

MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TWIZEL COMMUNITY BOARD HELD IN THE TWIZEL EVENTS CENTRE ON MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2016, AT 4PM

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Claire Barlow, Mayor
Garth Nixon, Community Facilities Manager
Angie Taylor, Solid Waste Manger/Twizel Township Supervisor
Arlene Goss, Committee Secretary
Cr James Leslie, observing
3 members of the public.

OPENING:

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from chief executive Wayne Barnett.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest.

MINUTES:

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Twizel Community Board held on November 16, 2015, be confirmed and adopted as the correct record of the meeting, including such parts as were taken in public excluded.

John Bishop/Phil Rive

The chairman asked if anyone has contacted the police regarding policing the skate park area more often. Not done. Market Place camera is working now. Cr Armstrong asked for an update on the new garages. Garth Nixon said an additional fire wall is needed so they are working through that. This is in progress.

MATTERS UNDER ACTION AND PROJECTS REPORT:

1. **Twizel Water Supply Upgrade:** Council has resolved to cover the water reservoir to prevent algal growth.
2. **Early Learning Centre Location:** The Early Learning Centre will consult with the community on the Glen Lyon Road location.

3. **Funding Increase Twizel Community Care Trust:** The Twizel Community Board recommended 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. Work completed. Remove from list.
4. **Ohau Road and Ostler Road:** Phil Rive 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. Would need to check for underground services on the berms. Phil Rive will work with Suzy Ratahi and Garth Nixon to progress this further. No progress reported.
5. **Request for Funding from Colin McKinney, TPDA for \$1,000 towards Wine and Salmon Festival advertising** – The community board have requested an official grant application be submitted by the TPDA. This has not been received. Remove from list.
6. **Greenway Improvements** – Entrance to on Mackenzie Drive side of Pukaki Place improved with path extension. Looking at Mt Cook street Greenway to do something similar. Quote received for Tekapo Drive Greenway and work programmed.
7. **New grassed parking area behind Events Centre** – This area has been inspected with Whitestone. Angie Taylor is awaiting a price from Whitestone, due today (day of this meeting). This matter was also discussed later in the meeting.
8. **Pruning of trees at Northwest Arch** – Work completed. Remove from list.
9. **Meridian Building** – The community board resolved to recommend to Council that Council insists that Meridian finish the building to meet their resource consent and the previously approved concept plans, in conjunction with the sale and purchase agreement, before the building is occupied.
10. **No Parking Lines** – The community board resolved that a no parking line and signs be installed between Two Thumb Drive and the entrance to Market Place, on Mackenzie Drive. Work completed. Remove from list.

Projects Report: Garth Nixon said he has prepared a table looking at expenditure to date on town projects. This is attached to the agenda. Old toilet site in Market Place has been backfilled and grassed. Northwest Arch tree cutting work completed prior to Christmas. Still to submit a resource consent to fell the other trees. The mulch is being disposed of through the Twizel crèche.

Greenway fencing repair has been done after damage due to high winds. Total expenditure to date on projects is only about \$19,000. There is \$70,000 available in the main budget plus \$30,000 available in walkways/greenway fencing budget.

Cr Leslie, the Mayor and Angie Taylor arrived at 4.09pm

REPORTS:

FINANCIAL REPORT TO DECEMBER, 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 December, 2015. Garth Nixon spoke to this report. Twizel Community Centre employee budget is overspent due to employing a cleaner.

However the cleaner has resigned and this position has been advertised. The fridge in the Events Centre has been replaced. On page 20 the Twizel swimming pool the budget does not look good but this is because the pool only opened in November, so the income is not there yet for January and February. Tree pruning and maintenance is over budget due to snow and wind damage.

Resolved that the report be received.

John Bishop/Phil Rive

MOBILE SHOPS AND TRADERS:

The purpose of this report was for the community board to discuss and consider appropriate sites for mobile shops to trade from. Planning and Regulation manager Nathan Hole said he can deal with applications internally or bring them to the community board. One of the key things in the bylaw is that mobile traders don't operate within 200m of a business selling the same product. The chairman thinks Nathan Hole should deal with applications internally, with the community board providing guidance on areas where they think it would work. He suggested the area opposite the Aspen Motels on the sealed area, to allow people to park. If traders are on council land do we charge them a license to occupy? Bruce White suggested changing the bylaw to allow mobile traders to trade later in the day. Garth Nixon suggested Wairepo Road because this is not 200m from the Musterer's Hut. Phil Rive suggested the alley near the Events Centre. The chairman said this is a truck turning area.

Resolved

1. That the report be received.

John Bishop/Cr Armstrong

2. That the area opposite the Aspen Court, just along from the medical centre, be allocated for itinerant traders, provided council staff can make it work.

