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TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEMBERSHIP OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

John O'Neill (Mayor, Chairman)		
Graham Smith	Graeme Page	
David Pullen	Leon O'Sullivan	
Evan Williams	Simon McDermott	

Notice is given of a meeting of the Planning Committee to be held on Friday 26 March 2010 following the Operations Committee meeting

VENUE:

Council Chambers, Fairlie

BUSINESS: As per Agenda attached.

GLEN INNES CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

22 March 2010



PLANNING COMMITTEE

Agenda for Friday 26 March 2010

I APOLOGIES:

II DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

III MINUTES:

Confirm and adopt as the correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee, held on 1 December 2009

III REPORTS:

- 1. Application to Heritage Protection Fund
- 2. Appointment of Commissioner and Panel Makeup to Hear and Decide Upcoming Resource Consent Applications

IV GENERAL:

1. Civil Defence

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FAIRLIE, ON TUESDAY 1 DECEMBER 2009 AT 3.20 PM

PRESENT:

Mayor John O'Neill (Chain	rman)
Simon McDermott	Pukaki Ward
Dave Pullen	Pukaki Ward
Leon O'Sullivan	Pukaki Ward
Graham Smith	Opuha Ward
Graeme Page	Opuha Ward

IN ATTENDANCE:

Glen Innes (Chief Executive Officer) Nathan Hole (Manager – Planning and Regulations) Rosemary Moran (Committee Clerk)

I <u>APOLOGY</u>:

Resolved that an apology be received from Evan Williams

Graham Smith/Simon McDermott

II <u>MINUTES:</u>

<u>Resolved</u> that the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 20 October 2009 be confirmed and adopted as the correct record of the meeting.

Graham Smith/Graeme Page

III <u>REPORTS:</u>

1. <u>RESOURCE CONSENT NOTIFICATION – NZ FOREST ESTABLISHMENT LTD, LAKE</u> <u>OHAU DWELLING:</u>

This report from the Manager – Planning and Regulations sought a decision on the public notification of an application for resource consent application by NZ Forest Establishment Ltd to construct a dwelling within the lakeside protection area at Lake Ohau.

<u>Resolved</u> that the report be received.

Simon McDermott /Dave Pullen

Motion

That the application by NZ Forest Establishment Ltd to construct a dwelling within the lakeside protection area at Lake Ohau be publicly notified

Graham Smith/Leon O'Sullivan

Amendment

That any decision on the public notification of the application by NZ Forest Establishment Ltd to construct a dwelling within the lakeside protection area at Lake Ohau be deferred until the Planning Committee has made a site visit.

Dave Pullen/Graeme Page

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The amendment was put and defeated.

The original motion was put and carried.

2. <u>OBJECTION TO RESOURCE CONSENT DECISION – RUATANIWHA FARM LTD:</u>

This report from the Manager – Planning and Regulations sought a decision on objections by Ruataniwha Farm Ltd to conditions on Resource Consent Applications RM090039 and RM090030. It was put before the Committee because the Manager – Planning and Regulations did not have the delegated authority to decide such objections where agreement had been reached.

<u>Resolved</u> that the report be received.

Simon McDermott /Graeme Page

Resolved;

