

MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TWIZEL COMMUNITY BOARD HELD IN THE SERVICE CENTRE TWIZEL ON TUESDAY 25 OCTOBER 2011 AT 4.00 PM

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Claire Barlow (Mayor)
Nathan Hole (Acting Executive Officer)
Garth Nixon (Community Facilities Manager)
Bernie Haar (Asset Manager)
Suzy Ratahi (Manager – Roading)
Rosemary Moran (Committee Clerk)

I APOLOGY:

Resolved that an apology be received from Kieran Walsh.

John Bishop/Phil Rive

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 on 12 September 2011, including such parts as were taken with the Public Excluded, be confirmed and adopted as the correct record of the meeting.

Phil Rive/Elaine Curin

MATTERS ARISING

1. Horse Trekking Proposal:

The Community Facilities Manager advised that the proposal for a horse trekking venture had been withdrawn.

2. Traffic Issues:

Phil Rive undertook to arrange a meeting with the Asset Manager to consider a range of Twizel traffic issues.

V VISITOR:

The Chairman welcomed Constable Joe Rush of the Twizel police to the meeting.

Constable Rush commented on the use of trail bikes in Twizel, noting that when people came to the police station asking where they could be used, it was his practice to direct them to areas as far away from the Township as possible.

He referred to surveillance cameras and said that since they had been put up there had been fewer issues around the swimming pool, skate park and Market Place areas. He suggested that a camera covering the front door of the Events Centre could be useful. The Community Facilities Manager undertook to look at that with Constable Rush.

The Community Facilities Manager also undertook to arrange for more camera boxes installed.

Constable Rush referred to the areas covered by liquor ban law and the difficulties faced by the police in enforcing it because of the lack of signs. He said the liquor ban law was a good tool for the police and recommended that appropriate signs be stencilled on pavements at the entrances to the areas to assist with policing. He said the police were happy with the extent of the existing area covered by the law.

The Asset Manager undertook to arrange for *You are Now Entering a Liquor Ban Area* signs to be stencilled on the appropriate pavements.

The Chairman thanked Constable Rush who left the meeting at 4.20 pm.

IV REPORTS:

1. FINANCIAL REPORT – AUGUST 2011:

This report from the Manager – Finance and Administration was accompanied by the financial report for the Board for the period to August 2011.

Resolved that the report be received.

Elaine Curin/John Bishop

2. FREEDOM CAMPING:

This report from the Community Facilities Manager referred to the need to make a bylaw consistent with the new Freedom Camping Act 2011.

The report was accompanied by the amended Camping on Roadway and Reserves Bylaw, the LGNZ Quarterly Review – September 2011 and an aerial photograph of the Twizel area.

Resolved that the report be received.

John Bishop/Elaine Curin

Resolved that it be recommended to the Council that the following areas be added to the Schedules of the Amended Camping on Roadways and Reserves Bylaw 2006:

- Schedule A *Schedule of Permitted Areas*:
 - The Lake Ruataniwha Rowing Course starting area
- Schedule B *Schedule of Prohibited Areas*
 - Adjacent to the Ruataniwha Camping Ground and on Twizel roadsides.

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3. RUATANIWHA CAMPING GROUND – FENCING:

The Community Facilities Manager updated Board members on his discussions with the operator of the Ruataniwha Camping Ground regarding the fence which was to be erected along the boundary between Council land and the Camping Ground. He said it had been agreed that deer fencing material would be appropriate.

The Community Facilities Manager said quotations would need to be sought for the work and that about \$5,000.00 had been budgeted for unplanned improvements in the Ruataniwha area.

Resolved that tenders be sought to erect a boundary fence using deer fencing material, between Council land and the Ruataniwha Camping Ground with the view to having the project completed if possible before 30 November 2011.

John Bishop/Phil Rive

4. REVIEW OF DOG CONTROL BYLAW:

This report from the Manager – Planning and Regulations sought comment and feedback on aspects of the ‘Mackenzie District Council Dog Control Bylaw 2006 – Control of Dogs’ as they related to Twizel Township.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received.
2. That it be noted that the rules in the Dog Control Bylaw concerning residential zones would include the new Residential 3 and 4 Zones.

Peter Bell/Phil Rive

**5. CAR PARKS ON WAIREPO ROAD AND MACKENZIE DRIVE
OPPOSITE SIMONS STREET:**

This report from the Manager – Roading referred to suitability and costs involved in retaining the two car parks on Wairepo Road and Mackenzie Drive.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received.
2. That the Wairepo Road car park be repaired in its entirety this season and programmed for a reseal in the next two years subject to available budgets.
3. That work on the Mackenzie Drive car park be delayed until the siting the proposed new Twizel medical centre has been confirmed.

Peter Bell/John Bishop

6. MISTLETOE MARKET – REQUEST FOR RUBBISH BINS:

This letter from the Mistletoe Market Coordinator requested that rubbish bins be supplied at the 2011 Mistletoe Market.

Resolved:

1. That the letter be received.
2. That the request for rubbish bins to be supplied at the 2011 Mistletoe Market be granted.

