

## **MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FAIRLIE, ON WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 24, 2014, AT 9.30AM**

#### **PRESENT:**

Claire Barlow (Mayor)  
Cr Graham Smith  
Cr Murray Cox  
Cr Russell Armstrong  
Cr Evan Williams

#### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

Wayne Barnett (Chief Executive Officer)  
Arlene Goss (Committee Clerk)

#### **OPENING:**

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

#### **APOLOGIES:**

Apologies were received from Cr Noel Jackson and Cr James Leslie, and an apology for lateness from Cr Graham Smith.

**Russell Armstrong/Evan Williams**

#### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **HIGH COUNTRY MEDICAL TRUST:**

The purpose of this report was to seek council approval for a statement of proposal associated with council support for the High Country Medical Trust.

The chief executive requested some changes to the Draft Statement of Proposal. Under 'background', the land area of 3,100 square meters needs to be changed to 2,700 square meters.

On the next page under 'issues and options', at the end of the second paragraph he would like to insert a figure in brackets at '(\$330,000)'.

On the next page under 'scope of decision', the figure of '\$330,000' also needs to be inserted.

*Cr Smith joined the meeting at 9.35am.*

The chief executive said apart from those changes the draft proposal is complete. The reason he has asked for an extraordinary meeting is because the medical centre hopes to start construction in November, so the council needs to make a decision on October 28, with a prior 30 day period to go out to the public for consultation.

This report does not commit the council to making a decision today, apart from a decision to go out to a consultation process.

The Mayor asked regarding the last paragraph under 'issues and options'. Do we have a cost for engineering works. Not yet, the chief executive has enquired but has not yet received a response. This information will be available at the October 28 council meeting.

What is the 'contribution'? These are the reserve contribution costs from the person sub-dividing the land. People will ask about this so we need to make it clear.

Cr Smith asked for the total cost for the consent and physical works. The chief executive expects to have these costs available on October 28. They will be reasonably significant.

Discussion was held on possible ways to find the money and the financial risk. Cr Cox said as well as the financial risk there was a risk in that council would lose control over whether medical services were provided in Twizel. People may submit on this matter. With this proposal council was putting trust in the Medical Trust to ensure services continued to be provided.

Cr Smith asked if the new medical centre will be paying rates. Yes, unless they apply for rates assistance.

The Mayor requested a change under 'scope of decision bullet point 2'. She would like to include the statement that if the lease is sold it becomes a commercial lease. The chief executive noted this change.

Cr Smith asked if the golf club were asking for money to help them shift. The chief executive said they were seeking assistance with their legal costs. The council had not agreed to that. The Golf Club also want help with physical changes and the Medical Trust were paying those costs.

Cr Smith asked if the golf club were happy? The chief executive said there were a number of individuals in the golf club with different views.

Further discussion occurred on the impact this would have on the golf club.

The Mayor requested a change to the final paragraph of the statement of proposal to explain the loan and how it is structured. The chief executive suggested adding words to clarify this and drafted those words with the approval of councillors.

Cr Smith said council had not yet made a decision to offer an interest free loan and questioned why this was included in the proposal. A decision will need to be made on October 28 on this matter. Hopefully people will be aware this is a proposal, not a decision, and they need to provide feedback.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received.

**Evan Williams/Russell Armstrong**

2. That council approves the statement of proposal and instructs staff to proceed with the special consultative procedure as proposed, subject to the amendments noted.

**Claire Barlow/Murray Cox**

**THE MAYOR DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.54AM**

**MAYOR:** \_\_\_\_\_

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