

MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ASSET AND SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FAIRLIE, ON THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2015, AT 9.47AM

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Wayne Barnett
Suzy Ratahi
Geoff Horler
Julie Jongen

APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received Cr James Leslie and Cr Russell Armstrong
Cr Smith/Mayor

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 April 28, 2015, including those parts taken in public excluded, be confirmed as an accurate record.

Mayor/Cr Cox

PUBLIC EXCLUDED:

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

1. Mid-South Canterbury Road Maintenance Contract Collaboration

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
Mid-South Canterbury Road Maintenance Contract Collaboration	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: *Mid-South Canterbury Road Maintenance Contract Collaboration (7)(2)(i)*

Cr Jackson/Cr Smith

ASSET MANAGERS MONTHLY REPORT

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:

Resolved that the report be received.

Mayor/Cr Smith

Cr Smith mentioned that the expenses didn't seem too high in regards to power, but it seems the estimates were more on the higher side. Geoff Horler confirmed that the Twizel water upgrade stage one is on target with the expected dates. The new generator has had a few issues which the supplier is continuing to look in to.

Cr Williams commented about the reduction of pipe sizes. Mr Horler said there are recommendations to increase pipe sizes but Council will need to await Bernie Haar's return from leave. He questioned why the usage of the sewage pond by the rowing club has stopped. The reason is there was no resource consent to use the pond, it has always been an unconsented pond and E-Can have requested there be no further usage of the pond.

The invoice from E-Can for the Twizel water consent was never sent to Council, this was received a few years after the consent came into being so Mr Haar negotiated the invoice payable to be reduced by half. A public meeting for Manuka Terrace water supply will be arranged when Mr Haar returns. Twizel oxidation ponds will be more expensive than originally thought as they are going to be piped underground as opposed to above the ground.

Roading – Suzy Ratahi spoke on this report. There were considerable issues with frosts heavy on Braemar Rd, Glen Lyon Rd, Lilybank Rd and Manuka Terrace.

Cr Smith mentioned that ongoing drain clearing of our surface water tables and grading has certainly improved our roads over time.

Cr Cox questioned about the "one off" odour issue with the Tekapo sewage ponds. Mackenzie District Council are one of the few councils that allow contractors to put septic directly into the ponds. It is an area that needs to be looked into as to where else the waste could be discharged into the system.

Mr Horler mentioned E-Can will be looking at doing their review with the Orari-Opihi-Pareora Water Zone Regional Plan in 2018. Lake Opuha is very low for this time of the year, and will likely result in earlier water restrictions.

SOLID WASTE – Angie Taylor spoke on this. Looking forward to the new auto-sort recycling line opening up. The Mayor asked about the compost bins and if there will be more available. Ms Taylor replied that the uptake was great and all 50 bins have been issued with only one person on the waiting list for a bin.

Ms Taylor is doing an audit on kerbside waste to see what/where waste is coming from and then will try and do an education on reducing any specific waste issues.

Letters have been sent to residents in Albury that the Saturday waste collection service will no longer be available.

Cr Cox and Cr Jackson wanted to thank Envirowaste for their collections during the snow and hazardous road conditions.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE
CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10.53am**

CHAIRMAN: _____

DATE: _____

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COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT FAIRLIE ON THURSDAY,
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Mayor/Cr Smith

The Chief Executive spoke on this report.

The Mayor mentioned that she had spoken to other Councils and asked them how they deal with including local contractors. One district have a clause that a local contractor must have 20% of the work load.

Cr Williams raised concerns that it may look like we are being subsidised by Timaru Council if we were to accept a joint tender benefitting Mackenzie District Council.

CE Spoke that the recommendation is to continue to work through this, it is not about a firm decision at this stage. The Mayor mentioned that \$28,000 has been spent on collaboration and documentation so far and it would be fair to continue down this path.

Cr Murray Cox that it is a risk for our local contractors. He also questioned how legal this process is and would like a legal opinion. The CE stated they have had legal advice.

Cr Noel Jackson asked if the contractors know this is coming up, Suzy Ratahi confirmed they are aware of the tender situation and are concerned. Cr Jackson asked how many staff Whitestone employ, Suzy will check this out. Suzy later confirmed there are 22 FTE.

2. That Council confirms that the supplier selection method will be 'Price Quality' as per NZTA requirements.

Cr Smith/Mayor

3. That Council notes the challenges around group tenders and potential transfer payments to or from other Local Authorities in the group and request staff provide as much information as possible at the completion of the tender evaluation process to allow Council to be fully informed to assist in the tender selection decision.

Cr Smith/Mayor

The Chief Executive commented what a great job Suzy has done, this was backed by Cr Smith who stated he has had compliments made to him re Suzy's work in the collaboration group.

Resolved to move back to public meeting

Mayor/Cr Smith