- 1. That the objection to Condition 5 relating to the requirement of the water supply to be on a restricted basis be disallowed and that the condition be retained in the consent decision.
- 2. That the objection to Condition 6 relating to provision of water supply for fire fighting purposes be allowed in part and that the conditon be amended as follows:
 - 6. That <u>either</u> the applicant meet the requirements of condition 6(a), or that condition 6(b) be registered pursuant to section 221 of the Resource Management Act 1991, on the Certificate of Title for Lots 1-3 as a condition to be complied with on an ongoing basis.
 - 6(a) Fire hydrants are to be installed in general accordance with the Fire Service Code of Practice (NZS PAS 4509:2003) for Fire Fighting Water Supplies to the satisfaction of the Asset Manager.
 - At the time a new dwelling is erected on the Lot, domestic water and fire fighting 6(**b**) storage is to be provided. A minimum of 20,000 litres shall be maintained at all times as a static fire fighting reserve within a 30,000 litre tank. Alternatively, an 11,000 litre fire fighting reserve is to be provided for each dwelling in association with a domestic sprinkler system installed to an approved standard. A fire fighting connection in accordance with Appendix B - SNZ PAS 4509:2003 is to be located within 90 metres of any proposed building on the site. Where pressure at the connection point/coupling is less than 100kPa (a suction source - see Appendix B, SNZ PAS 4509:2003 section B2), a 100mm Suction Coupling (Female) complying with NZS 4505, is to be provided. Where pressure at the connection point/coupling is greater than 100kPa (a flooded source - see Appendix B, SNZ PAS 4509:2003 section B3), a 70mm Instantaneous Coupling (Female) complying with NZS 4505, is to be provided. Flooded and suction sources must be capable of providing a flow rate of 25 litres/sec at the connection point/coupling. The reserve capacities and flow rates stipulated above are relevant only for single family dwellings. In the event that the proposed dwellings provide for more than single family occupation then the consent holder should consult with the NZFS as larger capacities and flow rates may be required.

The Fire Service connection point/coupling must be located so that it is not compromised in the event of a fire.

The connection point/coupling shall have a hardstand area adjacent to it that is suitable for parking a fire service appliance. The hardstand area shall be located in the centre of a clear working space with a minimum width of 4.5 metres. Pavements or roadways providing access to the hardstand area must have a minimum formed width as required by the Mackenzie District Plan Transportation rules and standards for rural roads. The roadway shall be trafficable in all weathers and be capable of withstanding a laden weight of up to 25 tonnes with an axle load of 8.2 tonnes or have a load bearing capacity of no less than the public roadway serving the property, whichever is the lower. Access shall be maintained at all times to the hardstand area.

Underground tanks or tanks that are partially buried (provided the top of the tank is no more than 1 metre above ground) may be accessed by an opening in the top of the tank whereby couplings are not required. A hardstand area adjacent to the tank is required in order to allow a fire service appliance to park on it and access to the hardstand area must be provided as above.

Fire fighting water supply may be provided by means other than the above if the written approval of the New Zealand Fire Service is obtained for the proposed method.

The fire fighting water supply tank and/or the sprinkler system shall be installed prior to the occupation of the building.

3. That the objection to condition 7 relating to the identification of stormwater paths be allwod that that it be removed from the consnet decision.

- 4. That the objection to Condition 16 relating to water capital works contribution be disallowed and that the condition be retained in the consent decision.
- 5. That the objection relating to condition 21 relating to review of the consentbe disallowed and that the condition be regained in the consent decision. **Simon McDermott /Graeme Page**

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MAYOR DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 4.20 PM

MAYOR:

DATE:

REPORT TO:	PLANNING COMMITTEE
SUBJECT:	APPLICATION TO THE HERITAGE FUND
MEETING DATE:	26 MARCH 2010
REF:	FIN 9/4/6
FROM:	MANAGER – PLANNING AND REGULATIONS
ENDORSED BY:	CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

<u>PURPOSE OF REPORT</u>:

For the Committee to consider an application from Elizabeth and Maurice Angelo for funding from the Council's Heritage Protection Fund for maintenance of their Burkes Pass heritage building.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1. That the report be received.
- 2. That the Committee notes the application for funding, but defers making a decision until the May planning committee meeting, as per the Council's heritage protection fund policy; or

NATHAN HOLE <u>MANAGER – PLANNING & REGULATIONS</u>

GLEN INNES CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ATTACHMENTS:

- The application from Elizabeth and Maurice Angelo.
- The Council's heritage protection fund policy.

BACKGROUND:

Mr and Mrs Angelo and undertaking some maintenance work of the dwelling on their Burkes Pass property. The building in commonly known as the "Stone House", and is listed in the District Plan as a category Z historic building, although the Angelos have asked that this classification be revised. Any change would need to be made through an amendment to the District Plan. That aside, as a category Z building, the Angelos are eligible to apply to the Council's heritage protection fund.

