

# MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TWIZEL COMMUNITY BOARD HELD IN THE SERVICE CENTRE TWIZEL ON MONDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2010 AT 4.20 PM

### **PRESENT:**

John Bishop (Chairman)  
Phil Rive  
Peter Bell

### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

John O'Neill (Mayor)  
Garth Nixon (Community Facilities Manager)  
Bernie Haar (Asset Manager)  
Rosemary Moran (Committee Clerk)

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, noting that it was the last of the current term. He wished the Mayor well in his retirement. He expressed his good wishes to the incoming Board members noting his confidence in the operation and worth of community boards. He suggested the Council might consider delegating more power to community boards which could help relieve the workload of District councillors.

Peter Bell thanked Mr Bishop for his leadership and the manner in which he had conducted the meetings. Phil Rive endorsed Mr Bell's comments.

### **I APOLOGY:**

Resolved that an apology be received from Dave Pullen.

**Peter Bell/Phil Rive**

An apology was noted from the Chief Executive Officer.

### **II MINUTES:**

Resolved that the Minutes of the meeting of the meeting of the Twizel Community Board held on 9 August 2010, with the following corrections:

- that it was John Bishop (not Peter Bell) who had submitted in support of Environment Canterbury's Navigation Safety Bylaw, and
- the inclusion of the Mayor's name in the list of those in attendance, be confirmed and adopted as the correct record of the meeting.

**Phil Rive/Peter Bell**

### **ACTION POINTS:**

#### **Salmon and Wine Festival Charges**

The Chairman reported that a meeting of the Twizel Events Centre Management Committee had considered the request from Scott Aronson for the hall hire fees for

the event to be waived. The Committee had reduced the amount payable to \$1,000 as long as it was paid by 20 September 2010.

#### **Twizel Events Centre Frontage**

The Community Facilities Manager advised that the paving stones would not be delivered until October 2010.

#### **Letter from Ben Ohau Golf Club**

The Chairman advised that he had cut down about 15 trees in consultation with Phil Rive and with the approval of the Ben Ohau Golf Club. He referred to a disagreement which had arisen with the Golf Club about the work and advised that he did not intend to undertake further work on the site.

#### **Erection of Twizel 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Poem:**

The Community Facilities Manager undertook to follow the issue up with Twizel builder Steve Rabbich.

### **III REPORTS:**

#### 1. FINANCIAL REPORT – JULY 2010:

This report from the Manager – Finance and Administration provided an update of the cost centres under the jurisdiction of the Twizel Community Board to July 2010.

Resolved that the report be received.

**Peter Bell/Phil Rive**

Resolved that hall hire rates of \$18.00 per hour as set by Twizel Events Centre Management Committee for the local regular users of the Twizel Events Centre, viz the Twizel Area School, the Yoga Group and the Climbing Wall Group (not including other climbing wall users), be adopted.

**John Bishop/Phil Rive**

#### 2. TOWNSHIP MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS:

This report from the Community Facilities Manager provided an update on progress with new contract arrangements.

Resolved:

- 1 That the report be received.
- 2 That the new operating arrangements be approved.
3. That the Twizel Community Board agrees to a trial adjusting the mowing heights in the greenways.

4. That Options 3 as follows be adopted:

*Rate per occasion – the contractor provides a fixed rate per mow for each Township. The Contract Manager agrees in consultation with the Contractor when the grass should be mown at a fixed rate.*

**Peter Bell/Phil Rive**

3. SHIPPING CONTAINERS ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES:

This report from the Manager – Planning and Regulations was accompanied by a letter from A F Brensell regarding his concerns about shipping containers being placed on residential properties.

Prior to the meeting the Manager – Planning and Regulations had discussed the issue informally with some Board members and explained the issues raised in his report.

The Board members agreed with the conclusions which the Manager – Planning and Regulations' had set out in the report noting that he had undertaken to respond to Mr Brensell's letter.

Resolved that the report be received.

**Phil Rive/Peter Bell**

4. TWIZEL INFORMATION CENTRE FUNDING:

The Chairman reported that a meeting had been held with representatives of the Mackenzie Tourism Trust regarding the Trust's concerns over the financial sustainability of the Twizel Information Centre.

