

MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TWIZEL COMMUNITY BOARD HELD IN THE SERVICE CENTRE TWIZEL ON MONDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2008

PRESENT:

John Bishop (Chairman)
Khandro
Peter Bell
Dave Pullen
Phil Rive

IN ATTENDANCE:

John O'Neill (Mayor)
Cr Simon McDermott
Bernie Haar (Acting Chief Executive Officer)
Paul Morris (Manager – Finance and Administration)
Garth Nixon (Community Facilities Manager)
Sheila Hughes (Committee Clerk)

II MINUTES:

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

Peter Bell/Khandro

The Chairman reported on the public consultation on the Twizel Greenways Strategy which had been held on Saturday 1 November 2008.

Peter Bell noted that an advertisement was to be placed in The Twizel Update informing the public where copies of the Greenways Strategy could be viewed.

The Chairman said that the track down to Lake Ruataniwha had been marked and that some tree stumps in the mown area should be removed.

V VISITORS:

The Chairman welcomed Lois Rewha, Dave Crow and Mr and Mrs Nordahl to the meeting and invited them to speak to their letters to the Board.

Mrs Rewha expressed concern at the lack of rubbish collections from the recycling stations in Market Place over the holiday weekend, at the unsatisfactory condition of the lime paths and graffiti in Market Place.

The Community Facilities Manager and acting Chief Executive Officer undertook to rectify these problems.

Mr Crow spoke of the slash around town, in particular in North West Arch, Glen Lyon Road, Ohau Road and other areas, stating that some of it had been there for up to two years, was now tinder dry and a high fire risk. He stated that Council was aware of the problem as it had written to him two years previously asking him to clear his section; however nothing had been done to clear Council land.

The Chairman stated that Mr Crow's comments would be taken on board by the Twizel Community Board and action would take place as soon as possible.

Mr Nordahl also spoke of the fire risk around the town and asked if a mulcher could be acquired to deal with the slash.

MATTERS UNDER ACTION

4 **Underground Power Lines**

The Chairman referred to the high cost of underground wiring, quoting \$300,000 to carry out the work from the High Country Holiday Lodge to the Petrol Station.

5 **Litter – Market Place**

Discussion took place on litter in Market Place and Khandro advised that she would be willing to become a warranted officer to enforce the current Mackenzie District By-law which empowered an officer to impose a \$75.00 fine for littering. Khandro went on to ask if a skip or bins could be placed outside the Resource Recovery Park for the convenience of holiday makers leaving Twizel outside the Resource Recovery Park hours. The Asset Manager explained that the Resource Recovery Park had flexible opening hours during statutory holiday periods.

9 **Water Meters**

In response to Cr Pullen's enquiry, the Asset Manager advised that water meters had been installed at various locations within the town and North West Arch. Khandro undertook to liaise further with Mr and Mrs Hands regarding their account for extra water usage.

12 **Four Square Supermarket**

The Chairman reported that he had had a meeting with the owners of the Four Square Supermarket regarding their application to purchase Council land to extend their premises by seven metres. He further advised that Mr and Mrs Heron had stated that as a condition of purchasing land, they would lease their empty shop.

Resolved that Herrons Four Square application to Council to purchase seven metres of Council land to extend their supermarket be supported.

Peter Bell/Khandro

IV REPORTS:

1. FINANCIAL REPORT

This report from the Manager of Finance and Administration updated the Board on the financial performance of the cost centres under its jurisdiction for the nine months to 30 September 2008.

Resolved that the report be received and noted.

Peter Bell/Khandro

i) **Grass Cutting/Litter Bins**

It was agreed that a meeting be held with Whitestone to discuss the possibility of fewer mows being undertaken in exchange for more areas being cut and to review the frequency of emptying litter bins around the town centre.

ii) **Slash**

Dave Pullen suggested that the slash could be mulched when the mulcher was at the Recovery Park.

The Chairman directed that the Fire Brigade and the Department of Conservation be contacted regarding burning the slash on Saturday 8 November 2008.

Peter Bell agreed to place a notice in the Twizel Update advising the town of the proposed burn off. Cr Pullen undertook to contact the Department of Conservation.

2. OAKLEA MINIATURE HORSES

This report from the Committee Clerk referred to a request from Waka Kernohan for permission to give pony rides to children in the Fairlie, Twizel and Lake Tekapo townships.

It was suggested that this could take place near the Events Centre.

