

# MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TWIZEL COMMUNITY BOARD HELD IN THE SERVICE CENTRE TWIZEL ON MONDAY 14 FEBRUARY AT 3.30 PM

### PRESENT:

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

### IN ATTENDANCE:

Garth Nixon (Community Facilities Manager)  
Bernie Haar (Asset Manager)  
John O'Connor (Utilities Engineer)  
Rosemary Moran (Committee Clerk)

### I APOLOGIES:

Resolved that an apology be received from Kieran Walsh.

**Peter Bell/Phil Rive**

Apologies were noted from the Mayor and the Chief Executive Officer.

### II DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest.

### III MINUTES:

Resolved that the Minutes of the meeting of the Twizel Community Board held 22 November 2010 be confirmed and adopted as the correct record of the meeting.

**Phil Rive /John Bishop**

### ACTION POINTS:

#### **Township Projects**

The Chairman reported that at the informal meeting to consider township projects it had been agreed that work on upgrading the greenways between Falstone and Mackenzie Drive and Halliwell and Simons Street should be undertaken in the current year. He said it was intended to have an estimate of costs at the budget meeting for additional projects to enable priorities to be established.

#### **Security**

The Community Facilities Manager provided information on Trail cameras

Resolved that costings for Trail cameras be made available for consideration at the Board's budget meeting.

**Peter Bell/Elaine Curin**

#### **IV REPORTS:**

##### 1. TWIZEL INFORMATION CENTRE – QUARTERLY REPORT:

The Chairman welcomed Phil Brownie, General Manager - Destination Mt Cook Mackenzie, who attended to present the October to December 2010 report of the Twizel Information Centre.

Mr Brownie spoke to the report.

It was suggested that in light of the number of enquiries regarding the location of the Information Centre which were being fielded at the Twizel Service Centre, stronger pedestrian signage be investigated. It was also suggested that a sign be installed indicating the range of goods available to be purchased at the Information Centre.

##### **Alps to Ocean Cycleway**

Mr Brownie referred to the Alps to Ocean Cycleway project and advised that Chris Eden had been employed to manage the project. He said the first task would be to lodge the necessary resource consents which would relate mainly to soil movement and tracks near waterways.

Mr Brownie said that by the end of April 2011 the Cycleway Committee intended to complete the portion of the cycleway around the base of Lake Pukaki to showcase the project. It was hoped to complete the cycleway through to Ohau by October 2011.

He advised that from late March 2011 the Committee intended to develop a model to assist operators with business support to become involved in accommodation, hospitality and other activities which would be associated with the cycleway.

Mr Brownie described the plans for the helicopter transport of cycles and cyclists across the Tasman River at the start of the cycleway.

Resolved that the report be received.

**Peter Bell/Phil Rive**

The Chairman thanked Mr Brownie who left the meeting at 4.00 p.m.

##### **Mackenzie Tourism and Development Trust – New Trustees:**

The Chairman referred to the recent appointment of new Trustees to the Mackenzie Tourism and Development Trust and his disappointment that the advertising for expressions of interest in becoming Trustees had been confined to the Timaru Herald which was not widely read in Twizel. He said that as a consequence some local people had not been aware of the opportunity to express their interest in the role.

Resolved that it be recommended to the Council:

1. That advertising for 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.
2. That Ken Davidson be co-opted as a Trustee on the Mackenzie Tourism and Development Trust.

**Peter Bell/Phil Rive**

## **V VISITORS:**

The Chairman welcomed Medical Officer of Health Dr Daniel Williams and Health Protection Officers Steve Waller and Keith Turner from Crown Public Health in Timaru. He also welcomed Ken Davidson, Sarah Davidson and another member of the public.

Dr Williams introduced himself and outlined his responsibilities as Medical Officer of Health for the South Canterbury Health District.

He then spoke to his power point presentation *Water and Health* . He referred to the protection of water supplies in general and the risks to Twizel water supply which was currently unprotected. A copy of the presentation is attached to this record.

Dr Williams explained that in general terms township with non-secure water sources required treatment to kill unwanted organisms. In order to be able to rely on the integrity of the water supply, chlorination was the only way to ensure residual disinfection in the reticulation system to protect from contamination introduced accidentally.

The Utilities Engineer noted that the Twizel Water Supply was like an irrigation system used for drinking water. He suggested that if the Township wished to continue to irrigate from the supply, it would require a large volume which was unlikely to be obtainable from a deep, secure source because of the geology of the area. He suggested that investigation should be the first task. He noted the treatment of shallow sourced water would be expensive. He said a source from more than 10 metres depth may be able to be treated by UV alone; however chlorination would still be encouraged to protect the water in the reticulation system.

The Asset Manager said it could be at two years before a start might be made on constructing a new water source. He asked if the Community Board would be comfortable to take the risks associated with the current regime for the next two years. He said the Council didn't think it would be good practice for the Board to accept the risks and had tasked the Utilities Engineer with finding a way to disinfect the current water supply at a reasonable cost. The Utilities Engineer noted that chlorinating the system would be cheap but it would not kill cryptosporidium or giardia.

Ken Davidson, Manager of the Mackenzie Country Inn, said he needed to guarantee safe water for his guests and asked what was recommended to guarantee that in the meantime.

