

MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FAIRLIE, ON TUESDAY 4 FEBRUARY, 2014, AT 9.30AM

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Wayne Barnett (Chief Executive Officer)
Paul Morris (Manager – Finance and Administration)
Arlene Goss (Committee Clerk)
Jason Gaskill (General Manager – Tourism Waitaki) – left at 10.20am.
Garth Nixon (General Manager – Community Facilities) – left at 10.20am.
Al Williams (Timaru Herald) – joined the public session at 10.45am.

APOLOGIES:

Resolved that an apology be accepted from Cr Russell Armstrong.

Claire Barlow/Murray Cox

PUBLIC EXCLUDED:

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

1. Public excluded minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on Tuesday September 3, 2013, taken in public excluded session.
2. Public excluded minutes of the Tekapo Property Group meeting held on January 21, 2014, taken in public excluded session.
3. Alps2Ocean monthly financial report. Jason Gaskill, the general manager of Tourism Waitaki, will arrive at 9.30am to speak to his report.
4. Resource Consent and Construction Tender.

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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
Previous minutes of the Finance Committee, September 3, 2013	Commercial sensitivity	48(1)(a)(i)
Previous minutes of the Tekapo Property Group, January 21, 2014	Commercial sensitivity	48(1)(a)(i)
Alps2Ocean monthly financial report	Disadvantage commercial negotiations and commercial sensitivity	48(1)(a)(i)
Resource Consent and Construction Tender	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 Finance Committee and Tekapo Property Group and Resource consent and Construction Tender under section 7(2)(b)(ii). Alps2Ocean monthly financial report under section 7(2)(i) and section 7(2)(b)(ii).*

The Finance Committee continued in open meeting.

MINUTES:

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 25 November 2013, including such parts as were taken with the public excluded, be confirmed and adopted as the correct record of the meeting.

Claire Barlow/Murray Cox

COMMITTEE MINUTES:

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Tekapo Property Group held on January 21, 2014, including such parts as were taken with the public excluded, be received.

Claire Barlow/Murray Cox

REPORTS:

FINANCIAL REPORT TO DECEMBER, 2013

The Finance and Administration Manager spoke to his report and explained significant variances. A significant variance depends on the number of activities included in the cost, and the percentage of change compared to

budget. He answered questions about the use of the land subdivision reserve. Plan change 13 consultation expenses will go up now that it has gone back to the High Court. Solid waste has more waste coming through and costs are higher than expected. The amount that is being recycled is going up but not by the same proportion as the increase in waste coming in. This has caused us additional costs. The Chairman said he is concerned about the spike in waste costs. Employment expenses are below budget.

Resolved that the report be received.

Claire Barlow/Murray Cox

BANCORP QUARTERLY REPORT:

The Finance and Administration manager, Paul Morris, tabled this report and said council is trying to maximise return and minimise the amount of time the money is locked up. The interest earned by investment is used to offset rates. In times of low interest we are not getting as much money for the amount invested. Council has decided to invest in term deposits to avoid locking itself into long terms at a low rate. Mr Morris is looking at using leverage to ensure a good return on investments, which might include going to a different bank if necessary.

Resolved that the report be received.

Evan Williams/James Leslie

GENERAL BUSINESS:

APPOINTMENT OF NEW MEMBERS TO TEKAPO PROPERTY GROUP:

The Mayor nominated Stella Sweney and Richie Smith as new members of the Tekapo Property Group. There were no further nominations.

Resolved that Stella Sweney and Richie Smith be appointed members of the Tekapo Property Group.

Claire Barlow/Graham Smith

The chief executive was asked to notify them of their appointment.

LATE ITEM: SPONSORSHIP REQUEST – NZ SECONDARY SCHOOLS MAADI 2014.

Resolved that pursuant to the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, the letter “Sponsorship Request – New Zealand Secondary Schools Maadi 2014” be considered by the Finance Committee.

James Leslie/Evan Williams

Last year the council sponsored a race at \$200. The committee wanted to do this again this year. It was agreed to take a resolution to the next Finance Committee meeting and the chief executive can allocate the money in the meantime using his delegated authority.

THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 11.45am

CHAIRMAN: _____

DATE: _____