Resolved that the request from Waka Kernohan for permission to give pony rides to children in Twizel be approved.

Peter Bell/Chairman

3. GREY STONES CAFÉ LTD

This report from the Community Facilities Manager referred to a request from Grey Stones Café (formerly the Korner Kafe) to improve their area and for Council to waive their monthly rental for a period of 10 months.

Resolved:

1. *That the request by Grey Stones Café for extra space for outside dining be approved at no extra cost, subject to the Community Facilities Manager's approval of the proposed fence.*
2. *That the fence be removed at Grey Stones Café's cost in the event of the 'agreement to occupy' lapsing.*
2. *That the situation be reviewed annually.*

Chairman/Khandro

4 **STONE SAFETY SURFACE TWIZEL PLAY AREA**

This report from the Community Facilities Manager referred to a letter received from *Sustainable Twizel*. The report outlined the reasons for loose fill gravel having been chosen as the safety surface for the Twizel play area.

Resolved that a response be made to the letter from Sustainable Twizel including an offer to match dollar for dollar any funds which might be raised towards the cost of replacing the stone safety surface with a smooth synthetic surface.

Dave Pullen/Khandro

It was requested that recycle bins be placed at the play area.

5 **TWIZEL EVENTS CENTRE**

This report from the Manager of the Events Centre included a Financial Analysis for the first six months of the year, a review of activities for the same period and an operational overview as at October 2008.

Resolved that the report be received.

Dave Pullen/Khandro

The Community Facilities Manager undertook to make payment of the bonus to the Events Centre Manager.

The Community Facilities Manager reported that Steve Bramley of *Simply Great Leisure* had undertaken to investigate options for the future management of the Twizel Events Centre and Information Centre. He added that the Mr Bramley was also looking at the new regional park and the proposed new community centre projects at Lake Tekapo and options for the Lake Ruataniwha Reserve area in Twizel.

Khandro enquired if Graeme Hughes and Bronwyn Hendy were being kept abreast of the situation. It was noted that Mr Bramley had met

with them during his time in Twizel. The Chairman and Cr Pullen advised that the Twizel Events Centre managers were being informed about the process Council was going through with Mr Bramley.

It was agreed to wait until Mr Bramely's report was to hand before undertaking further consideration of the management of the Events Centre and Information Centre.

6 BREAKDOWN OF COSTS - TOWN CENTRE UPGRADE:

This report from the Manager of Finance and Administration updated the Community Board on the final costs for the Twizel Town Centre Upgrade.

Resolved that this report be received.

Phil Rive/Dave Pullen

Cr McDermott referred to the unacceptable standard of the lime chip pathways in Market Place. The Community Facilities Manager advised that he has spoken to the contractors who had not been predisposed to rectify the problem. The Board requested that matter be resolved before Christmas 2008.

It was agreed that two low box wooden seats be sited under the shelters in Market Place. The Community Facilities Manager undertook to circulate a photograph of the proposed seat to the Board members for their approval.

IV GENERAL

1. TWIZEL GREENWAYS

The Chairman referred to a public meeting which had been held on Saturday 1 November 2008, stating that although there had not been a large number of people there, those present were happy with the proposal. He went on to say that submissions have been called for and would close on 1 December 2008.

2. POSTAL SERVICES

The Chairman referred to a letter received from Mr N Paul regarding the postal service in the Twizel Township. He advised that he had taken part in a telephone conference with representatives of the NZ Post, the Acting Chief Executive and Cr Pullen. The representatives from NZ Post had undertaken to visit Twizel in relation to the issue.

3. ROAD MARKING – MAITLAND PLACE/IRISHMAN DRIVE

The Acting Chief Executive advised that a *Give Way* sign was to be erected on Maitland Place and road marking undertaken as part of the current year's programme.

4. WALKWAY – RHOBORO ROAD

The Acting Chief Executive undertook to have rock barrier put in place to prevent trail bikes using the walkway.

5. LAGOON AREA – LAKE RUATANIWHA

Khandro requested that an international swimming sign be placed at the lagoon area.

6. LONG TERM COUNCIL COMMUNITY PLAN ISSUES:

The Acting Chief Executive Officer referred the Long Term Council Community Plan which due for review. He offered to meet with Board members to discuss issues which should be included in the Plan.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS
THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED
AT 6.30 P.M.**

CHAIRMAN _____

DATE: _____