

MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TWIZEL COMMUNITY BOARD HELD IN THE COUNCIL SERVICE CENTRE, TWIZEL ON TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 2014 AT 3.30PM

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Claire Barlow (Mayor)
Wayne Barnett (Chief Executive)
Garth Nixon (Community Facilities Manager)
Bernie Haar (Asset Manager)
Geoff Horler (Water Manager)
Arlene Goss (Committee Clerk)

APOLOGIES:

An apology was received from member Phil Rive.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest.

MINUTES:

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Twizel Community Board held on April 22, 2014, be confirmed and adopted as the correct record of the meeting.

Russell Armstrong/Pat Shuker

The board discussed the recommendation regarding Glen Lyon Road and heard this has been put to council who have requested more information before a decision is made.

TWIZEL COMMUNITY BOARD MATTERS UNDER ACTION:

The board discussed several items on the list of Matters under Action. Regarding the Twizel Youth Centre, Garth Nixon has spoken to the youth centre but to date no proposal has come back to the community board from them. Garth Nixon to follow up.

The chairman requested that items numbered 6, 7, 9, 10 and 11 be removed from the list as they are now completed. These items are First Tree Planting Plaque, TPDA rental of events centre, upgrade of Twizel footpaths, community care trust, and public toilets at Max Smith Drive.

Under item 1, Alleyways, Bruce White asked if there was money to replace alleyway fencing. Garth Nixon replied there is a budget allocated on a case by case basis after

discussion with neighbours, and fencing is done on a shared basis. Is there a standard for fencing? In recent times people have favoured corrugated iron with capping.

The chairman said greenway fence reinstatement is mentioned in the community board financials and this item is over budget. The annual budget is currently \$8,580 and about \$14,000 has been spent. There was some discussion on increasing the budget and having a plan around alleyway fencing.

Resolved that the matters under action be accepted.

Russell Armstrong/Bruce White

TWIZEL WATER SUPPLY UPGRADE:

Asset manager Bernie Haar thanked the community board for attending the public meeting on the Twizel water supply. His report on page 12 of the agenda was to bring the community board up to date. The table in the report is updated monthly and gives an idea of what has been worked on, or work completed.

Bernie Haar went through some of the items in the report. Item 10 relates to a radio telephone system to send information regarding the state of the water system at any time to water manager Geoff Horler. Council has made a decision to use the same radio telephone system as Timaru and Waimate District Councils. Timaru can be used as a base station with collaboration between the three councils. Without an electronic monitoring system council would need an operator available on site at all times to monitor the system.

Bruce White asked Bernie to explain number 7 regarding firefighting storage water. This item confirms that areas of restricted water supply have firefighting capacity. While there is water available it will not be at firefighting pressure. Properties on restricted supply are supposed to have a water tank and this is required as part of the building consent process.

The water safety plan was also presented by Bernie Haar. This has been lodged with the Ministry of Health. This plan applies to what is happening now, not what will happen after the upgrade. There is no mention specifically about UV treatment. Although the report covers the period to 2017 council intends to complete the upgrade by 2015.

The chairman asked regarding the height of the treatment screens and heard they are at different levels.

Cr Armstrong asked about the filter system that is being tested. Geoff Horler said council is trying to determine how long a new type of cartridge filter will last. Hopefully the cartridge system will work because it will be cheaper and easier to maintain. This has not been tried before because it is new technology that was not available before. Indications are that it will work but needs to be tested properly before investing money. Bernie Haar offered to seek more information on this and report back to the community board.

The chairman commented on the public meeting. He thanked staff for the presentation at the public meeting and thanked Bernie for his report. Pat Shuker raised one question that she believed was not answered adequately at the public meeting - what did you ask Opus to do in finding water? Bernie Haar said a large number of options were looked at and they were all more expensive than what has been chosen.

Resolved that the report be received.

John Bishop/Russell Armstrong

COMMUNITY FACILITIES FEES AND CHARGES:

Garth Nixon said this is the annual review of fees and charges for the Twizel Events Centre and Twizel Swimming Pool, which have been adjusted by 2.5% this year to allow for inflation. The Twizel Events Centre has a 10% discount for regular users. Non-profit users are sometimes charged less than commercial users.

Cr Armstrong asked how the commercial rate was determined. The staff taking the bookings make this decision. In circumstances where this is difficult Cr James Leslie has offered to assist.

The chairman asked if locals have a reduced local rate. Garth Nixon said it would depend on each situation and whether people using the facilities are contributing through their rates towards the running of the venue. He would expect staff to come to him if they are not sure and he would bring it to the community board for a decision if needed. The fall-back position is for people to be charged the full rate and given the option of requesting a grant or rebate from the community board.

The chairman said events centre use has dropped off because some people consider it to be too expensive to hire. However he was not worried about a negligible rise such as the one proposed in the report.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received.

