the High Country Medical Trust, SADD Twizel and the Ben Ohau Golf Club.

The community board discussed a previous meeting where SADD were informed there would be a cost for building consent that they would be required to meet. There was some concern expressed that SADD had instead come back to the community board for funding to pay this amount. Bruce White argued the board could pay at least half because SADD do not have the money, and do a lot of good work.

The board felt the other two applications were worth supporting. The Ben Ohau event attracts people into the community and the High Country Medical Trust project was one that would benefit the whole community.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received.

Pat Shuker/Russell Armstrong

2. That the Twizel Community Board approves the request from the Ohau Golf Club and grants a \$100 donation to their tournament.

Pat Shuker/Russell Armstrong

3. That the Twizel Community Board declines the request from the Students Against Drunk Driving.

John Bishop/ Pat Shuker

This motion was passed with three in favour and one against.

4. That the Twizel Community Board approves the request from High Country Medical trust to meet the Hall hire cost of \$132.50 for their event.

Pat Shuker/Russell Armstrong

FIRST TREE PLANTING TWIZEL PLAQUE.

Garth Nixon spoke to his report on the First Tree Planting Twizel Plaque and the board considered a letter from Len and Angela Wakefield. Mr Nixon does not see any problem with reinstating the plaque on the site even though the tree is gone. He suggested it be restored. The community board agreed.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received.
2. That first tree plaque be returned and installed in a prominent position as close as possible to its original location.
3. That the Twizel Community Board advises the Wakefields of this decision.

Russell Armstrong/ Pat Shuker

WARD MEMBER'S REPORT:

Cr Armstrong said the council is employing an additional building inspector.

Peter Munro was appointed chairperson of the Tekapo Community Board and Stella Sweney deputy chairperson. The council has supported the Fairlie Community Board in the repair of the Old Library Café building and have instructed the chief executive to implement a tender process. The building was insured and the council hopes this will meet the cost of repair.

Owen Hunter was appointed chairperson, and Trish Willis deputy chairperson of the Fairlie Community Board.

The Tekapo Property Group held two public workshops in Tekapo over the last two weeks. The combined attendance was over 100 people. The reason for these workshops was to inform the public of what stage they are at in the sale of land and to receive feedback on the overall concept design. From the feel of these workshops the Tekapo Property Group have a lot to consider before making further decisions.

Bruce White asked where the additional building inspector would be based. The chief executive said the decision had not yet been made. Prime area of catch-up is in the processing of inspections, so this would be a focus for the new person.

REPORTS FROM MEMBERS WHO REPRESENT THE BOARD ON OTHER COMMITTEES:

There was no business reported from other board members.
Garth Nixon will be checking whether a community board member needs to be nominated to represent the board on the Community Care Trust.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

RUBBISH DISPOSAL:

A letter from Bruce McCormick was considered by the board.

Bernie Haar said the issue raised by Mr McCormick was expected when council moved to wheelie bins, but at that time it was a policy decision of council not to make

an allowance for holiday home owners. He tabled a letter drafted in response to Mr McCormick for the board to consider. The letter is attached as an appendix to these minutes.

Resolved:

That the community board agrees to send out the draft letter in response to Mr McCormick.

Bruce White/Russell Armstrong

TPDA EVENTS CENTRE:

A verbal report was supplied by Garth Nixon. He said the TPDA currently rents space in the events centre where the Twizel Update is produced. The TPDA pays \$5,000 for this space, which it receives from the community board as a grant. It also receives a further \$2,000 a year to provide services.

There was some discussion around whether the TPDA would be able to provide a more cost effective service to the community in a smaller location. Moving the information centre from the events centre to the council office means there is not as much value in the community board spending \$5,000.

The Twizel Update is of huge value to the town and would need to be produced somewhere. There needs to be a discussion between the community board and the TPDA regarding the space.

The board also discussed issues around access to the events centre, including the gym and toilets in the building. Public access is an issue that needs to be resolved.

Resolved:

That the community facilities manager approaches the TPDA with a view to having a discussion regarding their rental of the events centre.

John Bishop/Pat Shuker

A20 CAR PARKING, CYCLE STORAGE, LUGGAGE STORE:

An email from Phil Rive was discussed. Garth Nixon reported that the issue of parking has been solved as Tony Ritchie has offered to store vehicles for people who are using the Alps2Ocean trail.

Regarding the luggage store, the community board agreed that the business community could be involved in supplying something that is self-funding. They saw it as an opportunity for a local business rather than a community board project.

Regarding cycle storage, there was a discussion on the position of the current bike stand in the Twizel town centre. It has recently been moved to allow travellers to keep an eye on their bikes while shopping, and was then moved back to its old position. More secure space for bikes would be created when the old toilets and building were removed.

OVERNIGHT CAMPING:

The board discussed the issue of overnight camping. There are currently two freedom camping areas near Twizel but they are not close to the town centre. There is a possibility that overnight campervan parking might be provided in the area set aside for bus parking behind the events centre, or in an area on Wairopo Road. The number of spaces could be restricted but it does involve policing.

Council is working on a freedom camping policy which will go out for public consultation so people can comment on the locations chosen.

RULES AND CHARGES FOR MULCHER/CHIPPER:

Garth Nixon recommended that the community board continue to hold onto the mulcher for community projects and council use as per the original resolution from 2009.

The chairman said he always gets people asking for it. The chairman recently used the mulcher in the community and was given a hundred dollars cash. The chairman handed this money to Garth Nixon to process.

The chairman suggested setting a hire rate to use the mulcher of \$40 an hour, \$100 per half day, or \$150 per full day. This rate would be charged when it was used for commercial use, but not for community projects.

Garth Nixon said he was not comfortable in setting hire rates as it put obligations on council and created expectations. Bernie Haar said he agreed with charging for hire because then there would be no perception of underhand deals.

After some discussion the community board agreed to continue with the current situation and allow the chairman to negotiate costs with individual operators if he felt it was appropriate. No formal resolution was put.

AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY:

The chairman suggested members take responsibility for reporting at community board meetings on the following areas of responsibility:

Resolved:

1. That Phil Rive take responsibility for the Ruataniwha area.
2. That Bruce White takes responsibility for the Green-Ways area.
3. That Pat Shuker takes responsibility for the Northwest Arch.
4. That Peter Bell takes responsibility for the River Group (to be confirmed).
5. That John Bishop takes responsibility for the Town Square and Trees.

Russell Armstrong/Bruce White

LATE ITEM

TOWNSHIP ROADING FUND RESERVE

Resolved:

That pursuant to the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, the report Unsubsidised Roding Fund Reserve be considered by the Twizel Community Board.

John Bishop/Russell Armstrong

Roading Manager Suzy Ratahi spoke to her late report on the roading budget. As this was a late item the community board were not able to make a formal decision on this matter, however they unanimously agreed that the footpaths were their priority and agreed that the roading manager could put this as a motion to the next Asset and Services committee meeting.

PUBLIC EXCLUDED:

Resolved:

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

1. Genesis Canal Roding Plan (verbal report from the Chairman).

Russel Armstrong/Pat Shuker

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
Genesis Canal Roding Plan	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: *Genesis Canal Roding Plan section 7(2)(b)(ii)*.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS
THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.18PM**

CHAIRMAN: _____

DATE: _____