

MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ASSET AND SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FAIRLIE, ON THURSDAY, JULY 24, 2014, AT 3PM

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Wayne Barnett (Chief Executive Officer)
Bernie Haar (Asset Manager)
Garth Nixon (Community Facilities Manager)
Geoff Horler (Utilities Manager)
Suzy Ratahi (Roading Manager) – from 3.28pm
Arlene Goss (Committee Clerk)

APOLOGIES:

An apology was received from Cr Murray Cox and from Roading Manager Suzy Ratahi for lateness.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest.

MINUTES:

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Asset and Services Committee held on June 12, 2014, including those parts taken in public excluded, be confirmed as an accurate record.

Claire Barlow/Russell Armstrong

SUB COMMITTEE MINUTES:

Resolved that the minutes of the Allandale Water Supply Committee meeting on July 3, 2014, be received.

Claire Barlow/Graham Smith

REPORTS:

ASSET MANAGERS MONTHLY REPORT – JULY 2014:

The purpose of this report was to update the Asset and Services Committee on the progress on various projects and also the normal operation of the department for the past month.

The following matters were included in the discussion of this report:

The Fairlie Water Supply turbidity meter will be installed shortly.

A report has been received regarding the covering of the reservoir in Twizel and this is attached to the agenda. This is not budgeted for in the coming year.

The Water Safety Plan has been approved by the Ministry of Health, which makes us compliant with drinking water standards.

Recent snow in Tekapo and Braemar was cleared from roads.

Regarding the bridge replacement programme council has engaged Opus to draft a document to apply for consent and this should be lodged on August 1. Council is pushing hard to spend this money before July 30 next year, which is the end of the financial year.

The delay in the bridge replacement programme is because Environment Canterbury's Land and Water Regional Plan will allow council to demolish and build bridges as an allowed activity, so council has been waiting for this to pass into law. Ngai Tahu has appealed the plan and there is no indication when this will be resolved. The current Natural Resources Regional Plan makes this activity "non-complying". Council has decided not to wait but to apply for consent.

A list of minor improvement projects is provided in the report. There was discussion on the former Roding Committee of council which lapsed at the last election and has not been re-established.

Regarding the lighting upgrades listed in the minor improvements list, Bernie Haar said council has been considering when to move to LED street lights. He is currently looking at a new product and will put two of these lights outside the community hall in Tekapo to see if they are appropriate. Consultation will take place with the Dark Skies Association.

Cr Smith asked regarding a policy for bridge replacement when a bridge only serves one property owner. Bernie Haar said this issue needs to go into the long term plan and a list of these bridges needs to be prepared for further discussion.

Geoff Horler reported on a consent issue with Environment Canterbury regarding discharge from the sewerage ponds at Tekapo onto land. He is investigating other means of disposal. One solution may be to use land above the ponds, but whatever council does it needs to be in a way that does not impact on the public.

Roding Manager Suzy Ratahi joined the meeting at 3.28pm.

Regarding the breakages in the Fairlie Allandale water pipe, council has been asked to approve unbudgeted expenditure to fix a section of pipe that keeps breaking.

Cr Smith asked if it was possible to reduce the water pressure in Fairlie and reduce blowouts. No, the pressure is low enough already.

In Twizel the trial of new filters is underway to see how long the filters last. Cr Armstrong asked when the filter system would be up and running. Just waiting on some parts. Geoff Horler will find out and let him know.

Cr Williams asked who the neighbours are near the Tekapo sewerage ponds. They are Meridian, Genesis and DOC.

Regarding solid waste, Bernie Haar said green waste has been mulched and it's going well. There is an issue with flax and steel in the green waste affecting

the mulcher. This needs public education. ESL have not constructed the new recycling facility yet. Solid waste manager Angie Taylor is due back to work in three weeks, following her maternity leave.

Resolved that the report be received.

Russell Armstrong/Evan Williams

ROAD SAFETY COORDINATOR ANNUAL REPORT:

The purpose of this report is to provide the Asset and Services Committee with an overview on road safety, crash trends, and social costs in the Mackenzie District for the 2013/14 financial year. This report has been prepared by Daniel Naudé, Road Safety Coordinator for South Canterbury.

Council pays Timaru District Council about \$16,000 a year for road safety activity and this report indicates the work being doing in this area. Bernie Haar said the crash trends are interesting and there are few serious crashes on any local roads, except the ones you would expect.

Funding of road safety has been affected by the FAR review, so Council will need to find another \$1,000 to \$1,500 to make up the difference.

Cr Smith asked if the road safety reports are used by staff. Roading manager Suzy Ratahi said she looks at the reports for data on crashes. If there are concerns about a road, the data is helpful in accessing funding for repairs.

Cr Leslie noted that poor handling and single car events are the most common type of accident. This relates to cars driving off the road.

Resolved that the report be received.

Graham Smith/Evan Williams

UNBUDGETED EXPENDITURE ALLANDALE WATER SUPPLY:

This item is asking the committee to approve the spending of unbudgeted funds of \$12,000 to renew a water main in the Allandale water scheme that has had several failures in recent months.

Water manager Geoff Horler said a section of line at Allandale has cost \$9,000 this year to repair, due to poor quality construction and lower pressure rated pipe being used. The best option is to replace this section with better pipe. The cost will come out of Allandale's finances and will be addressed in their water charges.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received.

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2. That the committee approves the unbudgeted expenditure for the work to be carried out.

Evan Williams/Graham Smith

Bernie Haar, Geoff Horler and Suzy Ratahi left the meeting at 3.52pm.

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 on June 12, 2014.
2. Contract 1214 Township Maintenance (attached).

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 June 12, 2014.	Commercial sensitivity	48(1)(a)(i)
Contract 1214 Township Maintenance	Enable commercial negotiations	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 June 12 under section 7(2)(b)(ii), and Contract 1214 Township Maintenance under section 7(2)(i).*

Claire Barlow/Graham Smith

The Asset and Services Committee continued in open meeting.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 4.04PM

CHAIRMAN: _____

DATE: _____