

MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TEKAPO COMMUNITY BOARD HELD IN THE LAKE TEKAPO COMMUNITY HALL, ON MONDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2010 AT 7.50 PM

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

John O'Neill (Mayor)
Glen Innes (Chief Executive Officer)
Paul Morris (Manager – Finance and Administration)
Garth Nixon (Community Facilities Manager)
Rosemary Moran (Committee Clerk)

II MINUTES:

Resolved that the Minutes of the meeting of the Tekapo Community Board held on 23 November 2009, be confirmed and adopted as the correct record of the meeting.

Alan Hayman/Murray Cox

MATTERS IN PROGRESS:

1. Trees in Murray Park Firebreak

The Manager – Finance and Administration undertook to arrange a meeting with the District Forester to identify further trees to be removed from the firebreak.

2. Murray Place Walking Track

It was requested that the Asset Manager be advised that the seal on the path was cracking.

Cr O'Sullivan reported that concern had been expressed that if children sat on top of the fence along the path they could fall down the steep bank. The Community Facilities Manager undertook to investigate.

TEKAPO ITEMS UPDATE:

This report from the Community Facilities Manager provided an update on items previously considered by the Board.

Resolved that provision be made in the budgets for 2010/11 for **additional planting alongside the Murray Place foot path.**

Alan Hayman/Peter Munro

Wardens to Monitor Litter and *Camping Bylaw on Roadways and Reserves* Bylaw

The Chairman undertook to provide the Chief Executive Officer with names of local people willing to be appointed and warranted to police the *Camping on Roadways and Reserves* Bylaw and act as litter control officers. He requested that printed information regarding the

local provisions of the *Camping on Roadways and Reserves* bylaw be made available to the warranted officers.

Watering - Mt John Subdivision:

It was reported that the grass had struck well but needed ongoing watering.

Proposed New Community Centre – Resource Consent

Resolved that the application for resource consent(s) for the proposed new Community Centre on Lakeside Drive proceed.

Peter Maxwell/Peter Munro

UPGRADE OF COMMUNITY HALL AORANGI CRESCENT:

The Board considered a report from Murray Cox which provided information on options and costings to upgrade of the existing community hall pending decisions around the building of a new community facility on Lakeside Drive.

Resolved that costings be obtained and provision made in the budgets for 2010/11 for exterior painting of the community hall, upgrading of the kitchen and upgrading of the tennis courts.

Peter Maxwell/Leon O’Sullivan

It was noted that the Board was not in the position to upgrade the kitchen facilities in time for the Lions Club’s catering projects in March 2010 which Mrs Shand had requested.

Murray Cox offered to make available a large fridge/freezer for the kitchen.

Budget Meeting:

Peter Munro advised that he was unable to attend the budget meeting on 30 March 2010. The Chief Executive Officer undertook to investigate with the Twizel Community Board swapping the date to 29 March 2010.

II REPORTS:

1. FINANCIAL REPORT DECEMBER 2009:

This report from the Manager – Finance and Administration updated the Board on the financial performance of the cost centres under its jurisdiction for the period to December 2009.

Resolved that the report be received.

Alan Hayman/Murray Cox

Funding of Twizel Information Centre

Resolved that the Tekapo Community Board’s annual contribution of \$2,200 to the Twizel Information Centre cease.

Leon O’Sullivan/Murray Cox

2. SEALING OF ALEXANDRA TERRACE, LAKE TEKAPO:

This report from the Manager – Roading was accompanied by a request from Alexandra Terrace residents for the chip sealing of Alexandra Terrace in Lake Tekapo.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received.
2. That the request be considered at the Board's budget meeting.

Leon O'Sullivan/Murray Cox

The Alexandra Terrace residents to be advised that their request would be considered at the budget meeting in March 2010.

3. REQUEST FOR NEW WATER CONNECTION FOR THE LAKE TEKAPO SCHOOL GROUNDS:

This report from the Asset Manager was accompanied by a request from the Lake Tekapo School Board of Trustees for a second toby, meter and pipe funded by the Community Board, to be connected to the school grounds to enable the rugby field to be watered more easily.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received.
2. That a grant of \$500 be made towards the installation a second toby, meter and pipe to be connected to the school grounds.
3. That the Board of Trustees be advised that the rugby field was expected to be available for community use.
4. That the Board of Trustees be advised that the school's water allocation would remain at the current level.

Peter Munro/Leon O'Sullivan

4. CORRESPONDENCE:

1. **Colin Maclaren**

The Board considered a letter from Mr Maclaren dated 7 January 2010 which referred to the longer term goal of building a new community centre on Lakeside Drive and the need for improved facilities for the community to use in the meantime. He included some proposals for achieving the latter immediately while also proceeding with planning for the new centre.

Resolved that the Mr Maclaren be thanked for his letter and advised of the Board's intentions with regard to the upgrading of the community centre, and that the feasibility of developing a new community centre would be carefully considered before it went ahead.

