

# MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TEKAPO COMMUNITY BOARD HELD IN THE LAKE TEKAPO COMMUNITY HALL, ON MONDAY 21 JUNE 2010 AT 7.15 PM

### **PRESENT:**

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

### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

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

### **I APOLOGY:**

An apology was noted from the Mayor.

Resolved that an apology be received from Peter Munro.

**Leon O'Sullivan/Murray Cox**

### **III MINUTES:**

Resolved that the Minutes of the meeting of the Tekapo Community Board held on 10 May 2010, be confirmed and adopted as the correct record of the meeting.

**Alan Hayman/Murray Cox**

### **ACTION POINTS:**

#### **1. Removal of Willows on Lakeshore**

The Community Facilities Manager advised that a quote of about \$8,000 had been received from Peter Brass for the removal and disposal of willow trees along the lakefront.

#### **2. Proposed Community Centre for Lake Tekapo**

The Community Facilities Manager advised that a meeting with Ngai Tahu and been arranged for the following day to discuss their interest in the proposed site on the lakeside for a community centre.

#### **3. Request to Remove Trees**

The Community Facilities Manager said the court case was ongoing. He also advised of his intention to take action against the property holder involved regarding a number of structures which were encroaching on Council land.

4. **Fence Along Murray Place Walking Track**

The Community Facilities Manager advised that no further action was necessary and said that tussocks were to be planted in that area.

The Community Facilities Manager suggested consideration could be given to including the walking track on the list for snow clearing.

5. **Tekapo Playground Group**

It was advised that final confirmation of the playground site was required, the Community Facilities Manager was liaising with LINZ regarding the area to be used by the flying fox and a draft Licence to Occupy would be provided when the Playground Group had gained Incorporated Society status.

Cr O'Sullivan said the Manager – Planning and Regulations did not consider the sun dial proposed for the area would require resource consent.

6. **Directional Sign to Lake McGregor**

The Asset Manager undertook to confirm that the sign had been erected.

#### IV **REPORTS**

1. **FINANCIAL REPORT TO APRIL 2010**

This report from the Manager – Finance and Administration provided an update of the cost centres under the jurisdiction of the Tekapo Community Board to April 2010.

Resolved that the report be received.

**Murray Cox/Leon O'Sullivan**

2. **CORRESPONDENCE ON FREEDOM CAMPING :**

The Board received copies of **correspondence between Brenda Graham, a visitor to Lake Tekapo, and the Chairman**. Mrs Graham had complained about a negative reception to her enquiries about where her campervan could be parked at Lake Tekapo.

The Chairman noted the paper attached to the letters, which he had developed for discussion with the NZ Motor Caravan Association regarding a dedicated camping site near the Township for their members.

Murray Cox said the Lake Tekapo Regional Park Trust had lobbied Environment Canterbury for approval to establish a camping site in the Regional Park.

The Community Facilities Manager referred to potential further camping site opportunities at the South End of Lake Alexandrina and Lake McGregor and undertook to prepare a submission for the Annual Meetings of the relevant committees.

It was agreed that Environment Canterbury continue to be lobbied regarding the development of a site at the Regional Park for certified campervans.

The Board received a **letter from Mark Hervey expressing concern about random camping on the shores of Lake Tekapo**.

It was noted that the Council was unable to make rules about camping in areas that were not under its control, eg in the beds of lakes or on Meridian's operating reserve.

Resolved:

1. That Mr Hervey be thanked for his letter and advised that while the Council shared his concerns about rubbish and waste left by freedom campers around the lakes in the Tekapo area, the land in question was under the control of LINZ and not Council.
2. That Mr Hervey be advised the Council was in the process of investigating the creation of designated sites in the Lake Tekapo area for use by freedom campers.

**Peter Maxwell/Murray Cox**

**V GENERAL BUSINESS:**

1. LAKE TEKAPO ART EXHIBITION:

The Community Facilities Manager reported that the Lake Tekapo School had, as a fundraiser, taken over the operation of the annual Lake Tekapo Art Exhibition. Prue Blake, on behalf of the school, had asked for a concession on the rental of the Lake Tekapo Community Hall for the event.

The Community Facilities Manager advised that significant hall hire concessions had been granted for previous Art Exhibitions, viz \$400 total hire for the three weeks. He said the electricity charges for the last exhibition had been \$356.00. It was also noted that earlier in the year the Community Board had supported the school with a grant of \$500 towards the installation of a second toby, meter and pipe to be connected to the school grounds.

Resolved that the Lake Tekapo School be advised of the arrangements which had been made for the use of the Lake Tekapo Community Hall for previous art exhibitions and that the Community Board would grant the same concessions to the Lake Tekapo School for the 2010 Art Exhibition.

**Leon O'Sullivan/Alan Hayman**

2. LAKESIDE DRIVE:

The Asset Manager advised that Land Transport New Zealand wanted to upgrade the intersection of Lakeside Drive and SH 8 and undertake improvements to level Lakeside Drive at the intersection. It was also intended to widen the State Highway to the 60 kph sign and continue the flush median strip to provide for a designated right-turning bay into Lakeside Drive. He said the estimated cost for Council's share of the project was \$25,000. He suggested that the work could be done as a joint venture, subsidised, minor improvement project. LTNZ had not finalised the plans and they would need to be seen prior to giving final approval.

