

MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE TWIZEL COMMUNITY BOARD HELD IN THE SERVICE CENTRE, TWIZEL, ON MONDAY 12 MAY 2008 AT 3.00 PM

PRESENT:

John Bishop (Chairman)
Khandro
Phil Rive
Peter Bell
Dave Pullen

IN ATTENDANCE

John O'Neill (Mayor)
Glen Innes (Chief Executive Officer)
Garth Nixon (Community Facilities Manager)
Paul Morris (Manager - Finance and Administration)
Craig Lyon (Manager – Planning and Regulations) for part of the meeting
Rosemary Moran (Committee Clerk)

II MINUTES:

Resolved that the minutes of the meetings of the Twizel Community Board held on 31 March 2008 be confirmed and adopted as the correct records of the meeting.

Dave Pullen /Peter Bell

Twizel to Timaru Bus Service:

Khandro reported that eight volunteers had indicated their willingness to be drivers for a community vehicle should one be purchased. She noted that applications for grants from the Meridian Community Fund were to close on 4 June 2008 and it was also intended to apply to Pub Charities for a grant. She said the present bus service would continue to operate for a further two years; however it was hoped that a community vehicle could be obtained before the service ended.

Deer Fence at Lake Ruataniwha:

The Chairman said that South Island Rowing had yet to remove a fence at Lake Ruataniwha as requested by the Board. The Community Facilities Manager undertook to pursue the matter with SI Rowing.

MATTERS UNDER ACTION:

6. **Painting Ablution Block in Market Place:**

It was noted that the painting of the ablution block in Market Place needed to be completed before the winter.

12. **Walkway from the end of Nunsveil Road down to the River:**

The Community Facilities Manager advised that the work on widening the walkway was to be carried out in the near future.

13. **Temporary Rubbish Bins:**
The Chairman advised that he had received a letter of appreciation of the temporary litter bins which had been provided in Market Place during the Maadi Cup Event. The Community Facilities Manager said the bins would be removed when the recycling station was relocated.
14. **Sign for Children's Playground:**
The Community Facilities Manager advised that the sign had been received and would be put up at the playground.
16. **Twizel Area School Excess Water Charges:**
Cr Pullen said that the Board had agreed to supply fertiliser for the playing fields on the condition that the School retain responsibility for watering and mowing the area. He said the account for excess water use had been increasing over the previous six years.

The Community Facilities Manager said the issue had been exacerbated by increases in water charges.

The Chief Executive Officer suggested that the Board consider the ongoing costs of the watering and fertilising, and establish the value per annum of having the playing fields available for the community.

The Chairman considered that the School would need to contribute to the cost of producing and treating the water. It was agreed that the Chairman, Peter Bell and the Community Facilities Manager meet with representatives of Twizel Area School, having first established the Board's position on the matter.

III REPORTS:

1. **FINANCIAL REPORT TO 31 MARCH 2008:**

This report from the Manager - Finance and Administration provided an update for the Board on the financial performance of the cost centres under its jurisdiction for the nine months to 31 March 2008.

Resolved that the report be received and the information noted.

John Bishop/Phil Rive

It was noted that **straps had yet to be attached to the baby swings** in the playground.

The Community Facilities Manager undertook to check on the **timing schedule for the heat pumps in the Twizel Events Centre** to ensure that they were not programmed to come on when the building was not in use.

VI VISITORS:

4. **TWIZEL CLIMBING WALL GROUP:**

The Chairman welcomed Bill Feasey to the meeting.

Mr Feasey said that he attended on behalf of the Twizel Climbing Wall Group and extended an apology from Shaun Norman.

He also took the opportunity to thank the Board and the Mackenzie District Council to their contributions to the upgrading of the entrance to the Twizel Community Library.

Mr Feasey explained the Group's proposal to extend and upgrade the climbing wall to a competition grade level which would attract usage from a wider group of climbers. He said the project at the investigation stage. The cost was estimated to be between \$60,000 and \$100,000 and it was envisaged fundraising would take about 12 months.

Mr Feasey said the Group was seeking support in principle from the Community Board for the project.

He left the meeting at 4.00 pm.

Resolved that the Twizel Community Board supports in principle the extension and upgrading of the Twizel Climbing Wall, subject to the Twizel Climbing Wall Group consulting with the other groups who use the stadium in the Twizel Events Centre.

Peter Bell/Phil Rive

III REPORTS (Continued):

2. TWIZEL COMMUNITY WORKER'S REPORT:

This report from the Committee Clerk was accompanied by the report from the Twizel Community Worker for the period 4 March 2008 to 29 April 2008.

Resolved that the report be received.

John Bishop/Khandro

3. REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR TOILET BLOCK AT LAKE RUATANIWHA:

This report from the Community Facilities Manager was accompanied by a request from South Island Rowing for advice regarding Community Board funding that might be applied to the extension of the toilet block at Lake Ruataniwha.

The Chairman said he had advised South Island Rowing in writing of the Board's support but that it was not in a position to make a financial contribution to the project.

Resolved that the report be received.

