

MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PROJECTS AND STRATEGIES COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FAIRLIE,
ON TUESDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2013 AT 1:35PM****PRESENT:**

Graham Page (Chairman)
Claire Barlow (Mayor)
Crs John Bishop
Graham Smith
Evan Williams
Peter Maxwell
Annette Money

IN ATTENDANCE:

Wayne Barnett (Chief Executive Officer)
Bernie Haar (Asset Manager) left at 2:51pm
Geoff Horler (Utilities Engineer) left at 2:51pm
Angie Taylor (Solid Waste Manager) left at 2:01pm
Garth Nixon (Community Facilities Manager) from 2:51pm
Keri-Ann Little (Committee Clerk)

I INTRODUCTION:

Mr Haar, Asset Manager introduced the new Utilities Engineer to replace the recently vacated position. Welcome Geoff Horler, Geoff has been working for Hurunui District Council for eleven years and brings a lot of experience in maintaining and operating water schemes in particular.

II APOLOGY:

There were no apologies.

III DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no Declarations of Interest.

IV MINUTES:

Resolved that the Minutes of the meeting of the Projects and Strategies Committee held on 30 July 2013, including such parts as were taken publicly excluded.

Annette Money/ Claire Barlow

Matters Arising From Previous Minutes:

Mr Haar said the Tekapo UV Plant is now commissioned and running, held was a training day with Filtech last week with David Hilliard which operational maintenance and compliance requirements.

Contract 1213 Utilities Contract:

Mr Haar said the contract with Whitestone has performance requirements to encourage them to move to fill electronic reporting within 12 months. Whitestone had agreed to that proposal and staff would be meeting with them shortly to plan a process to achieve compliance.

V REMOVAL OF AGENDA ITEM/ LATE ITEM:

The Chairman said agenda item in public excluded Recycling Processing and Visitor have been removed at the request of Envirowaste Services (ESL).

The agenda item will be replaced by the late agenda item Proposed New Twizel Public Toilets also to be tabled in Pubic Excluded. *Appendix A* of this record.

Resolved: that late item Proposed New Twizel Pubic Toilets be accepted.

Claire Barlow/ Graham Smith

VI REPORTS:1. ASSET MANAGERS MONTHLY REPORT – JULY 2013:

Resolved: that the report be received.

Peter Maxwell/ Graham Smith

This report from the Asset Manager referred to Asset Management progress report for July 2013 for Roding, Essential Services and Solid Waste.

Ms Taylor, Solid Waste Manager spoke to the Solid Waste report.

VI REPORTS:2. SOLID WASTE BYLAW:

Resolved: that the report be received.

Peter Maxwell/ Annette Money

This report from the Solid Waste Manager was to seek Council's adoption of the attached draft Mackenzie District Solid Waste Bylaw 2013. *Appendix B* of this record.

Resolved: that the draft Mackenzie District Solid Waste Bylaw 2013 is appropriate for the purpose and be subjected to the Special Consultative Procedures as required by Section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002.

Claire Barlow/ Annette Money

VI REPORTS CONTINUED:

1. ASSET MANAGERS MONTHLY REPORT – JULY 2013:

Mr Haar spoke to the asset report.

Mr Haar spoke to the Roading section of the report referring to the Roading Manager now being on Maternity Leave.

Mr Bishop asked for an update on Whitestone improvements in Twizel Market Place Car Park upgrade.

Mr Haar said Whitestone have provided to the asset department a work programme which is all itemised including a start date and end date. Mr Haar said he estimates the upgrade will be completed before Labour Weekend.

Mr Haar said in regards to the Twizel Oxidation Ponds he has had discussions with Council's consulting engineers, CH2M Beca Limited, to confirm the area of land required adjacent to oxidation ponds for the proposed effluent disposal system. An in ground disposal system comprising a series of perforated pipes is being investigated to help overcome potential freezing of the effluent that currently occurs in in the disposal trench, said Mr Haar. Some Hydraulic Conductivity tests will be carried over the next few weeks to determine accurately the soakage of the subsoils which will define the land area required, not only for the current demand but also future proof the facility. This will require the excavation of test pits and then these are filled with treated effluent to determine the rate of soakage into the sub soils.

The CEO said the water supply will be discussed in the workshop following.

Cr Page asked what was the next step with the Twizel water supply.

Mr Haar said and the CEO met with Opus to discuss the way forward with all the water supply projects. Opus International Consultants have been asked to consider whether or not deep wells were still in contention. In addition, the source options to be considered for Twizel were:

- Upgrade the existing three well and rebuild the existing treatment facility.
- New better positioned, shallow bores adjacent to Simons Hill homestead.

Opus are to provide a report on all the options along with costings to allow the Council to determine the most appropriate water supply solution for Twizel.

Mr Haar advised that the better positioned shallow wells adjacent to Simon Cameron's property would provide quality water at the flow we require and then pump up to the reservoir the hill where the treated water would then supply Twizel by gravity. We have engaged Opus to complete the work as John O'Connor did previously do a lot of the work and with his retirement we don't have the resource to push this work along.

What is the timeframe asked Cr Bishop.

Mr Haar said if an offer and fee structure can be agreed on they will have it to us in 6 weeks.

Cr Smith asked why we haven't gone back to the original plan; if we couldn't find a new water source we were going to upgrade the old source.

The CEO said we have investigated all water sources and are awaiting for a report back from Opus having a look at all the wells and then assess options from there. The CEO said he has asked Opus for a clear plan that we can put to Council. A key point of this is that we aren't going to drill anymore wells. Opus will come back with firm options and certainty moving forward.

Cr Bishop said ratepayers have been rated for the new water supply in Twizel and are not receiving it. People in Twizel are getting frustrated.

Cr Money asked why they were looking at Simon Cameron's again after Meridian would not allow Council to use that site.

Mr Haar said this is a different spot not near the canal but near Simon Cameron's home.

The CEO said we have previously in the past consulted too widely; we need to put a ring around what we know and put it in a concise plan and gain a resolution around that.

The Mayor recommends that in the interim while we wait for the OPUS report a media release to Twizel community is undertaken to explain what Council are currently carrying out and where we are at.

Resolved: Executive staff put the appropriate pressure on Opus staff to enquire a report so this current Council can make a decision on the Twizel Water Supply.

Graeme Page/ Graham Smith

Cr Smith said Albury Residents that use Wilfred Road Ford would like the ford upgraded to four wheel drive use.

Resolved: Wilfred Road ford will be maintained to a four wheel drive standard.

Graeme Page/ Claire Barlow

VI PUBLIC EXCLUDED:

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

1. Proposed New Twizel Public Toilets

Reason for passing General subject of each matter to be considered	Ground(s) under this resolution in relation to each matter	Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
Proposed New Twizel Public Toilets	Commercial Sensitivity	48(1)(a)(i)

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: *Proposed New Twizel Public Toilets* Section 7(2)(b)(ii)

Graham Smith/ Claire Barlow

The Project and Strategies Committee continued in open meeting.

CONFIRMATION OF RESOLUTION TAKEN WITH THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED

Resolved that the following resolution taken with the Public Excluded be confirmed:

Proposed New Twizel Public Toilets:

Resolved:

1. That the new Twizel Public Toilets be put out to public tender.

Evan Williams/ Annette Money

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE
CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 3:06 PM**

CHAIRMAN: _____

DATE: _____