

MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FAIRLIE COMMUNITY BOARD HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FAIRLIE, ON WEDNESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2008 AT 7.00 PM

PRESENT:

Owen Hunter (Chairman)
Graeme Page
Ron Joll
Tristan Leov
Robyn Warburton

IN ATTENDANCE

John O'Neil (Mayor)
Glen Innes (Chief Executive Officer)
Bernie Haar (Asset Manager)
Garth Nixon (Community Facilities Manager)
Rosemary Moran (Committee Clerk)

I COMMUNITY FORUM:

The Chairman welcomed 11 residents of the Reserve and invited them to address the Board.

On behalf of the Group, Alan Hand said most residents of the Reserve were of the opinion that the Council should not have made any decisions regarding the Eversley Reserve Sewerage issue because the ratepayers who would be funding the system had not had the opportunity to investigate all the options.

Theresa Hand said in particular that it had been suggested that the Reserve could have a separately identified Deprivation Index, perhaps also taking into account health and safety issues, which could lead to the availability of a subsidy for the scheme. She said the majority of residents were in favour of a gravity fed system rather than the STEPS system which the Council had adopted and if a subsidy did become available, the gravity fed system could become more affordable. There could also be an opportunity to whittle down the costs of a gravity fed system by separating the black and grey water. The residents were also keen to revisit Murray Sorrell's report and investigate the option of eliminating the main pumping station.

Mrs Hand said opinion was that the project should be done once and done well. That was the reason for the decision to further investigate the options.

The Asset Manager said he had investigated assistance which could be available to individuals such as accommodation benefits and suspensory loans. He had also instructed the Utilities Engineer to establish levels for a gravity fed system.

He requested that he be made aware of any work that the group might request from Murray Sorrell because he would be signing off the invoices.

The Chairman thanked the residents for their comments and said the Board looked forward to hearing the results of the group's further investigation.

The visitors left the meeting at 7.25 pm.

III MINUTES:

Resolved that the Minutes of the meeting of the Fairlie Community Board held on 4 August 2008, be confirmed and adopted as the correct record of the meeting.

Ron Joll/Graeme Page

MATTERS UNDER ACTION:

1. **Uplighting for Peace Avenue Trees:**

The Chairman said the project had proved to be too expensive to undertake using what was left of the donation offered to the Fairlie community by Helen McKenzie. He suggested that the lighting of the walkways on the Village Green would be a suitable project.

It was agreed that an approach be made to Mrs McKenzie in that regard. The Chairman undertook to provide costings for walkway lighting.

7. **Video Surveillance Cameras:**

The Chairman advised that four remote surveillance cameras were to be installed in the town centre.

8. **New Entrances to St John Hall and Garage on Princes Street:**

Cr Page said advised that the issue had yet to be discussed with St John representatives.

12. **Request for Removal of Trees in Domain**

The Chief Executive Officer advised that the matter had now been finalised with a response being sent to a renewal of the request.

III REPORTS:

1. **EVERSLEY RESERVE SEWERAGE OPTIONS:**

This report from the Asset Manager provided information on the outcome of the presentation to the community of the MWH report on the sewerage options for the Reserve, and the follow up report to the Operations Committee on 15 August 2008.

Resolved that the report be received.

Graeme Page /Ron Joll

Board members discussed the Council's request that they consider waiving the sewer financial contributions of \$1,214.96 per property for the existing 27 houses in the Reserve as a contribution to the cost of a scheme.

Resolved that the Fairlie Community Board advises the Council that it is financially unable to waive financial contributions for Eversley Reserve properties that are able to connect to the Fairlie sewerage system, as these contributions are required for all other new connections.

Ron Joll/Tristan Leov

2. WARD MEMBER'S REPORT:

Cr Page said he recently been involved with the **Eversley Reserve** ratepayers' regarding their sewerage issue and noted that he had been a member of the Panel which had heard submissions to **Plan Change 13** over the previous two weeks.

He said that the Fairlie Water Supply project was to be addressed at the Council's upcoming workshop on the **Long Term Council Community Plan**.

The Asset Manager noted that staff had met with the Lake Tekapo Community Board to consider their 'wish list' of issues to be included in the Long Term Council Community Plan and that it was intended to offer the same opportunity to the Fairlie and Twizel Community Boards.

The Mayor advised that the Council had signed a sale and purchase agreement with Coldwater Properties Ltd for the **Tekapo Village Centre land**.

The Mayor also referred to an apparent shift in government policy in relation to subsidies which could be available to individuals for sewerage schemes.

The Asset Manager undertook to distribute information to help Community Board members become better acquainted with the issue.

V GENERAL:

1. FAIRLIE DEVELOPMENT PLAN:

The Chief Executive Officer advised that receipt of the plans for the Village Green had been delayed because of the illness of one of the consultants who was preparing the report. He said that a workshop with the Community Board was to be held late October/early November - later than anticipated.

2. COMMUNITY BOARDS' CONFERENCE:

The Chairman advised that had received a registration brochure and invited members to consider attending the conference which was to be held in March 2009.

3. FAIRLIE STORMWATER:

The effect on the sewerage ponds of recent rainfalls was noted. The Asset Manager advised that the Utilities Engineer was about to undertake some smoke detection work to identify the sources of the stormwater being discharged into the sewers.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS
THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED
AT 8.45 PM**

CHAIRMAN: _____

DATE: _____