Dave Pullen/John Bishop

4. CORRESPONDENCE FROM ROBERTA LARAMAN – GREENWAY FOOTPATHS:

This report from the Community Facilities Manager was accompanied by a copy of a letter from Roberta Laraman expressing concern about the condition of footpaths on

the greenways, and a copy of the reply to Ms Laraman from the Community Facilities Manager.

The Community Facilities Manager advised that he received another letter in a similar vein. He said that the footpaths in question were narrow and, because they ran along fence lines, were subject to tree root damage. He suggested it might be wise to remove them, re-grass the areas and provide gravelled footpaths that would meander through the centre of the greenways.

It was noted that there was provision in the Board's budget for the work.

It was agreed that a review of the footpaths be undertaken, that they be inspected by Board members and then prioritised for removal over a three year period.

Resolved that the report be received.

Dave Pullen /John Bishop

5. REQUEST FOR VEGETATION TO BE REMOVED FROM BEHIND THE TWIZEL YOUTH CENTRE:

This report from the Community Facilities Manager was accompanied by a request from Penny Stead for vegetation behind the Twizel Youth Centre to be removed to provide better security for the building.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received.
2. *That dead trees behind the Youth Centre be removed, and pruning of vegetation undertaken to provide better exposure of, and security for, the building.*
3. *That the Penny Stead be advised of the Board's decision and the recommendation that cash not be stored on the premises.*

John Bishop/Phil Rive

6. TWIZEL EVENTS CENTRE ANNUAL REPORT:

This report from the Community Facilities Manager was accompanied by the annual report from the management of the Twizel Events Centre.

Resolved that the report be received.

Phil Rive/Dave Pullen

It was agreed that a report be developed on maintenance and new equipment required for the Twizel Events Centre.

IV VISITORS:

4. TWIZEL POLICE:

The Chairman welcomed Carl Pederson of the Twizel Police.

The Community Facilities Manager explained that Mr Pederson had been invited to attend the Board meeting to foster liaison between the community and the Police and it was intended that the meetings be held on a regular basis.

Mr Pederson referred to vandalism, tagging, misbehaviour in Market Place and other issues in Twizel. He said that in order to better deal with them, such incidents needed to be reported at the time and the Police appreciated and needed information from the community to help with enquiries. He promoted proactive measures such as rectifying the physical environment by improved lighting in problem areas and immediate remove of tags. He said he was open to suggestions about ways to deal with misbehaviour in the town centre.

With regard to liquor related offences, he noted that in Twizel liquor outlets were not supplying minors; rather it was parents who seemed to be the problem.

Mr Pederson said that regular meetings between the Police and the Board would assist with understanding of community concerns. He noted that an infringement system would be helpful in dealing with offences such as skateboarding and cycling in Market Place.

The Chairman thanked Mr Pederson for addressing the Board. He suggested it would be useful for publicity to be given to the fact that regular consultation and co-operation would be on-going between the Police and the Board.

Mr Pederson left the meeting at 4.52 pm.

III REPORTS (Continued):

7. FEES AND CHARGES:

This report from the Community Facilities Manager referred to the fees and charges for the Twizel Events Centre and the Twizel Swimming Pool as proposed in the Draft Annual Plan.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received.
2. ***That the Twizel Community Board amends the fees and charges as proposed in the Draft Annual Plan for the Twizel Events Centre for 2008/09 and adopts the following schedule of fees, subject to confirmation that the fees collected from casual user of the gym support the operation of the Twizel Events Centre, rather than the Gym Club.***

Twizel Events Centre					
	<i>Casual per hour</i>	<i>Half day 8am-12pm</i>	<i>Full day 8am-5pm</i>	<i>Day & Evening 8am-11pm</i>	<i>Evening 5pm-11pm</i>
Sports Hall					
<i>Local</i>	\$16.00	\$50.00	\$115.00	\$195.00	\$75.00
<i>Commercial</i>	\$25.00	\$95.00	\$195.00	\$300.00	\$125.00
Theatre					
<i>Local</i>	\$16.00	\$50.00	\$115.00	\$195.00	\$75.00
<i>Commercial</i>	\$25.00	\$95.00	\$195.00	\$300.00	\$125.00
<i>Local: local shows, concerts, meetings.</i>					
<i>Commercial: visiting shows, concerts, seminars, meetings.</i>					
Community Room and Kitchen					
<i>Local (and any non profit organisation)</i>	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$70.00	\$120.00	\$50.00
<i>Conference (any business or profit organisation)</i>	\$30.00	\$100.00	\$215.00	\$400.00	\$160.00
Gymnasium					
<i>Casual Use - \$10 per session or \$15 per weekend plus \$25 bond for swipe card</i>					
<i>Members - \$15 per month, \$45 three months, \$40 per month family membership (children over 16)</i>					
Squash					
<i>Membership - \$55 per annum (includes \$25 individual swipe card bond)</i>					
<i>Casual use - \$10 per court plus \$25 bond for swipe card.</i>					
<i>\$1 coin in the meter will give players 15 minutes of lighting. Lighting for both courts is run on a meter system regardless of whether you are a member or casual user.</i>					

