

MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FAIRLIE COMMUNITY BOARD HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FAIRLIE, ON MONDAY SEPTEMBER 1, 2014, AT 7:00PM

PRESENT:

Owen Hunter (Chairman)
Warren Barker
Trish Willis
Cr Noel Jackson – until 8.04pm

IN ATTENDANCE:

Claire Barlow (Mayor) – from 7.19pm
Wayne Barnett (Chief Executive)
Arlene Goss (Committee Clerk)
Paul Morris (Finance and Administration Manager)
Geoff Horler (Utilities Manager)

APOLGIES:

Resolved that apologies be received from board member Les Blacklock, Community Facilities manager Garth Nixon, and an apology for lateness from Mayor Claire Barlow.

Warren Barker/Noel Jackson

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest.

MINUTES:

Trish Willis asked for the following corrections:

- The Fairlie District Promotions “Group” instead of “Society”.
- Page 6 – under general business, third paragraph, she would like to rephrase her comment to say she suggested “we have a form of promotion at the Mount Michael site that could include icons that represent our services”.

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Fairlie Community Board held on July 21, 2014, be confirmed and adopted as the correct record, with the corrections noted above.

Warren Barker/Trish Willis

FAIRLIE COMMUNITY BOARD MATTERS UNDER ACTION

Allandale Bridge – Walkway:

Our original pricing and designs for a clip-on walkway have been sent to NZTA. Will follow up with a letter. Need to keep pressure on NZTA to get it into their budget.

SH 79 Approach to Fairlie – Signage:

Cr Jackson has talked to Maria Prince from Fairlie Promotions Group about a border on the new sign and she thought it was a good idea.

Give Way sign on main highway:

This give way sign has been removed, which changes the traffic rules on this corner. Discussion was held on who gives way. The board would like something published in the Fairlie Accessible to let people know about this change.

Green Sign and Power Pole in front of Old Library Building:

The community board hopes to get this sign moved when other work is done by NZTA in this area at some stage.

Trish Willis asked regarding the power pole and power lines in front of the old library café. The chairman said he had spoken to Alpine Energy about it and the cost to move this pole would be about \$500,000. Council is supposed to be putting money towards underground reticulation but this hasn't been happening. The chief executive said the Mayor was also planning to raise this matter with Alpine and he would check with the Mayor on the result of this discussion.

Suggestions from Fairlie District Promotions Association:

Regarding parking behind the shops, the property at the back is not owned by the Four Square so it's only possible to suggest that people park there. This is a courtesy thing. The chairman said we could publish this request in the Accessible on behalf of the community board. Arlene Goss to action this.

The Mayor joined the meeting at 7.19pm

Warren Barker noted there is still no disabled car park in front of the Four Square.

Domain Campground Lease:

To be discussed later in the meeting.

Raised ground on the north side of the bridge heading to Tekapo:

The chairman said the owners are happy for this to be planted so it's just a matter of cost and time.

The chairman asked for the items numbered 8, 9, 10, 11, and 13 (in the agenda) to be removed from list of matters under action, as these matters have been dealt with.

REPORTS:

FAIRLIE COMMUNITY BOARD FINANCIAL ACTIVITY REPORT TO JUNE:

The purpose of this report is to update community board members on the financial performance of the Fairlie community as a whole for the period to June, 2014.

Paul Morris spoke regarding variances to budget. On page 14 that the water schemes are \$13,000 over budget due to breakages. Geoff Horler explained where the line breakages had occurred and what he was planning to do to resolve them. These breakages are unforeseen and repairs are budgeted for the next financial year.

On page 20 community centre insurance costs are higher than budgeted. Community Centre operational maintenance is \$4,500 over budget due to repairs and maintenance on the community centre. This is offset by lower than anticipated electricity costs. Repairs relate to a burst pipe in community centre kitchen.

Swimming pool operational maintenance is \$8,500 over budget. This relates to re-painting the swimming pool and the purchase of chemicals.

Cr Jackson asked about Strathconan Park. Are any rates paid on this? Yes. It's a council owned park but the buildings are not council owned. The Mayor said the ground was vested in council and there are strict requirements as to what the land can be used for.

The Mayor asked a question regarding an item on page 14 called "other income". What is the reason for this variance? Paul Morris said this was the cost of the water readings done at the end of each year.

Warren Barker asked about swimming pool expenses and whether there was an extra staff member. Paul Morris said higher staff costs were due to a longer swimming season last summer. On the other side, the pool income is up \$2,500, which also indicates a longer season.

Resolved that the report be received.

Noel Jackson/Trish Willis

The chairman moved the item named "Domain Campground Lease" forward in the agenda, and the community board agreed to consider this matter in public excluded due to the commercially sensitive nature of the discussion.

PUBLIC EXCLUDED:

Resolved that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting namely 'Domain Campground Lease' and 'Paintball Ground Lease'.

