

# MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FAIRLIE COMMUNITY BOARD HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FAIRLIE, ON WEDNESDAY 25 JUNE 2008 AT 7.00 PM

### PRESENT:

Owen Hunter (Chairman)  
Ron Joll  
Robyn Warburton  
Tristan Leov

### IN ATTENDANCE:

Glen Innes (Chief Executive Officer)  
Bernie Haar (Asset Manager)  
Garth Nixon (Community Facilities Manager)  
Nathan Hole (Manager – Planning and Regulations)  
Rosemary Moran (Committee Clerk)

### I APOLOGY:

Resolved that an apology be received from Cr Page.

**Ron Joll /Tristan Leov**

An apology from the Mayor was also noted.

### II COMMUNITY FORUM:

The Chairman welcomed Philip Brownie, General Manager of the Mackenzie Tourism and Development Trust, to the meeting.

Mr Brownie outlined the background to the establishment of the Trust, the forerunner of which had been the Mackenzie Tourism and Development Board. He explained that the activity was now funded by a targeted rate. He described the initiatives undertaken since his appointment in December 2007, noting the initial focus on the establishment of the Fairlie office and upgrading of the website and business operator data base.

Mr Brownie said a fresh focus was to market the District as a two-night stopover for visitors. Increased bed nights in the District had significant flow-on benefits for townships like Fairlie, well sited on the main route to major destinations such as Mt Cook. He noted that the FIT market remained strong and campervan traffic was significant even in this winter season.

Mr Brownie referred to the Trust's goal of managing all information delivery to ensure services were coordinated, consistent and proficient throughout the District. He said the goal reflected one of the nine key objectives set for the Trust by the Council, ie establishing an office in Fairlie in the Aorangi Vets site and assuming responsibility for the Fairlie Information Centre in that arrangement.

To that end, the Trust was negotiating with the Mackenzie Community Enhancement Board for the relocation of the Heartlands Fairlie Resource Centre (which included the information centre) to the Trust's offices on Allandale Road. He considered that in a small town like Fairlie, it was

prudent to combine the operations to minimise costs and pressure on staff resources. Because the Trust's office was more visible and accessible, information centre business would increase significantly, providing an improved service to the visitors. Mr Brownie said although the community had endorsed the location in Fairlie for its office and information centre, the Trust would be unwilling to be in competition with an existing provider.

He expressed confidence there were no insurmountable issues which would preclude the combined operation of the Heartlands Resource Centre, Information Centre and Trust office on the Allandale Road site. He acknowledged the value to the community of the wealth of knowledge and the skills of the Resource Centre volunteers, and expressed the hope that the matter would be speedily resolved.

The Chairman thanked Mr Brownie who left the meeting at 7.40 pm.

### **III MINUTES:**

***Resolved that the Minutes of the meeting of the Fairlie Community Board held on 14 May 2008, including such parts as were taken with the Public Excluded, be confirmed and adopted as the correct record of the meeting.***

**Ron Joll/Tristan Leov**

### **MATTERS UNDER ACTION:**

#### **6. Talbot Road Safety Concerns:**

The Asset Manager advised that the traffic count had revealed a significant increase in vehicle movements along Talbot Road since the previous count had been undertaken in 2007. He suggested it would be timely to investigate the availability of a subsidy to extend the seal, following which the Board could decide on a priority for the project.

The Asset Manager asked Board members to let him know of any other projects to include on the seal extension list and he undertook to organise an inspection of Fairlie streets with the Chairman and the Manager – Roading.

The Asset Manager suggested a workshop be held within the next three to four months to consider Fairlie projects which should be included in the Long Term Council Community Plan up for review in 2009.

### **IV REPORTS:**

#### **1. SUBMISSION TO DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN FROM AUDREY SWENEY:**

The Community Board considered Mrs Sweney's submission which referred to the rough and uneven surface of Princes Street and noise, dust and parking problems associated with the business operations and heavy traffic in the street.

The Asset Manager suggested that sealing the flanks of the carriageway would enable parking controls to be marked and eliminate dust. He undertook to provide an estimate of the cost of the work.

The Asset Manager said he would visit Mrs Sweney to discuss her submission and the possible solutions which the Board was considering.

**V GENERAL BUSINESS:**

1. AUDREY MITCHELL, RIVERVIEW TERRACE – DOMAIN TREES:

The Chairman said Mrs Audrey Mitchell of Riverview Terrace had asked the Board to reconsider an earlier decision regarding her request for the removal of trees in the Domain which she said were causing distress by shading her house.

The Board members considered the request along with photographs of Mrs Mitchell's house taken on 21 June 2008 between 8.30 am and 10.30 am. It was agreed that there was no reason to change the earlier decision.

Ron Joll circulated a draft response to Mrs Mitchell which set out the issues involved.

***Resolved that the Board endorses its previous decision to decline the request for trees in the Domain to be removed and that the response drafted by Mr Joll be sent to Mrs Mitchell.***

**Ron Joll/Robyn Warburton**

**IV REPORTS (Continued):**

2. VILLAGE GREEN DEVELOPMENT:

The Community Facilities Manager displayed a Fairlie Village Green Landscape Concept, dated June 2008, which had been prepared Jeremy Cook of the Isthmus Group.

The Community Board agreed that the concept generally reflected the community's vision for the area. The Community Facilities Manager undertook to provide A2 copies of the plan to each member and the Board arranged to meet early the following week to discuss any amendments/additions required, eg picnic tables, seating, amphitheatre.

The Plan would then be returned to the Community Facilities Manager for implementation.

**V GENERAL BUSINESS (continued):**

2. JAMES MACKENZIE STATUE:

In response to a question from Robyn Warburton, the Community Facilities Manager advised that the statue's mustering stick would be reattached when bronzing rod had been sourced for the repair.

3. EVERSLEY RESERVE – SEWAGE DISPOSAL OPTIONS:

The Asset Manager advised that the community meeting to consider the options for sewage disposal systems in the Eversley Reserve was to be held on Tuesday 1 July 2008 at 7.30 pm.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS  
THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED  
AT 8.45 PM**

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

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