

MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TEKAPO COMMUNITY BOARD HELD AT THE GODLEY RESORT HOTEL, LAKE TEKAPO, ON MONDAY 11 MARCH 2013 AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT:

Murray Cox (Chairman)
Peter Munro
Peter Maxwell
Alan Hayman

IN ATTENDANCE:

Paul Morris (Manager – Finance and Administration)
Garth Nixon (Community Facilities Manager)
Suzy Ratahi (Roading Manager)
Keri-Ann Little (Committee Clerk)

I APOLOGIES:

Resolved: that apologies be received from Community Board Member Ian Radford, Manager Planning and Regulations, Chief Executive Officer and the Asset Manager.

Peter Munro/Alan Hayman

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 January 2013 be confirmed and adopted as the correct record of the meeting.

Alan Hayman/Peter Maxwell

MATTERS UNDER ACTION:

1. Civil Defence

The Chairman reported that the Civil Defence Officer had organised two coordinators and an Area Coordinator and that he was seeking someone to lead the welfare team. He said approval had been gained for the radio to be located in the Fire Station.

2. Pete Speedy Improvements to Reserve Area on Lakeside Drive:

The Chairman advised that he had met with Mr Speedy regarding the work which was being undertaken in the area. Further soil and sowing of grass was being planned for the autumn. The Chairman and Community Facilities Manager were to meet again with Mr Speedy.

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

The Chairman raised on-going problem of the Car Park situated on the corner of Pioneer Drive and State Highway 8 which doubles as a look out. Campers seem to be camping there and using the neighbouring properties for toileting. The Chairman raised the question as to whether the Carpark is necessary.

4. **Community Centre**

The Community Facilities Manager updated the Board on progress with the rebuilding project. He said progress is slow of late with the delay centred on the installation of the large windows and kitchen detail; decisions required at present are regarding the dish washers and the layout of the kitchen. Variations to the plans have been approved with additional storage added and also the inclusion of the footpath. The completion date as per Contract is May 2013.

5. **Campervan Dump Station and Car Park.**

Copies of the site plan for the Lakeside Drive Carpark and Effluent Dump Station were circulated for approval.

It was agreed that the plan be amended to include a gravel footpath extending from a 'Y' junction towards the supermarket and village centre area.

The Asset Manager said it was intended to provide the contractors with two options for pricing the project, viz for completion by the end of April 2013 or by November 2013. This was in response to recent high quotes received for some work because of contractors' commitments in Christchurch and to the Genesis canal repair project.

Resolved that quotations be obtained for the Lakeside Drive Carpark and Effluent Dump Station project based on the amended plan.

Peter Munro/Alan Hayman

6. **Car parking for Lake Tekapo Community Hall:**

It was noted that this issue was on-going.

7. **Landscaping and Walkway – Church of the Good Shepherd:**

The Asset Manager advised that the Manager –Roading had received a price of \$8,000 for the sealing of footpaths, and further prices were expected from Fulton Hogan. The Community Facilities Manager informed the Board at this stage other pricings had not been provided yet; therefore this was on-going.

8. **The Mound by the Tennis Courts – to be grassed:**

The Community Facilities Manager advised that the spraying and sowing of grass seed on the mound was included on the list of projects to be completed before the winter.

9. **Lighting Ordinances:**

Mr Munro Community Board Member updated the Board on the progress of the development of a brochure about the protection of the night sky environment in Lake Tekapo. Mr Munro tabled a letter received from Professor John Henshaw, Professor of Astronomy at The University of Canterbury and the Chair, of The Aoraki Mackenzie International Dark Sky Reserve Board. This letter was

addressed to Mr Bernie Haar, Asset Manager, and provided the Council with some background information on Lake Tekapo Lighting and Aoraki Mackenzie International Dark Sky Reserve. Mr Munro also spoke of the December 2012 RASNZ DarkSkies Group of the Royal Astronomical Society of New Zealand and finally an information brochure also distributed by RASNZ. Mr Munro is awaiting feedback from Mayor Barlow on her thoughts and asked if this matters under action item be tabled as an agenda item at the next Tekapo Community Board Meeting on the 22nd of April 2013.

IV REPORTS:

1. FINANCIAL REPORT – JANUARY 2013:

This report from the Manager Finance and Administration for the Board for the period of January 2013, the purpose of which is to update Board members on the financial performance of the Tekapo Community Board as a whole period.

