

**MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FAIRLIE COMMUNITY BOARD
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FAIRLIE, ON MONDAY
NOVEMBER 23, 2015, AT 5PM**

PRESENT:

Owen Hunter (Chairman)
Trish Willis
Warren Barker
Les Blackstock
Cr Noel Jackson

IN ATTENDANCE:

Wayne Barnett, Chief Executive
Garth Nixon, Community Facilities Manager
Geoff Horler, Utilities Manager
Arlene Goss, Committee Clerk
Anne Thompson, Heartlands Fairlie

APOLOGIES:

There were no apologies.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest.

MINUTES:

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Fairlie Community Board held on Monday, October 12, 2015, be confirmed and adopted as the correct record.

Warren Barker/Trish Willis

PUBLIC FORUM:

Anne Thompson requested to speak. She presented the board with a plan from the Fairlie Emergency Event Group. This is available as an attachment to these minutes.

She said this group formed after the snow event in 2006. It provides a bridge in situations between a small event happening and a civil defence emergency being declared. She said this structure has been tested with the two snow events recently. She knows the civil defence wardens in the town support this. She said the Tekapo Emergency Event group are based at the fire station in Tekapo and she hopes in Fairlie they could be based at the community centre.

In Fairlie there are 140 people who live alone and are also over the age of 60. She said there are a large number of single women living alone in large houses in Fairlie.

Anne Thompson then spoke about the Fairlie 150 Year committee. She thanked the community board for the grant towards the flags. She showed a fundraising tea towel they are selling to raise money. They also made \$800 from stalls at the market last weekend. She spoke about plans for next year, including events that will be happening nearly every weekend until May. She thanked the community board and Garth Nixon for their help.

The chief executive said the emergency event team was a good idea and he anticipates meeting with the group at some time to see how council could help.

PRESENTATION ON FAIRLIE WATER RESTRICTIONS:

Utilities manager Geoff Horler gave a presentation to the community board on water restrictions in the Fairlie township and how the river level impacts on the level of restriction. He outlined the situation with the town's resource consent to take water.

The chairman challenged Geoff Horler on some decisions he made last year around water restrictions. Mr Horler said he would not restrict water used for living, but the town had to be seen to be doing what it could to conserve water.

The chairman said a lot of water disappears between Fairlie and the Temuka bridge, where it is measured, and Fairlie township is penalised for that. The community board believed that Ecan should be policing water use by farmers more consistently.

The chief executive said this is a new consent and there is a tension between different water users. Any consent you get now will face competition for water from people who are protecting their lively hood and others protecting the environment. He doesn't think asking for enough water to water lawns in Fairlie would get approval. However the watering of vegetable gardens, watering grounds for events, and water for commercial users could be better managed.

The chairman said the only thing that has changed is farmers irrigating, but the town is the one being punished. Geoff Horler said the chairman shouldn't blame the farmers only, as some of the pressure for water in the river comes is environmental from organisations Fish and Game.

The need for public education was discussed and there is also a need to inform people in the township of why farmers were allowed to irrigate, but town users are restricted from watering their lawns.

The chairman asked Geoff Horler if he has any answers to the problem. Mr Horler proposed changes including getting the harsh conditions taken out, and educating people to forget about their lawns during periods of restriction.

The chairman asked if imposing restrictions compelled people to use more water. Geoff Horler said this is not the case. The township uses less water during restrictions.

He said leaks also need to be monitored and addressed. The only way to monitor this is to put in water meters.

This year is expected to be dryer than last year. The dam company realises this and have restricted water use earlier than they did last year.

Explaining this to the community is a concern. The chief executive said Ecan consider that farm use of water is more important than people being able to water their lawns in town. This is what people need to understand.

Geoff Horler would like to use Timaru District Council's water restriction sign in the district to help people understand the situation. These signs will go up in Fairlie and Twizel.

The chairman asked whether having a water storage reservoir would help. Yes, in the long term but this would require extensive works and costs incurred. The chairman said the community board members need to make everyone aware of the problems.

FAIRLIE COMMUNITY BOARD MATTERS UNDER ACTION

Allandale Bridge Walkway: NZTA have been approached with no feedback received to date.

Green Sign and Power Pole in front of Old Library Building: Awaiting feedback from NZTA.

Raised ground on the north side of the bridge heading to Tekapo: Now planted.

Town Projects:

River Track – Work completed. A note has been published in the Fairlie Accessible to let people know this is a walking/cycling track and not for motorbikes.

Community Centre maintenance and improvements – no update.

Survey of Residents on Community Centre Use – Completed, remove from list.

Town Clock is an Hour Out: The chairman has fixed this. The clock needs to be painted and the community facilities manager will action this.

Keeping Track of Projects Money: A report on projects money is in the agenda.

Wild Flowers Bee Friendly Planting Allandale Entrance: Seed has been sown.

Community Board Future Development and Town Projects Workshop: A workshop is planned.

Community Board Asset Database: Community board assets to be included in a 30 year plan.

