

MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TEKAPO COMMUNITY BOARD HELD IN THE LAKE TEKAPO COMMUNITY HALL ON MONDAY 12 MAY 2008 AT 7.25 PM

PRESENT:

Peter Maxwell (Chairman)
Leon O'Sullivan
Catherine Young

IN ATTENDANCE

John O'Neill (Mayor)
Glen Innes (Chief Executive Officer)
Garth Nixon (Community Facilities Manager)
Bernie Haar (Asset Manager)
Paul Morris (Manager - Finance and Administration)
Craig Lyon (Manager – Planning and Regulations) for part of the meeting
Rosemary Moran (Committee Clerk)

I APOLOGIES:

Resolved that apologies be received from Murray Cox and Peter Munro.

Leon O'Sullivan/Catherine Young

The Chief Executive Officer introduced Paul Morris, the new Manager - Finance and Administration.

II MINUTES:

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Tekapo Community Board held on 31 March 2008 be confirmed and adopted as the correct record of the meeting.

Catherine Young/Leon O'Sullivan

MATTERS UNDER ACTION

5. Signs For Village Centre:

The Community Facilities Manager advised that signs requesting that bus drivers not leave engines idling while parked in the village centre had been ordered.

6. Onsite Meeting:

It was advised that the meeting to discuss footpaths, parking, signage and traffic management issues in the Township would be held on Wednesday 13 May 2008 at 1.30 pm, beginning at the Church of the Good Shepherd.

7. Cigarette Butt Disposal Receptacles:

It was advised that the prototype had been approved and more were being produced.

- 10 **Traffic Calming Measures and *No Stopping* Lines:**
The Chairman said the *No Stopping* lines which had been painted on the State Highway were only 50 m long, whereas they needed to be 90 metres.

The Community Facilities Manager undertook to discuss with Colin Hey the installation of traffic calming plantings for the northern entrance to the Township.

- 11 **Meeting with Dave Herrick of Meridian Energy:**
It was noted that Harbour Master Brett Shand would be invited to the meeting which was to be held at the boat ramp at 4.30 pm on 21 May 2007.

III REPORTS:

1. **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

This report from the Manager - Finance and Administration provided an update for the Board on the financial performance of the cost centres under its jurisdiction for the nine months to 31 March 2008.

Resolved that the report be received and the information noted.

Catherine Young/Peter Maxwell

2. **LETTER FROM ROB AND ANNE ALLAN – COWANS HILL LOOKOUT:**

This report from the Community Facilities Manager was accompanied by a letter from Rob and Anne Allan regarding the re-routing of the Cowan's Hill walkway away from their property and through the Department of Conservation Reserve on State Highway 8.

Resolved that the report be received.

Leon O'Sullivan Catherine Young

The Community Facilities Manager advised that the Department of Conservation had indicated its approval for the walkway to be extended through its scientific reserve and considered that could be achieved with a minimum of effort. He suggested the Board make a formal approach to Department of Conservation for this to be done.

Resolved:

1. ***That Mr and Mrs Allan be advised that the Board was liaising with the Department of Conservation to shift the walkway from their land and that it would be working hard to achieve this prior to 1 June 2008.***
2. ***That Mr and Mrs Allan be thanked for permitting their land to be used for the walkway in the past..***

Leon O'Sullivan Peter Maxwell

3. REQUEST FOR EXTRA CROSSING, LOT 40, POLLOCK:

This report from the Asset Manager referred to a request for an extra crossing into No 2 Pollock Place, Lake Tekapo.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received.
2. *That the request for an extra crossing into No 2 Pollock Place, Lake Tekapo, be declined.*

Peter Maxwell/Leon O'Sullivan

4. PROPOSED COMMUNITY CENTRE:

This report from the Community Facilities Manager presented options for the siting of the proposed community centre and squash courts.

The Chairman said that positive feedback had been received from Board Members regarding the Hamilton Drive option which could accommodate a tall building with little effect on neighbouring properties and noted that views up the lake were spectacular from that site.