Owen Hunter/Warren Barker

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
Domain Campground Lease	Commercial sensitivity	48(1)(a)(i)
Paintball Ground Lease	Commercial sensitivity	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: *Domain Campground Lease and Paintball Ground Lease under section 7(2)(b)(ii)*.

The Fairlie Community Board continued in open meeting.

OLD LIBRARY CAFÉ BUILDING RESTORATION UPDATE:

Chief executive Wayne Barnett updated members on this project. The structural work is nearing completion. From a contractual point of view we have issued variances worth \$9000 from the contingency fund of \$50,000.

COMMUNITY CENTRE COURTYARD UPDATE:

The chairman noted the interesting responses from members of the community regarding this upgrade. Warren Barker said he has had verbal feedback from people asking why put grass there. The chairman has had feedback that the money could be put into something that made money, however the community board was not a money-making group.

A budget of about \$30,000 was set aside in last year's budget for this upgrade and was still available. There is also a need to return to council with a plan and request that council contributes to the costs. It is also on the current projects list.

The chairman said as this is already budgeted and planned we need to go ahead subject to acceptable pricing. If the price comes under budget we can proceed.

Trish Willis asked if community board members could be given the opportunity to view the final plan before sign-off. The chairman will talk to Community Facilities manager Garth Nixon and liaise with community board further. The community board agreed to receive the report, but did not pass the second resolution recommended in the report.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received.

Trish Willis/Warren Barker

FAIRLIE CAMPGROUND SEWER PUMPS:

The purpose of this report is to approve the replacement of the Fairlie campground sewer pump. Utilities manager Geoff Horler spoke to this item.

There is currently a sewer pump station in the campground. A pump recently burnt out so a second pump was put in and that was faulty. The cost to repair both pumps is more than half their value, so he recommended buying a new pump.

There is also a problem with groundwater being pumped with the sewerage and into the ponds. We don't want that. The proposal is to address this issue at the same time, and also move the pump from the current site to a more convenient site nearby.

Trish Willis asked how old the pumps were. One was purchased 2011 so should last longer than it did, but Geoff Horler suspects the pumps have been bound up by wet wipes and this has burnt the motor out. The new pump will cut up the wet wipes so they don't wind around the pump.

The chairman said the ground water was an issue because it put us over the limit at the outlet. Eliminating groundwater means you are only pumping what you need to be pumping.

The chairman asked what money was available in the capital reserve. This reserve is in \$140,000 debt.

Trish Willis asked about the wet wipes. Geoff Horler said there have been issues elsewhere with wet wipes and he thinks the wipes come from campervans emptying their effluent at the campground.

Geoff Horler explained the process of installing the new pump and said it could be done quickly.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received.

Trish Willis/Warren Barker

2. That the community board approves the replacement of the sewer pump station in the Fairlie campground as a non-budgeted item.

Trish Willis/Warren Barker

Cr Noel Jackson left the meeting at 8.04pm.

FAIRLIE COMMUNITY BOARD PLANNING AND PROJECTS LIST IN THE CONTEXT OF THE MACKENZIE DISTRICT:

This agenda item has been put forward by board member Trish Willis. She said the purpose of her report was to help consolidate the ideas and discussions the community board has had. She would like to move that the report be received and consider whether it's a reasonable framework to help the board consider projects moving forward.

The chairman said he would second that motion and said it is relevant.

He asked to add the world war one memorial on the village green to the projects list. This will require landscaping. He does not know the costs involved. Paul Morris believed this would be funded from the gardening budget. It might also be a village green project.

Geoff Horler asked for clarification of item 10 on the projects list regarding water at Eversley. The chairman said this relates to water pressure. Geoff Horler said the pipes are small bore and there would be a cost involved in increasing the water pressure.

The Mayor said although the projects list is a wish list, it would be good to prioritise it. Trish Willis said it shows we are listening to the community.

The chairman said at present there is \$60,000 available for projects. He would like to consult with community board member Les Blacklock and come up with the first priority on the list and get something happening. The chairman will call in and check on Les and will update the community board after visiting him.

WARD MEMBERS REPORT:

Cr Jackson was not present to provide a ward member's report. The Mayor offered to fill in the community board on council activity. She said Meridian Energy's proposal to build their new building had created controversy. Tekapo is also facing land sales with a new hotel on Lakeside Drive.

Council is working collaboratively with neighbouring councils to see how we can collaborate on roading, GIS mapping and IT. Also of interest at the moment is the upcoming review of the Ecan commissioners. Council's economic development contracts are going well and there is some good work happening in this area.

REPORTS FROM MEMBERS WHO REPRESENT THE BOARD ON OTHER COMMITTEES:

The chairman reported on a Lions Club project to cover the stage on the village green. He said the stage framework is welded and construction is occurring this week. They had a big Lions Club working bee on Saturday. This is on track to be finished at the end of this month and will look authentic.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS
THE CHAIRPERSON DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.30pm.**

CHAIRMAN: _____

DATE: _____