

# MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TWIZEL COMMUNITY BOARD HELD IN THE COUNCIL SERVICE CENTRE, TWIZEL ON MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2015 AT 4.02PM

### PRESENT:

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

### IN ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Claire Barlow  
Cr James Leslie  
Wayne Barnett (Chief Executive)  
Garth Nixon (Community Facilities Manager)  
Bernie Haar (Asset Manager)  
Geoff Horler (Utilities Manager)  
Arlene Goss (Committee Secretary)  
One member of the public

### OPENING:

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### APOLOGIES:

There were no apologies.

### DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest.

### MINUTES:

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Twizel Community Board held on November 17, 2014, be confirmed and adopted as the correct record of the meeting.  
**Bruce White/Russell Armstrong**

### TWIZEL COMMUNITY BOARD MATTERS UNDER ACTION:

#### 1. Town Projects:

- a. Walkways:  
Garth Nixon to follow up the rolling of Tekapo Drive from Mackenzie to Glen Lyon
- b. Tekapo Drive:  
Work to take place this week.
- c. Lake Ruataniwha: Bollard fencing completed. Remove from list.
- d. Greenway fencing – On target at present. Edging for greenway from Mackenzie Drive to Hunter Cres.
- e. Cemetery Completed

2. **Demolition of Old Twizel Public Toilets:**  
Waiting to hear about asbestos. Garth Nixon to bring to a future meeting.
3. **Bike Lockup:**  
More bike space to be created when old toilets and building are removed from town centre.
4. **Twizel Youth Centre:**  
An update has been received. Repair work is continuing.
5. **Overnight Camping:**  
No update
6. **Traffic Issues at Maitland Place and Irishman Drive:**  
This work gets underway this week or early next.
7. **Twizel Water Supply Upgrade:**  
Opus have also been asked to do a review of the cost of building a water scheme for Manuka Tce residents. This will go to the full council on February 3.
8. **Climbing wall in Twizel Events Centre:**  
Shaun Norman to come up with a concept plan for a climbing wall and bring it back to the community board.
9. **Security cameras for Market Place:**  
Cameras are installed.
10. **Manhole on the corner of Mackenzie Drive and Ostler Road:**  
This has been fixed and can be removed from the list.
11. **Christmas Decorations for Market Place:**  
These were bought and put up. Remove from list.
12. **TPDA Lease Agreement:**  
Agreement finalised and with TPDA.
13. **New Twizel Medical Centre:**  
Council has approved this and work has begun on the subdivision.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS – TOWN PLANNING AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS**

Cr James Leslie addressed the board. He said he would like to open a discussion on the future direction of Twizel. The next 12 months will see a lot of change around Twizel including the new Medical Centre, Meridian building, and other projects both underway and planned.

He would like a review a previously-written report called “Twizel – The Future Starts Today” to determine where the town is going. He tabled the recommendations from this report and went through them. He noted progress or lack of progress on some of the items.

He said he would like to use this report as a basis and find out where it needs to be updated. He doesn't think there is a need to involve the community as much as they were involved last time, but would like to appoint a working group to go through it so the council

and community board have a 10-15 year view. He suggested setting up a group that includes community board members but also co-opts members of the community with suitable skills.

The community board discussed this. They want it to be an action group rather than a discussion group. Discussion was held on the cost of the projects outlined in the report and why the community boards of the past had decided not to move forward with some of the items. The chairman suggested calling another meeting for anyone who is interested to take the idea further.

Resolved that the submission from Cr Leslie be received and the community board look into this matter further.

**John Bishop/Pat Shuker**

*Cr Leslie left the meeting at 4.27pm*

#### **FINANCIAL REPORT TO DECEMBER, 2014:**

The purpose of this report was to update board members on the financial performance of the Twizel Community as a whole for the period to December, 2014.

The chairman asked that the columns be labelled on every page to allow a better understanding of the accounts.

On page 16, operational maintenance on the water supply shows a \$7000 overspend. Geoff Horler said this was due to needing to keep the pump shed going.

Resolved that the report be received.

**Phil Rive/Russell Armstrong**

#### **FIRE RISK SECTIONS:**

The purpose of this report was to advise the community board of progress in relation to managing fire risk sections, and discuss the option of introducing a bylaw to better manage this issue.

The Planning and Regulation Manager explained the background to this issue and asked for community board approval to approach land owners in Residential 3 and 4 areas regarding fire risk sections. He also suggested the board ask council for a bylaw that sets firm dates allowing staff to identify sections before they become a risk, and provides some teeth to address the issue.

Phil Rive read from a letter from Simon Fox, Chief Fire Officer, Twizel Volunteer Fire Brigade. A letter from Rex Miller was also tabled. Both these letters are attached to these minutes.

A discussion was held on water supply pressure to outlying suburbs. Utilities manager Geoff Horler said even with the new water supply upgrade he cannot increase water pressure without breaking the AC pipes. Discussion was held on the lack of water pressure to the end of the line at The Drive. It would cost more than one hundred thousand dollars to supply another pump for this area. The chief executive said staff needed to put information before the community board regarding the situation and the impact of the upgrade, with potential solutions.

The chairman asked if the water supply to The Drive would improve if the town stopped drawing so much water. Geoff Horler said it would be marginally better. Asset Manager Bernie Haar said he is working towards putting a new trunk main in to supply the western side of the town in the future.

Cr Armstrong asked if people on restricted supplies had been checked to see if they were complying with the provision of fire-fighting water. Planning and Regulatory Manager Nathan Hole said no, but he has recently been made aware of this and was planning to follow up.

