

MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ASSET AND SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FAIRLIE, ON THURSDAY MARCH 20, 2014, AT 11.55am

PRESENT:

James Leslie (Chairman)
Claire Barlow (Mayor)
Cr Graham Smith
Cr Evan Williams
Cr Murray Cox
Cr Noel Jackson
Cr Russell Armstrong

IN ATTENDANCE:

Wayne Barnett (Chief Executive Officer)
Bernie Haar (Asset Manager)
Suzy Ratahi (Roading Manager)
Geoff Horler (Utilities Manager)
Garth Nixon (Community Facilities Manager)
Arlene Goss (Committee Clerk)

APOLOGIES:

There were no apologies.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest.

ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIR:

The chairman called for nominations for the position of deputy chairperson. The Mayor then nominated Cr Evan Williams. This was seconded by Cr Armstrong. Cr Williams agreed to be nominated. A vote was put and all members voted in favour. Cr Williams was therefore elected to the position of deputy chairman of the Asset and Services Committee.

MINUTES:

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Asset and Services Committee held on February 4, 2014, including such parts as were taken in public excluded, be confirmed as an accurate record.

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MATTERS UNDER ACTION:

The chairman read out this list of matters under action. He asked the Asset Manager for a report on the nappy project. The upgrade of the recycling system in Twizel is underway.

REPORTS:

ASSET MANAGERS MONTHLY REPORT – MARCH 2014:

The Asset Manager discussed his report with councillors. The following matters were included in the discussion:

Regarding the Twizel water supply, we are far enough down the track to get the Water Safety Plan in place by the end of June as required by the Ministry of Health.

The Mayor asked if LGNZ or other councils will have templates to assist us with the 30 year strategy. Bernie Haar said the process will not be too onerous and he outlined the procedure he intends to follow.

Whitestone's contract for district roading ends in October next year, so by April next year we will need a document available to go out to the marketplace.

There is currently a brief out to the market for the Tekapo car parking study. It has grown from just parking to include other matters like landscaping and linkages. Three parties who have done recent work in Tekapo have been invited to tender.

Cr Smith asked Bernie Haar for an update regarding the Twizel Land purchase from Mr Lyons. Council and Mr Lyons are currently deciding on an independent valuer to value the land. Cr Smith asked how far into the process we are. Bernie Haar said we have confirmed the area of land we need. Still negotiating with Mr Lyons regarding a small section of land near the river. This has not yet been resolved but will not hold up the valuation. Cr Smith expressed concern regarding the time this is taking. The chief executive said he agrees it is taking a long time. Council has had a significant gap to bridge with the owner. We now have answers to all the technical questions and are much closer to reaching an agreement. He is hopeful that it is close to being resolved. The chief executive plans to go back to Mr Lyons in a couple of weeks if Mr Lyons has not notified of his choice of valuer by then.

Suzy Ratahi explained the photos in the roading section of the report regarding different road surfaces and use of materials. She is testing weathered rock and the benefits are low dust. Cr Smith asked if there would be problems with frost heave and Suzy Ratahi said she didn't think so but the situation would need to be monitored.

The Roding Manager, Suzy Ratahi, updated the committee on roading issues related to Alps2Ocean. She said there had been complaints from cyclists and transport operators regarding problems with sharing small rural roads. These roads usually have two tyre tracks in the centre with a mound of gravel in the centre and mounds on each side of the tracks. When cyclists and trucks attempt to share the road either the cyclist has to ride into the pile of gravel on the side of the road, or the truck needs to put its tyres over the side of the road to get past. This is creating tension between road users.

Suzy Ratahi is looking at how this can be addressed and one idea is to provide clear signage asking cycles to keep left and not ride two abreast on these roads.

Garth Nixon, Community Facilities Manager, is a member of the Alps2Ocean projects committee and says the projects group are aiming to get more of the track off road and this one of their top priorities.

Councillors asked how much of the Alps2Ocean route was a problem. Suzy Ratahi replied that currently there is 38km of gravel road.

The chief executive said he recently attended an Alps2Ocean committee meeting where it was agreed to form a sub-committee with the specific purpose to address the issue of road safety on Hayman's Road at the Mount Cook end of the trail. He is a member of this committee and will report back.

