

MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TEKAPO COMMUNITY BOARD HELD IN THE LAKE TEKAPO COMMUNITY HALL ON MONDAY 7 MAY 2012 AT 7.00 PM

PRESENT:

Murray Cox (Chairman)
Alan Hayman
Peter Munro
Ian Radford

IN ATTENDANCE:

Bernie Haar (Asset Manager)
Garth Nixon (Community Facilities Manager)
Rosemary Moran (Committee Clerk)

I APOLOGY:

Resolved that an apology be received from Peter Maxwell.

Alan Hayman/Ian Radford

II DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no Declarations of Interest.

III MINUTES:

Resolved that the Minutes of the meeting of the Tekapo Community Board held on 28 March 2012 be confirmed and adopted as the correct record of the meeting.

Peter Munro/Ian Radford

MATTERS UNDER ACTION:

1. **Civil Defence Wardens:**

The Chairman said he would keep in touch with the Civil Defence Emergency Management Officer regarding the appointment of wardens.

2. **Community Centre:**

- Landscaping plan to be developed.
- Entrance proposal has been submitted to the engineer.

3. **Freedom Camping**

LINZ's attitude to freedom camping to continue at the existing informal area near the outlet and Lake McGregor/Lake Alexandrina yet to be ascertained.

4. **Lighting on Walkway**

Further lights required at both ends of the walkway and where the existing lights were too far apart. Attend to lamps not working.

5. **Landscaping at the Church of the Good Shepherd**

Ian Radford and the Manager – Roading to further discuss the project.

6. **Walkway to the Dam.**

Laying of shingle has been tasked to the contractor.

7. **Car Parking on Aorangi Crescent**

The Asset Manager said he intended to have a look at the situation at peak periods of use.

IV REPORTS:

1. MINOR IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS LIST:

This report from the Manager – Roading referred to the Council’s wish to consider a full list of roading improvement projects for completion during the first three years of the Long Term Plan.

Resolved that the report be received.

Ian Radford/Peter Munro

The Asset Manager stressed that the list provided had been prepared by staff and he suggested that the Board members consider any further projects they wanted to be included. He said the Manager – Roading was planning to meet with the Twizel and Fairlie community board members in that regard and would be available to meet with the Tekapo Community Board members if they wished. He said he would ask her to contact the Chairman within the next two weeks.

2. CORRESPONDENCE FROM SPREYDON HEATHCOTE WARD – FRACKING FREE:

This letter from the Chairman of Christchurch City’s Spreydon Heathcote Community Board regarding the practice of hydraulic fracturing (fracking) a method of extracting oil and natural gas, and declarations of fracking free zones.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received.
2. That the letter be referred to the Council for further consideration and a response to the Spreydon Heathcote Community Board.

Pete Munro/Alan Hayman.

BALMORAL ARMY CAMP - SAM STALEY:

The Chairman welcomed Sam Staley of the Balmoral Army Camp.

Mr Staley reported on recent activity at the camp noting that it had been occupied for 7,000 bed nights so far this year. The camp had hosted school groups and a charity bike ride. The Royal Gurkha Rifles had been at the camp for six weeks and it was intended the soldiers return in 2014.

Mr Staley said he had been advised by LINZ that as at 10 April 2012, the land up the Forks River and above the current training area (everything south of Landslip Creek) had been taken out of the Braemar lease and was now the responsibility of the Defence Force.

He said the land above Landslip Creek had gone to the Department of Conservation. The Department was working on car parks and signage and marking a route to the Braemar Dome to enable free access. The Defence Force was working on a Memorandum of Understanding for the management of the land and had already started on the control of wilding trees.

In response to a question, Mr Staley said he was not aware of plans for a cycle track over the land.

Mr Staley left the meeting at 7.40 pm.

IV REPORTS (Continued):

4. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS WHO REPRESENT THE BOARD ON OTHER COMMITTEES:

The Chairman reported on progress at the **Regional Park** and noted that Mackenzie College students had recently undertaken some planting on a community day

Peter Munro reported that survey pegs had been put in on the proposed **Tekapo Footbridge** site.

V GENERAL:

1. I-SITE AND MACKENZIE TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT TRUST:

The Chairman said the future of the i-SITE remained unclear and that the Community Board needed a clear indication from the Mackenzie Tourism and Development Trust as to what was expected of the Community Board.

The Asset Manager updated the Board members about recent developments with regard to the Trust. He undertook to ask the Mayor to talk to the Chairman regarding the possible way forward.

