

MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TWIZEL COMMUNITY BOARD HELD IN THE SERVICE CENTRE TWIZEL ON MONDAY 12 OCTOBER 2009 AT 4.00 PM

PRESENT:

John Bishop (Chairman)
Phil Rive
Dave Pullen
Peter Bell

IN ATTENDANCE:

John O'Neill (Mayor)
Glen Innes (Chief Executive Officer)
Paul Morris (Manager – Finance and Administration)
Rosemary Moran (Committee Clerk)

I APOLOGY:

An apology was received from Khandro. The Chairman advised that Khandro had requested leave of absence because of illness. This was granted.

The Chairman also noted that an apology had been received from the Community Facilities Manager.

II MINUTES:

Resolved that the Minutes of the meeting of the Twizel Community Board held on 31 August 2009 be confirmed and adopted as the correct record of the meeting.

Phil Rive/Peter Bell

MATTERS ARISING:

1. Water Agreement with Twizel Area School:

The Community Facilities Manager had advised that the Board of Trustees had approved the agreement; however it had yet to be signed.

2. Maryburn Greenway:

The Community Facilities Manager had reported that because the black chip had not been available, the path would be sealed and coated in gray and finished in black when the footpath sealing was undertaken.

3. Skateboard Park:

It was advised that the proponents of the proposed skateboard park were investigating how the project might be progressed.

4. **Greenway Strategy:**

The Community Facilities Manager had advised that Whitestone had quoted \$1,500 to install six irrigation points. He had instructed that three were to go in as soon as possible at Glen Lyon Road to enable the watering of the new tree plantings.

5. **Landswap with Mr Barr:**

Peter Bell advised that Mr Barr's offer to swap land was just a proposal currently. He said it was unlikely to be progressed until the Twizel rezoning exercise was completed.

The Chief Executive Officer undertook to provide Board members with the time frame for the rezoning project.

6. **Market Place Pathways:**

It was advised that the concreting had been completed and the balance of the work was to be completed within the following two weeks.

7. **Former Playground Site:**

The Chief Executive Officer undertook to pass on to the Community Facilities Manager the suggestion that the site be raked and sown in grass.

Peter Bell said that in future similar deals, it should be made clear that the Board expects sites to be reinstated where material or equipment has been removed.

IV REPORTS:

1. **FINANCIAL REPORT – 30 AUGUST 2009**

This report from the Manager – Finance and Administration provided an update of the cost centres under the Twizel Community Board's jurisdiction for the year ended 30 August 2009.

Resolved that the report be received.

Peter Bell/John Bishop

The Asset Manager undertook to investigate the report of **water seeping** from the ground on the North West side of the reservoir between it and the tree belt.

2. **TWIZEL EVENTS CENTRE STEERING COMMITTEE**

The Chairman advised that Peter Bell had taken Khandro's position on the TEC Steering Committee for the period that she was unable to attend the meetings.

He reported that:

- a working bee to clean up the back area of the Events Centre was to be held after Labour Weekend in conjunction with the school
- a list of preferred contractors was being developed,
- the TPDA had taken over the running of the *Salmon and Wine Festival*
- an operator was being sought for Big Sky Movies and the purchase of projection equipment was being considered

- the Steering Committee was pleased with the new TEC manager's performance
- the cleaning regime for the TEC had been reviewed with the view to reducing costs
- further meetings of the Steering Committee would be convened as required.

3. TWIZEL RETURNED AND SERVICES ASSOCIATION – REQUEST TO PURCHASE LAND:

Cr Pullen and the Chairman reported on their meeting with the RSA Committee. The RSA had outlined their five year plan to build a new tavern, remove the existing tavern and in the longer term develop pensioners' accommodation on that site. The Committee had advised that they were not interested in pursuing the purchase of the land for the desktop valuation of \$194,000.

The Committee had asked if the Council would lease the land until they required it, with the right to purchase it then at an agreed price; they would landscape and maintain the land in the knowledge that the option to purchase remained.

The Committee had been advised that the Council was not in favour of land banking.

The Chief Executive Officer explained Council's policy with regard to the sale of land surplus to its requirements. He said the retention or disposal of Council land was a commercial decision, however local advocacy would be taken into account.

The Manager – Finance and Administration suggested that the RSA be invited to fund the cost of a new valuation. If that price was acceptable a sale and purchase agreement could be developed which included a five year rental period at commercial rates with the right to buy at the end of the five years. He noted that the Council might question the wisdom of developing pensioners' accommodation adjacent to a tavern.

The Chairman and Cr Pullen undertook to relay the information to the RSA.

