

MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TWIZEL COMMUNITY BOARD HELD IN THE TWIZEL EVENTS CENTRE ON MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2015, AT 3.30PM

PRESENT:

John Bishop (Chairman)
Phil Rive
Pat Shuker
Cr Russell Armstrong
Bruce White

IN ATTENDANCE:

Wayne Barnett, Chief Executive
Garth Nixon, Community Facilities Manager
Angie Taylor, Twizel Town Manager
Suzy Ratahi, Roding Manager
Geoff Horler, Utilities Manager
Arlene Goss, Committee Secretary
Cr James Leslie, observing
Eight members of the public

OPENING:

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APOLOGIES:

An apology was received from the Mayor Claire Barlow.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest.

MINUTES:

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Twizel Community Board held on July 13, 2015, including those parts taken in public excluded, be confirmed and adopted as the correct record of the meeting.

Phil Rive/Bruce White

PUBLIC FORUM:

John Willis was present to speak in support of his letter to the community board, on page 76 of the agenda. This letter was regarding the disposal of rubbish from bins at the recycling park. Mr Willis said residents should not be charged for disposing of rubbish at the park when this had already been paid for in their rates. He believed this was an illegal charge. The chief executive offered for either himself or Angie Taylor to meet with Mr Willis to discuss this, as it was an operational issue. Mr Willis agreed to this. The chairman said the issue would also be discussed by the community board later in the meeting but Mr Willis was unable to stay for the entire meeting. He thanked Mr Willis for his views and Mr Willis left the meeting.

TWIZEL COMMUNITY BOARD MATTERS UNDER ACTION:

Traffic Issues at Maitland Place and Irishman Drive: This project is completed and this can be removed from the list of matters under action.

Twizel Water Supply Upgrade: Geoff Horler updated the community board on the latest work. There will be a period when the water supply will have to shut down to plumb in some pumps but not for long and this is not expected to be a problem. This project is on target.

Future Direction for Twizel: Luke Paardekooper spoke from the floor asking for an update from the community board. The chairman said the board has held a workshop to discuss the initial report from the TPDA, item by item, and a response is being written to respond to all the issues raised. Once this is written the community board will meet with the TPDA to discuss this. Mr Paardekooper said he would like to set a date as soon as possible. The chief executive said he would email Mr Paardekooper with a timeline once he has spoken to Toni Morrison about this, as she is the staff member working on the response.

Early Learning Centre Location: to be discussed later in the meeting.

REPORTS:

FINANCIAL REPORT TO JUNE, 2015:

The purpose of this report was to update board members on the financial performance of the Twizel Community as a whole for the period to June, 2015.

Geoff Horler explained that the water operational and maintenance budget is overspent by \$20,000 due to problems with the tobies. Further discussion was held on the financial costs of the Twizel water supply upgrade.

Garth Nixon said income from the Twizel Community Centre was up slightly. Operational maintenance at the community centre is over-spent due to a problem with the roof earlier in the year. But the end result is still in the black due to increased income.

Discussion was held on tree-felling at Lake Ruataniwha. The sale of the logs is underway.

The projects budget is underspent by \$55,000 due to not identifying projects. Extra rubbish bins have been introduced and these costs are showing. The costs of re-establishing the area where the old public toilets were located will be met by the community board.

Resolved that the report be received.

John Bishop/Russell Armstrong

WARD MEMBER'S REPORT:

Cr Armstrong had nothing to report.

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

There was nothing to report.

TWIZEL TOWN CENTRE PARKING MANAGEMENT PLAN:

The purpose of this report was to advise the Twizel Community Board of the offer of services received by Abley Transportation Consultants to undertake a parking survey and a Parking Management Plan which will look at the following;

- Development of objectives, determination of future parking demand and parking management recommendations, park search route, including preparation of the report.
- Rationalisation of Council owned off street areas, identification of potential future parking areas, concept layout design of future use areas.
- Investigate walking and cycling barriers and report on link analysis.
- Options assessment for Definition of Footpath Areas on Residential Streets.
- Community engagement associated with the parking strategy and identification of new future parking areas. Including presentation and attendance at a Community Board meeting and public Open Day.

Suzy Ratahi outlined the proposal in the report.

Phil Rive asked if the community board could make these decisions themselves rather than hire a consultant. Suzy Ratahi replied on some issues yes. Abley do a comprehensive report and look at what other council's are doing, and come up with designs.

Discussion was held on whether it was better to spend the money on car parking rather than a parking survey. The community board agreed they would rather consult the community through the Twizel Update than pay consultants. The chief executive said an expert survey would provide information to assist in decision-making and setting priorities, as there would be times of the year when there would not be enough parking for everyone.

Discussion was held on car parking needs at different times of the year. Demarkation between the road and footpath is also needed so the police can act when people park on footpaths.

The community board then agreed unanimously not to support spending the amount requested on a parking survey by Abley.

Resolved

1. That the report be received.

Russell Armstrong/Phil Rive

2. That the Twizel Community Board does **not** employ Abley to undertake “Parking Survey, Twizel Town Centre Parking Management Plan and Definition of Footpath Areas on residential Streets” for the fee of approximately \$35,000 +GST which would be funded from the community projects budget.