Peter Maxwell/Murray Cox

2. **Elizabeth Shand:**

The Board considered a letter from Mrs Shand which referred to the Lake Tekapo Community Hall, Spraying of Broom, Vipers Bugloss and Australian Sheep Bur, Spraying of the Path Edges on Sealy Street to Mackenzie Street, and the Kerb on the North Side of the Bridge.

The Chairman undertook to speak with Mrs Shand regarding the Community Hall improvements.

It was agreed that spraying be included on the budgets for 2010/11.

Resolved that concerns for the safety of pedestrians walking on the kerb on the north side of the bridge be conveyed in writing to Meridian Energy Ltd.

Leon O'Sullivan/Peter Munro

It was noted that the Council was to make a submission to the Parliamentary Select Committee which was dealing with **proposed transfer of the operation of Tekapo A and B from Meridian to Genesis Energy** and would be writing to be the Minister of Electricity and the Minister of Finance. The Chairman said on behalf of the Board that he appreciated that the Council was protesting about the proposal.

5. MEETING SCHEDULE 2010:

This report from the Chief Executive Officer was accompanied by the Meetings Schedule for 2010 which had been adopted by the Council.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received.
2. That the Tekapo Community Board notes the schedule of meetings for 2010.

Peter Maxwell/Murray Cox

6. CREATIVE COMMUNITIES SCHEME AND RURAL TRAVEL FUND:

This report from the Community Facilities Manager referred to the Creative Communities Scheme and Rural Travel Funds for which applications were currently being sought.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received.
2. That Tekapo Community Board members promote the Creative Communities Scheme and Rural Travel Fund and encourage groups and individuals to apply for grants.

Peter Munro/Murray Cox

7. MEETING WITH WHITESTONE RE TOWNSHIP MAINTENANCE CONTRACT:

The Chairman reported on the meeting he had attended with elected members, staff and Whitestone Contracting personnel at which proposals and information about a different approach to township maintenance contracts had been explored. He said he would like the Board to be involved in a more flexible type of contract and to enter into a partnership arrangement with Whitestone Contracting; such an arrangement could also provide more security of tenure of contracts for Whitestone.

The Community Facilities Manager said it was his intention to provide new contract specifications for the Board's consideration in the near future.

8. WARD MEMBER'S REPORT:

Cr O'Sullivan reported that the new Lake Tekapo cemetery was under construction.

9 REPORTS FROM MEMBERS WHO REPRESENT THE BOARD ON OTHER COMMITTEES:

Murray Cox reported that the western car park was being formed at the **Lake Tekapo Regional Park** and the new toilets were under construction. With a grant of \$10,000 from the Southern Trust and a good deal for the supply of shingle, he was confident that both car parks would be completed.

A meeting with Environment Canterbury personnel was to be held the following week to discuss the installation of bollards and a gate for the Regional Park.

The Chairman reported that the **Tekapo Property Group**, although keeping a low profile, was engaged proactively in planning for the development of the village centre area.

In response to Peter Munro's concern that the Board should be kept informed and assured that Lake Tekapo's interests were being looked after, the Chief Executive Officer said the work being done by the Group was commercially sensitive. He noted that the community had been involved in a series of plan changes which included rules for the development of Council owned land. Any variance from those rules would be the subject of a public planning process.

The Manager – Finance and Administration explained that three of the five members of the Group were based in Lake Tekapo and that the views of the community remained in the forefront of the Group's thinking.

In response to Murray Cox's suggestion that potential buyers needed to be made aware that land was available for sale, the Chief Executive Officer said such information would be clear from the Council's annual plans and planning maps.

IV GENERAL BUSINESS:

1 POLICY FOR MOWING BERMS IN SUBDIVISIONS:

Cr O'Sullivan referred to the lack of a clear policy regarding the mowing of berms in the Mt John and Lochinver subdivisions. He said that contractor had explained to him that no savings were made if he raised the mowers to avoid mowing berms in front of occupied sections as he mowed those in front of unoccupied sections. He said it seemed all the owners were willing to pay for the berms to be mown.

The Community Facilities Manager said that the Board would need to rate accordingly if it wanted all berms to be mown. He warned of the potential backlash from residents in other areas if the berms in only the Mt John and Lochinver subdivisions were mown.

He noted that the contractor's arrangement was with Whitestone Ltd, not the Board.

He said policy in other townships was that berms were to be mown when they became untidy.

The Chairman considered all property owners should be encouraged to mow the berms; however there were issues related to the high number of absentee owners in the Township.

The matter remained unresolved.

2. NEWSPAPER ARTICLE:

Peter Munro referred to the article by Christopher Horan which had appeared in the Christchurch Press on Friday 12 February 2010. He said it reflected badly on the lack of development in the village centre. He considered that although the town was looking better, there was still a lot to do and he suggested that Lake Tekapo should be aiming for something better.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE
CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10.15 PM**

CHAIRMAN: _____

DATE: _____