The Angelos' application describes the background of the building and details the work to be undertaken and a breakdown of the costs of the proposed work. The cost of the work and the amount applied for from the heritage fund is \$3,520.14.

POLICY STATUS:

The Council has a heritage protection fund policy (attached).

SIGNIFICANCE OF DECISION REQUESTED:

This is a routine decision.

ISSUES AND OPTIONS:

There were no applications to the heritage fund last year, and this is the only application received to date this year.

The Council's policy is to consider applications to the fund in May and October. Any funding not allocated in May will be transferred to the October meeting for allocation.

If the Committee is to adhere to the Council's policy then the Agelos' application should be noted but deferred to the May meeting of the Planning Committee for consideration.

CONCLUSION:

The Stone House is a category Z building listed in the District Plan, and as such the owners are eligible to apply to the Council's heritage fund. My recommendation is that the Committee notes the application but defers consideration until the May Planning Committee meeting, adhering to Council's policy.

HERITAGE PROTECTION FUND

1. Purpose of the Fund

This fund is available to assist and actively encourage property owners and members of the Mackenzie community to manage, maintain, preserve and enhance the heritage values of items or areas. It provides a partial contribution towards the costs of a specific project related to a building, item or place.

2. Definitions

For the purpose of this policy:

"Conservation" means the processes of caring for a place so as to safeguard its heritage value.

"Maintenance" means the protective care of a place.

"Preservation" means maintaining a place with as little change as possible.

"Reconstruction" means to build again in the original form using old or new material.

"Repair" means making good decayed or damaged materials.

"Restoration" means returning a place as nearly as possible to a known earlier state by reassembly, reinstatement and/or removal of extraneous additions.

"Stabilisation" means the arrest of the processes of decay.

3. Items Covered by the Fund

Applications for funding may be made in relation to any of the following within the Mackenzie District:

- Buildings, items or places currently listed in the Heritage Items Schedule as Category X, Y or Z heritage items.
- Buildings, items or places which have been approved by Council to be included in the Heritage Items Schedule as Category X, Y or Z heritage items.
- Trees or groups of trees listed in the Protected Trees Schedule.
- Archaeological sites and Waahi Tapu sites or areas as identified by the New Zealand Historic Places Trust.

4. Projects Eligible for Funding

Preservation/Conservation Projects -

Projects which will assist in caring for a feature so as to safeguard its heritage value and maintaining a feature with as little change as possible. This may include installation of mechanisms to protect against damage or decay, the covenanting of heritage features or the drafting of heritage management plans.

Enhancement/Management Projects –

Projects which enhance the heritage value of a feature. This may include maintenance works on the item or its immediate surroundings, repairs,

reconstruction work, restorations or stabilisation work, costs of obtaining building or resource consents and/or other professional advice.

Research & Education Projects -

Projects which will provide public information on the values of heritage features and will assist in providing a greater interest, protection and management of the feature. This may include historical research, information gathering, production of educational materials, signage, education/promotion campaigns or the running of presentations, seminars or workshops.

The following will generally **not** be eligible for funding:

- Demolition or removal of buildings or items.
- Additions or extensions to buildings or items.
- Any other work to buildings, items or places which is not for the purpose of enhancing heritage values.

Note: the Council reserves the right to consider these types of projects for funding if appropriate circumstances exist.

5. Criteria for Evaluating a Funding Application

- The significance of the feature from a heritage point of view (determined by its group listing or activity status in the District Plan).
- The primary focus of the proposed work being on the retention and/or enhancement the feature and its heritage values.
- The contribution of the work to the long term viability of the heritage feature.
- Whether the project will provide new information about the heritage feature and will assist in public interpretation and understanding of the feature.
- Public accessibility to the building, item or place.
- The amount of money available in the fund and the need for equitable distribution.