Russell Armstrong/John Bishop

OLD PUBLIC TOILET SITE, MARKET PLACE:

Garth Nixon spoke to this report. There is a clear desire from the community to maintain this site as a green space. The only way it can be developed is for council to develop it and lease the site. He has spoken to the Waitaki District Council about a donation of hardwood from the old Kurow Bridge for a project to be built on the site. He would like the community board to select its preferred proposal and then some costings could be done.

The chairman said the majority of submitters want a grass area.

Luke Paardekooper spoke from the floor and suggested a clear grassed area with a power point, so it could be used for entertainment.

The community board discussed different options for the area including bike stands.

Cr Leslie spoke from the floor. He said he made the anonymous submission but wanted it to be from a ratepayer so he didn't put his name to it. He prefers a wooden floor across the area rather than grass. He believes excavation is required for grass. The costs of fill might be similar to the costs of building a deck across the area. Garth Nixon offered to compare the costs of each option.

Garth Nixon said due to the difficulties of access and servicing the site it would be better used as a public space. Council could be asked for an assurance that it won't sell the site for a period of time, if requested by the community board.

Garth Nixon is in Twizel on Thursday, August 27, and suggested meeting after lunch to discuss costings with the community board. They agreed to meet at this time and interested members of the public were also invited to attend.

TWIZEL COMMUNITY CARE TRUST:

This was to consider a request from the Twizel Community Care Trust for increased funding. Garth Nixon spoke to this report. The community board agreed that the Community Care Trust do good work in the community and they supported the trust. Discussion was held on details in the agreement. The chairman suggested not including an inflation adjustment.

Resolved

1. That the report be received.

Russell Armstrong/Phil Rive

2. That the Twizel Community Board recommends to Council to increase the grant to the Twizel Community Care Trust from \$10,000 per annum to \$15,000 per annum shared with the council, subject to a new Service Level Agreement being signed.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Overgrown Trees Market Place.

The community board considered a letter from Jakes Hardware at page 71 of the agenda.

Garth Nixon said the trees were part of the plan for the area and he was opposed to removing them. He suggested pruning and clearing a climbing vine from the trees. The board discussed whether three trees were planted in one space with the understanding one would survive.

Bruce White moved that the trees be thinned with one left behind. Pat Shuker seconded this. Discussion was held on this. No vote was called.

Pat Shuker asked if the community board could have another look at the trees on Thursday before making a decision. This was agreed. The chairman will notify Jakes Hardware of this outcome.

2. Red, Yellow Bins.

This item on page 72 of the agenda was discussed, along with the feedback from John Willis earlier in the meeting. Solid Waste Manager Angie Taylor said there was no way to track which addresses we have picked up bins from. We cannot check whether people are both collecting at the road side and coming to the resource recovery park. The risk was that people would dump rubbish twice, leading to higher rates to pay for the extra service. The chairman said he sympathised with Mr Willis but there were people who would have their bins collected and then take them to the recovery park as well. Another risk was that people would stop putting their bin out on collection day and would take it to the park instead, requiring extra resources at the park to deal with the extra bins.

There are a few local contractors who will take bins out and put them in for a small charge for holiday home owners. Phil Rive suggested giving local people a good will service allowing them to dump once or twice a year at the recovering park for free. The chief executive suggested asking the contractor to keep a record of how many bins are coming in over a period of time to get an idea of how much of a problem it is. The chairman asked Angie Taylor to provide a report on this with more information for the next meeting.

3. Ohau Rd & Ostler Rd.

Phil Rive spoke regarding this item on page 72 of the agenda. He suggested planting trees to improve this area. Ray Copeland has said he would like to be approached to donate trees.

As long as there is a water supply and a good location for the trees they could be planted. The community board agreed this would be a good idea and would create an avenue look. Would need to check for underground services on the berms. Phil Rive will work with Suzy Ratahi and Garth Nixon to progress this further.

4. Twizel Early Learning Centre Update.

Two representatives from the Early Learning Centre were at the meeting and spoke about their progress towards finding a site for the new centre. They are continuing to look at possible sites in Twizel. Two sites of land on Glen Lyon Road were suggested. One is zoned Rec A and is considered to be suitable. They asked for support from the community board to take this to the community for feedback as the latest option. Discussion was held on the benefits and disadvantages of these sites.

Resolved that the Twizel Community Board endorses the use of the Rec A land on Glen Lyon Road for an early learning centre and recommends that Council considers making a suitable site available.

John Bishop/Russell Armstrong

5. Nepal Fundraiser.

The community board agreed to support this request for the funding of hall hire as noted on page 74 of the agenda.

Resolved that the Twizel Community Board supports the Nepal Fundraiser to the sum of \$56 for Twizel Events Centre hire.

Bruce White/Pat Shuker

6. Recommendations for recycling centre.

This item has been previously discussed under 'Red, Yellow Bins' above.

7. Request for removal of trees – 33 Jollie Rd.

The community board considered a request from Mark Scammell to cut down eight silver birch trees on council land near his back boundary. The community board supported this but Garth Nixon suggested that Whitestone be asked to cut down the trees for health and safety reasons, with Mr Scammell then remove the rubbish as he has offered.

Resolved that the Twizel Community Board gives permission to Mark Scammell to dispose of eight silver birch trees behind his property' subject to Whitestone cutting down the trees.

Bruce White/John Bishop

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS
THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 5.27pm**

CHAIRMAN: _____