

MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TWIZEL COMMUNITY BOARD HELD IN THE SERVICE CENTRE TWIZEL ON MONDAY 12 DECEMBER 2011 AT 4.00 PM

PRESENT:

Peter Bell (Chairman)
Cr John Bishop
Elaine Curin
Phil Rive
Kieran Walsh

IN ATTENDANCE:

Claire Barlow (Mayor)
Cr Annette Money, for part of the meeting
Glen Innes (Executive Officer)
Garth Nixon (Community Facilities Manager)
Bernie Haar (Asset Manager)
Suzy Ratahi (Manager – Roading)
Rosemary Moran (Committee Clerk)

II DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Kieran Walsh declared that he had a non-pecuniary interest in the new cinema business being developed in Twizel, which the Board members had visited prior to the meeting.

III MINUTES:

Resolved that the Minutes of the meeting of the Twizel Community Board held on 25 October 2011, including such parts as were taken with the Public Excluded, be confirmed and adopted as the correct record of the meeting.

John Bishop/Phil Rive

MATTERS ARISING

1. Traffic Issues:

Phil Rive advised that a meeting was to be arranged with the Asset Manager in the New Year to consider a range of Twizel traffic issues.

2. Freedom Camping Act 2011:

The Chief Executive Officer undertook to arrange for warrants to be issued to Community Board members for the enforcement of the Council's bylaw under the Freedom Camping Act 2011.

3. **Mackenzie Medical Trust**

At the invitation of the Chairman, Cr Money advised that the Mackenzie Medical Trustees had met with the directors of High Country Health Ltd on 30 November 2011. She said the company remained interested in acquiring the Mackenzie Medical Trust's shares in High Country Health Ltd; however Trustee Jim Scott had made it clear to the directors that the Trust had responsibilities to the District as a whole. She said the option of the company raising funds to purchase the shares at market value from the Trust had been canvassed however a proposal to that effect had not been received by the Trust to date.

Cr Money reported that High Country Health Ltd had set up a new Trust and had considered convening a public meeting to begin fundraising for a new medical centre however it had been decided not to go ahead with that in the meantime.

Cr Bishop said that even if High Country Health Ltd were to establish new premises for a medical centre in Twizel, the Mackenzie Medical Trust would retain ownership of the business and that was why the directors were not keen at this time to create a business they would not own.

4. **Bicycle Stands**

The Community Facilities Manager explained progress with rebuilding and relocating bicycle stands for the Township. The Chairman asked that the subject be include on the list of Matters under Action.

IV **REPORTS:**

1. **SUBMISSIONS REGARDING SHADE PLAY AREA:**

This report from the Community Facilities Manager was accompanied by submissions in favour of the erection of shade sails for the Twizel playground.

Resolved that the report be received.

Elaine Curin/Phil Rive

The Chairman expressed his concern that a comprehensive proposal for the project had not been submitted to the Community Board.

Cr Money noted that there had been an offer from the writer of the original letter from the Cancer Society to speak to the Community Board about the proposal. She said she was disappointed that the idea had been dismissed given the relevance of Twizel's high UV rating over the hot summer months, the risk of melanoma and the importance of SunSmart initiatives.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received.

2. That the Cancer Society be advised that the provision of sun shades referred to in their letter was not in the original plan for the redevelopment of Market Place.
3. That the Cancer Society be advised that the Community Board would consider any well-developed proposal along with its impact on budgets, Market Place and the Twizel Community.

John Bishop/Phil Rive

2. TRACK PROPOSAL FOR LAKE RUATANIWHA FOR INCLUSION IN BUDGET:

This report from the Ruataniwha Group referred to the specifications to install a new track and upgrade the existing track at the northern end of Lake Ruataniwha.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received.
2. That costings be obtained for the installation of a new track and the upgrading of the existing track at the northern end of Lake Ruataniwha and that the proposal be included in the Twizel Community Board's draft budgets for 2012/2013.

Phil Rive/Kieran Walsh

3. DONATION OF AP 40 TO LAKE RUATANIWHA WEST WALKING TRACK EXTENSION:

This letter from Road Metals Company Ltd advised of a donation of AP40 for the Lake Ruataniwha West walking track extension.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received.
2. That a letter of appreciation for the donation of AP40 for the Lake Ruataniwha West walking track extension be sent to Road Metals Company Limited.

Peter Bell/Phil Rive

4. TWIZEL INFORMATION CENTRE:

The Community Board considered the discussion document "Looking at Options" which the Chairman had emailed to Board members. The paper referred to *Information Centre Options* and *Buildings Options*.

The Community Facilities Manager pointed out that the Twizel community had previously contributed \$27,000, plus a one-off grant of \$5,000, to the Twizel Information Centre. He questioned what the community got out of that

investment. He suggested the Information Centre was supporting tourism type businesses and asked if it was appropriate that all ratepayers should be paying for that.

The Community Facilities Manager also referred to the need to ascertain the level of service which should be provided for the Events Centre, noting the annual cost to the community of \$121,000 (including the contribution to the Information Centre). He referred to the Gym Club and costs of keys, swipe cards and cleaning which were not offset by contributions from users. He suggested Gym Club members could be provided with a separate access to the gym; other hirers of could employ the regular booking system.