3. ***That the Twizel Community Board amends the fees and charges as proposed in the Draft Annual Plan for the Twizel Swimming Pool for 2008/09 and adopts the following schedule of fees:***

Swimming Pool Charges

<i>Adult Session</i>	<i>\$3.00</i>
<i>Child Session</i>	<i>\$2.00</i>
<i>Preschool Session</i>	<i>\$ 1.00</i>
<i>Adult Concession Ticket</i>	<i>\$30.00</i>
<i>Child Concession Ticket</i>	<i>\$20.00</i>
<i>Adult Season Pass</i>	<i>\$120.00</i>
<i>Child Season Pass</i>	<i>\$75.00</i>
<i>Family Pass</i>	<i>\$150.00</i>
<i>School Usage</i>	<i>\$12.00</i>

John Bishop/Peter Bell

8. TWIZEL GREEN SPACES:

This report from the Community Facilities Manager was accompanied by two proposals received for a Twizel Reserves Management Strategy and Reserves Management Plan.

Board members expressed concern that the engagement of consultants to produce the strategy and management plans might disenfranchise them and would involve unnecessary expenditure. It was generally felt that the Board members were well placed to develop plans in accordance with the community consultation which had already been undertaken and their own local knowledge.

The Chief Executive Officer noted that there was a great deal of reserve land in Twizel, but no plans as to how it should be used; there was also a great deal of development taking place outside the town boundary. He noted that the Board had expressed its interest in expanding the community boundary, and alerted members to the inevitable major issues that exercise would expose.

He agreed that in undertaking the project themselves, the Board would save money; however he warned it would be a major and time consuming exercise. He sought direction on what approach the Board wanted to take and on the level of expenditure it would support for the project, given that it would be unwise to do undertake it without the support of some professional expertise.

The Mayor agreed that there was a lot of work to be done and that there were significant asset management implications which were of concern to the Council.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received.
2. *That the proposals received from Prophet Infrastructure Asset Management and Greenspace Solutions Ltd for a Twizel Reserves Management Strategy and Reserves Management Plan be set aside until the Community Board has completed a review of the reserves and recreational areas currently under its control.*

Dave Pullen /Khandro

IV GENERAL:

1. REQUEST FOR FUNDS – TDPA:

The Chairman read a letter from the Twizel Promotion and Development Association (Inc) requesting funding assistance for the Twizel Update.

Resolved that \$2,000 be granted to the Twizel Promotion and Development Association for the support of the Twizel Update for 2008/09.

John Bishop /Khandro

2. LETTER FROM SHAUN NORMAN

The Chairman read out a letter he had received from Shaun Norman which referred to a number of issues to do with Walkways, the Domain and Market Place. The Chairman said he had met with Mr and Mrs Norman to discuss the issues they had raised.

3. TWIZEL BROCHURE:

The Community Facilities Manager advised that the Community Board had budgeted \$8,500 for the production of the Twizel Brochure. He said the General Manager of the Mackenzie Tourism and Development Trust had quoted the cost of \$4,500 to produce the brochure, with the view that into the future it would be self funding from advertising.

Resolved:

1. *That the grant of \$8,500 budgeted for the production of the Twizel brochure by the Twizel Events Centre Management not be paid out.*
2. *That the proposal from the General Manager of the Mackenzie Tourism Development Trust to produce the Twizel Brochure for \$4,500 be accepted.*

John Bishop/Peter Bell

V PUBLIC EXCLUDED:

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

1. Twizel Events Centre Management

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
Twizel Events Centre Management	To protect the privacy of natural persons	48(1)(a)(i) That good reason exists for not discussing the matter with the public present and is not outweighed by the public interest

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: *Twizel Events Centre Management* – Section 7(2)(a).

Dave Pullen /Peter Bell

The Community Board continued in Open Meeting.

TWIZEL EVENTS CENTRE MANAGEMENT:

Resolved that the following resolutions made with the Public Excluded be adopted:

1. *That Twizel Community Board advises Graham Hughes and Bronwyn Hendry that it is exploring alternative arrangements with the Mackenzie Tourism and Development Trust for the provision of Twizel Events Centre Management and Information Services, and that there is a likelihood that a new contract might not be entered into with them in July 2009.*
2. *That the Twizel Community Board requests the Mackenzie Tourism and Development Trust to provide a proposal for the management and operation of the Twizel Events Centre and Information Centre.*

Dave Pullen/Peter Bell

TREES ALONG STATE HIGHWAY 8:

The Manager – Planning and Regulations referred to the opportunity from Transit to address the removal of wilding trees and trees overhanging State Highway 8. He asked for details of any trees in the area which should be protected.

It was noted that the large poplar trees north of the Pukaki Airport had been planted by local farmers after World War II and Twizel school children had planted the silver birches at the Lake Pukaki inlet. Cr Pullen suggested that the trees in that area could be cleared to 30 metres back from the road. When requested, he offered to liaise with the Manager – Planning and Regulations to identify the trees that should be retained.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE
CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED
AT 6.25 PM**

CHAIRMAN: _____

DATE: _____