

MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FAIRLIE,
ON TUESDAY 8 MARCH 2011 AT 9.30 AM****PRESENT:**

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Glen Innes (Chief Executive Officer)
Nathan Hole (Manager – Planning and Regulations)
Toni Morrison (Senior Planner)
Rosemary Moran (Committee Clerk)

I OPENING:

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

II APOLOGIES:

There were no apologies.

III DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest.

IV BEREAVEMENTS:

The Mayor referred to the recent deaths of Murray Cardno, Rae Standage, Peter Bird, Allan Tiffen, John Kirkwood, Sylvia Morley and Alexandra Densem. A motion of sympathy was passed and the Chief Executive Officer was directed to pass this on to those concerned.

V MAYORAL REPORT:

This was the report of Mayoral activities for the previous six weeks.

Resolved that the report be received.

Graeme Smith/Evan Williams

The Mayor noted that the consultation meeting with the South Canterbury District Health Board scheduled for 7 March 2011 had been cancelled.

VI REPORTS REQUIRING COUNCIL DECISIONS:

1. MACKENZIE SUSTAINABLE FUTURES TRUST AND WORKING PARTY:

This report from the Senior Planner provided a summary of issues and options in respect of the government's proposal to set up the Mackenzie Sustainable Futures Trust and the Upper Waitaki Shared Vision Working Party which would be charged with producing a high level spatial plan for the Mackenzie and Waitaki Basins.

Resolved that the report be received.

Graham Smith/Graeme Page

The Senior Planner spoke to her report and then addressed issues raised by Councillors including the appointment of a chairman for the Working Group, the short time-frame involved in the whole process and the implications of a potentially negative first report to the Minister in July 2011.

The Mayor welcomed Mackenzie Basin farmers Andrew Simpson and Martin Murray to the meeting and invited them to share their thoughts on the proposal.

Andrew Simpson said it was important to the farming community in the Mackenzie Basin that considerable thought be given to the proposal. He said if the Council wanted farmers' support to proceed it should insist on a number of conditions, including that the Working Group had a clear scope and terms of reference and that an independent, local chairperson be appointed, or if not a local, someone who had a clear understanding of the local community. He suggested that all parties should agree in principle not to submit to future processes which were part of the spatial plan. He also proposed that Council should insist that existing land uses, resource consents and current tenure review processes remained outside the scope of the Group's considerations.

Mr Simpson warned that even though the collaborative governance process might be based on the best of intentions, a change in the treasury benches could see a new political agenda and different ideals.

Martin Murray referred to his involvement in the District Plan, Plan Change 13 and tenure review processes and the considerable amount of money he had expended on an application for resource consent to irrigate. He was not in favour the Working Group being involved in any of those processes because that would mean he was being dictated to by non-locals. He said he was 60/40 against the collaborative governance proposal.

Annette Money considered it would be a positive if the influence of powerful national organisations such as Forest and Bird and the Department of Conservation could be tempered as a result of the proposed process.

Evan Williams noted that a review of the Resource Management Act 1991 had been one of the National Government's election platforms. He suggested that it would be better for the Council to be involved in the collaborative governance process so it could remain informed.

Graeme Page said that while he was not totally opposed to the process, it was difficult to buy in when so many questions remained unanswered, eg what were the Group's terms of reference?

The Mayor suggested that the terms of reference would be one of the first things the Working Group would need to establish, given that it was the Minister's intention that the Group drive the process, not the government. She questioned the alternatives Council would have if it decided not to be involved and noted the potential for positive outcomes and gains in avoiding the expense of future litigation.

Peter Maxwell asked if it might be possible to agree to be part of the process but not commit ratepayers' funds until the Minister's July 2011 review had been completed.

In response to a question from Cr Money, Mr Simpson said there could well be positive gains from the process. He was 60/40 in favour of it because if it went well, it could work in the farmers' favour. He suggested gains could include Council agreeing to 'rubber stamp' consents for land uses in areas which had been identified as appropriate in the spatial plan.