6. Amount of Funding Available

The Council will allocate \$5,000.00 to this fund each financial year. An application may be made at any time. Although funds will be allocated biannually at the formal Planning Committee Hearings in October and May for a maximum of \$2500 per hearing.

Any funding not allocated at the October or May hearing will be transferred to the next hearing for allocation.

Each individual application will be eligible for a maximum grant of \$2,500.00 or the following percentage of the sum required, whichever is the lesser:

- Category X items 75%
- Category Y items 60%
- Category Z items 45%
- Protected Trees 50%
- Archaeological or Waahi Tapu Sites 50%

The Council may choose to allocate a lesser amount than the maximum specified to a project which does not meet all relevant criteria specified in (5) above, or may decline funding all together.

7. Making an Application

Applications may be made by property owners or organisations and must include the following information:

- Name and address of applicant.
- Address, location and legal description of the building, item or place.
- Information on the heritage significance and importance of the building, item or place.
- Current use of the building, item or place.
- Description of the project proposed for which funding is sought.
- Reasons why or how this work will meet the relevant criteria.
- Reasons why financial assistance is requested and whether any other funding application have been made or considered.
- Detailed quotes and breakdown of costs of the parts of work the funding would apply to.
- The amount requested from the fund.
- Whether the applicant is prepared to legally protect the building, item or place.

An application form is available from the Mackenzie District Council.

Decisions

All applications received will be considered by the Council at the next available meeting after the application is received and applicants will be notified in writing of the decision.

Approved funding is paid as a reimbursement once the work has been inspected and confirmed to be of a professional standard by a suitably qualified person and the applicant has supplied copies of receipts relating to the project for which funding was sought.

Assistance

Further assistance or advice relating to this fund can be obtained by contacting: Planning Department of the Mackenzie District Council: PO Box 52 Fairlie Phone: (03) 685 8514 Fax: (03) 685 8533

Adopted: To be effective from 2st October 2007



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Application for funding from Mackenzie District Council Heritage Protection Fund

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Applicant/s	Elizabeth & Maurice Angelo Stone House Burkes Pass 03 685 6269 angelo2@ihug.co.nz		
Property	Mount Cook Road Board Building (7years) (First) Mackenzie County Council (8years) Mackenzie Rabbit Board (14years)		
Legal Description	Lot 1 DP 29679BLK V111 Burke SD		
Heritage Importance	(See attached description) It is currently under review for Category 1 with the NZ Historic Places Trust. Of note to the MDC is that this was their first council building . See details in "A Century of Challenge- Mackenzie County Council 1883-1983" by W.Greenwood		
Current Use	Private Dwelling		
Problem	One thick concrete internal wall became damp & on inspection was judged to be due to a roof fault allowing backflow in certain conditions (ie snow or hail storm). This is important, as it is a structural wall in an early NZ concrete building (pre-reinforcement technology). This wall supports a roof and 2 walls and work done now will prevent deterioration.		
Project	 Re roof a section of both sides of hip roof, fit new ridge cap with matching colour steel and fix internal gutter. Strip & plaster two walls on 2 sides Seal, paper & paint walls on 2 sides 		
Other funding	Tower Insurance sent an assessor and although they could not provide cover gave advice on work needed to be done.		
Meeting MDC Criteria	1.Building is listed in MDC District Plan (Ref. Heritage item 8/34 Z Requested upgrade to category X in place).		
	2. The Mt Cook Roads Board was built as the centre of a new township for the Mackenzie Country and this project will contribute to its and long term viability and heritage value.		
	3. Building is the grandest of the Burkes Pass Heritage Trust and is featured in its website, pamphlet and heritage walk, thus making it accessible and visible to the public. Plans are in place for "Open days".		
	4. Work will ensure the building remains water proof and therefore be preserved for posterity as a heritage building		
Costs	Attached quote from builder1,584.14Plasterer1,296.00Quote (verbal) for paint & wallpaper640.00Total3,520.14		

