

MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FAIRLIE, ON TUESDAY 26 JUNE 2012 AT 1.25 PM

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Glen Innes (Chief Executive Officer)
Paul Morris (Manager – Finance and Administration)
Bernie Haar (Asset Manager) for part of the meeting
Rosemary Moran Committee Clerk)

I SUBMISSIONS TO DRAFT LONG TERM PLAN 2012 – 2022:

This report from the Chief Executive Officer was accompanied by a number of submissions to the Long Term Plan which had not already been considered by the Council.

Resolved that the report be received.

Graham Smith John Bishop

1. Patricia Rowland Schuker – Manuka Terrace Water Supply:

Resolved that the Chief Executive Officer respond to that part of the submission relating to the Manuka Terrace Water Supply by advising that the Council would be consulting with affected parties before the Manuka Terrace Water Supply project was advanced.

Claire Barlow /Annette Money

2. Elizabeth Brien – Eversley Reserve Sewerage Scheme:

Resolved that the submission be rejected and that the submitter be advised of the correct information.

Annette Money/Graham Smith

3. Bruce White –Chairman’s Casting Vote:

Resolved that the submission be rejected.

Annette Money/Graham Smith

4. Matthew Dunncliff – NZ Drinking Water Standards

Resolved that the submission be rejected and the submitter be advised of LGNZ’s representations to the government in that regard.

Graham Smith/Evan Williams

5. **Carol Burke – Manuka Terrace Water Supply/ Roothing and District Signage**

Resolved that the submission be accepted in part and the submitter be advised of Council's decision regarding Manuka Terrace Roothing, that the Council would be consulting with affected parties before the Manuka Terrace Water Supply project was advanced and that the comments regarding signage would be referred to the Twizel Community Board.

Graham Smith/Annette Money

6. **Mervyn Leslie and Eunice Isobel Burke – Alps 2 Ocean Cycleway and Medical Centre:**

Resolved that the submission be accepted in part.

Graham Smith/Annette Money

7. **Martin and Penny Murray – Community Board Boundaries:**

Resolved that the submission be rejected with the advice that community board boundaries would be reviewed in 2015.

Annette Money/Graham Page

8. **Environment Canterbury**

Resolved that Submission point 1, Wilding Pines, be accepted and agreed to in principle..

Annette Money Claire Barlow

Resolved that Submission point 2, CWMS, be accepted.

Annette Money /Claire Barlow

Resolved that submission points:

- 3 - upgrading of township water supplies to meet New Zealand Drinking Water Standards,
 - 4 - alternative water supply for Twizel,
 - 5 - funding of water supply upgrades,
 - 6 - upgrading of sewerage treatment facilities,
 - 7 - MTDT role in CWMS
 - 8 - Emergency Management, and
 - 10 - Waste Management
- be accepted.

Graham Smith/Annette Money

Resolved that submission point 9 - the new National Environmental Standards be rejected.

Claire Barlow/Graham Smith

Staff Submission To Long Term Plan 2012 – 2022:

Resolved that Council accepts the staff submission and includes the following amendments to its Long Term Plan 2012-2022, subject to any other changes consequent upon its earlier decisions:

Page 138

Twizel Works and Services delete 640. This was a typo carried up from the number below.

Page 141

Amend the wording of the Marketing and Economic Development Rate All other ratepayers from “\$0.0012628 per dollar” to “0.0012628 per dollar of capital value”. This corrects the rating description.

Page 85

Amend the last sentence to read \$460,000. This was a typing error.

Page 140

Amend Downlands water supply from \$281 to \$277 and amend total income from \$15,455 to \$15,789 due to 2 additional points being charged.

Amend Downlands water supply from \$113 to \$111 and amend total income from \$30,972 to \$23,421. This change was due to incorrect number of units being charged for.

Page 139

General rates rating factor should be 0.005384 not 0.000538. The rates be collected should also be correct to \$1,142,156 from \$1,142,152. Typing error correction.

Amend Ohau A rating factor from 0.000641 to 0.00064147.

Amend Tekapo B rating factor from 0.001019 to 0.00101978.

Amend Tekapo Capital Value rate factor from 0.00067 to 0.00067532.

Amend Rural Works and Services rating factor from 0.000016 to 0.0000162.

Amend rural fixed charge rating factor to \$100.24 from \$96.44. This was due to the transfer of the rural ratepayer base in Twizel.

Amend Rural Works and Services hydro differential Ohau A to 0.0000275 from 0.000027 and Tekapo B to 0.0000437 from 0.000043.

