

MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE TWIZEL COMMUNITY BOARD HELD IN THE SERVICE CENTRE, TWIZEL, ON MONDAY 4 AUGUST 2008 AT 4.00 PM

PRESENT:

John Bishop (Chairman)
Khandro
Peter Bell
Dave Pullen

IN ATTENDANCE

Cr McDermott
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 APOLOGIES:

The Chairman noted that an apology had been received from the Mayor.

II MINUTES:

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Twizel Community Board held on 23 June 2008, be confirmed and adopted as the correct record of the meeting.

P Rive/John Bishop

MATTERS ARISING:

1. Twizel Brochure:

Khandro displayed proofs of a draft Twizel brochure prepared by the managers of the Twizel Events Centre, which included a map, information about the Department of Conservation and short history of Twizel. The brochure incorporated a *Four Seasons of Twizel* concept.

Cr Pullen showed members a one-page A3 brochure which he had picked up in New South Wales. He suggested it could be a cheaper option for Twizel because he considered \$8,000 was too much to spend on brochures. Khandro undertook to pass on the information.

The Community Facilities Manager explained that the Twizel Events Centre management contract provided for production of the brochure and he recommended that the process upon which the Board had already embarked be completed.

2. **Funds from the Old Halls Site:**

In response to a question from Cr Pullen, the Community Facilities Manager said the final cost of upgrade would be established when work on the playground balance beam had been completed.

The Chairman expressed frustration about the lack of information on the availability of funds for the Twizel community from the sale of local property.

Cr McDermott explained the well established and clear Council policy of holding the proceeds from the sale of Council property in the real estate reserve. He said that while a community could request financial support from the real estate reserve, it would be a Council decision, based on District-wide considerations, whether or not the request was granted. He said ad hoc decisions on allocating funds from the real estate reserve could undermine the policy and diminish the opportunity for all ratepayers to benefit from the pool.

The Chief Executive Officer clarified that community boards were not separate entities which could hold assets in their own names. He confirmed that all Council assets were pooled and every application for a grant from the real estate reserve for a community project would be considered on a case by case basis, on merit and regardless of location. He noted that a significant asset in Lake Tekapo was currently being organised for sale and the proceeds would be invested, providing a significant offset on rates from the interest, which was distributed according to the relative capital values of each community.

The Chief Executive Officer assured the Board that earlier Council resolutions relating to the Twizel Events Centre project, would be followed correctly and be the subject of full reporting. He said the process would be in line with existing Council policies, unless the Twizel Community Board made successful advocacy to depart from the general policy.

III REPORTS:

1. **FINANCIAL REPORT - JUNE 2008:**

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.

Peter Bell/P Rive

2. TWIZEL COMMUNITY WORKER'S REPORT:

This report from the Committee Clerk was accompanied by the report from the Twizel Community Worker for the period 3 June 2008 to 26 June 2008.

Resolved that the report be received.

Khandro/J Bishop

3. TWIZEL AREA SCHOOL WATER CHARGES:

This report from the Community Facilities Manager updated the Board on discussions with the Twizel Area School regarding their water usage.

It was noted that the Board should determine the value of having the open space of the school fields available for community use and then negotiate a fair policy to reflect the shared use.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received.
2. ***That Peter Bell be appointed to work with the Community Facilities Manager and the Twizel Area School to determine a long-term position over maintenance and upkeep of the school fields.***

D Pullen/Khandro

4 TWIZEL WATER METERS

This report from the Asset Manager advised of the properties in Twizel supplied with water by way of a water meter and sought confirmation of the existing policy to charge all consumers who use more than 1,400 m³ per year.

The Asset Manager noted that in accordance with the direction from the Board, a water meter had been installed on the supply to the ice making business. He said the business had produced 210 tonnes of ice in the previous year and used 210 cubic metres of water, which did not come close to triggering charges for excess use. He warned that the allocated amount of 1,400 m³ per year was too high.

He noted that the owner of the business had two sections with two water connections and was paying only one water charge. He had been asked to disconnect one connection.

Cr McDermott suggested that water usage at the campervan effluent disposal station and the Shell Shop where campers filled large water

containers, should be monitored. He also suggested that all major consumers should be reminded of the importance of conserving water.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received.
2. *That the Community Board continues to identify the major consumers of water and charges them accordingly.*
3. *That staff review the existing bulk allocation in 12 months time when sufficient data became available to identify actual use for various properties in Twizel.*

P Bell/D Pullen

In response to a question regarding the account sent to Mr and Mrs Hands for excess water charges, the Asset Manager undertook to research the details and advise Mr and Mrs Hands accordingly.

He also asked Board members to let him know of properties where water supplies should be metered.

5. REQUEST FROM PENNY BAIKIE TO OCCUPY ENTRANCE WAY TO THE OLD HALLS:

This report from the Manager – Finance and Administration was accompanied by a request from Penny Baikie to occupy the entrance way to the old halls and operate a small retail shop.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received.
2. *That the request from Penny Baikie to occupy the entrance way to the old halls and operate a small retail shop be approved in principle and that she be advised to make appropriate arrangements with the TDPA.*

D Pullen/P Rive

6. 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

P Bell/P Rive

7. 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

J Bishop/Khandro

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

Peter Bell reported that work was continuing on the draft Green Spaces Strategy. He said the Community Facilities Manager would be invited to the working group's next meeting following which the proposed strategy would be available for consideration by the Board and then put out for public consultation.

IV GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. TWIZEL EVENTS CENTRE MANAGEMENT:

Khandro referred to the upcoming process for the letting of the Twizel Events Centre management contract. She said she had confirmed with the current managers that the Community Board intended to consider their offer of service alongside that of the Mackenzie Tourism and Development Trust.

2. PLAYGROUND:

The Chairman referred to the invitation to Dr Peter Laws to open the playground and the need to confirm a date. He suggested it be held on a Saturday morning, followed by morning tea. Cr Pullen said the TDPA had offered the free use of their bouncy castles.

It was agreed that the playground be opened on 20 September 2008 and the Chairman undertook to liaise with the Community Facilities Manager regarding the erection of a timber sign acknowledging Dr Law's contribution to the community.

3. LAKE RUATANIWHA RECREATION AREA:

Cr Pullen referred to the need to discuss issues relating to the recreation area, including the sewage pumping station, with the owner of the neighbouring camping area. It was agreed that the Chairman, the Community Facilities Manager and the Asset Manager should meet with Mr Ritchie to resolve the issues.

4. TWIZEL GREEN SPACES STRATEGY:

Cr McDermott said the Mayor had asked him to mention on his behalf the need for care to be taken when making public comment about the financing of community projects. He said the Council had clear and firm policies regarding the use of its funds and the Mayor had expressed concern that recent media reports had given the wrong message that the proceeds from the sale of Council land could finance projects. He said that while such projects had the support of Council, their funding would generally be a cost to the community.

The Chairman acknowledged Cr McDermott's comments. He noted that the Board was committed to the Green Spaces strategy project and said the intention had been to seek funds from the sale of surplus green areas to fund their upgrading to a saleable standard with the net profit being invested in the real estate reserve.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS
THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED
AT 5.40 PM**

CHAIRMAN: _____

DATE: _____