Peter Bell/Phil Rive

7. CANCER SOCIETY – MARKET SQUARE SHADE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT:

This letter from the South Canterbury Cancer Society referred to an opportunity to have shade cover erected over the playground in Market Square.

Board members expressed reservations about the proposal in terms of the vulnerability of canvas shades to high winds and snow, the need for them to be taken down and re-erected from time to time and the potential financial burden of on-going maintenance.

Resolved:

1. That the letter from the Cancer Society be received.
2. That the Community Board declines to pursue the Cancer Society's shade proposal for the playground in Market Square.

Elaine Curin/Phil Rive

8. TPDA – REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION:

This letter from the Secretary of the TPDA asked for a contribution of \$2,000 towards the cost of producing the *Twizel Update* and the Twizel Map. The letter was accompanied by an invoice to the Council for \$2,000.00.

The Community Facilities Manager suggested that, while the Board had traditionally provided a grant to the TPDA, the Council needed to clarify what TPDA expected Council to pay for and not pay for.

Resolved:

1. That the letter from TPDA be received.
2. That the Twizel Community Board contribute \$1,000.00 to the TPDA.
3. That it be recommended that the Council contribute \$1,000.00 to the TPDA.
4. That the agreement with TPDA regarding payment for services to the Council be clarified.

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The Acting Chief Executive Officer suggested that TPDA be advised not to generate invoices prematurely to preclude the necessity of through the process of disputing them.

9. TWIZEL VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE FIREWORKS DISPLAY – REQUEST FOR GRANT:

This letter from Simon Fox requested a donation of \$200.00 towards a fireworks display.

Resolved:

1. That the letter be received.
2. That a donation of \$200.00 be made towards the Twizel Volunteer Fire Brigade's fireworks display.

Phil Rive/Elaine Curin

10. COMMUNITY WORKER'S REPORTS:

These were the reports from the Twizel Community Worker for May, June, July and August 2011.

Resolved that the reports be received.

Peter Bell/Phil Rive

11. REVIEW OF LOCAL AUTHORITY REMUNERATION SETTING:

This was a discussion document from the Remuneration Authority inviting submissions to facilitate a review of how the Authority goes about setting remuneration for elected members of local authorities in a way that meets the

requirements of the Local Government Act and the Remuneration Authority Act.

Resolved that the report be received.

Peter Bell/Elaine Curin.

The Acting Chief Executive Officer invited members to contact him or the Senior Planner if they had any comments or questions about the discussion document.

The Chairman requested that the opportunity for community board members to claim expenses, eg telephone expenses, be clarified.

12. NEW ZEALAND CYCLE TRAILS NETWORK EXPANSION PROJECT:

This letter from the Ministry of Economic Development advised of a new phase of work initiated under the New Zealand Cycle Trail. The project related to a long term vision for cycle trails which would link up existing routes.

Resolved that the report be received.

Peter Bell/Phil Rive

13. APPRECIATION FROM TWIZEL EARLY LEARNING CENTRE:

This letter from the Twizel Early Learning Centre expressed appreciation of the development of the concreted footpath in Market Place, Twizel.

Resolved that the report be received.

Elaine Curin/Phil Rive

14. WARD MEMBERS REPORT:

Cr Bishop reported on proposed developments with regard to the Twizel Information Centre.

He also referred to the Mackenzie Medical Trust and High Country Health Ltd and issues between the two bodies which he understood were causing frustration for the directors of High Country Health and the doctors in Twizel. He invited the Mayor to speak to the matter.

The Mayor explained the background and association between High Country Health Ltd and the Mackenzie Medical Trust. She referred to the strained relationship between the two bodies in recent years and the Council's work to revitalise the Mackenzie Medical Trust to enable its shareholding in High Country Health Ltd to be regularised. She said the Fairlie Lions Club had also requested that the Trust be revitalised to secure a body in the Mackenzie area to resource and fund medical centres and buildings.

She said that new Mackenzie Medical Trustee, Jim Scott, while not claiming to speak on behalf of the Trust, maintained there was a business perspective to consider with regard to the High Country Health Ltd directors' request that the Medical Trust's shares in the company be transferred to them. His view was that the Trust was obliged to follow due diligence in the matter.

The Mayor noted the perception that Twizel was being dictated to by Fairlie interests with regard to the proposed new medical centre. She pointed out however, that Mr Scott did not come from Fairlie; he was focussing on the business case and the opportunity to investigate better ways of achieving facilities for the whole community.

She said that while she found that view difficult to challenge, she had written to Mr Scott advising that politically the Council was committed to the development of a new medical centre for Twizel and was keen to have the issues resolved. She had copied her letter to the other trustees and the councillors.

The Mayor said the Trustees had invited her to their upcoming meeting with the directors of High Country Health and their business manager Andrew Tucker. She called for patience and restraint while the situation was being sorted out.

VI PUBLIC EXCLUDED:

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

Twizel Information Centre

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
Twizel Information Centre	To protect the Privacy of Persons	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 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: *Twizel Information Centre*, section 7(2)(1)(a).

Peter Bell/John Bishop

The Community Board continued in Open Meeting.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 6.34 PM

CHAIRMAN: _____

DATE: _____