John Bishop/Cr Armstrong

CAR PARKING BEHIND TWIZEL EVENTS CENTRE:

Garth Nixon tabled a plan showing the proposed car parking area behind the Events Centre. This is available as an attachment to these minutes. He said Whitestone have priced this but it needs more work. This price is just over \$30,000 to do the whole project. He suggested this money come from the projects budget rather than the roading budget. The chairman does not want pine used for the rails, but rather Oregon due to how pine responds to the environment. Bruce White suggested adding an exit to the supermarket car park as an addition to this work. Cr Armstrong questioned whether there was enough room for a B-train to turn with the fence there. Further discussion was held on the use of this area and how it could be improved. The chairman would like Garth Nixon to come back to the community board with updated prices. This project will be progressed outside the meeting with community board members kept informed.

WARD MEMBER'S REPORT:

Cr Armstrong had nothing to report.

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

There were no reports from members who represent the community board on other committees.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

TWIZEL RESERVOIR UPDATE:

An update on the Twizel reservoir project is attached to the agenda at page 34. Utilities manager Geoff Horler provided further information to the community board. He said this project has been deferred until the beginning of March. Once this is done the UV filter can be used. On the 22nd February he will start draining the reservoir.

The chairman asked if it's possible that the town won't need to chlorinate its water after the cover is on. Yes this is a possibility but the decision on this will go to council. The process of welding the liner was explained.

Water restrictions will come into place this week because the Twizel river flow is down. Once the river flows at less than 1 cubic metre at the bridge Council has to introduce conservation measures. Discussion was held on the cause of water shortages over summer. Bruce White asked for the water restriction sign to be looked at and improvements made. Geoff Horler agreed to do this.

LETTER FROM BILL VAN DEN BERG REGARDING TREE REMOVAL:

This letter is attached to the agenda at page 36. The chairman has spoken to this resident and explained what was happening. This area is zoned Rec P so Council needs a resource consent and as part of this process it needs to consult with all the neighbours. The chairman would like Mr van den Berg to be officially told the neighbours will be consulted. Garth Nixon agreed to respond to Mr van den Berg.

LETTER FROM MICHELLE PEARCE REGARDING FIREWOOD:

This letter is attached to the agenda at page 38. This was received with no further action.

LETTER FROM JAN COWAN REGARDING THEATRE HIRE FEES:

This letter is attached to the agenda at page 39. Garth Nixon said the cost of the theatre hire is about \$220. This benefits the whole community and the funds raised will go to the new medical centre

Resolved that the Twizel Community Board grants the Mackenzie Warblers \$220 towards the hire of the Twizel Community Theatre.

Bruce White/Cr Armstrong

LETTER FROM NICOLA FRAMK REGARDING TRIATHLON:

This letter is attached to the agenda at page 40. The chairman suggested letting them use the pool at no charge as the community board's contribution towards the event.

Resolved that the Twizel Community Board allows the Twizel Kids Triathlon to use the Twizel Pool at no charge as the community board's contribution towards this event.

Pat Shuker/Phil Rive

LETTER FROM MIKE WILLIAMS REGARDING LITTER:

This letter is attached to the agenda at page 42. Another letter also complaining about litter, from Glenis Dunstan, was tabled by the committee secretary as it was received after the agenda went out. This is available as an attachment to the minutes.

Garth Nixon has talked to Whitestone and asked them for a response to the complaints. He read out a letter from Whitestone answering the issues. The influx of visitors was greater than they had experienced before. The recycling bins were emptied every two hours during the busy period. The Whitestone employee was spending six hours a day dealing with litter over that period. Mr Nixon said the council is responsive to after-hour calls and has set up systems to deal with these issues as soon as we hear from people. Garth Nixon to respond to Mr Williams and Ms Dunstan.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Bruce White asked how many letters were sent out regarding tidying/mowing sections. One round was sent out in November with 40-50 letters, and more in a second round in December. Council has requested that Whitestone mow a few sections. Bruce White said blocks at Ostler Road are a fire hazard. He asked for the long grass to be mowed. Nathan Hole said he can extend this activity to cover rural residential zones instead of just residential. Follow up of the December letters will take place this week.

Resolved that the Twizel area requiring the compulsory mowing of sections be extended to include Max Smith Drive, Northwest Arch, and Glen Lyon Road.

Bruce White/Cr Armstrong

Pat Shuker said some property owners in Northwest Arch have limbed their trees and others haven't. The chairman would like to clear the council land of trees first as an example to property owners. Need to consult with the people first. There are no bylaws in place to enforce this, we could use provisions related to long grass but it would need to be consistent and applied across the area. Working with landowners the best way to resolve fire risk on their properties.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS
THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 5.34pm**

CHAIRMAN: _____

DATE: _____