He said the General Manager of the Mackenzie Tourism and Development Trust had some ideas on how the project could be funded and had suggested finance for the investigation and planning phase could be sought from the South Canterbury Trust.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received.
2. *That the Community Board investigates and considers all options available for the location of the proposed community centre in Lake Tekapo including the use and/or disposal of the existing hall site.*

Leon O'Sullivan/Peter Maxwell

5. WARD MEMBER'S REPORT:

Cr O'Sullivan reported that approval had been given for a liquor licence for Alpine Springs. He also noted that 140 submissions had been received on proposed Plan Change 13.

6. REGIONAL PARK:

Cr O'Sullivan reported that there had been a small turnout at the local meeting about the Lake Tekapo Regional Park and that Peter Munro and Murray Cox had undertaken to develop ideas for funding and the formation of a charitable trust to support the project.

IV GENERAL:

2. FREEDOM CAMPING:

The Board noted the copy of the Camping on Roadways and Reserves Bylaw 1995 which had been circulated for their information.

The Manager – Planning and Regulations said that a number of local authorities and campervan rental companies were keen to for freedom camping to be addressed as a nation-wide issue. It had been suggested that campervans be classified as green (fully self-contained), orange (semi-self contained), or red (not self-contained).

The Chief Executive Officer said the issue had been raised at the Zone 5 and 6 meeting and the Tourism Industry Association of New Zealand had hosted a Freedom Camping Forum in April at which several councils had been represented.

He suggested that in the meantime the existing by-law could be enforced if appropriate warrants were issued.

3. RABBITS IN TOWNSHIP:

The Chairman referred to the burgeoning problem of rabbits in the Township and suggested the Board consider funding rabbit control.

Resolved that the Community Facilities Manager discuss options for rabbit control in the Lake Tekapo Township with the pest control contractor.

Peter Maxwell/Leon O'Sullivan

4. RECYCLING STATIONS IN TOWNSHIP:

The Chairman said that rubbish generated by visitors in campervans was being dumped in recycling stations because there was nowhere else for it to go.

The Asset Manager undertook to ask the Solid Waste Manager to discuss the issue with the Board and suggestion options to address the problem.

5. TIME LIMITS ON PARKING IN VILLAGE CENTRE:

The Chairman reported that he had been approached by business people regarding the extended daily use of public car parks by business operators in the Village Centre.

It was recommended that, before the Board considered instigating controls on parking, the Promotions Association be requested to address the issue with the operators.

6. STREET LIGHTING – CAMPING GROUND TO ICE RINK

Cr O'Sullivan said that the lack of street lighting on the road between the camping ground and the ice skating rink had become a safety issue with the increasing levels of foot traffic in a very dark area.

The Manager – Planning and Regulations referred to the conditions of the resource consent for the ice skating rink which included the requirement for a footpath to be constructed and he undertook to find out when the work would be undertaken.

IX PUBLIC EXCLUDED:

Resolved that the public be excluded from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting namely:

1. Lake Tekapo Village Centre Development

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
Lake Tekapo Village Centre Development	To protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it	48(1)(a)(i) That good reason exists for not discussing the matter with the public present and is not outweighed by the public interest

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a)(i) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows: *Lake Tekapo Village Centre Development - - To protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it. Section 7(2)(b)(ii).*

Peter Maxwell/Leon O'Sullivan

The Community Board continued in Open Meeting.

TREES ALONG STATE HIGHWAY 8:

The Manager – Planning and Regulations referred to the opportunity from Transit to address the removal of wilding trees and trees overhanging State Highway 8. He asked for details of any trees in the area which should be protected.

The Community Facilities Manager considered that it would not be a problem if wilding pines and willows were to go; however in response to his query regarding the value the community placed on silver birches, Cr O'Sullivan said that there would be outrage if they were removed. He noted that

there were a few close to the road which needed to be taken out. It was also noted that the thickets of suckers also needed to be eradicated.

Cr O'Sullivan offered to liaise with the Manager – Planning and Regulations to identify the trees that should be retained.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS
THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED
AT 9.22 PM**

CHAIRMAN: _____

DATE: _____