

MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TWIZEL COMMUNITY BOARD HELD IN THE SERVICE CENTRE TWIZEL ON MONDAY 21 JUNE 2010 AT 3.00 PM

PRESENT:

Peter Bell (Acting Chairman)
Phil Rive
Dave Pullen

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

I APOLOGY:

Resolved that apologies be received from John Bishop and Khandro.

Phil Rive/Dave Pullen

An apology was noted from the Mayor.

II MINUTES:

Resolved that the Minutes of the meeting of the meeting of the Twizel Community Board held on 21 June 2010 be confirmed and adopted as the correct record of the meeting

Phil Rive/Peter Bell

ACTION POINTS:

Plan Change 15:

The Chief Executive Officer advised that the final wording and rules was currently being drafted and he expected the proposed plan change would be signed off by Council during July 2010 before being put out for public submissions.

Twizel Community Rating Boundary

The Acting Chairman noted that a draft proposal for a new boundary would need to be prepared by Board members.

Trail Bikes

Phil Rive said the posts for the *No Trail Bikes* signs had yet to be put in and he was going to follow that up.

Security

The Community Facilities Manager advised he had further information for stand-alone security options to distribute to Board members for discussion.

Twizel Events Centre Design Works

The Community Facilities Manager said he would be contacting Tom Bell to thank him for the design work he had undertaken on the entrance to the TEC and reimburse his costs.

The Community Facilities Manager said a good number of people had expressed interest in undertaking the upgrade work for the TEC entrance.

Route through Ruataniwha Lagoon Reserve

Phil Rive undertook to contact the Asset Manager regarding the route which had been chosen.

III REPORTS:

5. TWIZEL COMMUNITY SWIMMING POOL – REQUEST FROM JENNIFER JOUBERT:

This report from the Community Facilities Manager referred to a proposal from Jennifer Joubert that a committee be set up to investigate the covering and/or replacement of the Twizel Swimming Pool.

The Chairman welcomed Ms Joubert to the meeting and invited her to speak to her suggestion.

Resolved that a committee of local interested people be set up to investigate the covering and/or replacement of the Twizel Swimming Pool.

Dave Pullen/Phil Rive

Ms Joubert said she wanted to raise funds to replace the swimming pool which was over 40 years old and required constant upkeep. She said noted the following issues:

- A leak in the pool which had yet to be found.
- Lack of suitable access for disabled people to the building and into the swimming pool
- Unacceptable hygiene standards
- Dark changing rooms
- Cold water showers
- An inadequate solar heating system.

Ms Joubert acknowledged that an indoor pool would be expensive. She proposed that the design of a new pool should include provision for it to be covered eventually.

The Community Facilities Manager suggested that a 25 metre pool would be an appropriate size for the Twizel community. The costs would need to include heating, pool covers and landscaping.

Ms Joubert said she thought about \$4,000,000 might be needed for the project. She was hopeful that an arrangement could be made with Meridian Energy Ltd for the heating.

The Chairman noted that the Community Board was planning major projects including a new water supply and extension of the sewerage scheme.

Phil Rive said that was it was unlikely a new pool would be built in the near future, and he asked what maintenance work was planned for the existing pool.

The Community Facilities Manager said a new cover had been budgeted for. He intended experimenting with the solar heating cover to see if its removal would allow more heat to be generated.

The Community Facilities Manager said he was confident that the existing concrete floors were cleaned on a regular basis to a good standard; he noted that the changing room interiors were programmed to be painted. He said finding the leak, which he suspected could be in the pipe work between the bottom of the pool and the pump room, one metre below the deep end of the pool, would be an expensive exercise.

Cr Pullen suggested Ms Joubert advertise in the *Twizel Update* for interested people to join the group.

Ms Joubert said support for the proposal had already been promised from the Twizel Area School, the Over 60s and several other groups. She thanked the Board for their time and left the meeting at 3.24 pm.

1. FINANCIAL REPORT – APRIL 2010:

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

Resolved that the report be received.

Peter Bell/John Bishop

Cr Pullen requested that costings be obtained for **four new signs to direct people to the Twizel Information Centre.**

The Community Facilities Manager said that his understanding was that the Community Board had undertaken the work in relocating signs etc which it had agreed to. He referred to an email from the Destination Mt Cook Mackenzie Administration which described the signs which had been settled at a meeting with the Cr Pullen and the Community Board Chairman. He

suggested that while the Board might wish to promote the Information Centre, it was not obliged to provide more signs.

Resolved that Destination Mt Cook Mackenzie be advised that the Twizel Community Board would consider a request for additional funding for signs for the Twizel Information Centre upon receipt of a proposal.

Phil Rive/Dave Pullen

2. COMMUNITY WORKERS REPORT FOR MAY 2010:

These report referred to the activities of the Community Worker for the May 2010.

Resolved that the report be received.

Dave Pullen/Phil Rive

The Community Facilities Manager reported that a meeting had been held with Brian Carpenter with the view to renewing Council's agreement with the Twizel Community Care Trust. He noted that he had been unable to locate any existing agreement. He said the Trust was funded by the Council and Heartlands, the agency which provided government services to rural areas; however there was a lack of understanding of the work done.

The Community Facilities Manager said he was awaiting feedback from the Trust on their activities and the services they provided. He noted that the Community Board currently contributed \$5,000 a year to the Trust and the Council contributed a further \$5,000 funded from the General Rate and the Rural Works and Services Rate.

