

MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TEKAPO COMMUNITY BOARD HELD IN THE LAKE TEKAPO COMMUNITY HALL, ON MONDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2008 AT 7.39 PM

PRESENT:

Peter Maxwell (Chairman)
Peter Munro
Catherine Young
Leon O'Sullivan

IN ATTENDANCE:

John O'Neill Mayor
Bernie Haar (Acting Chief Executive Officer)
Paul Morris (Manager – Finance and Administration)
Garth Nixon (Community Facilities Manager)
Rosemary Moran (Committee Clerk)

I APOLOGY:

Resolved that an apology be received from Murray Cox.

Leon O'Sullivan/Peter Maxwell

An apology from the Chief Executive Officer was noted.

II MINUTES:

Resolved that the Minutes of the meeting of the meeting of the Tekapo Community Board held on 15 September 2008 be confirmed and adopted as the correct record of the meeting.

Catherine Young /Peter Maxwell

MATTERS UNDER ACTION:

1. **Street Lighting Bollards**

Catherine Young reported that four street lighting bollards on Hamilton Drive were not working.

6. **Parking Bays**

It was requested that some of the former bus parking bays opposite the hotel be converted into ordinary car parks.

7. **Cowans Hill Walkway**

Catherine Young undertook to liaise with Department of Conservation re marking of walkway.

12 **Rabbit Shoot**

It was agreed that a person be formally engaged to shoot rabbits in the Township with a budget of up to \$500. The Police had been consulted and permission had been given as long as an air rifle was used. The shooting dates to be advertised in the *Accessible*.

15 **TPA Request for Grant**

Completed

16 **Shift Oak Trees**

Completed

17. **Welcome to Tekapo Signs**

It was requested that NZ Transport Agency be consulted to ensure there were no issues prior to the signs being erected..

II REPORTS:1. FINANICAL REPORT 30 SEPTEMBER 2008:

This report from Manager – Finance and Administration was accompanied by reports on the financial performance of cost centres under the Board’s jurisdiction for the year ended 30 September 2008.

Resolved that the report be received.

Leon O’Sullivan/Catherine Young

2. OAKLEA MINIATURE HORSES:

This report from the Community Facilities Manager was accompanied by a request from Waka Kernohan for permission to give pony rides to children in the Fairlie, Twizel and Lake Tekapo Townships.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received.

2. *That the request from Waka Kernohan for permission to give pony rides to children in Lake Tekapo Township be approved.*

Leon O’Sullivan/Catherine Young

3 PIONEER DRIVE CAR PARK:

This report from the Asset Manager presented the proposed design for the car park upgrade at the Church of the Good Shepherd.

The Asset Manager considered the project could cost about \$10,000. He said it was his intention to combine it with the kerb and channel and footpath from SH8 to the car park in Pioneer Drive project, and let one tender for the two projects.

Resolved:

1 That the report be received.

2. *That the design for car park alterations at the Church of the Good Shepherd be endorsed and that tenders for the projects be sought.*

Leon O’Sullivan/Peter Munro

TEKAPO SALEYARDS:

The Manager – Finance and Administration circulated a request from the Mackenzie Runholders Tekapo Saleyards Ltd for remission of rates. The request was accompanied by a copy of the company's rates account and a set of accounts.

Resolved that representatives of the Mackenzie Runholders Tekapo Saleyards Ltd be invited to meet with Board members at the next meeting.

Leon O'Sullivan/Peter Munro

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

a) **White Water Canoe Course Trust:**

Peter Munro referred to the opportunity for the White Water Canoe Course Trust to trade cumec hours for cash without reducing the number of days per annum on which the course was currently operated. This would enable the Trust to upgrade and improve the course providing a benefit for the community.

Mr Munro advised that the Trust was to be deregulated and a new Trust formed; further improvement and upgrades were not able to be undertaken until that process had been completed. He noted the intention to erect a sign advising the dates when water was to be released to enable the public to attend events.

b) **Lake Tekapo Regional Park:**

Cr O'Sullivan advised that the application to the Meridian Fund for a grant to support the development of the Regional Park had been considered; it had been disappointing that the opportunity for members of the Regional Park Trust to attend the allocation meeting had been denied. There had been no indication regarding the success or otherwise of the application.

c) **Annual Report**

The Manager - Finance and Administration advised that Audit NZ had provided an unqualified report on Council's Annual Report. He noted that the Finance Committee had directed that all community board members be provided with a copy of the Annual Report.

IV GENERAL:

1. POTENTIAL LAND SWAP – WORKERS' ACCOMMODATION:

It was agreed that consideration of the potential land swap to provide a site for workers' accommodation be deferred to a meeting when Murray Cox was present. An aerial photograph of the land in question was requested.

2. LAKE TEKAPO COMMUNITY CENTRE:

The Chairman reported that a successful public meeting had been held the previous week at which an undertaking had been given to consult further with the community when a draft proposal for a new community centre had been developed.

A power point presentation of scenarios for funding a community centre provided an indication of possible costs to ratepayers over 10 and 20 year periods. The Chairman requested information on the level of rate decreases which the community might expect in future years given the imminent repayment of expenditure on the sewerage and water supply infrastructure which had the potential to counteract potential increases in rating for the community centre.

The Chairman also referred to discussions with Steve Bramley of *Simply Great Leisure* who had a wide breadth of experience with similar projects. Mr Bramley had spoken about the opportunity to consider a mix of funding sources for the project and the type of facility which had the potential to generate income as well as providing a heart for the Tekapo community.

The Community Facilities Manager said that following completion of his investigations, Mr Bramley intended to meet with the whole Community Board.

3. VEHICLE ACCESS TO LAKESIDE REGIONAL PARK AREA.

Leon O'Sullivan referred to the need to decide on an appropriate location for a new entranceway to the lakeside area given that the existing entrance to The Pines was to be closed. The Asset Manger undertook to investigate the issue.

4. WEED CONTROL – LOCHINVER SUBDIVISION.

Leon O'Sullivan referred to the need to complete weed control on the storm water detention area at Lochinver prior to Christmas. The Community Facilities Manager said that the project had been included in the programme of works to be done before the holidays.

5. WALKING AND CYCLING TRACK MAPPING:

Leon O'Sullivan suggested that it would be appropriate for the Tekapo community to develop a walking and cycling strategy. The Asset Manager undertook to provide an aerial photograph on which proposals for tracks could be marked.

6. PROGRESS ON LAKE FRONTAGE PROTECTION AND TRACK:

The Community Facilities Manager advised that designs had been forwarded to Paul Smith Earthmoving Ltd to gain indicative costings which could be taken to a meeting with Meridian.

8. PATHWAY FROM AORANGI CRESCENT ALONG SH 8:

The Chairman advised that he and Cr O'Sullivan had met with Andrew Simpson regarding the construction of a pathway west along SH8 from the Aorangi Crescent corner. Mr Simpson had indicated his support for the project and advised that five

meters of land from the boundary with the State Highway had been set aside for the purpose.

The Asset Manager said noted that decisions would need to be made onsite regarding the location of the path, and on surface treatment and funding.

9 MEETING WITH MERIDIAN:

The Mayor referred to his meeting with the new Chief Executive Officer of Meridian Energy Ltd and discussions regarding the Council's concerns about the negative effect of continual low lake levels on the Township. He suggested it could be timely for the Community Board to meet again with the company.

The Chairman undertook to organise a meeting with Dave Herrick of Meridian.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE
CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.40 PM**

CHAIRMAN: _____

DATE: _____