

MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FAIRLIE COMMUNITY BOARD HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FAIRLIE, ON WEDNESDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2010 AT 7.07 PM

PRESENT:

Owen Hunter (Chairman)
Tristan Leov
Ron Joll
Graeme Page

IN ATTENDANCE

John O'Neill (Mayor)
Glen Innes (Chief Executive Officer)
Bernie Haar (Asset Manager)
Paul Morris (Manager – Finance and Administration)
John O'Connor (Utilities Engineer)
Rosemary Moran (Committee Clerk)

II APOLOGY:

Resolved that an apology be received from Robin Warburton.

Graeme Page/Ron Joll

III. EVERSLEY RESERVE SEWERAGE CONTRACT:

The Chief Executive Officer referred to the Community Board's consideration at its meeting on 17 February 2010 of possible funding scenarios for the Eversley Reserve Sewerage Contract. He noted that the Board had discussed the concept of waiving financial contributions and a ratepayer contribution of between \$10 and \$20 with the view to reducing the cost of the project to about \$13,000 each for the Eversley Reserve ratepayers. This sum roughly equated to the cost of installing a new septic tank system and the Board thought it would be a more acceptable and realistic figure to present to the Eversley Reserve ratepayers.

The Manager – Finance and Administration presented a number of scenarios based on the Board's earlier discussions.

After further discussion the Board was of the view that a general contribution towards the project was warranted. It was agreed that this would best be by way of a contribution towards the cost of the main pipe line. While it had been suggested that the sewerage financial contribution could be waived, the Board considered that this may set an undesirable precedent for elsewhere in the Township.

Resolved that the Fairlie Community Board recommends to the Council that the installation of the Eversley Sewerage Extension be supported in the following ways:

1. That the capital contribution not be waived.
2. That the total cost of \$152,000 for the main pipe line be funded as the Fairlie community's contribution to the project (\$12.19 a ratepayer including GST).
3. That the capital contribution of \$1,913 be paid up front.
4. That the balance be paid over 15 years at an initial interest rate of 5.5%, reviewable annually.

Owen Hunter /Ron Joll

It was clarified that the Board's current thinking was that those who wished to reserve a connection:

- would have to do so before construction commenced, or no later than 1 July 2010
- would be required to pay the financial contribution up front plus the costs of installing a boundary kit
- would also pay a nominal annual rate for continuing to have the right to connect, and
- on connection they would have to finance those costs themselves,

Those who did not reserve a future connection:

- would face a penal charge of say \$2,000
- would have to meet the financial contribution current at the time, and
- would also have to finance the full connection costs themselves.

The Board considered that the funding proposal was reasonable in that the cost for Eversley Reserve ratepayers would be less than the cost of a replacement system (septic tank), the capital value of their properties would benefit from connection to the new sewerage scheme and that the Fairlie community would be contributing \$152,000 towards the project.

The Chief Executive Officer undertook to advise the Eversley Reserve ratepayers that:

- the tenders had come in for the project,
- the Fairlie Community Board had agreed to fund a substantial cost of the scheme by contributing \$152,00 to fund the main pipeline, and
- they were invited to a public meeting at which details of how the project would impact on individual ratepayers would be presented.

It was agreed that at least seven days notice of the public meeting should be given to enable all affected people to have the opportunity to attend.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS
THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED
AT 8.45 PM**

CHAIRMAN: _____

DATE: _____