The Manager – Planning and Regulations said if the Council were to adopt recommendations in the spatial plan and make changes to the District Plan accordingly, resource consent processes could be simplified, and there could be an opportunity for assessment matters to be limited to those recommended by the Working Group.

He said any recommendations in a spatial plan would have to be within the scope of National and Regional Policy Statements. If the Resource Management Act 1991 was to be amended to preclude the right of the parties involved in the collaborative governance process to appeal, that could be a huge incentive to the Council to adopt the recommendations. He noted that the Council would always retain the right to decline to adopt them.

Cr Smith was of the view that the Council should participate in the process, but with conditions. He suggested that if it worked it could well prove to be a cheap investment for the Council.

Cr Bishop said he had yet to find someone who agreed with the total process, although some people could see merit in parts of it. He said he was 'sitting on the fence'.

Mr Murray suggested that the appointment of the chairperson was a major issue and the Council should dictate that the chairperson should be a local.

The Mayor pointed out there could be risks involved in such a stance in terms of the availability of an experienced local chairperson and the risks for chairperson who lived in the area. She said it was the role of the Trust and the Working Party to decide on a chairperson; the decision was neither the Minister's nor facilitator Guy Salmon's.

Mr Simpson considered the Council would be well within its rights to insist on conditions including that the chairperson be appointed locally. This could provide an opportunity to veto an appointment and withdraw from the process. In response to a comment from the Senior Planner that the Waitaki District would be entitled to similar rights, Mr Simpson considered that the process would affect the Mackenzie Basin more than the Waitaki Basin.

Cr Smith was of the view that Mackenzie's and Waitaki's interests were quite different.

The Mayor said MP Jacqui Dean had indicated that the proposed spatial plan would cover both the Waitaki and Mackenzie areas. She did not know if there could be two separate working groups and two spatial plans.

Resolved:

1. That the Council supports the appointment of the Mayor as a trustee of the Sustainable Futures Trust.
2. That Council provides \$5,000.00 towards funding the Group;
3. That the support of the Council in terms of (1) and (2) above is dependent on the following matters being achieved:
 - That Council is provided with representation on the Working Group and appoints a person to represent it on the Group;
 - That the Council is satisfied with the terms of reference and the scope of the matters to be considered by the Working Party, once developed; and
 - That the Council is satisfied with the chairperson appointed by the Trust.
 - That assurance is received from the Ministry for the Environment that existing resource consent and tenure review processes will not be impacted upon by the process being embarked upon.

Graham Smith/Evan Williams

XV ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 10.55 am for morning tea and reconvened at 11.10 am.

VI REPORTS REQUIRING COUNCIL DECISIONS (Continued):

4. PUKAKI AIRPORT BOARD STATEMENT OF INTENT:

The Mayor welcomed Pukaki Airport Board members Bruce Anderson, Rick Ramsay and John Bishop.

Mr Anderson offered an apology from the Board Chairman Derek Kirke and presented Mr Kirke's Annual Report dated 7 March 2011. The report gave an overview of the Board's activities and referred in particular to Stages 1 to 4, Sewerage, Fuel Facility, Subdivision Sales, Crosswind Runway, Finance, Hangar, Website and The Future.

Cr Smith congratulated the Board on its new website observing that it was a big help to aviators.

He noted that the Board was requesting approval to spend an additional \$70,000 on the construction of a hangar at the airfield.

In response to a question regarding the opportunity for a return on capital from the investment in the hangar, Rick Ramsay said that it was not about getting a return; the intention was to encourage other developers. There was also the belief that another commercial operator could be attracted to the airfield by providing a hangar with facilities including an office and toilets. He noted the Board had not thought that a

house/hangar scenario would be justified. He said the development would be of good quality and the Board had tried to strike a balance between what was desirable and what would be functional and attract someone to the airport. Two prices had been obtained and the indication was that the hangar would cost \$270,000. He reiterated that there had never been an intention to gain a return on the investment.

Mr Anderson said the construction of the crosswind runway was running to schedule.

