

MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND REGULATION COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FAIRLIE, ON TUESDAY 4 FEBRUARY, 2014, AT 2.21pm

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Wayne Barnett (Chief Executive Officer)
Nathan Hole (Manager – Planning and Regulations)
Toni Morrison (Senior Planner)
Karina Morrow (Senior Planner)
Arlene Goss (Committee Clerk)

APOLOGIES:

Resolved that an apology be received from Cr Russell Armstrong.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest.

MINUTES:

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on September 3, 2013, including such parts as were taken with public excluded, be confirmed and adopted as the correct record of the meeting.

Graham Smith/Evan Williams

REPORTS:

PLANNING AND REGULATION MANAGER'S ACTIVITY REPORT

Planning and Regulations manager Nathan Hole spoke to his report. Next month he will provide more information regarding the type of consents being issued. It has been a busy time of the year for LIM reports. A resource consent was issued regarding the H2Explore hovercraft on Lake Pukaki. The Mayor asked if this was connected with the Alps2Ocean and Nathan said it was at the northern end of the lake so there may be a connection.

Resolved that the report be received.

Claire Barlow/Evan Williams

PLAN CHANGE 13

The committee considered the 8th decision from the Environment Court. The chairman asked what happens from here and if there is any impact resulting from this decision. Nathan Hole said the 8th decision has been appealed by Federated Farmers. Appeals on the 6th, 7th and 8th decisions will be treated as one by the Court of Appeal. A judicial conference will take place on the 21st February with all parties involved. We need to give instructions to our solicitors on our position. The next step is for the court to set a date for a hearing.

The Mayor asked how many decisions we can expect to come from the environment court. Nathan Hole said he didn't know, but it would be more than one more.

Declarations on whether pivot irrigators are buildings was submitted in early January and the court has said it can determine this issue on the papers instead of having a hearing. All parties agreed. It will be a month or two to get a decision back on that.

The chairman thanked Nathan for his report.

Resolved that the report be received.

Evan Williams/James Leslie

DISTRICT PLAN REVIEW TIMETABLE

Karina Morrow spoke to this report. RMA changes have extended the timetable by another year. Cr Smith said there is a lot for council to achieve do next year including the Long Term Plan.

Resolved that the report be received.

Claire Barlow/Graham Smith

REPORT FROM UPPER WAITAKI WATER ZONE COMMITTEE

Cr Cox has sat in on one meeting of this committee and has received an induction from Ecan. There are a couple of new committee members, Jay Graybill and Lisa Anderson. The Waitaki Council representative has changed to June Slee.

There is another meeting on February 21. The water zone committee is a large piece of work and will tie into other issues like Plan Change 13. In Upper

Waitaki water quality is not that much of an issue. The trick will be keeping it good quality. The Mayor said the committee have requested more data before making decisions and there are some big decisions coming up. All the water in the Upper Waitaki goes to Lake Benmore, then into the Lower Waitaki zone, so anything the Upper Waitaki zone committee does will have downstream impact.

Cr Cox said they have a fund for assisting with fencing and planting streams and waterways which is underspent, so if committee members are talking to farmers remind them the money is there. It is called the Immediate Steps Biodiversity Fund.

REPORT FROM ORARI OPIHI PAREORA WATER ZONE COMMITTEE

Cr Evan Williams went to a zone committee meeting yesterday. They had some interesting presentations from the public including a deputation from the Geraldine/Orari area on biodiversity issues. Setting nutrient limits is a current topic. There have been presentations on nutrients, and a work programme has been set for the next 12 months.

Nathan Hole requested that a motion to elect a deputy chairperson of the Planning and Regulation Committee be added to the next agenda.

The meeting did not go into public excluded session.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE
CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 3.00pm**

CHAIRMAN: _____

DATE: _____