

MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TEKAPO COMMUNITY BOARD HELD IN THE LAKE TEKAPO COMMUNITY HALL ON MONDAY 4 AUGUST 2008 AT 7.00 PM

PRESENT:

Peter Maxwell (Chairman)
Murray Cox
Catherine Young
Peter Munro

IN ATTENDANCE

Glen Innes (Chief Executive Officer)
Nathan Hole (Manager – Planning and Regulations)
Garth Nixon (Community Facilities Manager)
Bernie Haar (Asset Manager)
Rosemary Moran (Committee Clerk)

I APOLOGY:

Resolved that an apology be received from Leon O'Sullivan.

M Cox/C Young

An apology was also noted from the Mayor.

II MINUTES:

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Tekapo Community Board held on 23 June 2008 including such parts as were taken with the Public Excluded be confirmed and adopted as the correct record of the meeting.

Catherine Young/PeterMunro

MATTERS UNDER ACTION:

1. Street Lighting Bollards:

The Asset Manager advised that there was nothing further to report. He said the issue would be included in the Long Term Council Community Plan.

The Chairman noted that four street lights in Aorangi Crescent were not working and the Asset Manager undertook to attend to that issue.

6. Roading Issues

The Asset Manager said a number of the minor issues had been tasked to the contractor for action including marking of the parking layout and trees for removal.

He said the formation of an improved footpath was due to be undertaken, as was the realignment of the road at the top of Hamilton Drive. Road markings would be undertaken in due course.

7 **Post and Rail Fence**

The Chairman undertook to liaise with the Community Facilities Manager regarding finishing touches to the new fence.

12 **Parking in the Village Centre**

The Chairman advised that he had raised the issue with the Promotions Association.

Proposed Community Centre:

The Chairman reported that at the meeting with the architect and the General Manager of the Mackenzie Tourism and Development Trust alternative sites for the proposed centre had been considered. He said that the Hamilton Drive site had been ruled out, however the question of the availability of the land opposite the existing squash courts had been raised. The Chief Executive Officer advised that the site had been flagged for an alternative use, however it could be the subject of review. The Chairman noted that if that site was not available, the Aorangi Crescent site remained a good choice.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that a report on the issue would be developed and the Chairman indicated he would be happy to attend and speak to that.

Boat Ramp:

The Chairman reported on a recent meeting with Meridian Energy Ltd at which the Water Right Agreement had been discussed, particularly with regard to the clauses relating to the lowering of the lake level below 704.1 m. He said that the Meridian representatives had been receptive to becoming involved in the improvement/widening of the boat ramp which had been acknowledged as an important asset for Lake Tekapo.

Murray Cox advised that he intended to forward information about the boat ramp to the Asset Manager.

III REPORTS:

1. **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

This report from the Manager - Finance and Administration provided an update for the Board on the financial performance of the cost centres under its jurisdiction for the year ended 30 June 2008.

Resolved that the report be received and the information noted.

Catherine Young/Murray Cox

2. **CANTERBURY WATER MANAGEMENT STRATEGY**

This report from the Committee Clerk was accompanied by an invitation for community boards to become involved in the Canterbury Water Manager Strategy project.

Resolved that the report be received

Peter Munro/Catherine Young

The Chairman advised that he would register to attend a local meeting.

3. RESULTS OF 2007/08 SUMMER CONTACT RECREATION SURVEY:

This report from the Community Facilities Manager was accompanied by the results of Environment Canterbury's 2007/08 summer freshwater contact recreational monitoring programme.

Resolved that the report be received

Murray Cox/PeterMunro

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

Murray Cox reported that a recent public meeting had resolved to submit an application to form an incorporated society for the Lake Tekapo Regional Park. He said when that process had been completed an annual general meeting would be convened. It was also intended to apply for funding support for the Park from the Waitaki Community Fund.

Mr Cox said that general funding issues had been discussed with Cr O'Sullivan, the Community Facilities Manager and Environment Canterbury Parks Officer/Planner Greg Byrnes. The Community Facilities Manager said it had been proposed that the District Council could be approached for funding for a specific project for the Park, eg toilet facilities.

IV GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. PROPOSED CEMETERY FOR LAKE TEKAPO:

Catherine Young referred to the following questions from Anne Braun-Elwert:

1. *At what point is the Council going to take over the cemetery?*
 - *Once the access road and car park are established?*
 - *Once a certain amount of landscaping has been done? Fencing?*
 - *Once a certain number of plots have been sold?*

The Council should clearly define the tasks to be completed before handover.
2. *If it is intended that the developer of the cemetery recoups some of his costs in developing the cemetery by selling plots, then this should be debated openly by the Community Board. Gottlieb and I feel it is highly inappropriate for a private entity (The Six Foot Under Club is not an incorporated society) to sell plots in what is supposed to be a community facility.*

The Chief Executive Officer advised that no definite arrangements had been reached with the *Six Foot Under Club* other than Council's undertaking to help facilitate the development of the cemetery; this had been the subject of a public consultation process.

The Community Facilities Manager said approval was currently being sought from the Minister of Conservation to transfer the land to be used as a cemetery

to Council's control and, when that had been completed, it was intended to liaise with the *Six Foot Under Club* to make the cemetery operational. He said it was possible that funding of the development could be supported by the pre-sales of cemetery plots, but such detail had not yet been addressed.

The Chief Executive Officer said the land would remain under Council control. He acknowledged that some of the issues raised by Mrs Braun-Elwert needed to be formalised and that an appropriate arrangement for the further development of the cemetery would be devised with the Club. He reiterated that the Council would retain control of the facility.

2. LONG TERM COUNCIL COMMUNITY PLAN:

The Chief Executive Officer referred to the upcoming review of the Long Term Council Community Plan and asked the Board members to give consideration to further issues which should be included.

He noted that the Council had an opportunity to review its representation and suggested that the matter of the boundary of the Lake Tekapo Community Board area could be considered in conjunction with a representation review. He said the current Community Board boundary was the boundary of the former Tekapo Ward.

The Asset Manager suggested the issue of street lighting for Beauchamp Place and Pioneer Drive could be included in the Plan.

The Chairman suggested that the Lake Tekapo Community Centre and the Lake Tekapo Regional Park should be included in the Plan. He proposed that a workshop be held and the Chief Executive Officer undertook to provide a copy of the existing document and the support of staff for a workshop if required.

3. APPRECIATION:

The Chairman referred to the excellent work by the Whitestone staff who removed snow from the township following the recent snowfall. He said it was very much appreciated.

The Asset Manager undertook to pass on the Board's appreciation in writing to Whitestone.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS
THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED
AT 9.02 PM**

CHAIRMAN: _____

DATE: _____