

MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TEKAPO COMMUNITY BOARD HELD IN THE LAKE TEKAPO COMMUNITY HALL, TEKAPO, ON MONDAY, JULY 13, 2015, AT 7.00PM

PRESENT:

Peter Munro (Chair)
Murray Cox
Stella Sweney
Lyn Martin
Alan Hayman

IN ATTENDANCE:

Wayne Barnett
Garth Nixon
Suzy Ratahi
Jo Bradley
Chris Green
Geoff Horler
Julie Jongen

OPENING:

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APOLOGIES:

No apologies received.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest.

VISITOR:

Jason Menard from Alps 2 Ocean.
Colin Maclaren.

Jason spoke on the Alps2ocean.

There are going to be changes to the NZ Regional cycle trail which connects at Tekapo. The same amount of cyclists are starting at Mt Cook and Tekapo. It is 56km from Tekapo and 77km from Mt Cook.

Signage - Looking at getting map signage at the start of each section and these will be in place this season.

Distance markers – Looking at getting these put in for safety and health reasons. There has been a request to place markers low to the ground, so they won't be obtrusive and interrupt the views for photos.

Guardians – For a set fee, it is hoped that there will be "guardians" where structures such as toilets would be placed with their sponsorship names. Once the first one is sorted, the project will be rolled out to try and get a guardian for each section.

All going well, by November/December from Sailors Cutting through to Otematata will be up to 33km off road instead of the 24kms it is at present.

The cycle trail from Kurow to Duntroon will be taken off the highway as well as two more sections between Duntroon and Oamaru.

Trail Supporter Packs - Concept working on sale supporter band, would purchase the band which would give entry to different activities, the price would be \$50-\$80.

The easiest solution would be using a smart phone application but he doesn't want to make the assumption that everyone has a smart phone.

By 2018 Alps 2 Ocean are hoping they will be self-sustaining by then, which in turn would mean the ratepayer doesn't have to support them.

Changes to the Web Site – Jason is compiling a “booking specialist” on the web site. Jason stated he will be the point of contact at this stage.

Colin Maclaren – Asked if that is the end of expenditure for Block A, Mr Nixon replied there will be replacement planting and moving of fences.

Mr Maclaren asked if it would be better and cheaper for planting to be done by enthusiastic locals, to which Mr Nixon replied the opportunities are still there for locals and nothing has changed. He stated the community board is looking at these options.

The chairman suggested that the Board look at the community and organisations who would be keen to participate with decisions and the work.

MINUTES:

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Tekapo Community Board held on March 9, 2015, including those parts taken in public excluded, be confirmed and adopted as the correct record of the meeting.

Alan Hayman/Stella Sweney

TEKAPO COMMUNITY BOARD MATTERS UNDER ACTION:

1. Tekapo Plantation: Murray Place/Section A:

A time line plan was requested from the board.

2. Review of Freedom Camping Bylaw and its Alignment with the Freedom Camping Act:

Hamilton Drive – Chris Green spoke of her concerns with freedom camping. There is new signage in place. The rubbish down there is very distressing. A lot of the hire company vehicles are now self-contained. The bylaw does state there will be a review in two years. If you are fully self-contained you can freedom camp anywhere in the district. Mr Nixon mentioned he has been in touch with Queenstown to see what they do, and Stella suggested someone contact Timaru Council and see how they are handling the situation. Discussion on how to enforce fines on campers. The big sign needs to be changed with penalties. A suggestion to bring the bylaw review forward was agreed. The CE asked Garth to speak with NZMCA about the rules and regulations of self-containment.

The board agreed to try the new enforcements and signage first, to see how it works out then review it after that.

3. Future of Moturiki Island:

No updates or advice has been received.

4. Tekapo Squash Club:

On the agenda for Property Groups next meeting 14/7/15.

5. Town Projects:

a. Landscaping the Community Centre Car park.

Was planted out prior to the snow and looks okay after the dumping.

b. Alps2Ocean Link between Tekapo and Canal Road.

Rooneys are removing Turleys stuff this week. The walkways will be tidied up and resurfaced but needs to have some shallow steps put in as it is a bit steep.

c. Rock wall extension along Main Road to Aorangi Crescent.

d. Upgrade of Hamilton Drive lookout.

The Chief Executive asked what are the main concerns with the area. The reply was drainage and the state of the area as far as tidiness goes.

e. Walkway on Lakeside Drive – pruning, landscaping.

Pruning has taken place. Garth Nixon is following up with contractors to finish the clean-up.

6. Playground Committee:

Murray Cox mentioned this would be tied up with the landscaping reports. Garth Nixon suggested a meeting be held on site with the committee. Peter, Murray and Garth will meet with the committee.

7. New Stormwater Line Near Mantra Development:

Geoff Horler spoke that there is still more planting to be done. Stella Sweeney commented that it is working brilliantly.

8. 60Km Extension.

Suzy Ratahi spoke on this. There is a meeting scheduled for Monday next week as the last meeting was cancelled due to snow.

9. Civil Defence.

Sandra McCarthy has resigned from Civil Defence and Catherine Johnson took over this role but has since resigned. David Rae is working on this.

FINANCIAL REPORT TO MAY, 2015:

This report is the financial report for the community board for the period to May, 2015, the purpose of which to update board members on the financial performance of the Tekapo Community as a whole for that period.

The Chief Executive spoke to this report.

Resolved that the report be received.

Lyn Martin/Alan Hayman

WARD MEMBER'S REPORT: (Verbal)

Murray Cox reported. Council have had meeting for LTP submissions, and a meeting for deliberations of submissions. Mr Cox reported on the three main topics, Roding, Forestry and amalgamation of the three waters. Council voted not to sell Forestry, and voted to amalgamate the three waters.