In response to a question from Cr Money, Mr Ramsay said the new building would be constructed of colour steel in accordance with the airport zone colour palette and the District Plan rules. There would be sealed access from the roadway into the hangar.

Resolved:

1. That the authority given to the Pukaki Airport Board to construct a hangar at the Pukaki Airfield be confirmed.
2. That \$270,000 be expended on the hangar.

Graham Smith/Evan Williams

Mr Anderson thanked the Council for their support.

It was noted that the Pukaki Airport Board's Draft Statement of Intent for the three years ended 30 June 2014 had been circulated to Councillors. The Manager – Finance and Administration advised that it would be the subject of discussion between him and the Board Chairman before being submitted for adoption by the Council.

Resolved that the Pukaki Airport Board's Draft Statement of Intent for the three years ended 30 June 2014 be received for later consideration and feedback by the Council.

Annette Money/Peter Maxwell

2. MACKENZIE FORESTRY BOARD – DRAFT STATEMENT OF INTENT:

This was the Mackenzie Forestry Board's draft Statement of Intent for the three years ended 30 June 2014.

Resolved that Mackenzie Forestry Board's Draft Statement of Intent for the three years ended 30 June 2014 be received for later consideration and feedback by the Council.

Evan Williams/Graham Smith

3. MACKENZIE TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT TRUST – DRAFT STATEMENT OF INTENT:

This was the Mackenzie Tourism and Development Trust's draft Statement of Intent for the year ending ended 30 June 2012.

Resolved that Mackenzie Tourism and Development Trust's draft Statement of Intent for the year ending ended 30 June 2012 be received for later consideration and feedback by the Council.

Evan Williams/Graham Smith

5. TENDERS – LAKE ALEXANDRINA BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, CLAYTON ROAD SEAL WIDENING AND TWIZEL OXIDATION PONDS:

This report from the Asset Manager referred to the tender processes and sought confirmation of delegations in order to accept tenders as soon as possible to allow the projects to proceed.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received.
2. That the Mayor and Cr Page be delegated authority to consider the tenders for the Lake Alexandrina bridge replacement and accept a tender.
3. That the Mayor and Crs Page and Williams be delegated authority to consider the tenders for the Clayton Road seal widening and accept a tender.
4. That the Mayor and Crs Page and Bishop be delegated authority to consider the tenders for the Twizel Oxidation Ponds Project and accept a tender.

Graeme Page/Graham Smith

VII INFORMATION REPORTS:

1. COMMON SEAL

This report from the Committee Clerk advised of documents signed under the Common Seal from 21 January 2011 to 4 March 2011.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received.
2. That the affixing of the Common Seal to document numbers 699 to 701 be endorsed.

Graham Smith/Evan Williams

2 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:

This report from the Chief Executive Officer referred to the Meetings he had attended, and Other Activities, Shared Services, Canterbury Earthquake, Sustainable Futures Trust, Budget/Annual Planning Round, Alps to Ocean Cycleway, Society of Local Government Mangers - Marlborough Retreat and Staffing.

Resolved that the report be received.

Evan Williams/Graham Smith

3. MINUTES – DOWNLANDS WATER SUPPLY MEETING 6 DECEMBER 2010:

Cr Smith explained the structure and functions of the Downlands Water Supply Joint Standing Committee.

Resolved that the Minutes of the meeting of the Downlands Water Supply Joint Standing Committee, held on 6 December 2011 and including such parts as were taken with the Public Excluded be received.

Graham Smith/Evan Williams

VIII COMMUNITY BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS:

This report from the Chief Executive Officer was accompanied by the minutes of the meetings of the Twizel Community Board and the Tekapo Community Board held on 14 February 2011 and the Fairlie Community Board held on 16 February 2011.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received.

TWIZEL COMMUNITY BOARD

2. **Security**

That the Council notes the Twizel Community Board's request that costings for Trail cameras are to be made available for consideration at the Board's budget meeting.