Amount requested from MDC Heritage Protection fund \$3,520.14

Heritage Importance

Mount Cook Road Board Mackenzie County council

Historical Value

It was part of the evolution of local government. The discovery of the huge area of land in the Mackenzie country, created a land rush. Before 1862, the Mount Cook District had no direct representative on the Canterbury Provincial Council. In 1863 it was represented by Sir John Hall, first mayor of Christchurch and later Prime Minister of NZ (1879-1882). That same year The Canterbury Provincial Council created the Mount Cook Roads Board under "The Road Ordinance No.1". When the Geraldine County Council was abolished in 1883, The Mount Cook Road Board later evolved into the Mackenzie County Council.

Aesthetic & Architectural Value

The Mount Cook Road Board was built in 1876 as a large impressive, solid building. This imposing concrete building was meant to convey the impression of wealth, prosperity and importance. It contrasted dramatically to the other buildings in the area such as the cob cottages and small timber dwellings. Burkes Pass was thought to be the beginnings of a town and a centre for the Mackenzie District.

Social and Cultural

As the roads were formed and Mackenzie Country prospered, Burkes Pass became the social, business and sporting centre for Mackenzie Country pioneers. However the promised railway, which was to cement Burkes Pass's future as the capital for the Mackenzie, never arrived. The line stopped at Fairlie in 1883

The building then was leased until 1920, when it was sold. Several families lived here until the late 1950's when the building was used by the Mackenzie Rabbit Board to house its single men. The current owner has been here over 40 years. He has used it as an artists retreat and he and his wife have maintained it and developed the land and garden in the intervening years. Family, friends and well known artists, have passed over the threshold and enjoyed its hospitality.

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Description

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Price

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MANY THANKS - TODD MUDIE

Total Before GST	1,152.00
GST	144.00
TOTAL	\$1,296.00

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Quotation



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Following the Progress of your Claim

We endeavour to communicate with your regularly from assessment through to settlement of your claim. Discuss with your Assessor how you would like us to communicate with you. This can be done via email, phone or by letter.

If you have any questions during the claims settlement process you can email or phone your Claims Technician or 0800 858 563 Include or have you Freemans Claim Number available when you are contacting us.

Once your claim has been accepted we endeavour to reinstate as quickly as possible. Once reinstatement has been completed we will check with you that you are satisfied with the work.

In some cases you might be offered a cash settlement for all or part of your claim. If this is the case, we will send you a letter offering you an amount to settle the claim and ask you to sign a release letter that passes the obligations of reinstatement to you. Once we have received the signed release letter back we will request your insurance company to send you the payment.

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The Stone House, Burkes Pass, South Canterbury, New Zealand

Formerly: - The Mount Cook Road Board 1876-1883 (7yrs) The Mackenzie County Council 1883-1891(8yrs)

The first meeting of the Mount Cook Road Board was held on 15thApril 1864 at Sawdon Station. Frederick Teschmaker was chairman of the Board. Initially the Road Board had no offices, and the venue of the meetings varied. The first six meetings were at Sawdon Station. Many meetings were held at the accommodation house, variously names at Burgen's, Stansell's and Walley's. Others were held at Rollesby Station, Ashwick Station, Three Springs Station, Brown & Maude's, Mathias and Ensors, and Spalding's Store. The accommodation house and Rollesby predominate. There was a meeting described merely as at Timaru, and another in the Royal Hotel, Timaru and yet another at Mr. Williamson's office in Timaru.

Mr. McGregor later gave a vivid description of the primitive conditions in which the Board originally operated. Describing his first meeting in January 1876, accommodation consisted of a small room in a local pub for the day. A small tin box about 2 ft square comprised all their furniture and effects. When the meetings was over, all was packed in this box, including books etc. locked up and put away in a corner of the room till next meeting the following month. They had to pay for lunch and horse feed out of their own pockets.