The Asset Manager suggested *point of use* treatment. Steve Waller said the other option was to boil all water.

Dr Williams said he would prefer that the community water supply was treated.

In response to a question regarding the number of reported cases of giardia in Twizel, Steve Waller said reported cases ranged between six and nine per year; however it was difficult to be precise because the data base included only the home address of an infected person who could have contracted the disease while on holiday.

Sarah Davidson said she expected to have safe drinking water and if it was not safe she would expect to be told.

Dr Williams said that for the most part the water was safe. If tests revealed that it was at risk, then the Council would issue a boil water notice. He said contamination was sporadic and testing represented just a snap shot of the water quality. He suggested it was important to get back to first principles, ie disinfection, so that there was confidence that the water coming out of taps in Twizel was safe.

The Chairman thanked the Dr Williams for his presentation and the visitors left the meeting at 4.55 pm.

#### **IV REPORTS:**

##### **1. FINANCIAL REPORT – JULY 2010:**

This report from the Manager – Finance and Administration provided an update for Board members on the financial performance of the Twizel Community for the period to December 2010.

Resolved that the report be received.

**John Bishop Phil Rive**

The Asset Manager undertook to investigate the following:

- Page 24 –Resource Consent for Sewerage was the budget carried over?
- Page 34 – what is Other Income?

The Community Facilities Manager referred to the Township Budgets and undertook to provide information to enable the Board to decide if it wanted to mow the River Terrace along Glen Lyon road in future.

##### **3. INCREASING RABBIT LEVELS – LETTER FROM ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY:**

This report from the Community Facilities Manager was accompanied by a letter from Environment Canterbury regarding the increasing levels of rabbits in the Twizel and Lake Tekapo Townships.

The Chairman suggested a night shoot could help address the problem. The Community Facilities Manager said there would be funding for ammunition in the current budget towards ammunition and noted that the appropriate permission and advertising be undertaken before the shoot.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received.

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

**Phil Rive/Elaine Curin**

4. LETTER FROM SOUTH ISLAND ROWING:

This report from the Manager – Finance and Administration was accompanied by a request from South Island Rowing for sponsorship of a race at the 2011 Banklink NZ Championship Regatta on 15 to 19 February 2011.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received.
2. That \$100 including GST be granted to South Island Rowing for the 2011 Banklink NZ Championship Regatta on 15 to 19 February 2011

**Phil Rive/Elaine Curin**

5. BEN OHAU GOLF CLUB – REQUEST FOR SPONSORSHIP:

This report from the Manager – Finance and Administration was accompanied by a request from the Ben Ohau Golf Club for sponsorship for the Ben Ohau Classic Golf Tournament to be held on 19/20 February 2011.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received.
2. That the Twizel Community Board grant \$100 to the Ben Ohau Golf Club for sponsorship for the Ben Ohau Classic Golf Tournament to be held on 19/20 February 2011.

**John Bishop/Phil Rive**

6. LETTER FROM TDPA:

This letter from the Chairperson of the Twizel Promotions referred to the rubbish and mess being left in the entrance to the Twizel radio station and the District Nurses' room, and the rubbish collection over the holiday period.

Resolved that an effort be made to address the problem of the rubbish and mess at the entrance to the Twizel Radio Station and District Nurses' room by undertaking surveillance of the area and persuading those responsible for making the mess to desist.

**Peter Bell/Elaine Curin.**

The Asset Manager acknowledged that the rubbish collections over the holiday period had not worked as well as they could have. He said the Council was currently considering responses to its Request for Proposals for Solid Waste and he anticipated a new strategy would be in place by next Christmas so the perceived issues should not recur.

Resolved that the Twizel Development and Promotion Association Inc 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.

**John Bishop /Phil Rive**

7. EMAIL FROM JUDY NORMAN:

This email from Judy Norman referred to the lack of bike stands in the Market Square.

Resolved that Mrs Norman 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.

**Phil Rive/Elaine Curin**

8. TWIZEL ZONING

The Community Board noted that it was planned to provide an update on the Twizel Zoning Plan Change 15 to the Planning Committee on 1 March 2011 and that a copy of the report would be circulated to the Community Board members.

9. APPOINTMENTS TO OTHER COMMITTEES:

Resolved:

1. That Elaine Curin be appointed as the Twizel Community Board's representative on the Twizel Community Care Trust.
2. The Community Care Trust be advised of the appointment.

**John Bishop/Phil Rive**

10. WARD MEMBERS REPORT:

Cr Bishop noted the presentation from Crown Public Health earlier in the meeting and related it to the resolution of the Projects and Strategies Committee that the Twizel Community Board progress the disinfection of the Twizel water supply.

He advised that he had been appointed to the Working Party which was to consider the "Expressions of Interest" in Solid Waste at a meeting on 22 February 2011.

Cr Bishop also noted that the Pukaki Airport Committee was advertising for tenders to erect a hangar at the Pukaki Airport.

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

The Chairman reiterated that an informal workshop had been held before the meeting to consider greenways and roading projects for the 2011/2012 year. He said estimates of the projects' costs would be available for consideration at the Board's budget meeting.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE  
CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 5.50 PM**

**CHAIRMAN:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_