3. EMAIL FROM SHAUN NORMAN:

This report from the Community Facilities Manager was accompanied by an email from Shaun Norman.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received.
2. That \$600 be approved for the provision of crusher dust for surfacing the zig-zag track on Man Made Hill.
3. That Phil Rive liaise with Shaun Norman to organise and advertise a working bee to clean up Man Made Hill.
4. That the contractors be tasked to pick up litter from the greenways prior to winter, ie after Easter. (The contract provides for litter to be picked up before the greenways are mowed during the summer.)
5. That Mr Norman be advised that:

- a. That the oak tree in Cass/Fraser was removed following consultation with John Bishop and Cr Pullen because it had been badly damaged by snow and because of its impact on a neighbouring property.
- b. That the Community Board had published in issue 283 of the *Twizel Update* the details of trees which were to be removed and the rationale for doing so.

Phil Rive/Dave Pullen

4. STATE HIGHWAY 8 BORROW PITS:

The Community Board received a copy of letter to NZTA from Roberta Laraman dated 18 May 2010 regarding the SH 8 borrow pits south of Twizel in the Waitaki District.

Cr Pullen advised that the Mayor had undertaken to contact the Waitaki District Council and recommend that they use their enforcement systems and place a notice in the *Twizel Update* advising that anyone caught dumping rubbish in the borrow pits would be liable for a \$200 fine.

Resolved that the letter be received and the Mayor's response be noted.

Dave Pullen/Phil Rive

6. WARD MEMBER'S REPORT:

Cr Pullen reported that Council would be hearing submissions to the Draft Annual Plan on Friday 25 June 2010.

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

Peter Bell said the Twizel River Reserve Group was in the process of making contact with land owners who might be affected by planned river tracks before the Group's plans were taken out for public consultation.

IV GENERAL:

1. COMMUNITY CLASSES IN TWIZEL – LETTER FROM KATE WHITE:

The Community Board received a letter from yoga teacher Kate White seeking to use the Twizel Events Centre at a reduced rate for her yoga classes.

Resolved that the letter be received.

Phil Rive/Dave Pullen

Resolved:

1. That the request from Kate White to use of the Twizel Events Centre at a reduced rate for her yoga classes be declined.

2. That Ms White be advised of the opportunity to pursue the matter with the Twizel Events Centre Management Group if she wishes.

Peter Bell/Phil Rive

2. VALUATION ROLL NUMBERING ERROR - LETTER FROM JILL SELBIE:

The Board received a copy of a letter to the Chief Executive Officer from Jill Selbie on behalf of the ratepayers affected by the valuation roll numbering error. The Chief Executive Officer said it seemed as if the letter was responding to the Minutes of the Twizel Community Board meeting. He noted that the ratepayers' representations had been received as a submission to the Annual Plan which would be heard by the Council on Friday 25 June 2010. Following that a full response would be made to the ratepayers.

Cr Pullen said he had spoken with Mrs Selbie and answered her questions. He suggested that in order to ease the burden of increased rates, the opportunity should be made available for ratepayers to make monthly payments.

The Manager – Finance and Administration advised that option was already available. He said a quarterly direct debit facility was offered which was set up and controlled by the Council. Some ratepayers had also chosen to set up monthly or weekly automatic payments.

He noted that the affected ratepayers would have had nearly six months notice of the new rate (not the three months referred to in Mrs Selbie's letter).

Cr Pullen asked if rates payments could be deferred.

The Manager – Finance and Administration said Council Rates Postponement Policy was always available for those ratepayers who found themselves in severe financial hardship. In such cases rates could be postponed for up to five years; interest would be incurred and the rates remained payable. He said the Rates Remissions policy was different and designed more for non-profit community groups. A further option was the government's Rates Rebate Scheme which was available for people on low incomes.

IV GENERAL:

1. NEXT MEETING DATE:

The Chairman had requested the next Community Board meeting be put back a week to 9 August 2010. The Board members agreed but acknowledged that it could depend on whether or not the new date suited Tekapo Community Board members. Confirmation of the date would be provided as early as possible.

2. TOWN BOUNDARY:

The Acting Chairman suggested that the consideration of a new town boundary be deferred until the Chairman's return.

The Chief Executive Officer sought to clarify the term town boundary. He noted that the Community Board had recently expanded the **Twizel community electoral boundary**; people living within that boundary could vote for the community board.

He said the currently Board rated people living within the old Twizel Community electoral boundary. For the 2011/12 year the Council could change the **Twizel rating boundary** and rate everyone within the Twizel new electoral boundary. This could include differential rates. Any local expenditure undertaken within that rating boundary would fall on the community and the revenue generated would flow into the community coffers.

He explained that other lines which could be drawn on the map of the Twizel area were **zoning boundaries**, eg residential, industrial and rural zones.

The Chairman said the Board wanted to expand the Twizel rating boundary to address inequitable situations which were arising as a result of developments close to the township where residents were close to and used the township facilities. He noted the Board's resolution to submit a proposal for a new rating boundary and request the Manager – Finance and Administration to report on its effects.

The Chief Executive Officer referred to potential technical problems which proposed new rating boundaries could generate and asked that he be involved with the Board members from the beginning of the process. The Chairman said the Chief Executive Officer's input would be appreciated.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE
CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 4.55 PM**

CHAIRMAN: _____

DATE: _____