

# MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FAIRLIE COMMUNITY BOARD HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FAIRLIE, ON WEDNESDAY 12 MAY 2010 AT 7.00 PM

### PRESENT:

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

### IN ATTENDANCE

John O'Neill (Mayor)  
Paul Morris (Acting Chief Executive Officer)  
Garth Nixon (Community Facilities Manager)  
Rosemary Moran (Committee Clerk)

### III MINUTES:

Resolved that the Minutes of the meeting of the Fairlie Community Board held on 31 March 2010, be confirmed and adopted as the correct record of the meeting, with a correction to the name of the mover of the motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meetings from *Ron Joll* to *Owen Hunter*.

**Tristan Leov/Robyn Warburton**

### IV REPORTS:

#### 1. FINANCIAL REPORT TO MARCH 2010:

This report from the Manager – Finance and Administration provided an update of the cost centres under the jurisdiction of the Fairlie Community Board to March 2010.

Resolved that the report be received.

**Graeme Page/Robyn Warburton**

It was requested that a report on **water pipe inspections** be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

#### 2. MACKENZIE THEATRE GROUP:

This report from the Community Facilities Manager was accompanied by a letter from the Mackenzie Theatre Group drawing attention to a number of issues relating to equipment and maintenance of the theatre in the Mackenzie Community Centre.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received.
2. That the Community Board offers to supply the paint for the walls around the stage area of the theatre subject to the Theatre Group undertaking the preparation and painting work.

**Tristan Leov/Robyn Warburton**

Resolved that the Community Board Chairman and Council's IT Manager consult together and purchase the appropriate audio-visual equipment within the budget provided.

**Ron Joll/Tristan Leov**

3. VILLAGE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT:

The Community Facilities Manager referred to circulated notes from the contract meeting between Whitestone Contracting and the Community Facilities Manager.

He suggested that a meeting be held with Whitestone personnel to discuss specifications for the levels of service required for the village maintenance contract.

The Community Facilities Manager undertook to provide a copy of the schedule to each Community Board member prior to arranging the meeting.

4. TREES ON THE VILLAGE GREEN:

The Community Facilities Manager referred to a request from a neighbour for trees on the Fairlie Village Green to be thinned to alleviate issues with shading and leaf litter.

The Community Facilities Manager said he had discussed the request with members of the Village Green Upgrade Committee who suggested that the request be referred to the Fairlie Community Board.

The Community Facilities Manager said that the trees provided shade adjacent to a regularly used play area. The Chairman said he considered that the trees were valued by the community and that he would rather look at them than the fence behind them.

Resolved, that in acknowledging the concerns which had been expressed, the request to remove trees from the Village Green be declined at this time.

**Tristan Leov/Robyn Warburton**

5. WARD MEMBERS REPORT:

Cr Page reported on:

- the **budget process** and the impact of the recent revaluations on the Council's rating and funding deliberations
- the raising of the **speed limit on Mt Cook Road** to 60 kph
- the **marketing of carbon credits** by the Mackenzie Forestry Board

- the recent demise of the **Vertical Composting Unit** in Twizel and the imminent review of Council's solid waste strategy
- **public toilets** (the closure of the public toilets in Market Place, Twizel, and Pines Beach at Lake Tekapo, the temporary closure of the public toilets at the Lake Tekapo Camping Grounds and the extension of the public toilets at the Twizel Events Centre to replace the toilets in the Market Place), and
- a **letter to the Twizel Update** from Twizel Community Board members. The Mayor and Councillor Page commented on the background of the letter, noting points made which were erroneous and misleading.

The Mayor said that contrary to what had been stated in the letter, the Twizel Community Board members had been advised at their meeting on 29 March 2010, before the affected ratepayers were advised by letter dated 31 March 2010, that an administrative error had led to 112 rural zoned properties within the community boundary being incorrectly levied rural works and services rates instead of Twizel Community works and services rates. He said the Councillors had been advised of the matter on 26 March 2010.

The Mayor also referred to the statement in the letter, 'Another major embarrassment to the Board was Plan Change 13 and the complications that it has put on Twizel which is now causing delays in finalising the town sewerage extension'. The Mayor said because it was neither possible nor ethical for the Plan Change 13 process to be linked with negotiations Council was undertaking to purchase land for the Twizel sewerage purposes, Council had refused, and would continue to refuse, to go along with any attempts to do so.

7. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS WHO REPRESENT THE BOARD ON OTHER COMMITTEES:

The Chairman referred to the recent concern which had been expressed to him that **Council owned land in Gray Street, Fairlie**, which had recently been sold, had not been publicly advertised for sale. He said he was also under the impression that all land which Council sold had to be tendered, or at least be the subject of an open process.

The Manager – Finance and Administration explained that the land was included in the schedule of land for disposal which had been adopted by Council. The schedule had been subject to the Long Term Council Community Plan public consultation process. He noted that in the last two years, no interest had been registered in buying the land apart from an approach from a neighbouring landowner who eventually chose not to pursue it.

In acknowledging the Chairman's concerns, the Manager – Finance and Administration undertook to make it known when Council owned land was for sale or had been sold.

The Chairman advised that he had attended a **Village Green Upgrade** Committee meeting. It had been resolved to purchase playground equipment with the funds which had been raised plus the \$25,000 from the Council's recreation reserve account.

The Chairman drew attention to the **NZ Community Board's Executive Committee** report which had been presented to the recent Local Government Zones 5 and 6 meeting. He tabled it for members to view.

Ron Joll reported that the **Opihi River walking track** was almost completed; a manufactured bridge had just been obtained for installation on the track.

Mr Joll updated the Community Board on the project to extend the **Fairlie Medical Centre**. He said the Mackenzie Medical Trust was pleased with progress and anticipated that the funding available would be more than adequate to complete the work.

## **V GENERAL BUSINESS:**

### **1. EVERSLEY RESERVE SEWERAGE SCHEME:**

The Manager – Finance and Administration conveyed the following update from the Utilities Engineer on progress with the Eversley Reserve sewerage project:

- All pump sumps had been installed.
- All control boxes were in and cables between pump chambers and control boxes installed
- Good progress was being made on the installation of service connection between pump chambers and the road boundary
- No work had begun on reticulation. Two agreements had been signed for work to be undertaken on private property
- Good progress was being made on power connections to control boxes
- Water had been encountered in all holes for pumping chambers, except two, highlighting the importance of the sealed system.

### **2. EFFECT OF GENERAL RATE ON COMMUNITY BOARD RATES**

The Manager – Finance and Administration explained the impact of the Council's general rate on the rates which had earlier been recommended by the Fairlie Community Board. He said the Council decided to offset interest from investments and dividends against the General Rate rather than the Works and Services Rates. This had the effect of reducing the General Rate but increasing the communities' Works and Services Rates correspondingly. All things being equal the effect should have been neutral, however due to the higher level of fixed-charge components in community board rates, this had resulted in an increase overall.

In the interest of keeping any rates increase to the level which had been originally recommended, the Community Board considered ways in which the effect of the Council's decisions might be mitigated.

Resolved that the \$18,000 budgeted for additional interest for the Fairlie Water Supply not now required, be removed from the budgets for 2010/2011,

**Owen Hunter/Tristan Leov**

3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Robyn Warburton sought leave of absence from the Fairlie Community Board meetings on 23 July 2010 and 4 August 2010 because she was travelling overseas.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS  
THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED  
AT 9.05 PM**

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

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