

# MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FAIRLIE, ON TUESDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2008 AT 9.00 AM

### **PRESENT**

John O'Neill (Mayor) (Acting Chairman)  
Leon O'Sullivan  
Graeme Page  
Dave Pullen  
Graham Smith  
Evan Williams

### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

Glen Innes (Chief Executive Officer)  
Jason Beck (Manager – Finance and Administration)  
Rosemary Moran (Committee Clerk)

### **I APOLOGY:**

Resolved that an apology be received from Cr McDermott.

**Graeme Page/Leon O'Sullivan**

### **II MINUTES:**

***Resolved that the Minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 6 November 2007 including such parts as were taken with the Public Excluded be confirmed and adopted as the correct record of the meeting***

**Graham Smith/Leon O'Sullivan**

### **MATTERS UNDER ACTION:**

#### **6 Land Swap with Department of Conservation**

The Manager – Finance and Administration suggested that the meeting be arranged with Rob Young/Department of Conservation when the Finance Committee was scheduled to meet in Twizel.

#### **9 Pensioner Housing Funding**

Cr Pullen referred to the funding of the project in Fairlie and commented he had not yet seen a balance sheet.

The Manager – Finance and Administration reported the Mt Cook Road site had been sold and the balance would be paid when the land was transferred, ie ten working days after the residents had moved. He said discussions were scheduled to be held on 13 February 2008 with a party who was very keen to purchase the Sloane Street flats. He had been delegated the authority to accept an offer for that site which would be subject to the same take-over conditions as the Mt Cook Road site.

The Manager – Finance and Administration said the funding shortfall of \$35,000 had been met with a grant from Mackenzie Aged Welfare.

He noted that the Council was on target to receive all the monies due. Housing NZ would fund the second half of the development leaving the Council to commit its funds first.

Cr Page reported that an open day had been held for the Fairlie project and about 40 people had attended.

Cr Page requested that both the *Twizel Update* and the *Accessible* be made available to the all Councillors.

#### 10 **Landscape Strip at Mackenzie Country Tyres**

It was noted that the name of the affected business in the report should be corrected to *Mackenzie Country Tyres*.

The Mayor reported that he had received comments, including one from the Chairman of the Mackenzie Tourism and Development Trust, regarding the need to improve the SH 79 entrance to Fairlie.

### **III REPORTS:**

#### 1. FINANCIAL REPORT – DECEMBER 2007:

This report from the Manager – Finance and Administration was accompanied by the financial report to the Council for December 2007

Resolved that the report be received.

**Dave Pullen/Evan Williams**

The report was examined in detail.

### **VI COLD WATER PROPERTIES LTD**

The Mayor welcomed Michael Burtscher and Caleb Ballin and introduced them to the Councillors.

### **IV PUBLIC EXCLUDED:**

***Resolved that the public be excluded from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting namely:***

#### ***1. Cold Water Properties Ltd***

<b><i>Reason for passing General subject of each matter to be considered</i></b>	<b><i>Ground(s) under this resolution in relation to each matter</i></b>	<b><i>Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i></b>
<b><i>Cold Water Properties Ltd</i></b>	<b><i>Commercial Sensitivity</i></b>	<b><i>48(1)(a)(i)</i></b>

*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: Cold Water Properties Limited – To protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it. Section 7(2)(b)(ii).*

**Graham Smith/Evan Williams**

The meeting was adjourned at 10.45 am for morning tea and reconvened at 11.15 am.

### **III REPORTS:**

1. FINANCIAL REPORT – DECEMBER 2007 (continued):

There was some discussion concerning an assumption regarding the amount of funds contributed to the land subdivision reserve which should be returned to the community from which it is collected. It was agreed that the use of the reserve be included as an agenda item for next meeting of Finance Committee with the view to considering policy regarding its use.

2. BANCORP QUARTERLY REPORT – DECEMBER 2007:

This report from the Manager – Finance and Administration was accompanied by the Quarterly Portfolio Report to the Mackenzie District Council prepared by Bancorp Treasury Services Ltd.

Resolved that the report be received.

**Graham Smith/Leon O'Sullivan**

3. ALPINE ENERGY LIMITED HALF YEARLY REPORT:

This report from the Manager – Finance and Administration referred to the Finance Committee's responsibility for monitoring the performance of the Council's Equity Investments and in particular those in Alpine Energy Limited

Resolved that the report be received.

**Dave Pullen/Evan Williams**

It was noted that both the Bancorp and Alpine Reports had been omitted from the Agenda and would be circulated to the Councillors.

### **IV GENERAL:**

1. TRIENNIAL AGREEMENT:

The Chief Executive Officer referred to the requirement for all councils in each region to have a triennial agreement as to how they would work with and treat each other. He said the Mayors of the Mackenzie, Timaru, Waimate, Waitaki and Ashburton District Councils had recommended that Environment Canterbury be advised of their interest in

pursuing other forms of regional government and suggested that this intention be signalled in the Canterbury region's Triennial Agreement.

The Mayor said the matter would be raised at the Mayoral Forum.

***Resolved that the following amendment to the Triennial Agreement be approved:***

***“Notwithstanding the spirit of co-operation embodied within this agreement, the territorial authorities, individually or collectively, reserve the right to promote, consult, research and / or enact change to the structure of Regional Government.***

***This right is consistent with the intent of effective and efficient governance sought in the Local Government Act 2002, having particular relevance to the ideals of interest and community representation.”***

**Graeme Page/Evan Williams**

The meeting was adjourned at 12.25 pm for lunch.

#### **IV PUBLIC EXCLUDED:**

***Resolved that the public be excluded from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting namely:***

***Draft Lease for Lake Alexandrina Hut Owners***

<b><i>General subject of each matter to be considered</i></b>	<b><i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</i></b>	<b><i>Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i></b>
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***Draft Lease for Lake Alexandrina Huts Owners***

***Commercial Sensitivity***

***48(1)(a)(i)***

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**Evan Williams/Dave Pullen**

Cr Page declared his interest in the issue to the extent that his wife owned a property at Lake Alexandrina.

#### **VII GENERAL BUSINESS:**

The Mayor asked those councillors who wished to attend the **Zone 5 and 6 meeting in Dunedin** on 8 and 9 May 2008 to advise him.

The Mayor advised that a **debrief for those involved in the Mt Cook Station fire** was to be held in the Council Chambers on Monday 18 February 2008 at 10.00 am.

Cr Williams reported that he had been advised that that some maintenance was required for the **war memorial on Clayton Road**.

The Manager – Finance and Administration said the Community Facilities Manager was aware of the issue. He advised that there was a special purpose fund for the upkeep of war memorials and that work was also required on the memorial in Albury. He said that cost of the work would be established following which it would be decided how to fund it. He noted that some Council funding could be required.

#### **VIII DRAFT LEASE FOR LAKE ALEXANDRINA HUT HOLDERS:**

***Resolved that the following resolutions made with the Public Excluded be adopted:***

- 1. That the Committee approves the draft lease, with any amendments, as the basis of further discussions with representatives of the South End and Outlet Hut Holders Associations.***
- 2. That Cr Leon O'Sullivan represent the Council in the discussions with the Hut Holders Associations.***
- 3. That the rental level be charged at 8% of the land value portion of the rating valuation for each settlement, with a staging in process for the first two years.***

**Dave Pullen/Evan Williams**

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE  
MAYOR DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED  
AT 1.06 PM**

**MAYOR:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_