Russell Armstrong/Pat Shuker

2. That James Leslie be appointed to assist with decisions on who pays the commercial rate for Events Centre hire.

John Bishop/Bruce White

3. That the Twizel Community Board adopt the revised fees and charges as proposed.

Bruce White/Russell Armstrong

<u>Twizel Events Centre Fees</u>	Current 2013/14	Proposed 2014/15
Casual Hire		
Sports Hall		
Local	\$21.50	\$21.50
Commercial	\$30.00	\$31.00
Theatre		
Local	\$21.50	\$22.00
Commercial	\$40.00	\$40.00
Community Room & Kitchen		
Local	\$16.50	\$17.00
Commercial	\$50.00	\$52.00

10 % Discount for 4 hours or more in one block

10 % Regular user (20 times or more) per season

<u>Twizel Swimming Pool</u>	Current 2013/14	Proposed 2014/15
Adult Session	\$3.60	\$3.70
Child Session	\$2.50	\$2.70
Preschool Session	\$1.00	\$1.00
Adult Concession Ticket	\$36.00	\$37.00
Child Concession Ticket	\$25.00	\$27.00
Adult Season Pass	\$140.00	\$145.00
Child Season Pass	\$92.00	\$95.00
Family Pass	\$185.00	\$190.00
School Usage	\$14.50	\$15.00
Private use per hour, structured session including one lifeguard	\$57.00	\$58.50
Private use per hour, play session including two lifeguards	\$84.00	\$86.00

WARD MEMBER'S REPORT:

Cr Russell Armstrong has nothing to report.

The Mayor said she is planning to write fortnightly updates for councillors and will include community board members in the list to receive this update.

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:

HIRE OF TWIZEL MULCHER

The chairman tabled \$80 cash he had received from the hire of the mulcher. This money was handed to committee secretary Arlene Goss for banking (Receipt number 231460).

TWIZEL INFORMATION CENTRE OPENING HOURS:

The letter from the Twizel Promotion and Development Association on page 53 of the agenda was considered by the community board.

Chief executive Wayne Barnett asked for an indication of where the community board sits on the issue of opening hours. Any increase in hours will mean an increase in costs funded by the community board. The community board makes a grant to the information centre to keep it open.

Summer hours are longer. Current hours are 10-3pm during the week. In summer the hours are 11-3 or 11-2 at the weekend. The chairman said originally when council took over the

information centre he was told it would be open the same hours at the weekend as during the week and people could pay rates at the weekend. This has not happened.

The chief executive said the purpose of the information centre needed to be discussed and whether businesses should be contributing towards it. The TPDA might be a vehicle to get some of the local tourism operators to make a contribution to the information centre, as their businesses were being promoted.

The chairman asked if the TPDA was contributing financially towards the information centre. No.

Twizel businesses are the main beneficiaries of the information centre service and receive bookings. The chairman said businesses needed to be more active and involved. Bruce White asked if there was a commission paid to the information centre for booking. Yes for some bookings but not for others.

In Tekapo businesses picked up information services after the I-Site closed, however this is running at a loss. The chief executive said even if the Twizel Information Centre opened another couple of hours there would still be a demand for more hours, so the community board needed a firm logic

The chairman said hours needed to be consistent and the centre should not close early or change hours once decided. Discussion was held on current situation of winter opening hours.

The Mayor suggested that an information board or kiosk could be available when the information centre was closed. The chairman suggested that TPDA do some voluntary hours to assist.

The chief executive agreed to respond to the letter from TPDA to say that the community board has a commitment to providing information services, but the length of time was what is affordable. There will always be a desire to extend the hours from people running businesses that benefit from the service. Is there any appetite from the TPDA to liaise with businesses to get money coming in?

The chairman suggested a levy on the rates to pay for the information centre. Bruce White would like to see statistics on the numbers who use the information centre each day.

NAME CHANGE FOR OLD GLEN LYON ROAD:

The chairman said this issue was raised by Phil Rive due to public confusion regarding Glen Lyon Road and Old Glen Lyon Road. The chairman has spoken to residents who would like to see this changed and now was an appropriate time due to the building of a new subdivision in the area. He did not want to change the name of Glen Lyon Road, only Old Glen Lyon Road. He suggested putting a recommendation to council.

Bernie Haar said he and roading manager Suzy Ratahi support this idea. He suggested putting an article in the Twizel Update asking for public feedback on names for this road, and also a new adjoining road at the subdivision that would need to be named.

The chairman offered to write a report for the Twizel Update. Bernie Haar suggested making a list of suitable road names for future developers to use in Twizel. It was decided not to pass a resolution at this stage.

UPDATE ON GENESIS CANAL ROADS:

The chairman reported that Genesis originally proposed a one way road from the state highway to Alpine Salmon, but this plan has now changed to a two way road with public toilets and car parks for fishermen. They are proposing a 50km speed limit on this road.

REQUEST FOR COMMUNITY BOARD UPDATES IN THE TWIZEL UPDATE:

The Mayor said she has received a request for a community board member to put reports in the Twizel Update to let the community know about community board activity. The chairman said he had written these in the past and agreed.

LATE ITEM: LETTER FROM TWIZEL ARTS COUNCIL ON EVENTS CENTRE LIGHTING:

The chairman tabled a letter from Kay Potter of the Twizel Arts Council requesting new lighting for the events centre. This letter is an attachment to these minutes.