The Community Facilities Manager said the Council had adopted the Twizel Community Board's recommendation to review the operation of the Twizel Events Centre in conjunction with the Twizel Service Centre and it was agreed that an in-depth evaluation of all services provided at Events Centre needed to be undertaken.

It was also agreed that there was strong support for visitor information services to be provided in Twizel. It was also noted that the building currently housing the TPDA, the Twizel radio station and the public toilets had had its day.

The Board discussed options for the siting of an information service centre, the re-housing of TPDA and the Twizel radio station and the operation of the Twizel Events Centre.

Resolved that it be recommended to the Council that:

- a stand-alone public toilets block be constructed on the west side of the Twizel Service Centre
- the old building in Market Place housing the existing Twizel public toilets be removed
- a decision be made on the future of the cleared site

Peter Bell/Phil Rive

Resolved:

- a basic public information service be provided from the Twizel Service Centre
- that the new cinema business adjacent to Poppies Café be the preferred option for the provision of visitor information and booking services pending further discussion with the operators.

John Bishop/Peter Bell

Kieran Walsh abstained from voting on the motion.

The Community Facilities Manager undertook to liaise with the Chairman in the New Year regarding the opportunity for a new tenant to operate from the Twizel Events Centre office and the potential for the tenant to provide some services to support the operation of the Events Centre.

5. TWIZEL SUMMER SALMON AND WINE FESTIVAL:

This letter from the convenor of the Twizel Summer and Salmon and Wine Festival Committee sought approval for the lifting of the liquor ban in Market Square from 12 pm until 5 pm on Saturday 28 January 2012 for the Festival.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received.
2. That approval be given for the liquor ban in Market Square to be lifted from 12 pm until 5 pm on Saturday 28 January 2012 for the Twizel Summer Salmon and Wine Festival.

John Bishop Phil Rive

6. TWIZEL AREA SCHOOL:

The Community Board considered a request from the Principal of the Twizel Area School for a donation towards the prizegiving. The Chairman advised that he had given an undertaking that a donation of \$100 would be available.

Resolved that the Chairman's undertaking to provide a donation of \$100 towards the Twizel Area School prizegiving be endorsed.

Peter Bell/Kieran Walsh

7. MINOR IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS:

The Manager – Roading advised that the current year's budget for Minor Improvements was \$10,000.00. She recommended that it be used to complete the kerb and channelling work on the inside curves of North West Arch, noting that the project was for work to be done within the road reserve area and that it complied with the NZTA funding criteria.

Resolved that the \$10,000.00 minor improvements fund be spent to complete the kerb and channelling on the inside curves of North West Arch.

Elaine Curin/Phil Rive

8. WARD MEMBERS REPORT:

Cr John Bishop referred to the review of Local Authority Remuneration Setting, options for a new source for the Twizel Water Supply and the Council's decision in principle to support the Twizel Update with grant of \$1,000 subject to clarification of the agreement for provision of services to Council.

Cr Bishop advised that the Council had held a series of workshops to consider policies for the purposes of its Long Term Plan; these included consideration of internal debt funding and a proposal for the amalgamation of urban water and sewer rates.

The Mayor noted that should any decision made on the amalgamation of urban and water sewer rates would include the provision that any capital reserves that are in funds would remain earmarked for capital spend in the township to which they relate

9. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS WHO REPRESENT THE BOARD ON OTHER COMMITTEES:

Elaine Curin advised that the Twizel Community Transport Trust would be meeting that evening specifically to provide an opportunity for residents to ask questions about the new community vehicles.

10 MOWING SECTIONS IN TWIZEL:

The Community Facilities Manager advised that an inspection of fire risk sections was about to be undertaken and letters would be written to sections owners advising of the need to attend to any problems. He said the Council had arranged for a contractor to mow any over grown Council land.

The Chairman suggested that any problems be attended to prior to Christmas because he anticipated the fire risk would be grave by New Year.

Elaine Curin left the meeting at 5.42 pm.

10. FINANCIAL REPORT – AUGUST 2011:

This report from the Manager – Finance and Administration was accompanied by the financial report for the Board for October 2011.

Resolved that the report be received.

John Bishop/Peter Bell

V GENERAL:

1, TWIZEL WATER:

The Utilities Engineer updated the Community Board on the chlorination of the Twizel Water Supply which had commenced on 1 December 2011. He said the treatment had been necessary to reduce the risk of harmful bacteria and viruses in the system. A temporary unpleasant taste and odour was evident but this was not harmful and expected to disappear after a couple of weeks. A drinking water tank had been installed adjacent to the reservoir. Phil Rive requested that a more ‘user friendly’ tap be installed on the tank.

The Utilities Engineer said that if the taste and odour problem persisted he intended to do a letter drop in the township to advise everyone, including holiday makers, about the situation.

He also noted that the recent flushing of the reticulation system had resulted in some filters becoming blocked and recommended anyone with low flows check their filters

3. MARKET PLACE - LANDSCAPING WORK:

The Community Facilities Manager advised that he had been in discussion with the owners of the supermarket in Market Place regarding the landscaping work which was required to be carried out as part of the conditions of their resource consent. He had offered them the opportunity to obtain another price for the work if they so desired. He said he had emphasised that the work needed to be completed to the level which had already been agreed.

The Community Facilities Manager undertook to trim up the beech tree adjacent to *The Professionals* premises.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE
CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 6.00 PM**

CHAIRMAN: _____

DATE: _____