4. DONATION FROM ROAD METALS AND MERIDIAN TWIZEL:

This report from the Community Facilities Manager was accompanied by an invoice detailing donated material which had been supplied and delivered to Twizel for the shingle track to Lake Ruataniwha.

Resolved that the report be received.

Phil Rive/Peter Bell

Phil Rive explained that the material would be spread when preparation of the track's surface had been completed.

He noted that the 25th anniversary of Twizel's establishment as a county town had been celebrated with a family day; however a suitable monument to the occasion had not been pursued. It was suggested that when the Twizel ring walkway was completed it could be formally opened and named in honour of the the 25th anniversary.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received.
2. That Road Metals Co Ltd and Meridian Energy Ltd be thanked for their donation.
3. That a temporary sign be erected on site acknowledging the donation from Road Metals Co Ltd and Meridian Energy to the project.

Phil Rive undertook to arrange the erection of the sign.

The Chief Executive Officer undertook to write to Road Metals Co Ltd, C/- Bridgette Spencer and George Kelcher, PO Box 212 Oamaru, and Meridian Energy Ltd, C/- Paul Lloyd, Private Bag 950, Twizel.

5. HMNZS PUKAKI:

This report from the Chief Executive Officer was accompanied by advice from the Commanding Officer of HMNZS Pukaki that the Royal New Zealand Navy would be proud to begin an informal relationship with the Twizel Community.

Resolved that the report be received.

John Bishop/Peter Bell

6. WARD MEMBERS' REPORT:

Cr Pullen advised that he intended to convene a meeting to reorganise the litter and recycling facilities in the town centre.

IV GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. LETTER FROM TWIZEL ST JOHN:

The Chairman read out a letter from Twizel St John seeking assistance with the re-sealing of the area around the Emergency Services Building by including it in the Council's 2009/10 sealing programme.

The Asset Manager undertook to ask the Roading Manager to assess the project. It could then be included it as a separate line item in the resealing contract which would provide St John with a price.

Resolved:

1. That Twizel St John and the Twizel Fire Brigade be advised that prices for the project were being sought and they would be advised when the prices were available.
2. That Twizel St John and the Twizel Fire Brigade be advised that the Community Board has its approved support for the resealing project to a maximum of \$3,500 on the basis that the balance be funded by them and that any preparatory work be completed ahead of time.

John Bishop/Dave Pullen

The Asset Manager undertook to respond to the request.

2. DISTRICT NURSES' OFFICE/TWIZEL RADIO STATION:

The Chairman read out a letter from Annette Money, the District Nurse, regarding the untidy and unsightly state of the entry into the District Nurses Office/Radio Station and the unsafe state of the handrails on the ramp to the offices.

The Chairman advised that a quote of \$2,750 plus GST had been received for the work to relocate the doors to the offices and realign the outer wall to eliminate the alcove area which was causing the problems which the District Nurse had referred to.

Cr Pullen said he was endeavouring to get a lower quote for the work. In the meantime he undertook to have the handrails repaired.

Cr Pullen suggested that the Radio Station Committee be requested to ensure that the entrance way is maintained in a tidy condition, given that they have the use of the premises for a peppercorn rental.

Resolved that the District Nurse be thanked for her letter and advised of the action proposed to remediate the problems she had pointed out.

John Bishop/Dave Pullen

3. IRRIGATION ON GLEN LYON ROAD AND JOLLIE ROAD PROJECT:

The funding of \$1,566 for the irrigation points on Glen Lyon Road was discussed. Peter Bell referred to the lack of a formal budget for the project and the need to ensure budgets were developed for future similar projects.

4. DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION:

Cr Pullen requested that a letter of appreciation be written to the Rob Young and the Department of Conservation staff and supporters for the work undertaken on the river walkway.

5. TWIZEL INFORMATION CENTRE

It was noted that new carpet for the extended Information Centre would cost about \$630 plus laying.

The Chairman expressed concern that the Community Board had not been consulted or advised about changes which had been made to the plans for the extensions to the Information Centre. He said the addition of an external door had added substantially to the cost and changed the concept of enabling public access to the Events Centre when the Information Centre was open.

He said he was frustrated when decisions taken by the Board were overridden.

The Chief Executive Officer noted the Chairman's disappointment.

6. TWIZEL KINDERGARTEN:

The Mayor passed on a request from the Chairman of the Twizel Kindergarten Committee for improvements to be made to parking facilities at the Kindergarten.

The Chairman suggested that the Kindergarten be asked to put the request in writing. He noted that vehicles were often parked on the grassed area in spite of alternative sealed parking space being available.

The Mayor undertook to respond to the Chairman.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE
CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 5.58 PM**

CHAIRMAN: _____
DATE: _____