

MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FAIRLIE COMMUNITY BOARD HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FAIRLIE, ON WEDNESDAY 14 MAY 2008 AT 7.00 PM

PRESENT:

Owen Hunter (Chairman)
Ron Joll
Graeme Page
Robyn Warburton
Tristan Leov

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

I APOLOGY:

An apology from the Mayor was noted.

III MINUTES:

***Resolved** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Fairlie Community Board held on 2 April 2008, including such parts as were taken with the Public Excluded, be confirmed and adopted as the correct record of the meeting.*

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MATTERS UNDER ACTION:

7. **Car Parking Lines outside Westpac and Aorangi Electric:**
It was noted that the lines had been marked incorrectly.
8. **Village Green Upgrade:**
The Community Facilities Manager undertook to arrange a meeting for Board members with Jeremy Cook of the Isthmus Group on Tuesday 20 May 2008 to consider basic concept plans for the village green upgrade.
- 10 **New Entrances to Mackenzie Area St John Hall and Garage:**
The Asset Manager advised that it had become too cold to lay chip seal, and suggested the project be delayed until spring, when it could be considered for funding from the Minor Improvements Programme.
- 12 **Fairlie Sewerage System and Septic Tanks:**
The Asset Manager undertook to find out if there were any septic tanks remaining in use in the Fairlie Township.

IV REPORTS:

1. FINANCIAL REPORT TO 31 MARCH 2008:

This report from the Manager - Finance and Administration provided an update for the Board on the financial performance of the cost centres under its jurisdiction for the nine months to 31 March 2008.

Resolved that the report be received and the information noted.

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The Manager - Finance and Administration was asked to provide a breakdown of grants funded by the Board.

VI VISITORS:

The Chairman welcomed **Fairlie Police Officer Russell Halkett**. The Community Facilities Manager explained that to promote closer co-operation and communication between the community and the police it was intended that there be regular contact between community boards and the local police officers.

Mr Halkett referred to his recent extended leave and problems arising from the lack of police presence in Fairlie during that time. He noted that when he was in town there seemed to be fewer problems.

The issue of vandalism, particularly at the public toilets was discussed, and the Chairman said the Board hoped that the installation of surveillance cameras in the town centre might help address such problems. It was noted that the worst lit area was the camping ground and it had been suggested a light be erected there.

Mr Halkett said the main policing problems in Fairlie were disorderly behaviour, dangerous litter, petty vandalism, noise and rowdiness. There were few burglaries and little serious violence.

He said underage drinking seemed to be supported by parents and friends of offenders rather than the liquor outlets.

In response to a concern about the speed of vehicles passing stationery school buses, Mr Halkett said the maximum speed at which vehicles could pass the buses was 20 kph. It was agreed clearer identification of school buses and education about the speed limit would be appropriate.

Mr Halkett referred to the Police diversion programme and asked Board members to let him know of any community projects such as lawn mowing/stacking firewood which young offenders on the programme could help with.

Mr Halkett advised that Brent Swanson was to take up his position as the new officer in Lake Tekapo on 1 June 2008. He said he would welcome timely information about any policing issues being emailed to him at russell.halkett@police.govt.nz.

The Chairman thanked Mr Halkett who left the meeting at 8.05 pm.

The Chairman then welcomed **Ashley Parris** and invited him to speak to the Board.

Mr Parris referred to the new lease for camping ground and noted that he had yet to receive written advice about it. The Chief Executive Officer undertook to ensure that the matter was expedited.

Mr Parris then referred to his opportunity to purchase the Council's section on Gray Street and asked for advice about how that process might proceed. The Chief Executive Officer undertook to arrange a meeting for Mr Parris to discuss the matter with former Manager - Finance and Administration Jason Beck on Friday 23 May 2008.

Mr Parris asked why the Community Board had not made a submission on the application by Whitestone Ltd to establish a gravel extraction quarry on the outskirts of the Township. He suggested that the issue had been worthy of better attention from elected members and Council officers. The Chairman explained that a submission had been prepared, but he had been unable to sign it before the closing date.

It was explained that the application had been heard by an independent commissioner because of the Council's close relationship with the applicant. Mr Parris was assured that if a submission had been made by the Fairlie Community Board, it would have carried no greater weight than a submission from anyone else.

The Chairman thanked Mr Parris who left the meeting at 8.23 pm.

IV REPORTS (Continued):

2. REVIEW OF USER CHARGES:

This report from the Community Facilities Manager sought to review the fees and charges for the Mackenzie Community Centre and the Strathconan Swimming Pool.

1. That the report be received.
2. That the fees and charges for the Mackenzie Community Centre be retained at the 2007/08 level.
3. That Strathconan Pool fees proposed in the Draft Annual Plan for 2008/09 be amended as follows:
 - School usage per student for the season \$12.00
 - Toddlers \$1.00
 - Life Guards for Learn to Swim and private sessions – 1 hour \$25.00
 - Private Pool Hire per hour 1 life guard \$50.00
 - Private Pool Hire per hour 2 life guards \$75.00

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It was agreed that the local school principals be alerted to the amended charges for swimming pools to ensure that they had the opportunity to make a submission to the Draft Annual Plan.

3 WARD MEMBER'S REPORT:

Cr Page reported on a meeting with Environment Canterbury at which the Clean Air Policy and Fairlie Western Catchments Flood Protection Project had been discussed. He said Environment Canterbury intended to establish an air quality monitoring station in Fairlie.

He said that he had attended an irrigation meeting earlier in the day.

Cr Page advised that because he would be overseas, he would not be at the next Community Board meeting.

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

The Chairman reported that he and Ron Joll had attended a training day in Alexandra for community board members.

He requested that agendas be available to members four days before Board meetings.

In response to a question from the Chairman, the Chief Executive Officer undertook to investigate the eligibility for remission of rates, of the Fairlie Volunteer Fire Brigade Station.

V PUBLIC EXCLUDED:

Resolved that the public be excluded from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting namely:

1. Eversley Reserve

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
Eversley Reserve	To enable the local authority holding the information, to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations.	48(1)(a)(i) That good reason exists for not discussing the matter with the public present and is not outweighed by the public interest

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a)(i) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows: *Eversley Reserve – To enable the local authority holding the information to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations.* Section 7(2)(9(i).

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**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS
THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED
AT 9.25 PM**

CHAIRMAN: _____

DATE: _____