MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN FAIRLIE ON TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2015, AT 9.41AM

PRESENT:

Claire Barlow (Mayor) Cr Graham Smith Cr Murray Cox Cr James Leslie Cr Russell Armstrong Cr Noel Jackson

IN ATTENDANCE:

Julie Jongen (Committee Clerk) Paul Morris (Finance manager) Arlene Goss (LTP Project Administrator) Toni Morrison (Senior Policy Planner) Bernie Haar (Asset Manager)

OPENING:

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from Cr Evan Williams.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest.

REPORTS:

CANTERBURY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CO. LIMITED DIRECTORSHIP:

Purpose of Report

To seek Council's approval for director appointments to the Board of Canterbury Economic Development Co. Limited (CED Co).

Resolved

1. That the report be received.

Noel Jackson/James Leslie

2. That Bede Carran and Janie Annear be appointed as directors on the Board of Canterbury Economic Development Co. Limited.

Noel Jackson/Murray Cox

3. That the previous South Canterbury appointed directors, Warwick Isaacs and Murray Cleverly, be thanked for their contribution to the company.

Russell Armstrong/James Leslie

WESTERN CATCHMENT FLOOD PROTECTION CONSULTATION:

Purpose of Report

To present to Council the results of the consultation with the Fairlie community regarding the proposed flood protection scheme and confirm a decision as to proceeding with the project or not.

Resolved

1. That the report be received.

Russell Armstrong/James Leslie

2. That the Fairlie Flood defense system known as Western Catchment is not proceeded with.

Claire Barlow/Murray Cox

3. The Environment Canterbury be advised of this decision and also requested to ensure regular inspection and maintenance is carried out on Fairlie Creek to keep the waterway clear of debris.

Graham Smith/Russell Armstrong

4. That the Fairlie community be advised of the outcome by appropriate article in the Fairlie Accessible.

Graham Smith/James Leslie

Cr Smith questioned about the Halls Stream bridge and if there is any assistance from E-Can to make sure the waterways are kept clear. Bernie Haar responded that Ecan are now on board. Cr Smith suggested widening or deepening would let more water through under the bridge. Bernie will have a conversation with E-Can.

The Mayor questioned if there is something in writing that would confirm this arrangement. To which Mr Haar replied there will be somewhere and he will source it.

LTP 2015-25 CONSULTATION DOCUMENT:

Purpose of Report

To adopt the final audited Consultation Document and make it available for public consultation.

Resolved

1. That the report be received.

Russell Armstrong/James Leslie

 That Council adopts the final Long Term Plan 2015-25 Consultation Document, subject to the insertion of the report from Audit New Zealand on behalf of the Auditor General in accordance with 93C(4) of the Local Government Act 2002..

Graham Smith/Russell Armstrong

3. That Council make the Long Term Plan 2015-25 Consultation Document publicly available and commence a one-month consultation period.

Graham Smith/Noel Jackson

4. That, if necessary, the Finance Manager, in consultation with the Mayor and Chief Executive, be authorised to correct any minor errors or omissions in the 2015-2025 Long Term Plan Consultation Document before it is publicly notified.

James Leslie/Russell Armstrong

The Mayor questioned if John Mackey (Audit NZ) approves with the wording changes to the resolutions. Paul Morris advised that John Mackey stated that it is up to the council to approve them.

Cr Smith questioned the timing of the consultation period due to Audit not yet completing final sign off on the Consultation Document. Audit NZ have stated they are comfortable with the Consultation Document, subject to them approving the rating table on page 24.

Some changes to the Consultation Document were noted. They include:

Page 8, rearranged the key issues at the recommendation of Audit NZ, Forestry now the first one.

Wording change to discounted todays dollars.

Page 8, third paragraph has changed .

Page 10, last sentence, 2nd paragraph, changed from 3 years to 4 years.

Page 10, "Mackenzie District Council has put forward a strong case" has been added.

Page 11, last paragraph, last sentence, removed reference to years 2017 and 2018.

Page 14, have met the auditors request to put in the inflated figures. Page 15, amended option 1 to include *'some*" proceeds from the sale. Draft Revenue and Financing Policy is open to the public for submissions.

Page 16, column 1, option 2 has been reordered in the project years and inflated the figures where required.

Page 16, 6th paragraph, 2nd column, removed word "equally".

Page 16, Last paragraph, 2nd sentence, changed to read '*a similar*'' Page 19, 1st sentence, option 1 and 2, changed to '*all*' the options. 4th paragraph, added the word '*infrastructure*''. Changed the figures to be inflated.

Page 21, inflated the figures for Grampians and Goodmans Bridges and that Grampians Bridge will be removed "by Council".

Page 22, 2nd column, 2nd paragraph, last sentence amended to read *'confirm support for a community water supply"*.

Last paragraph, column 2, added that the power generator will pay less on this proposal.

Page 23, Alps2Ocean have added ''cycle way''.

Page 24, rating tables. Cr Cox commented that the public will be confused by the figures as the table doesn't clarify that the figures have gone up by the 8 percent quoted earlier in the document. The way the table reads, the figures are dropping except for in Twizel.

Mr Morris explained that these figures only include works and services rate and general rates components.

It was agreed that there needs to be more explanation for the public as to how the table reads. Words will be added to explain this.

THE MAYOR DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10.46am

DATE:_____