In April 1875, Mr. D West, architect, submitted an estimated cost of building an office according to plan as £1,050. This was held over as it was impossible to build stone in winter. Later in the year a tender from Mr. Thomas Foden was accepted. The minute booked shows tenders of £896/3/- for stone, and £814/5/ for concrete.

The first meeting of the Board was held in the new building on 6th June 1876 with Mr. Frederick J Kimbell as chairman. (Member from 1868-1878). According to William Vance, Kimbell, who was also known as Dr.F.J. Kimbell, was trained as a medical missionary, but as his health demanded a

more congenial climate, he came to New Zealand. He travelled to give free medical aid to the sick and was never known to send an account for his services. The Medical Council can find not record of his name in its registers.

A Mr. Clulee was employed as clerk-overseer from 1875 to 1879. He owned considerable blocks of land at Burkes Pass and Silverstream. The former was near the accommodation house and on 15th February 1877, the *Herald* said that a small village had sprung up at Burkes Pass and supposed it would merge with the "Township of Clulee". A public meeting was held at Silverstream on 1st August 1877 to urge the extending of the railway line to Burkes Pass, but it only ever reached Fairlie (in 1884)

The First Meeting of the Mackenzie County Council was held on 3rd December 1883 with Mr. John McGregor as chairman.

The decision to move the Council Offices from Burkes Pass to Fairlie Creek was preceded by much opposition and acrimonious debate. The first positive move came when Mr. F.R. Gillingham moved that the meetings of the Council be held at Fairlie Creek for a period of twelve months from 5th January 1891. The motion was lost. In October the matter was debated again and the decision was made to build new Council chambers in Fairlie. A petition objecting to this "unnecessary" expense was signed by 63 ratepayers. The Engineer's plan and estimate of cost was tabled. The Council meetings were held in the Fairlie Library from 23rd November **1891**

Two offers to buy the Burkes Pass building were declined and the building and four acres of reserve was leased to Mr. A Cowan for L26/10/- on 14th November 1892

Reference: Century of Challenge. Mackenzie County Council. 1883-1983 W.Greenwood

Prepared by E Angelo-Roxborough January 2010





First Mackenzie County Council at the Council Chambers, Burkes Pass. Circa 1889-92

John McGregor, Chairman (scated),

Captain Francis Hayter, Andrew Cowan, James Imlay Milne, Samuel Rigerson Dickson, Rober Lindsay Banks (engineer), Frances Robert, Gillinghum, George Alwes

REPORT TO: PLANNING COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONER AND PANEL MAKEUP TO HEAR AND DECIDE UPCOMING RESOURCE CONSENT APPLICATIONS

MEETING DATE: 26 MARCH 2010

REF: REG 6

FROM: MANAGER – PLANNING AND REGULATIONS

ENDORSED BY: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

<u>PURPOSE OF REPORT</u>:

For the Committee to consider appointing an independent commissioner, along with the panel makeup to hear and decide up and coming resource consent applications.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1. That the report be received.
- That the Committee appoints David Collins pursuant to section 34 of the Act to hear and decide up and coming resource consent applications, and an objection, sitting alongside two Councillors, should a hearing be required. The specific applications are: RM100010 – Heslip Hatcheries, RM090008 – NZ Forest Establishment, RM090044 – Cameron and RM070122 – Mackenzie Properties Ltd (Objection).

NATHAN HOLE <u>MANAGER – PLANNING & REGULATIONS</u>

GLEN INNES CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ATTACHMENTS:

No attachments.

BACKGROUND:

These resource consents (and the objection) may require a hearing in the near future. I believe the Council should be involved in that decision making process, but I also believe that having a professional commissioner sit alongside the Councillors will enable a more technical and robust decision to delivered, while maintaining a local flavour.

I will expand on this more at the meeting.

POLICY STATUS:

N/A

SIGNIFICANCE OF DECISION REQUESTED:

This is a routine decision.

CONCLUSION:

A mixed panel will ensure that the Council maintains input into the decision, while being able to rely on the expertise of a professional commissioner. This should lead to a sound defendable decision.