Fairlie Campground Lease: Garth Nixon said tenders closed today and he has received three which need to be evaluated. He would like Cr Jackson and the chairman to assist in going through these and making a recommendation to Council. Trish Willis asked why this would not come to the community board as a whole. Garth Nixon said it is a council lease and the community board does not hold contracts.

Rope Climbing Frame on the Village Green: The chairman asked if members are happy to agree that this frame could go on the village green. This is at no cost to Council. This frame will be located towards the back of the playground on the side closest to CRT.

Resolved that the Fairlie Community Board approves that a rope climbing frame can be erected on the village green.

Warren Barker/Owen Hunter

Abley Traffic Report on Regent Street: Budget figures for this work will come to a future meeting.

Fairlie Township Water Consent: On the agenda for this meeting.

Fairlie in Focus Photographic Display: The chairman said locations for the photographic boards have been negotiated and agreed with Fairlie in Focus.

REPORTS:

FAIRLIE COMMUNITY BOARD FINANCIAL ACTIVITY REPORT TO SEPTEMBER 2015:

The community facilities manager spoke on the financial report. A question was asked regarding the high level of rates charged to date on community facilities and the chairman asked for the finance manager to look into this and report back.

Resolved that the report be received.

Cr Jackson/Les Blacklock

FAIRLIE TOWN PROJECTS REPORT:

The chairman and community facilities manager went through this report with the community board members. This has not changed dramatically since the previous report, except for the planting of bee friendly wild flowers that was carried out.

The chairman suggested the members get together in the next fortnight to discuss future town projects. The chairman will send an email around to find a date that suits everyone.

Resolved that the report be received.

Warren Barker/Les Blacklock

MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2016:

The community board noted the dates of community board meetings next year.

WARD MEMBERS REPORT:

Cr Jackson noted that the opening of the Tekapo Footbridge occurred the previous weekend.

REPORTS FROM MEMBERS WHO REPRESENT THE BOARD ON OTHER COMMITTEES:

There were no reports from members.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

LETTER FROM FAIRLIE 150 YEARS COMMITTEE:

This letter asked the community board to waive the hire fees of the community centre during the 150 Years celebration.

Garth Nixon calculated the cost of waiving the hire fees was about a thousand dollars. He said it was appropriate to grant the 150 Year committee some money but the community board needed to consider whether this large amount was appropriate. Some of the events will have ticket sales.

The community board originally considered funding the whole event up to \$5,000 but this was not confirmed at the time. Trish Willis requested a proper funding application from the committee, including a budget. She said the letter from them was a little bit difficult to understand. It was not clear whether they were asking for a donation in addition to waiving the hall hire.

The community board instructed Garth Nixon to sit down with the requester to clarify the request and bring it back to the community board at a later meeting.

LETTER FROM GARY KERR:

This letter from Mr Kerr raised concerns and made suggestions regarding freedom camping at Strathconan Park. It was accompanied by a response from Garth Nixon. The community board agreed this was well responded to.

LETTER FROM JACKIE PHILLIPS:

This letter was tabled as a late item and is available as an attachment to these minutes. It requests community board sponsorship of pool tickets for children to the value of less than \$100. The community board agreed this was a good idea and Garth Nixon will action this.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

The chairman asked about “no dog” signs for the domain. He requested that Garth Nixon get these done shortly.

He asked for an update on the paintball ground lease. Garth Nixon said this has not yet been cleaned up. The chairman would like action taken on this matter. Garth Nixon asked if the community board would be prepared to pay to remove the rubbish. No. They would prefer that the lease holder be asked to remove the rubbish by a date or we will remove it and bill him for this.

The chairman also asked regarding the old caravan stored in the public carpark in Grey Street. Garth Nixon noted this and will look into it.

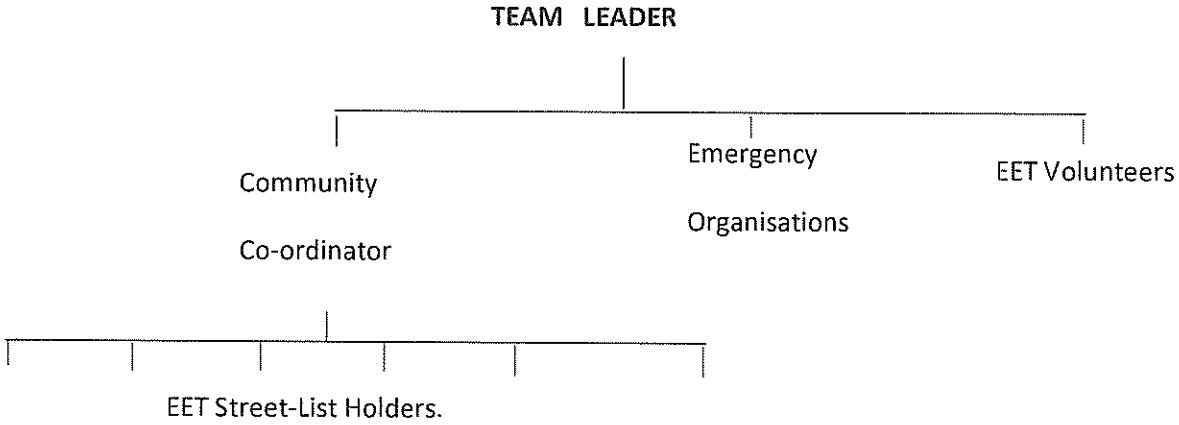
Warren Barker said he spoke to solid waste manager Angie Taylor regarding a change of times of rubbish collection, due to a relief driver being employed on one occasion. He asked for relief drivers to keep to the same route and times to avoid public confusion.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRPERSON
DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.00PM**

