

## **MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ASSET AND SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FAIRLIE, ON TUESDAY 4 FEBRUARY, 2014, AT 11.55am**

#### **PRESENT:**

James Leslie (Chairman)  
Claire Barlow (Mayor)  
Cr Graham Smith  
Cr Evan Williams  
Cr Murray Cox  
Cr Noel Jackson

#### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

Wayne Barnett (Chief Executive Officer)  
Bernie Haar (Asset Manager)  
Geoff Horler (Utilities Engineer)  
Angie Taylor (Solid Waste Manager) – from 12.04pm  
Arlene Goss (Committee Clerk)

Kevin Edgar (Envirowaste) – from 12.04pm

#### **APOLOGIES:**

An apology was tabled from Cr Russell Armstrong and Roding Manager Suzy Ratahi. There was no formal resolution.

#### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **MINUTES:**

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Projects and Strategies Committee held on September 3, 2013, including such parts as were taken in public excluded, be confirmed as an accurate record.

**Claire Barlow/Murray Cox**

**Angie Taylor and Kevin Edgar joined the meeting.**

#### **REPORTS:**

##### **ASSET MANAGERS MONTHLY REPORT – FEBRUARY 2014:**

The Asset Manager spoke to his report. Cr Smith asked what steps council staff were taking to lower the repair costs of the Fairlie water system. Mr Haar replied the leaks cannot be predicted. Cr Williams asked if the pumps from Twizel could be used at the Allandale scheme. Mr Haar said no because they were built to purpose.

Roading projects: All three community boards have decided to spend their money catching up on footpath work.

There was discussion on some individual roads mentioned in the report. Regarding the Financial Assistance Rate review, we have combined with TDC to prepare a submission. Mr Haar offered to keep councillors informed on this issue and was asked to do so.

Geoff Horler spoke on the utilities section of the report. He is hopeful the Fairlie water repairs will settle down. Installing Ecan flow meters will not have an impact on the amount of water available. Noted the sewerage ponds will need to be cleaned out in the near future. The most urgent one to be cleaned is Fairlie.

Angie Taylor spoke to the report on solid waste. She has recently started a mobile phone recycling project. Questions were asked about the quantity of waste and how much was being recycled. Mr Haar said the price of recycled products is falling away so the return to the council is not high. Cr Smith questioned why the budgeted amount for education was not being spent. Ms Taylor said the nappy project was part of that, and there was also a plan to offer subsidised compost bins.

The Mayor asked about visitors to the district. Are we looking to educate holiday home owners or visitors on how to recycle waste? Ms Taylor said not yet but in the future.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received.

**Evan Williams/Noel Jackson**

2. That the preferred option to utilise the Roding Reserve for Tekapo Township be the continuation of the Lakeside Drive Safety Footpath.

**Claire Barlow/Noel Jackson**

3. That the preferred option to utilise the Roding Reserve for Twizel Township be the resurfacing of various footpaths in the worst condition in Twizel.

**Claire Barlow/Noel Jackson**

**The committee adjourned for lunch at 12.40pm and reconvened at 1.15pm.**

**PUBLIC EXCLUDED:**

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

1. Previous minutes of the Projects and Strategies Committee meeting held on Tuesday September 3, 2013, taken in public excluded session.
2. Recycling Processing. Kevin Edgar from Envirowaste to attend.

**Graham Smith/Evan Williams**

<b>General subject of each matter to be considered</b>	<b>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</b>	<b>Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</b>
Previous minutes of the Projects and Strategies Committee, September 3, 2013	Commercial sensitivity	48(1)(a)(i)
Recycling Processing	Commercial sensitivity	48(1)(a)(i)

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: *Previous minutes of the Projects and Strategies Committee, and Recycling Processing under section 7(2)(b)(ii).*

### **The Asset and Services Committee continued in open meeting.**

#### **ALKALINE ADJUSTMENT OF TWIZEL WATER:**

Bernie Haar spoke to his report. The deterioration of the pipe work is such that adjusting the alkaline level in the water in Twizel will not extend the life of the pipes. Mr Haar suggested noting the information and not doing anything to adjust the level.

Cr Jackson asked if this is a Twizel community board issue. The previous council made a decision to take a close watch on drinking water issues. The chief executive said this is a subject that needs to be run past both Fairlie and Twizel community boards. Cr Smith believed water issues ultimately need to come to council.

The chief executive asked Cr Smith if these issues should routinely go to community boards first. Cr Smith believed no.

In the past most things have gone to the community board first. Historically council has gone to community boards for decisions on operational capital matters. Drinking water standards are policy that the district as a whole needs to meet. But it is still important that we take community boards along with us in making a decision.

The chairman said in this case the Asset and Services Committee will make a decision:

#### Resolved:

1. That the report be received.

**Evan Williams/Murray Cox**

2. That Council accepts the recommendation by Opus International Consultancy Ltd to not dose the Twizel water supply to raise its pH as there is no long term benefit to the expected life of the AC pipe network.

**Evan Williams/Graham Smith**

CLOTH NAPPY PROJECT:

Angie Taylor spoke to her report on the cloth nappy project. She is planning to fund it through the waste education budget and money from the Ministry for the Environment.

She showed the councillors a modern cloth nappy. There are about 50 births a year in our district. Ms Taylor was asked about how she intended to get the message out. She will use media and local newsletters. Can also do a leaflet to hand out to expectant mothers.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received.

**Claire Barlow/Noel Jackson**

2. That the Council agrees to fund the proposed cloth nappy project using the waste levy provided by the Ministry for the Environment.

**Claire Barlow/Noel Jackson**

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE  
CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 2.02 PM**

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

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