Bruce White has spoken to Kay Potter and she is asking for an indication of support to allow her to investigate the options for new spot lights. The meeting heard there is currently some old lights in the Events Centre. In Fairlie the theatre group owns the lights and hires them to other organisations. It would be good for somebody with some lighting knowledge to take responsibility for the lights and their care, as the bulbs can break.

The community board agreed that it would be worth asking Kay Potter to get some costings and come back to the board with more information.

LATE ITEM: LETTER FROM TA AND JM DAVIS ON TRAFFIC ISSUES:

The chairman tabled a letter from TA and JM Davis regarding traffic issues at Maitland Place and Irishman Drive. This letter is an attachment to these minutes.

Asset Manager Bernie Haar said council staff have had ongoing concerns regarding this area and put new paint markings in that worked for a time, however traffic volumes are increasing. Council also installed a mirror at the request of one resident who is happy with it. Have looked into installing speed humps but need to make sure people cannot drive around them. The road does not have a footpath or curb so it would be possible for cars to drive up onto the edges to go around speed humps. Also considering other options.

The Mayor suggested a new type of speed control device she had seen used in Timaru to stop cars from wandering into a cycle lane.

Bernie Haar offered to come up with two or three different ideas on how to fix the problem and bring these back to the community board for consideration.

The chairman suggested a motion and this was agreed as follows:

Resolved that the council roading engineers do some plans to address the traffic problems at Maitland Place and Irishman Drive, Twizel, and bring them back to the community board.

Bernie Haar offered to respond to the letter from TA and JM Davis.

CLOSING COMMENTS:

The chairman asked Bernie Harr for an update regarding the footpath work in Twizel. This has been completed.

There was some discussion on the timing of financial reports. The chairman said he would like to receive these at a meeting. The chief executive agreed that the latest financial report will go on the agenda as a standing report.

The chairman asked a question regarding the irrigation of the greenways. This amount is over spent in the budget. There is also an over spending in grass mowing and the chairman wondered why the greenways were being irrigated when there had been a lot of rain. Garth Nixon offered to look into this and respond by email.

There was a discussion regarding the need to use water prudently in the community.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS
THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 4.55PM**

CHAIRMAN: _____

DATE: _____

39 Temple Drive
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TWIZEL

14 May 2014

The Chairperson
Twizel Community Board
Mackenzie District Council
Market place
TWIZEL

Dear Sir/Madam

The Twizel Arts Council has recently discussed helping fund a possible up-grade to the lighting in the theatre at the Events Centre. We consider that this would benefit a number of Twizel community groups as well as providing an improved facility for visiting artists and performances.

We have approached Mr Bruce White and he suggested that we write to the Community Board to indicate our interest in investigating this possible project.

We await your reply with interest.

Yours sincerely,



Kay Potter
(Chairperson Twizel Arts Council)

4/2/60.

16 Orbell Street
Highfield
Timaru

25 May 2014

To: The Chairman
Twizel Community Board

Dear Sir,

We own a dwelling on the corner of Maitland Place and Irishman Drive Twizel. When we built there 8 years ago the traffic using this accessway to and from North West Arch was minimal. Over the last 2 years or so there has been a marked increase in the number of vehicles (light, commercial and heavy including machinery) has increased markedly no doubt due to the developments west of the town. It seems to be the preferred route to and from town rather than the more direct Glen Lyon Road/ Nuns Veil route.

However the concern we would like to draw to you attention (again) is the speed some vehicles are being driven through Maitland Place into Irishman Drive. There are some that seem to think because the speed is 50kph that is the safe speed to negotiate the "chicane". There have been several near misses and on the afternoon of Friday 9th May there were 2. Other residents in the area have expressed concern and some wrote to the Mackenzie District Council a few years ago (and never had any acknowledgement of their correspondence).

We spoke to a member of the Community Council at the time and a giveway sign and some road-markings were put in place. These have been ineffective as motorists still try to straighten out the bend. Recently a rather pathetic mirror was put on the street light on the corner but this is too small to be effective. One of the incidents on the 9th May was a resident turning right from Irishman Drive into Maitland Place and another coming up Irishman Drive to turn left into Maitland Place resulting in a "near collision".

We would like to suggest:

- a.) that 2 speed bumps be installed, one halfway down Maitland Place and the other down Irishman Drive
- b.) the 50kph sign be shifted from the junction to the North West Arch end of Maitland Place and be placed on the correct side (i.e. on the left-hand side coming down Maitland Place)

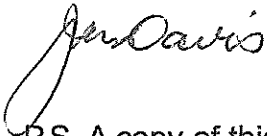
When we suggested to an engineer from the MDC maybe an island might solve the problem we were told there was no money available.

Would there be much cost in installing 2 full-width speed-bumps? Or do you have to wait for a serious incident/accident before something is done?

We urge you to give this serious consideration.

Yours faithfully,

T.A. & J.M.Davis



P.S. A copy of this has been sent to the Roading Engineer at the Mackenzie District Council Fairlie.