CHAIRMAN: _____

DATE: _____

FAIRLIE EMERGENCY EVENT TEAM



Emergency Event Team

Definition:

The Fairlie Emergency Event Team is a community based group that supports the community in a time of need when no formal response is in place from either local or central government agencies or when those agencies require community support.

Draft includes:

1. How is the Fairlie EET formed , maintained and who is responsible for it.
2. Roles within Fairlie EET
3. What we do, when and how we do it.

Who do we talk to and how do we talk to them.

1. There is no “governing body” for EET’s. The EET is formed by volunteer community members choosing to work together to support their own community. All EET’s in the Mackenzie District will communicate and work together to support the individual needs of each unique community.
Each EET will be unique to each unique community.
2. EET Leader; co-ordinate during an event, co-ordinate the community lists, enact a community EET response, co-ordinate Support Organisations

Mary Brosnahan / Viv Blair

EET Community co-ordinator (list holder), maintain their area list and advise EET Leader of any/all changes, contact EET area / street co ordinator during an event or when Leader enacts a response, advise Leader of needs identified by EET area / street co ordinators

June Robertson/ Anne Thomson

EET Support Organisation (eg. Fire, Lions), provide support to the community during an event by co-ordinating to meet community needs

EET area/street co ordinator is a volunteer who has a list of aged and vulnerable, identified in a certain area, who are their responsibility to visit.

2.

How we do it

EET Leader – Mary and Viv

Purpose;

To lead the co-ordinated community response to community need during an event

Method:

To take advice/invitation from EET Support Organisations as per their requirements

Form a relationship with two representatives from each of the Support Organisations

The EET area / street co ordinators will continue to liaise with EET Leader - Mary / Viv throughout the event in case needs should change

To seek EET support organisations help if required

To advise local and/or central government of community need.

EET Community Co-ordinator - June and Anne

Purpose;

To ensure contact is made the vulnerable members within the community and establish if they have any needs as a result of the Emergency Event.

Method;

Each area / street co ordinator will contact their "list" either via phone or in person, which ever is most practical.

Work with EET street /area co-ordinators to establish needs

Each street / area co ordinator will be accompanied by Support Organisation members or CD wardens in their home visiting and if unable to assist with the immediate need refer it on to Emergency Event EET Leaders (and if they occupied refer on to EET Co ordinators) to sort it

EET Support Organisation

Purpose: To support the local community during an event when the community has needs that are not being met by any external organisation.

Method; An EET Support Organisation will nominate a contact person who will co-ordinate with the EET Leader.

The EET Leader will provide a list of needs in the community which the SO co-ordinator will take to their organisation. They will then let the EET Leader know when if the needs can't be met or when they have been met.

EET area / street co-ordinator

Purpose; Support the community during an event

Method;

The EET area / street co ordinator will work to fulfil the community need.

This will be achieved by making contact with residents either in person or by phone, identifying situation, reacting to need, and if unable to sort it then passing it on to EET Leader

Volunteers will be encouraged to meet three monthly as called by EET Community Co Ordinators

MACKENZIE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

10 November 2015

Garth Nixon
Community Services Manager
Mackenzie District Council
Main Road
FAIRLIE 7925



13 NOV 2015

Dear Garth

I'm writing to ask you whether you would be interested in sponsoring this year's Summer Reading Programme again at the Mackenzie Community Library?

This free programme is available to any Mackenzie resident aged from four years old up to year 6. It is sponsored financially by the Fairlie Lions and Creative Communities NZ. The programme is designed to help encourage children to feel comfortable using the library, therefore embarking on a life time of reading enjoyment. The programme starts on Monday 14 December 2015 and finishes on Friday 22 January 2016, and we anticipate approximately 40 children to enroll.

We are hoping to be able to offer some small incentives from local businesses for the children taking part in the programme. The coupon below is an example of what could be offered. Please note that anything could be substituted; this is just an idea.

Your support would be very much appreciated, and any sponsorship would be noted in the Summer Reading Programme booklet, as well as in any advertising and articles in The Accessible. I hope that it may also create more custom for your business.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions: library 685 8560 ext 1, home 685 8446, or cell 021 886 467.

Thank you and I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

Jackie Phillips
Library Manager

Voucher: One free child's swim at Strathconan Swimming Pool

Courtesy of Mackenzie District Council

Valid: 14/12/2015-31/01/2016

This voucher must be presented (please cut out)