The following comments were made:

- Does the Community Board value the Information Service and wish to retain it?
- Is it valued to the extent of \$37,000 a year?
- If the service provided by the Information Centre was not available would another business be sought to cover it?
- The beneficiaries of the service should pay more towards the Information Centre.
- Retail sales could be increased – the Lake Pukaki Visitor Centre is self supporting.
- The Twizel clientele is different from Pukaki's - more people are seeking information from Twizel.
- None of the Visitor Information Centres are making money and the option is to reduce staff or opening hours if money is to be saved.
- The TIC staff is fantastic and it would be a shame to lose them. We have to draw line - what is it worth to Twizel in dollar terms and are we prepared to spend more money for the benefit of tourism.
- How often are two Information Staff members required to cope with the workload? Could the Manager be phoned for help when required or information sheets handed out to people with enquiries about the Events Centre.

- It has to be recognised that the service is keeping the TEC doors open.
- Are the TIC staff doing more than the Community Board expects?
- Any support could be on a downward sliding scale so that the Trust looks for more savings or brings in more revenue through sales.
- They will not be able to continue if they are losing money.
- If the Trust pulled out of the Pukaki Visitor Centre it may help Twizel.
- Twizel will do very well out of the Ocean to Alps cycleway.

Motion:

1. That a grant of \$11,000 be made for the operation of the Twizel Information Centre for the 2010/11 year.
2. That the Mackenzie Tourism and Development Trust be advised that the level of any grant in the 2011/12 year will not be any greater.
3. That the issue be reviewed for the 2011/12 year.

**Peter Bell**

The Motion lapsed for want of a seconder.

Resolved that a grant of \$5,500, for the operation of the Twizel Information Centre, funded from the Grants Budget, be made on basis that the Mackenzie Tourism and Development Trust maintains the management of the Twizel Information Centre until the end of the 2010/11 financial year.

**John Bishop/Phil Rive**

Peter Bell requested that a report on the Twizel Community Board grants budget be made available to the next meeting.

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

Peter Bell reported that the Twizel River Reserve Group had consulted affected landowners about their plans for the walkway along the Fraser Stream. He said that the landowners generally were not happy. The Group had received the submissions; however they had made the decision that, because the Fraser Stream belongs to the public, it would be in the best interests of the public for the project to proceed, but with as little impact as possible on the affected residents. He said it had not been an easy decision. The Group intended to write to the submitters before the plan was put out to the public.

The Asset Manager referred to resource consent issues which had been experienced with the development of the new Opihi River Walkway near Fairlie, and advised that contact should be made with Environment Canterbury about the proposal. Mr Bell said that the marginal strip was administered by the Department of Conservation and if resource consent was required for the track the Department of Conservation would need to apply for it.

5. TWIZEL INFORMATION CENTRE – QUARTERLY REPORT:

This was the quarterly report from the Twizel Information Centre for April, May and June 2010 prepared by Keri-ann Tessier.

Resolved that the report be received.

**Phil Rive/Peter Bell.**

**IV GENERAL:**

1. **BROOM IN THE RIVERBED:**

Mr Bell referred to the desirability of controlling broom in the Twizel Riverbed. The Community Facilities Manager advised him to deal with the Department of Conservation who were undertaking trials with biological controls which would mean that care should be taken with any spraying.

2. **CANTERBURY EARTHQUAKE:**

The Mayor suggested that offers of accommodation might be made for people needing a break after the recent earthquake. He also advised that he intended to make an appeal for funds to be collected at the Service Centre and Council office in Fairlie.

The Chairman suggested that TPDA be approached regarding accommodation which might be available for Canterbury people who required it.

3. **APPRECIATIONS:**

The Mayor referred to the final meeting of the Board and thanked the members for their service.

He said he considered the three community boards were an important feature of the District. He noted the importance of the community boards receiving accurate information and that they must rely on their Council representative and/or staff to provide it. He also noted that the length of meetings had been an issue from time to time and suggested that there would be an opportunity in the new triennium to address that.

The Chairman said it would be helpful to have access to meeting agendas earlier than had been in the past.

The Chairman thanked the Mayor for his guidance and support over the previous three years.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE  
CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 5.53PM**

**CHAIRMAN:** \_\_\_\_\_

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