REPORTS FROM MEMBERS WHO REPRESENT THE COMMUNITY BOARD ON OTHER COMMITTEES: (Verbal)

Tekapo Promotions - Lyn Martin reported there are concerns of distribution of mail. There is an investigation being done for the possibility of a new logo. There is a need for more committee members.

More funds are needed to update the website, a figure of \$22,000 has been mentioned to do this. Discussion took place on how to fund an updated web site, this figure is not set in concrete and planning is in the very early stages.

Better communication in a severe weather emergency is required.

The Chief Executive replied that Council have been made aware of measures to trigger a response, part of this is to make sure all phones in the office have coverage and better communication with updates.

There are two nights arranged for "Community nights" they are August 12th and September 10th is the AGM.

Footbridge – Peter Munro spoke on this. This is progressing well, the arch is being painted. The engineer is now concerned about the bolting mechanism as to whether it will withstand freezing temperatures. Construction will be in about a month which will involve some road changes, it is planned to put this in place in September. AGM is August 18th. The official opening will be weekend 21st/22nd November.

Tekapo White Water Trust have had a couple of meetings with Genesis. They have a new chairman who is cracking the whip. Water equates to \$30,000 per year and it hasn't been done for a few years.

The Park – Power lines have been upgraded. A big clean-up is taking place at the moment Entered an agreement with Alpine to take out significant trees without making a mess, unfortunately there is a mess and a little bit of damage done in the caravan park. The park is buying a chipper so they can chip the trees as they fall. There are about four big branches that have fallen and will be taken out this week.

TEKAPO COMMUNITY HALL FEES:

Purpose of Report:

To consider revised fees and charges for the Tekapo Community Hall.

Lyn Martin commented about the web site and how it is very difficult to see what hall hire pricing is and to book a hall. The present system is meant to have been removed, Garth Nixon will deal with this.

Resolved

1. That the report be received.

Stella Sweny/Alan Hayman

2. That the Tekapo Community Board recommends to Council the revised fees and charges schedule be adopted.

Alan Hayman/Lyn Martin

TEKAPO DEVELOPMENT FUTURE LANDSCAPE WORKS:

Purpose of Report:

To confirm decisions made at Landscape Workshop.

Resolved

1. That the report be received.

Stella Sweney/Murray Cox

2. The Community Board confirm the minutes and recommendations made by the workshop as the basis for their way forward with the landscape of the Tekapo Domain.

Stella Sweney/Alan Hayman

3. That the Community Facilities Manager be tasked with progressing and reporting on these projects.

Stella Sweney/Lyn Martin

LAKE TEKAPO SOLAR SYSTEM CHALLENGE:

Progress Report to Tekapo Community Board – June 2015

The Chairman asked if there are any plans with the proposed ideas. The board is keen to see phase two completed. He asked about the poles which have all cracked and would like them cut off at ground level. Peter Munro asked Colin Maclaren if he can provide a plan showing his idea with the poles.

Resolved that the report be received.

Murray Cox/Lyn Martin

RESERVOIR – LEAKAGE REPAIRS:

Purpose of Report:

To advise the Community Board on the reasons for the delay in completing this project and rolling the funds over into 2015/16 so the project can be undertaken.

Geoff Horler spoke on this. Last year there was a budget for \$37,000 to do the repairs. Before work commenced on the repairs a review was done by Opus, this work really needs to be done as the reservoir is cracking.

Resolved

1. That the report be received.

Alan Hayman/Murray Cox

2. That the budget of \$37,000 be carried over into 2015/16 year to undertake the reline project of the Tekapo Reservoir.

Murray Cox/Stella Sweney

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Community Emergency Response Group (not Civil Defence).

Stella Sweeney spoke on this. Sandra McCarthy has resigned from Civil Defence. Amy Lamb from Twizel and representatives from Fairlie are meeting in Tekapo next week. It would be good if there was a central point of contact in the village. This group is about looking after the community in an emergency and having a network of communication within the community. Murray Cox mentioned that The Challenge Service station and the Fire and Police stations are the central hub for an emergency. A suggestion of a white board with updates be placed in a central location would be useful.

2. QLDC proposal for a tourist levy (ODT 25.6.15)

Stella Sweney spoke about this. Queenstown Lakes District Council are working with small towns that have huge influxes of tourists to work out a levy to assist with the expenses in maintaining our roads, rubbish, footpaths, toilets etc.

3. Snow Clearing Schedule/Tekapo Emergency Plan. (Verbal Murray Cox)

Suzy Ratahi spoke on this. She advised of a plan for clearing the snow within the town. Alan Hayman asked why they don't clear the snow as it is falling instead of afterwards. Suzy responded that it is mainly due to safety reasons. The snow clearing guidelines have been updated.

A lot of issues are the residents themselves, they need to be more responsible and take precautions. Murray Cox requested that a list gets distributed with priorities such as closures and snow clearing. It was suggested that the smaller jobs could be done by different contractors (hopefully a local) to Whitestones.

4. Lions Club Tekapo – Seat reinstatement.

Mr Nixon confirmed that Fulton Hogan have the seat in storage and it will be included in the plan.

PUBLIC EXCLUDED:

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

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
Starlight Highway Tourist Drive	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: *Starlight Highway Tourist Drive, under section 7(2)(b)(ii).*

Alan Hayman/Murray Cox

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS
THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.36PM**

CHAIRMAN: _____

DATE: _____