Resolved that the report be received.

Murray Cox/Peter Maxwell

Mr Morris, Manager Finance and Administration spoke to his report supplying commentary to any significant variances and informing the Community Board that the Community Board's budget meeting would be held as a separate meeting in April.

2. LAKE TEKAPO PLANTATION LOGGING

Mr Chairman asked for the position of the Community Board Members in relation to the Lake Tekapo Plantation Logging before the Public Meeting to be held on Thursday 14 March 2013. Mr Chairman also tabled two letters and one email he has received.

1. John and Barbara Bisphan, 3 Burnett Place, Lake Tekapo – Against
2. Bevan Cunningham, Burnett Place, Lake Tekapo – Against
3. Sid McAuley, 8,9,10 Burnett Place, Lake Tekapo – For

A copy of all three of these documents are Appendix A of this record.

Mr Chairman voiced the importance of the Board Members being resolute at the scheduled public meeting to be held on the 14th of March concerning the public's concerns for the tree felling of some of the pines in the Lake Tekapo Plantation. Mr Chairman informed the Board Members that Anne Braun-Elwert would be invited to speak at the Meeting. He reassured Board Members that members of the Mackenzie Forestry Board will be present at the meeting and will assist the Board with any questions from the Public regarding the Plantation.

The Tekapo Community Board through The Chairman Mr Cox is happy with the decision to cut down two areas of pine trees in the Lake Tekapo Plantation.

3. PHOTOGRAPHIC CONVENTION REQUEST FOR GRANT

For the Tekapo Community Board to consider a request from the Photographic Convention, specifically for the use of the Lake Tekapo Community Hall facility free of charge for the proposed Photographic Convention to be held from the 3rd to 5th of October 2013 in Lake Tekapo.

This request of a grant has already been through the Finance Committee who have recommended that the Community Board make provision for a grant for this event.

Resolved that the report be received:

Alan Hayman/Peter Munro

Cr Maxwell spoke to the Community Board stating that the initial request was for the use of the Community Centre free of charge. Council Policy is not to hire Council or Community Facilities free of charge, but at times the charge can be offset by a grant or donation of some description.

Resolved: Sponsorship grant of \$500 to help offset costs of the Community Centre be donated to the Photographic Convention.

4. TEKAPO COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING DATE RE-SCHEDULING

Tekapo Community Board Meetings need to be rescheduled as the dates clash with Fire Brigade Meetings.

Resolved: that the report be received.

Murray Cox/Peter Munro

Resolved: that the dates below are confirmed as the new Tekapo Community Board Meeting dates:

- Monday 22nd of April
- Monday 22nd of July
- Tuesday 24th of September (23rd is South Canterbury Anniversary Day)

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

Cr Peter Maxwell report to the Board that on the 21st of March there is a Workshop to held at the Council Chambers in Fairlie to discuss “Future of Tourism and Marketing”, Alps 2 Ocean and Local Government Act Legislation.

The Chairman reported that recent work in the **Regional Park** had been concentrated on track development and rabbit control. More track work was in the pipeline they were just awaiting more dates from ECAN for assistance. In the autumn there will be more plantings. Mr Chairman continued to report he was receiving good feedback from track user and that there was a greater use of the track overall. Mr Chairman reported that the Park was awaiting the erection of another 5 wooden seats.

Community Board Member Mr Peter Munro reported on the **Mackenzie Alpine Trust** reporting The South Opuha Hut was officially not opened yet awaiting final sign off.

Community Board Member Mr Peter Munro reported to Board Members that the **White Water Course** was currently in limbo awaiting the completion of the canal works; Mr Munro did report that the track improvements were great.

Mr Munro also reported on the progress of **The Footbridge** reporting that the cost was higher than a year ago and an extra 200,000 would now be required. The Lake Tekapo Footbridge Society Inc. is hoping to approach Aorangi Foundation and felt positive they would receive significant support. The Society will also apply for a grant from The Charitable Trust and along with local fundraising the target should be met.

V. **PUBLIC EXCLUDED:**

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

1. Progress on Sale Lake Tekapo Lake Front

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
Progress on Sale Lake Tekapo Lake Front	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: *Progress on Sale Lake Tekapo Lake Front* 7(2)(b)(ii)

Peter Maxwell/ Peter Munro

THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8:48 PM

CHAIRMAN: _____

DATE: _____