Cr O'Sullivan considered that the minor improvements fund was the correct source of funding; the 64% subsidy would mean the local share could be relatively low.

Resolved that Land Transport New Zealand be advised that Community Board supports in principle the project to improve the SH8/Lakeside Drive intersection subject to approval of the plans and the local share being no more than \$25,000.

**Leon O'Sullivan/Alan Hayman**

In response to a request from the Chairman the Asset Manager undertook to set up traffic counting equipment on Hamilton Drive. The Chairman said he would lift the equipment if snow clearing needed to be carried out on Hamilton Drive.

3. LAKE TEKAPO FOOTBRIDGE SOCIETY INC:

The Community Board received a letter from the Margaret Munro on behalf of the Lake Tekapo Footbridge Society Inc which provided an update on their project. The letter referred to fundraising, pedestrian traffic and safety issues, speed limits, the formal launch planned for mid August and a request for support from local government and Transit New Zealand.

The Chairman said he understood that the community would like the project to proceed and suggested that the Tekapo Community Board could consider providing some seeding funding in the 2011/12 year. He noted that there was a range of issues which would need to be considered, including the total cost, securing of land from LINZ, the need to obtain resource consents, ongoing maintenance and annual engineer's inspection costs, the needs of pedestrians walking from Lake View Heights and Aorangi Crescent to the commercial area, and the role of the Church Property Trustees. He undertook to meet and discuss the project with Mrs Munro.

The Chairman noted that the speed limit on the State Highway through the Township had been already been lowered in response to representations to NZTA from the late Bruce Scott. The Asset Manager undertook to advise Mrs Munro that the issue of speed limits on the State Highway should be followed up with NZTA.

4. SNOW CLEARING GUIDELINES:

The Asset Manager explained that he had distributed draft snow clearing guidelines for comment ahead of putting the road maintenance contracts out for tender and that he was trying to develop consistent guidelines across the three townships. He invited the Board members to contact him with any further comments.

The following issues were noted:

- Include concrete footpath from Murray Place and concrete path across the bridge on list of priorities for clearing.
- Include a telephone number for people to ring for driveway clearing by volunteers.

The Asset Manager undertook to draw the contractor's attention to the fact that the emergency services and promotions areas had not been cleared until late in the day following a recent snow fall.

5. PINK STICKERED RUBBISH BAGS - POLICY

Murray Cox referred to problems caused by pink stickered rubbish bags not being collected and rubbish subsequently being spread around by dogs.

The Asset Manager explained that the contractors who picked up bags from the kerbsides had been instructed to leave non-complying bags inside property boundaries. He said the policy relied on offenders being educated by having to deal with the bags themselves. He noted that the former policy was for the bags to be collected and the owners contacted; however that had proved to be too costly.

The Asset Manager said the Council was considering amendments to the Waste Strategy and he recommended that no changes be made to the pink sticker policy in the meantime.

6. OPEN FIRES IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Murray Cox referred to Environment Canterbury's outdoor burning ban in residential areas and suggested the Council and Tekapo Community Board support the policy.

Cr O'Sullivan advised that the Council had recently declined to support a recommendation to introduce bylaws relating to nuisance burning and lighting of fires within the three urban fire boundaries of the District, being Fairlie, Tekapo and Twizel.

The Chief Executive Officer said that Environment Canterbury's controls were of limited effectiveness in the District because of issues of distance.

Cr O'Sullivan undertook to ask the Manager – Planning and Regulations to develop a proposal for consideration by the community boards which might address the nuisance cause by outdoor burning in urban areas.

7. PUBLIC TOILETS AT TEKAPO BOAT RAMP:

The Chairman referred to the Council's decision to close the public toilets at the boat ramp for three months over the winter period as a cost saving measure when the toilets were not in great demand.

The Community Facilities Manager said that the Council had discussed options for reducing the costs of public toilets in the District and the Tekapo Community Board Chairman and the operator of the Motor Camp had not considered there would be any significant issues with the closure. He reported that he had fielded one complaint that someone had defecated behind the building but there had been no other feedback.

The Chairman said that the complaint had also been raised at a Tekapo Promotions Association meeting; however the Association had accepted the reasons for the closure.

8. NEXT MEETING:

It was advised that the Twizel Community Board had asked if the date of the next meeting be put back one week until 9 August 2010, subject to the agreement of the Tekapo Community Board.

The Chairman undertook to canvass the Tekapo Board members and advise if the new date was suitable.

9. MEETING WITH MERIDIAN AND GENESIS:

The Chairman advised that personnel from Meridian and Genesis wanted to meet with Community Board members in the hall at 4.00 pm the following Tuesday to discuss a new draft water right agreement.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE  
CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.15 PM**

**CHAIRMAN:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_