The chairman suggested holding another meeting to discuss all the issues related to fire risk. Pat Shuker said she has talked to most of the people at Northwest Arch and handed out fire risk brochures. Most people agreed to trim their trees in winter to reduce risk.

Nathan Hole said a public meeting is being organised by Rural Fire Chief Rob Hands to discuss Twizel fire issues and this will occur on Feb 4<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm. The community board would like to meet with Rob Hands before the public meeting and Nathan Hole was asked to organise this.

Resolved that the Community Board recommends to Council that a bylaw be introduced in relation to managing fire risk sections.

**Bruce White/Pat Shuker**

#### **TWIZEL INFORMATION CENTRE:**

The purpose of this report was to update the community board on the Twizel Information Centre and consider the hours of operation.

Garth Nixon said the number of people through the information centre door increased by a thousand, or 25% in one month. Peak periods were 10.30am to 2.30 or 3pm. He put some options before the community board to consider.

Discussion was held on winter hours and whether the Information Centre should be open on Sundays in winter. This period is fairly quiet. It might be worth looking at longer opening hours in school holidays.

The community board asked questions and discussed the issues. Cr Armstrong would like a 9.30am opening time at weekends. He moved that the community board accept option two with a change to a 9.30am opening time. He asked what the cost of this would be.

Garth Nixon said he could introduce this and come back if there are cost implications.

The Mayor asked how much local businesses have contributed. Garth Nixon has raised this with the TPDA and the response was flat. The chairman said it would be good if business people were involved in these issues.

Resolved that the Twizel Information Centre opening hours maintains the status quo and also opens from 9.30am to 3pm on weekends during the summer season and at school holidays and public holidays.

**Russell Armstrong/Phil Rive**

#### **30 YEAR INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN:**

The purpose of this report was to advise and consider the long term projections for delivery of the three waters service to Twizel as proposed in the draft 30 Year Infrastructure Plan and the 2015-25 Long Term Plan.

Following a presentation from the Asset Manager an update was given to the community board on the status of the land surrounding the waste treatment plant. An agreement has been reached with the landowner regarding the cost of the land and this project will be completed within two years.

Discussion was held on the type of pipes laid by the Ministry in the past and what it would be replaced with. The unique factors related to the nature of the ground and water in Twizel were explained.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received.

**Bruce White/Phil Rive**

2. That the infrastructure renewal and upgrade programme as presented in the 30 Year Infrastructure Plan be approved for inclusion in the 2015-25 Long Term Plan and its subsequent consultation.

**Bruce White/Phil Rive**

**WARD MEMBER'S REPORT:**

Cr Russell Armstrong reported from the last council meeting on matters that were resolved by council. A copy of his report is attached to these minutes.

**REPORTS FROM MEMBERS WHO REPRESENT THE COMMUNITY BOARD ON OTHER COMMITTEES:**

There was nothing to report.

**GENERAL BUSINESS – LETTER FROM DAVID POWER REGARDING TWIZEL EARLY LEARNING CENTRE:**

The letter from Mr Power was considered by the community board. Cr Armstrong has attended a meeting of the Early Learning Centre and suggested they go to the school and look at an area near the kindergarten. Bruce White said it was likely that in a couple of years there would be talk of a new school and it would leave a stretch of land available. The chairman would like to respond to Mr Power to say his comments are noted and thank him. No decisions have yet been made on where the Early Learning Centre will go. The community facilities manager will reply to Mr Power.

**GENERAL BUSINESS – TWO THUMB DRIVE PARKING PROPOSAL:**

Bernie Haar presented a plan for additional parking to be provided at Two Thumb Drive. He showed an aerial photo of the area with a suggested outline for parking spaces and access driveways. There is enough space for 50 new parks.

The community board discussed the plan and debated making Tasman Road one way and asking council for a contribution towards the costs. The chairman would like to see some costings. Bernie Haar will provide costings at a future meeting.

Cr Armstrong asked for an update on repair to the tar seal in the car park outside the Twizel council office. This is continuing to provide problems and remedial work is being carried out.

**GENERAL BUSINESS – TWIZEL BEDDING DISPLAY:**

Garth Nixon spoke regarding a bedding display that will be lost with the construction of the Meridian building. He suggested two new flower beds on traffic islands on Tasman Road to compensate for what is being lost. The community board agreed this was a good idea. This work will happen just after Easter.

**GENERAL BUSINESS – WATER AVAILABILITY FOR FIREFIGHTING and FIRE STATUS OF NORTH WEST ARCH RESIDENTS:**

These items will be raised at the community board meeting with Rob Hands planned for February 4, 2015, prior to the public meeting being planned by Rob Hands for the community.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

The chairman tabled a letter from G Welsh, D and M Shefford, A Booth, N and M Simpson, A and V Carpenter, all of Jollie Road, asking that trees namely Silver Birches and Oregons close to their properties be topped or removed due to blocking sunlight. Discussion was held on this issue. The chairman suggested the community board members look at this area in person before making a decision.

A further letter was tabled from Lyn Tilson asking for help to deal with dust on a gravel road near her house. This needs to go to the council as it is a roading issue. Bernie Haar said there is a list of roads being considered for a change to the speed limit and this road is on the list. He will recommend to council that it change to 50km/h for the first kilometer. Bernie Haar said he would respond to Lyn Tilson.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS  
THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 6.25pm**

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

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