

MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FAIRLIE COMMUNITY BOARD HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FAIRLIE ON WEDNESDAY 7 DECEMBER 2011 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT:

Owen Hunter (Chairman)
Ashley Shore
Cr Graeme Page

IN ATTENDANCE:

Glen Innes (Chief Executive Officer)
Garth Nixon (Community Facilities Manager)
Paul Morris (Manager – Finance and Administration)
Bernie Haar (Asset Manager) (until 8.00pm)

II APOLOGY:

Resolved that apologies be received from Julia Bremner and Ron Joll.

Ashley Shore/Graeme Page

III DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no Declarations of Interest.

IV MINUTES:

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Fairlie Community Board held on 25 October 2011 be confirmed and adopted as the correct record of the meeting.

Graeme Page/Ashley Shore

MATTERS ARISING:

Old Library Cafe Fire

The Finance Manager advised a report on the structural status of the building was due any day. It was unlikely that the old pressed tin ceiling would be replaced with the equivalent material. Given that the ceilings throughout were a composite of three different materials it was likely that the Historic Places Trust would accept a modern replacement still in keeping with the style of the building.

In the meantime the Chairman advised that the Tenant was hoping to temporarily establish in the old vet building and was hoping to utilise outdoor seating on the footpath.

Given the circumstances, Board members did not believe this would cause any problem.

V **REPORTS:**

1. FINANCE REPORT TO OCTOBER 2011:

The Finance Manager spoke to his report and answered Board Members' questions in relation to the financial performance of the Fairlie Community for the period ended 31 October 2011.

Resolved that the report be received.

Ashley Shore/Graeme Page

2. CORRESPONDENCE FROM MACKENZIE COOPERATING PARISH REGARDING MAINTENANCE OF THE DRIVEWAY AND PARKING AREA ADJACENT TO THE MACKENZIE COMMUNITY CENTRE

This letter asserted that the Council of the day had recognised the need for extra parking for the use of patrons using the new Community Centre when it was built twenty five years ago. It had tarsealed the area previously in grass, to provide for additional parking.

The Parish suggested that because of the history of this development, the Council should provide assistance with the upkeep of the area.

Discussion followed on the extent of shared usage and the likely costs if the Council was to accept responsibility for a share of maintenance. It was suggested that any assistance might be of a one off nature rather than an ongoing commitment.

Resolved that staff research the nature of Council's previous involvement before the Board makes any decision to accept or decline responsibility for a share of ongoing maintenance or resealing and that the Parish be advised accordingly.

Owen Hunter/Graeme Page

3. PRINCES STREET – STREETSCAPING IMPROVEMENTS

This report from the Roding Manager presented options for carrying out streetscape improvements in Princes Street, Fairlie.

The Asset Manager explained which was involved with the two options.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received.

Graeme Page/Ashley Shore

Board members debated the need for the work against other priorities, the importance of integrating the improvement with later planned works and the sources of funding.

Resolved:

2. That quotations be sought for upgrading the Princes Street streetscape through a combination of chipsealing, grassing and tree planting (Option B) once a detailed plan for the proposed work is completed.

Graeme Page/Ashley Shore

4. WARD MEMBERS' REPORT

Cr Page referred to a recent Long Term Plan workshop on funding capital works and the need to develop a realistic timeframe for repaying internal loans.

He also mentioned restrictions on road funding for rural Councils and the generally positive results of a recent survey of ratepayer and resident satisfaction.

He drew attention to a potential increase in residual waste tonnages since the transition to wheelie bins.

VI GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. HISTORIC HERITAGE

The Chair advised that he had been sounded out over the possibility of a Hamilton Jet Display being incorporated in the Fairlie Museum. The New Zealand Jet Boating Association had proposed a display incorporating a jet boat mounted on a rock mound and statue of Bill Hamilton the inventor of the jet boat being erected on the Denmark Street road frontage directing visitors to the museum display.

Board members expressed enthusiasm for the initiative.

2. AGED WELFARE SOCIETY

The Chairman advised that this body had been disbanded and its remaining funds donated to Fairlie Lions. The Lions Club would utilise \$11,000 already pledged for the pensioner housing carports to complete that project and invest the remaining funds with the interest being used to help Moreh and other services for the aged.

3. CEMETERY IMPROVEMENTS

The meeting was advised that the Chair had donated three tables for the Fairlie Cemetery.

4. HAWKING IN THE VILLAGE GREEN

The Community Facilities Manager advised of recent moves to control this activity. Some follow up action was required.

5. GLASS NUISANCE AT LAKE OPUHA

This ongoing problem was referred to the Community Facilities Manager for attention.

6. LEASE OF CAMPING GROUND

Ashley Shore advised of recent efforts he had made to assist Mr Parrish to conclude his negotiations with Council. He was uncertain whether his advocacy would be successful.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS
THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.20PM.**

CHAIRMAN: _____

DATE: _____