Geoff Horler said the main point of the water section of the report is that we currently have irrigation water restrictions in Fairlie. This will be monitored each week.

Bernie Haar spoke regarding the solid waste section of the report. Solid Waste Manager Angie Taylor goes on maternity leave tomorrow. There has been a good response to the cloth nappy packs with many being picked up in Twizel and Fairlie. ESL have been asked to provide council with the number of red rubbish bins it is picking up, as there is a peak over Christmas from holidaymakers to be managed. There was discussion on the rates paid for solid waste in Twizel and whether this amount needs to go up.

Cr Jackson raised the issue of the emptying of rubbish bins over the Christmas period and how rubbish is sometimes piling up. One issue was the bins located at the information centre at Lake Pukaki. These bins are not council bins but provided by NZTA. The Mayor said the sign that says "We Recycle" when the bins were obviously not recyclable reflected badly on the council because people believed the council managed these bins. She would like the sign removed. There was further discussion on various bins and the use of recycling stations.

There was no resolution.

FINANCE ASSISTANCE RATE REVIEW SUBMISSION:

The Mayor said there are a few emotive statements in the submission that need to be removed. Cr Smith disagreed and said it was an emotive issue. Discussion followed. The reference to "blood, sweat and tears" was noted as being emotive. No changes will be made to the submission.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received.

Claire Barlow/James Leslie

2. That the attached submission on the financial assistance rate be approved for submission to New Zealand Transport Agency, as is.

Graham Smith/Evan Williams

FAIRLIE WATER SUPPLY – NEW SOURCE TURBIDITY MONITORING:

The Asset Manager spoke to his report. This has gone to the Fairlie Community Board who have considered the report and support Option 1 as the preferred

option. If this is found to be a suitable water source there is a need to sit down with the land owner and talk further regarding the purchase of land.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received.

Claire Barlow/Evan Williams

2. That "Option One" in the Opus report be confirmed as the most effective way to gather the required reliable data without undue cost.

Claire Barlow/Evan Williams

REQUEST FROM HAMISH AND JO LANE TO REMOVE TREES ON NIXONS ROAD:

Suzy Ratahi spoke to this report and went through the photos to explain the layout of the site. She has met with Mr Lane on site and he expects council to pay for the removal of the trees. The trees under consideration are Oak, Poplar and Willows. She thought there might be problems with removing the Oaks, so has put this issue to councillors for a decision.

The Mayor asked why Mr Lane felt council should pay to trim or remove the trees and Suzy Ratahi said because it is a council road and he believed council should allow for over-width transport.

Council sends a tree trimmer up all rural roads annually and these trees are due for a trim as part of the regular maintenance schedule.

The trees are not of historical significance in the district plan. Bernie Haar suggested a meeting of one or two councillors on-site with Suzy Ratahi and Mr Lane to work out the details of which trees will be cut down, which ones trimmed, and other issues like who will clean up.

There was discussion on what happens to the road and remaining trees as this may create costs. The committee also agreed that if there was some aesthetic value on the trees we needed to ensure they were pruned by an arborist rather than a slasher.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received.

Evan Williams/Noel Jackson

2. That the Asset and Services Committee delegates authority to two members to work with Suzy Ratahi and the land owner on site to decide the approach taken on individual trees and that tree felling will be at the land owner's expense.

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Cr Williams and Cr Jackson were delegated by the committee to further this matter with Suzy Ratahi and the land owner.

PUBLIC EXCLUDED:

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

1. Previous minutes of the Asset and Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday, February 4, 2014, taken in public excluded session.
2. Twizel Public Toilet Tenders.

| 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 |
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| Previous minutes of the Asset and Services Committee, February 4, 2014 | Commercial sensitivity | 48(1)(a)(i) |
| Twizel Public Toilet Tenders | 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: *Previous minutes of the Asset and Services Committee. under section 7(2)(b)(ii).*

Claire Barlow/James Leslie

The Asset and Services Committee continued in open meeting.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 12.58 PM

CHAIRMAN: _____

DATE: _____