

MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FAIRLIE COMMUNITY BOARD HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FAIRLIE, ON WEDNESDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2009 AT 7.07 PM

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Glen Innes (Chief Executive Officer)
Garth Nixon (Community Facilities Manager)
Paul Morris (Manager – Finance and Administration)
Bernie Haar (Asset Manager)
Rosemary Moran (Committee Clerk)

II APOLOGY:

The meeting noted an apology from the Mayor.

III MINUTES:

Resolved that the Minutes of the meeting of the Fairlie Community Board held on 14 October 2009, including such parts as were taken with the Public Excluded, be confirmed and adopted as the correct record of the meeting.

Ron Joll/Tristan Leov

NOVEMBER UPDATE:

Footpath Cleaning

The Asset Manager read a memo from Whitestone which had been received in response to concerns expressed by Board members that the footpaths in the village centre had not been cleaned in accordance with the contract specifications. The memo suggested that the specifications were open to interpretation. As a gesture of goodwill the contractor had offered a credit of \$450 and an invitation to meet with the Asset Manager and the Chairman of the Community Board to discuss the best methodology for future footpath cleaning.

Resolved that Whitestone be thanked for the credit of \$450.00 and advised that the Chairman of the Community Board and the Asset Manager looked forward to a discussion regarding the best methodology for footpath cleaning in the future.

Owen Hunter/Graeme Page

Fairlie Western Catchments Flood Hazard Project and Opihi River Management Committee

The Asset Manager said that he would be advising Environment Canterbury of the Board's views on the project and their wish to meet with Opihi River Management Committee. The Opihi River Management Committee was also to be asked to maintain the Fairlie Creek bed more regularly and continue the tree removal programme.

He said it was his intention to use the *Accessible* to inform the public about the issue prior to convening a public consultation meeting in the New Year.

Fairlie Camping Ground Lease:

The Manager – Finance and Administration advised that the Council had endorsed the Board's recommendation to approval a loan to the lessees of the Holiday Park to enable them to complete the purchase of the park's fixtures. He said the Council had also resolved that any interest earned on the loan would be credited to the Community Board.

News Items for Accessible

The Chairman undertook to provide news to the *Accessible* after Christmas.

Fairlie Water Supply

The Asset Manager referred to recent advice from suppliers about possible discounts for bulk buying of pipe, the potential for new pipe to be trenched and the opportunity to lay it in the same trench as the new Eversley Sewer Pipe.

The Asset Manager updated the Community Board on the **Eversley sewerage project**. He said that because of the commitment to address the sewerage issues at Eversley Reserve which had been demanded by Environment Canterbury, and pressure from the Ombudsman, there had been no choice but to proceed with the project. To that end design work had begun and he hoped to have a request for tender out by the end of the week, and a price available before Christmas. He undertook to keep the Board informed about the project.

IV REPORTS:

2 FAIRLIE HERITAGE MUSEUM REQUEST:

This report from the Community Facilities Manager was accompanied by a further request from the Fairlie Heritage Museum for a grant from the Enid Hutt Fairlie Beautification Fund.

The Chairman welcomed Anne Thomson of the Fairlie Heritage Museum to the meeting. Mrs Thomson spoke to the request.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received.
2. That, in the light of the further advocacy from the Fairlie Heritage Museum, the Board rescind its earlier resolution of 2 September

2009 declining to make a grant for beautifying at the Fairlie Heritage Museum gardens.

3. That the further application from the Fairlie Heritage Museum for a grant of \$530 from the Enid Hutt Fairlie Beautifying Fund for the purchase of plants for gardens at the Fairlie Heritage Museum be supported.

Tristan Leov/Ron Joll

III MINUTES:

NOVEMBER UPDATE (Continued):

Purchase of Sound System

The Chief Executive Officer noted that the Board had supported in principle the request from the Resource Centre to provide money towards the support of a community sound system.

Mt Cook Road Speed Limit

The Asset Manager said that in spite of support from both the Fairlie Community Board and the Mackenzie District Council, the NZTA had yet to implement the raising of the speed limit on Mt Cook Road from 50 kph to 60 kph. He said he had been surprised that NZTA had requested Council to publicise the proposed change on its behalf. Graeme Page had suggested the matter be included in the next *Council Briefs* article in the Accessible.

5. **Information Sign with Symbols for SH 79 Entrance to Fairlie**

The Chief Executive Officer advised that there had been no progress to date on the installation of a sign with symbols for the amenities available in Fairlie.

IV REPORTS:

1. FINANCIAL REPORT SEPTEMBER 2009:

This report from the Manager – Finance and Administration updated the Board on the financial performance of the cost centres under its jurisdiction for the period to 30 September 2009.

Resolved that the report be received.

Robyn Warburton/Ron Joll

Traffic Services

It was requested that the codes for Traffic Services, including edge market posts, signs etc, be consolidated into one cost centre.

The Manager – Finance and Administration advised that the next Financial Report would include a cost centre for Traffic Services Renewal.

The Asset Manager referred to a request for a footpath to be constructed in Argyle Street. The Chairman undertook to meet the Asset Manager and inspect the site.

3. FAIRLIE PROJECTS:

This report from the Community Facilities Manager provided an update on the Community Board's projects for the current year.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received.
2. That the Fairlie Community Board notes that the village green project is proceeding well with approximately \$6,100.00 spent to date.
3. That priorities for next year's projects budget be confirmed at the next meeting of the Fairlie Community Board.

Robyn Warburton/ Tristan Leov

Ron Joll referred to the new Fairlie to Kimbell walking track and the need for a car park to be established at the Fairlie end of the track on Clayton Road. It was agreed that the proposal be included on the Agenda for debate at the next meeting along with any other suggestions for projects for 2010/2011.

4. WARD MEMBER'S REPORT:

Graeme Page referred to a church service in Timaru for Maritime Unions at which he had represented the Mayor, and the Environment Canterbury issue. He also noted that the Friends of the Mackenzie Community Library had organised a public meeting for 27 November 2009 to discuss changes to the management of the library.

V GENERAL:

1. FAIRLIE WATER SUPPLY:

The Asset Manager reported that due to work commitments he had been unable to contact and get a price from the one contractor who could plough a pipeline in. He had however, had discussions with a pipe supplier regarding the project, and in particular the level of discount that could be expected for, say, 4,500 metres of pipe purchased compared with 50 m. Whilst he could not be specific, he noted that it would be significant.

The Asset Manager was also aware of an irrigation project in the Ashwick Flat region that was being excavated in the conventional manner and progress with this was very rapid, indicating that an open cut excavation might not be as expensive as was first thought.

He also noted the the potential opportunity for piping to be laid in the sewer pressure main trench which was to be dug along Mt Cook Road for the Eversley Reserve project.

Resolved:

1. That the Fairlie Community Board's priority for the work on the Fairlie water supply be the replacement of the 4.5 km main line along SH 8.
2. That costings be obtained for the project.

Graeme Page/Ron Joll

2. MACKENZIE MEDICAL TRUST:

Ron Joll reported that three new members had been appointed to the Mackenzie Medical Trust to replace trustees who had resigned and that he had been elected Chairman of the Trust at its recent Annual Meeting. Mr Joll explained plans and funding scenarios for a project to extend the Fairlie Medical Centre. He said the Fairlie Lions Club was supporting the project and had made a substantial grant towards it. The Club, which was working closely with the Medical Trust, was keen for the project to progress without delay.

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

CHAIRMAN: _____

DATE: _____