3. **Increasing Rabbit Levels – Letter from Environment Canterbury:**

That the Council notes that following appropriate advertising and obtaining of permission from the Police, a night shoot of rabbits is to be undertaken by licenced shooters and that the ammunition is to be funded from the Greenways budgets.

4. **Entrance to Twizel Radio Station and Rubbish Collections over Holiday Period**

- That Council notes that in an effort to address the problem of the rubbish and mess at the entrance to the Twizel Radio Station and District Nurses' room surveillance of the area will be undertaken and those responsible for making the mess are to be persuaded to desist.
- That the Council notes that Twizel Development and Promotion Association Inc are to be advised of the action being taken to address the problem of the rubbish and mess at the entrance to the Twizel Radio Station and District Nurses' room and that a new Solid Waste Strategy would be in place by next Christmas so the perceived issues should not recur.

5. **Bike Stands in Market Square**

That the Council notes that Judy Norman is to be advised that the Community Board agrees that there is a lack of bike stands in Market Square and that it intends to rationalise the existing bike stands in the Township to best advantage.

6. **Appointments to Other Committees:**

That the Council notes that Elaine Curin has been appointed as the Twizel Community Board's representative on the Twizel Community Care Trust and that the Trust is to be advised of the appointment.

TEKAPO COMMUNITY BOARD

7. Lake Tekapo Township Projects:

That the Council notes that the Tekapo Community Board is to proceed to gravel and light the new Lakeside Drive walkway and make the lighting connection through to Alpine Springs and that concrete pads are to be installed under the seats on the walkway along the Lake frontage.

8. Increasing Rabbit Levels – Letter from Environment Canterbury:

That the Council notes that consideration is to be given to making provision in the 2011/2012 Community Board's budgets for rabbit control in the Township.

9 Alexandra Terrace Seal Extension

That the Council notes that the sealing of Alexandra Terrace is to be completed in the current year and that the project is to be funded from the Township Projects budget and/or Reserve funds.

10 Appointments to Other Committees:

That the Council notes the following appointments of Board members to other committees

- Tekapo White Water Canoe Trust: Peter Munro
- Lake Tekapo Footbridge Society Inc Peter Munro
- Lake Tekapo Regional Park Murray Cox
- Lake Tekapo Playground Committee Murray Cox

FAIRLIE COMMUNITY BOARD

11 Eversley Reserve Sewerage - Rates:

That the Council notes that the Community Board has confirmed its satisfaction with the fairness of the rating arrangements made for Eversley Reserve residents to be connected to the Fairlie Sewerage Scheme.

12. Fairlie Tasty – Outdoor Seating

That the Council notes that the Fairlie Community Board has authorised the removal of Fairlie Tasty's outdoor seating from the Council road reserve.

Graham Smith/Annette Money

Mackenzie Tourism and Development Trust – New Trustees:

- 13 That the Council adopts the recommendation from the Twizel Community Board that advertising for local matters such as expressions of interest in being appointed Trustees on the Mackenzie Tourism and Development Trust not be confined to the Timaru Herald, and that local news sheets also be used, eg the Twizel Update.

John Bishop /Graeme Page

Resolved that the Twizel Community Board be advised:

1. That the appointment of trustees to the Mackenzie Tourism and Development Trust was not made on a geographic basis; trustees were appointed on the basis of the skills they could bring to the Board table.
2. That a vacancy on the Trust would be arising in June 2011 and a suitable candidate would be appointed at that time.

Evan Williams/Peter Maxwell

IX COMMITTEES:

Resolved that the Minutes of the meetings of the Finance, Projects and Strategies and Planning Committees held on 1 February 2011 and 1 March 2011, including such parts as were taken with the Public Excluded, be adopted.

Peter Maxwell /Annette Money

X CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Resolved that the minutes of the meetings of the Mackenzie District Council held on 25 January 2001 and 1 March 2011, including such parts as were taken with the Public Excluded, be confirmed and adopted as the correct records of the meetings.

Graeme Page/Graham Smith

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS,
THE MAYOR DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 2.00 PM**

MAYOR: _____

DATE: _____