

MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TEKAPO COMMUNITY BOARD HELD IN THE LAKE TEKAPO COMMUNITY HALL, ON MONDAY 31 AUGUST 2009 AT 7.00 PM

PRESENT:

Peter Maxwell (Chairman)
Leon O'Sullivan
Peter Munro (from 7.23 pm)
Murray Cox
Alan Hayman

IN ATTENDANCE:

Glen Innes (Chief Executive Officer)
Paul Morris (Manager – Finance and Administration)
Garth Nixon (Community Facilities Manager)
Bernie Haar (Asset Manager)
Rosemary Moran (Committee Clerk)

I APOLOGY

An apology from the Mayor was noted.

VI VISITORS:

1. FRIEDL HALE

The Chairman welcomed Freidl Hale to the meeting.

Ms Hale explained her proposal that a scale model of the solar system be set up at Lake Tekapo and surrounding area. She considered the project would be not only a tourist attraction but would also provide an educational experience in astronomy. She provided a written outline of the concept supported by photographs.

Ms Hale sought permission from the Community Board to use land behind the *Run 79* shop to begin the development with the placement of a sundial.

2. LOUIS CAMPBELL:

The Chairman welcomed Louis Campbell who displayed a scale model of the proposed community centre for Lake Tekapo and associated plans and profiles.

Peter Munro joined the meeting a 7.23 pm

Mr Campbell explained the model and said that an initial estimate of cost was in the region of \$2.93m.

It was agreed that the concept be presented at a community meeting to be held on Tuesday 15 September 2009 and that a media release be provided to the Timaru Herald.

II MINUTES:

Resolved that the Minutes of the meeting of the Tekapo Community Board held on 20 July 2009 be confirmed and adopted as the correct record of the meeting.

Alan Hayman/Peter Munro

III REPORTS:

1. FINANCIAL REPORT TO 30 JUNE 2009:

This report from the Manager – Finance and Administration provided an update on the cost centres under the jurisdiction of the Tekapo Community Board for the year ended 30 June 2009.

Resolved that the report be received.

Leon O’Sullivan/Alan Hayman

2. TEKAPO HALL CAPITAL RESERVE

This report from the Manager – Finance and Administration which referred to the surplus in the Tekapo Township account had been considered at a Council meeting on 18 August 2009. The Council had resolved that the surplus of \$98,999 for the year ended 30 June 2009 be transferred from the Tekapo Works and Services Rate account to the Tekapo Community Hall Capital Reserve Account to fund future community hall developments.

The report was presented for the information of the Tekapo Community Board.

Resolved that the report be received.

Leon O’Sullivan/Murray Cox

3. TEKAPO EFFLUENT DUMP STATION:

This report from the Community Facilities Manager referred to relocation or removal of the effluent dump station located on Alexandra Terrace.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received.
2. That the Alexander Terrace Effluent dump station be removed.
3. That its relocation to the new lookout area at the end of Hamilton Drive be investigated.

Murray Cox/Alan Hayman.

It was suggested that a small sign be put up to redirect people to the other dump station.

4. CORRESPONDENCE FROM TRANSPOWER:

This letter from Transpower dated 22 July 2009 responded to the Chairman's request for information regarding recent interruptions to the continuity of the power supply in Tekapo Township.

Resolved that the report be received.

Peter Maxwell/Alan Hayman

5. CORRESPONDENCE FROM SAM JAMES:

This letter from Sam James, of Manly Vale, New South Wales, suggested that the muddy path around the dog statue be covered in stone pebbles.

Resolved that the report be received.

Leon O'Sullivan/Peter Munro

6. WARD MEMBER'S REPORT:

Cr O'Sullivan reported that the commissioners' recommendations on Plan Change 13 were to be considered for adoption at an extraordinary Council meeting on 1 September 2009.

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

Murray Cox reported that an application for resource consent for the toilet block for the Regional Park was about to be lodged with the Council, a Fire Management Plan was under development in conjunction with South Canterbury Rural Fire and an application had been made to the Mid and South Canterbury Community Trust for a grant.

Peter Munro reported that the inflow to the White Water Canoe Course had been damaged by spill flows and repairs were to be undertaken.

He said notice of the release dates and events for the coming year would be posted on the Township notice board.

IV GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. FOOT PATH TO CAMPING GROUND:

Leon O'Sullivan referred to the urgent need for safety work to be undertaken on the foot path to the camping ground and asked if subsidy money was available for the job.

The Asset Manager undertook to investigate whether or not the project would qualify for funding from the Minor Safety Improvement fund. He also suggested that a walking and cycling strategy could enable the community to access funding for the project if such funding was still available.