RATING POLICIES

- Rates Remission and Postponement Policy (including on Maori Freehold Land).
- Rates Remissions – remissions of penalties
- Rates Remissions – remission of some targeted rates
- Postponement Policy – extreme financial hardship
- Policy on Remission and Postponement of Rates on Maori Freehold Land.

The existing policies can be found on pages 203-205 of the Long Term Plan.

Changes to the rates remission and postponement policy mainly deal with tightening of the policy and delegating the authority to administer the policy to the Chief Executive Officer.

Rates Remissions – Remissions of penalties

Changes to definition and criteria.

Rates Remissions – Remission of some targeted rates.

Tightening of definitions.

Postponement Policy – Extreme financial hardship.

Gives wider power to request financial information from which to make a determination of extreme financial hardship.

Postponement of Rates on Maori Freehold Land

Changes to definition and criteria.

Annette Money/Evan Williams

9. **Asset Management Submission:**

The Council considered the following submission:

That the original rates take for the local share of the Rooding budget as proposed in the Draft Long Term Plan for 2012 – 2022 remain the same. This would achieve the surpluses of \$44,000 in Year 1, \$193,000 in Year 2 and \$156,000 in Year.

It was agreed that a decision be made on the submission following consideration of the impacts of Council's earlier decisions on rating.

III RATING ISSUES – IMPACT OF DECISIONS AND AFFORDABILITY ISSUES:

The Manager – Finance and Administration provided information on the impact the amendments made by Council to the rating structure as set out the Draft Long Term Plan for 2012 – 2022.

It was noted that the overall rate requirement (not including use of the rural roading reserve) had risen by 7.01%

The Chief Executive Officer explained the cost implications for each sector of the community of the new rating structure adopted by Council.

He said the Council needed to decide if it would retain roading rates at the level proposed in the draft Long Term Plan or reduce them to match the level of expenditure now approved by NZTA.

Resolved:

1. That Council meet the local share of the roading programme approved by NZTA plus an allowance of \$250,000 for minor improvements.
2. That Rooding Reserves be retained at current levels and not be used to reduce rating impacts in the first three years of the plan.
3. That the unsubsidised roading programme be funded to the extent of \$191,100 in Year I plus \$460,00 for Manuka Terrace funded from reserves.

Graham Smith/Evan Williams

Use of Historic Rooding Reserves:

Resolved that the historic roading reserves for Twizel, Lake Tekapo, Fairlie and Rural be retained for roading purposes only.

Graham Page / Evan Williams

Long Term Plan 2012-2022 – Text:

The Chief Executive Officer referred to the changes which had been made to the Long Term Plan in response to submissions. He said as a consequence there were significant amendments to be made to the wording of the plan. He asked Council to delegate authority to some elected members to approve the final wording.

Resolved that the Mayor and Crs Money and Page be delegated authority to approve the final wording of the Long Term Plan 2012 – 2022.

Graham Smith/Peter Maxwell

II IMPLEMENTATION OF UTILITIES ACT 2010:

This report from the Asset Technical Assistant introduced the Utilities Access Act 2011 and discussed requirements and ramifications.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received.
2. That the Council notes the requirements of the Utilities Access Act 2010 and its impact upon Council as a road controlling authority.
3. That the Council adopts the National Code of Practice for Utilities Access to Road Corridors as policy.
4. That Council confirms the appointment of the Asset Technical Assistant as Corridor Manager.
5. That Council approves the establishment of a fees and charges policy to recover costs associated with the implementation of the Code.

John Bishop/Annette Money

WASTE MINIMISATION PLAN:

The Asset Manager referred to the development of the draft Waste Minimisation Plan which was required to be adopted by 10 July 2012 for public consultation. He proposed that a group of elected members be appointed to scrutinise the draft Plan and make a recommendation to the Council at its meeting on 10 July 2012.

Resolved that the Crs Money and Page be delegated authority to scrutinise the draft Plan and make a recommendation to Council.

Graham Smith/Peter Maxwell

COUNCIL SOFTWARE SYSTEM REPLACEMENT PROPOSAL:

IT Officer, Stephen Barlow, advised the Council of an offer which had been received to switch from its current NCS core software system to a Civica software system. He said it was an attractively priced proposal which would achieve significant savings for the Council over ten years.

Mr Barlow said the proposal included the funding of a half time FTE to help with the change management.

He explained that he, the Chief Executive Officer and Revenue Officer had observed the Civica system in action at Horowhenua District Council. The view was that it was a good product however there were aspects of the rating module which would need to be improved.

Mr Barlow noted that NCS had been advised of the development.

PROJECTS AND STRATEGIES COMMITTEE MEETING:

It was agreed that the meeting of the Projects and Strategies Committee be postponed.

THE MAYOR DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 3.40 PM

MAYOR: _____

DATE: _____