The Chairman considered that the over-arching issue was that Lake Tekapo was progressing and needed a recognisable information centre or i-SITE.

2. LONG TERM PLAN 2-12 – 20122, COMMUNITY INPUT AND DISCUSSION:

The Chairman undertook to draft a discussion paper for publication in the *Accessible* about all the projects that the Board had discussed, such as landscaping, walkways and public toilets, with the view to gaining feedback from the Tekapo community and making a submission to the Long Term Plan. He said he would pre-circulate it to the Board members for approval.

3. FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW:

The Chairman referred to the need for a bylaw to be established before next summer. He also noted it was likely signs would be required at some locations to remind people where camping was not permitted.

The Community Facilities Manager said a new Freedom Camping Bylaw would be established under the new legislation and there would be a Tekapo component to the bylaw.

4. LAKE TEKAPO PLANTATION – MEETING WITH FORESTRY BOARD:

The Community Facilities Manager advised that the original planned meeting had been postponed; however he suggested that it would be prudent to reschedule it after 1 July 2012. He said it would be useful to then consult with the community about what was wanted in the knowledge that the plantation was a production forest, albeit one with a significant recreational component, and that sometimes trees would have to be felled.

5. GENESIS PROJECT UPDATE:

The Chairman reported that Genesis Energy had contacted him to make sure that the Board was comfortable with the information provided regarding the upcoming major project on the canal, and to find out if there were any concerns.

He said it was intended to start lowering the lake in November 2012. Genesis was working with the organisations associated with the lake such as Fish & Game. It was noted that the opportunity would be taken to upgrade the boat ramps and the engineer would be in touch with the Community Board in that regard.

6. TOWNSHIP PROJECTS UPDATE:

The Community Facilities Manager displayed the **community centre** plans. It was noted that the plan for the entrance did not reflect the concept drawn by Colin McLaren. The Community Facilities Manager undertook to ensure that it was communicated correctly with a copy of Mr McLaren's original drawing. He noted that the insulation requirements also needed to be included.

The Board discussed:

- heating systems
- double glazing for the existing doors
- planning to be able to use the deck on the East side to increase the usable area of the hall and a concrete slab instead of wooden decking in that area,
- a patio with lighting adjacent to the kitchen for BBQ and catering materials
- the Lake Tekapo Art Exhibition, which it was noted would go ahead before the project started.

The Community Facilities Manager advised that the surface of asphalt and Astroturf was about to be laid on the **tennis courts**. He said all court markings were sown into the turf for tennis courts, netball courts and hockey field.

Peter Munro requested that basketball hoops be installed.

Resolved that the Community Facilities Manager provide costs for the construction and installation of one or two basketball hoops and that the Chairman and Mr Munro be delegated authority to approve that the project proceed.

Peter Munro /Ian Radford

7. EXTENSION OF WALKWAY AND RELOCATION OF CAMPERVAN DUMP STATION:

The Community Facilities Manager explained preliminary plans to develop a car parking area and lighting at the entrance to the walkway, to tidy up the area to a mowable standard and relocate the campervan dump station. It was suggested the access to the new dump station site be from the car park rather than from the road.

The Community Facilities Manager advised that Pete Speedy of the Lake Tekapo camping ground proposed to improve the reserve area on Lakeside Drive between the boat club and Tekapo Springs by removing identified trees, filling, levelling and grassing the area and planting new trees which would eventually provide some shade. He intended to undertake the work at his own cost.

Resolved:

1. That an onsite meeting be convened with Mr Speedy to discuss the project.
2. That Mr Speedy be requested to submit landscape plans and images of the planned work, with a staged timetable, for approval by the Community Board.
3. That Mr Speedy be advised that Stage One, the area immediately northwest of the power boat club house extending approximately 75 metres, be completed to the satisfaction of the Community Board before the next stage was initiated.

Ian Radford/Peter Munro

The Community Facilities Manager undertook to provide some aerial photographs for Mr Speedy to use along with the Community Board's response to his proposal.

It was suggested that Mr Speedy also be advised that the Board intended to improve the east end of Lakeside Drive which would also be to his benefit. Community centre plans too.

It was requested that the **landscaping and walkway around the Church of the Good Shepherd** be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

8. VARIOUS:

- **Township plantings** which had died were to be replaced prior to winter.
- The **water treatment tender** remained the subject of negotiations – some automation was required.
- **Meeting dates** – investigate changes where the dates clashed with Fire Brigade training nights.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE
CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.05 PM**

CHAIRMAN: _____

DATE: _____