The Chairman undertook to organise an onsite meeting to consider all the issues which needed to be addressed to upgrade the footpath to a safe standard.

2. REPLACEMENT PLANTS FOR MURRAY PARK

Leon O'Sullivan reported that the Lake Tekapo Enhancement Group had recently lost a major fundraising opportunity and needed financial support to help replace some plants in Murray Park.

Resolved that a grant of \$300 be made to the Lake Tekapo Enhancement Group for replacement plants for Murray Park.

Leon O'Sullivan/Murray Cox

3. REPLACEMENT PLANTS FOR MOUNT JOHN SUBDIVISION:

Leon O'Sullivan noted that a number of the replacement plantings in the Mt John subdivision had died. The Community Facilities Manager suggested that a mixture of silver tussocks and other native plants could prove more suitable for the area.

4. WILLOWS ALONG SH 8 AT THE SOUTHERN END OF THE LAKE SHORE:

Leon O'Sullivan reported that Jim Murray had offered to remove the willows at his cost. He suggested the Board consider what should be done, noting that their removal would require resource consent.

The Community Facilities Manager said that while the willows provided protection for the lake shore, the alternative of replacing them with a less vigorous species could be an option.

Resolved that Community Facilities Manager investigate the issues associated with the removal of the willows and options for their replacement with another species.

Peter Maxwell/Peter Munro

5. LIONS REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PICNIC SPOT AT AORANGI CRESCENT:

Leon O'Sullivan reported that the Lake Tekapo Lions Club was seeking approval to establish a picnic spot and an access track, on reserve land adjacent to the school on Aorangi Crescent.

Resolved that the request to establish a picnic spot and access track on reserve land adjacent to the school on Aorangi Crescent be supported in principle and that the feasibility of the proposal be further investigated by the Asset Manager in consultation with Barry Stringer.

Peter Maxwell /Leon O'Sullivan.

6. LETTER FROM COLIN MACLAREN – BRIDGE FOR TEKAPO:

The Community Board considered a letter from Colin McLaren of the Lake Tekapo Footbridge Committee in which he sought information about grants towards, and past investigations into, the development of a footbridge across the Lake Tekapo outlet.

The Chief Executive Officer noted that the price of the land on which a footbridge would stand was significant.

Leon O'Sullivan commented that the Board's immediate focus was on the proposed community centre.

Resolved:

1. That Mr Maclaren and the Committee be thanked for their interest and congratulated on progressing the footbridge proposal.
2. That the information requested be forwarded to Mr Maclaren.
3. That the Committee be advised of the need to investigate land ownership issues and costs.

Peter Maxwell/Murray Cox

7. APPOINTMENT OF LAND SUBCOMMITTEE:

The Manager – Finance and Administration referred to the Tekapo Village Centre frontage land and the proposal that a committee be set up to investigate options and advise the Community Board on what could be done with it.

Leon O'Sullivan said the Council had resolved that a committee of Peter Maxwell, Robin Hughes and Richie Smith be asked to develop ideas for the land because of general disquiet in the Township at the lack of land for commercial use.

The Chief Executive Officer undertook to progress the matter.

8. WALKWAY FROM THE DAM TO MURRAY PLACE:

The Community Board discussed the need to upgrade the walkway from the Dam to Murray Place to improve safety.

Resolved that as part of the upgrade of the pathway from the dam to Murray Place, the hedge be removed and replaced with a suitable barrier.

Alan Hayman/Leon O'Sullivan

The Asset Manager clarified that the upgrade project would include the hard-surfacing of the path with concrete.

The Chairman suggested that two lights would be sufficient to light the pathway.

9. LINK TO FREEDOM CAMPING WEBSITE:

Leon O'Sullivan said it had been pointed out that the Mackenzie District was not linked to the Freedom Camping website. The Chief Executive Officer undertook to arrange for the link to be made.

10. RESERVE BEHIND BLUEWATER RESORT:

Peter Munro noted that the reserve area behind the Bluewater Resort needed attention to preclude it becoming overgrown as spring approached. The Community Facilities Manager undertook to see to the matter.

VI VISITORS:

1. FRIEDL HALE (Continued):

Resolved that approval in principle be given to Friedl Hale to place a sun dial on the land zoned Rec. P in close proximity to the proposed playground on the Tekapo lake shore, and that she be requested to submit the final design to be signed off by the Community Board.

Leon O'Sullivan/Peter Munro

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE
CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.47 pm**

CHAIRMAN: _____

DATE: _____