

## TEKAPO COMMUNITY BOARD

## Membership:

Murray Cox (Chairman)
Alan Hayman
Peter Munro
Peter Maxwell
Ian Radford

Notice is given of the meeting of the Tekapo Community Board to be held at the Godley Resort Hotel, Lake Tekapo, on Monday 28 January 2013 at 7.30 pm

**Business:** As per Agenda attached

WAYNE BARNETT
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

24 January 2013



## TEKAPO COMMUNITY BOARD AGENDA Monday 28 January 2013

## I APOLOGIES:

## II DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

#### **III MINUTES:**

Confirm and adopt as the correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 10 December 2012.

**MATTERS UNDER ACTION** 

## **IV REPORTS:**

- 1. Lake Tekapo Plantation
- 2. Lake Tekapo Footbridge Society Inc
- 3. Ward Member's Report
- 4. Reports from Members who Represent the Board on Other Committees

## MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

# MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TEKAPO COMMUNITY BOARD HELD IN THE LAKE TEKAPO COMMUNITY HALL ON MONDAY 10 DECEMBER 2012 AT 7.30 PM

#### PRESENT:

Murray Cox (Chairman) Peter Munro Peter Maxwell Alan Hayman

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Claire Barlow (Mayor)

Wayne Barnett (Chief Executive Officer)

Paul Morris (Manager – Finance and Administration)

Garth Nixon (Community Facilities Manager)

Bernie Haar (Asset Manager)

Suzy Ratahi (Manager - Roading)

Toni Morrison (Senior Policy Planner)

Rosemary Moran (Committee Clerk)

## IV <u>REPORTS:</u>

## 1. <u>DRAFT CHANGES TO THE WAITAKI CATCHMENT WATER</u> ALLOCATION REGIONAL PLAN:

This report from Nic Newman, Facilitator of the Upper Waitaki Zone Water Management Committee, referred to the Waitaki Catchment Water Allocation Regional Plan. It noted that most of the impacts of the draft changes would be below the Waitaki Dam, but that the feedback of the Upper Waitaki Community was important, particularly around the change do the activity status, (rule 15A in the draft changes).

The Chairman welcomed Nic Newman, the facilitator of the Upper Waitaki Zone, spoke to his report and answered questions.

The Mayor and staff members joined the meeting at 8.00 pm with apologies for lateness.

## I APOLOGY:

Resolved that an apology be received from Ian Radford.

**Murray Cox/Peter Maxwell** 

## II DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no Declarations of Interest.

## **III MINUTES:**

<u>Resolved</u> that the minutes of the meeting of the Tekapo Community Board held on 15 October 2012 be confirmed and adopted as the correct record of the meeting.

**Peter Munro/Peter Maxwell** 

## IV <u>REPORTS (Continued):</u>

## 2. FINANCIAL REPORT –OCTOBER 2012:

This report from the Manager – Finance and Administration was accompanied by the financial report for the Tekapo Community Board for the period to October 2012.

<u>Resolved</u> that the report be received.

Peter Maxwell/Alan Hayman

## Tekapo Footbridge

Peter Munro reported on on-going fundraising projects for the footbridge. He said it seemed likely that grant monies from the Aoraki Foundation and the Lotteries Grants Board to the value of about \$150,000 could be available if the feasibility of the project could be assured. He asked if the project could be underwritten to enable applications for such funds to be made.

The Manager – Finance and Administration explained that there was an opportunity for the Tekapo Community Board to fund a loan of up to \$250,000 from its existing funds, with no impact on ratepayers, which could bring the footbridge funding to the required level.

<u>Resolved</u> that the Tekapo Community Board considers a proposal from the Footbridge Committee regarding the underwriting of the balance of funds required to complete the footbridge project which would enable applications to be made for further funding.

**Murray Cox/Peter Maxwell** 

## 3. <u>DISTRICT PLAN REVIEW:</u>

This report from the Senior Policy Planner introduced the upcoming District Plan Review process and programme and updated the Community Board on next steps and further consultation.

Resolved that the report be received.

Peter Munro/Peter Maxwell

The Senior Policy Planner spoke to the report and answered questions from Board members.

The Manager – Finance and Administration, Manager – Roading and the Senior Policy Planner left the meeting at 8.37 pm.

#### **III** MINUTES (Continued):

## MATTERS UNDER ACTION:

The Chairman requested that the *Tekapo Community Hall* and *Tekapo Plantation* remain on the list of Matters under Action.

## **Landscape Plan for Village Centre Area:**

Cr Maxwell advised that his contact at Lincoln University had invited the Board to contact her regarding the use of students studying architecture to help in the development of a landscape plan for the Village Centre if required.

#### **Civil Defence**

The Chairman indicated he had yet to follow-up the appointment of wardens for the Lake Tekapo area with the Emergency Management Officer.

## **Freedom Camping**

The Chairman undertook to liaise with the Asset Manager regarding a review of Council's Freedom Camping Bylaw and and its alignment with the new Freedom Camping Act.

## **Lighting Ordinances**

Mr Munro circulated information from Alan Gilmore which could be used in the development of a brochure about the protection of the night sky environment.

The Mayor suggested that a public relations person be employed to co-ordinate all the information available, including that held by the Council, *Earth and Sky* and the Dark Sky Reserve Board, to produce an up-to-date and eye-catching brochure which could be disseminated widely in the District with rates notices, building consent application forms etc. She undertook to liaise with Mr Munro to investigate the issue.

## Lake Tekapo Community Hall

The Community Facilities Manager advised that the re-shaping of the embankment and pathway had been completed and some trees had been removed. More trees had yet to be marked for removal.

He advised that the Council had approved the letting of the tender for the upgrade of the hall to L & L Construction Ltd of Fairlie and that the contract was soon to be signed.

The Community Facilities Manager noted that the hall had been booked for a wedding on 15 March 2013. He had been trying to work through the issue but without success. He asked the Community Board if it wanted to proceed with the upgrade work or wait until after the wedding.

<u>Resolved</u> that the Tekapo Community Hall be closed for bookings from 10 December 2012 until further notice.

Peter Munro/Alan Hayman

#### **Campervan Dump station**

The Community Facilities Manager noted that the design of the campervan dump station had yet to be finalised with the Asset Management team.

#### Improvements to the Reserve Area on Lakeside Drive - Pete Speedy

It was noted that clean-up work was required and the Chairman undertook to liaise with Mr Speedy.

## **Car Parking for the Community Centre**

Investigation of options for car parking for the Lake Tekapo Community Hall, including the possible purchase of land, had yet to be initiated.

## Landscaping at the Church of the Good Shepherd

The Community Facilities Manager advised that paths on the LINZ area had been installed and were being well used. The Manager – Roading was to obtain prices for the sealing of pathways on the Church land.

## **Harvesting of Tekapo Plantation**

The Asset Manager advised that because funds had been available, a track had been constructed; however logging would not begin until at least April 2013.

It was noted that the Community Board would be kept informed of any developments.

#### **Communications:**

The Asset Manager referred to Genesis Energy's decision not to close **access to Patterson's Ponds** during the canal repair project.

He also advised of **refuse collection arrangements** for the holiday period.

The Mayor noted the need to make sure that such issues were clearly communicated to residents. The Chairman undertook include them in his Community Board report for the *Accessible*.

## IV <u>REPORTS (Continued):</u>

## 4. <u>HYDRAULIC FRACTURING:</u>

This report from the Chief Executive Officer was accompanied by a request for the Council to declare itself a 'frack-free' zone.

### Resolved:

- 1. That the report be received.
- 2. That the Social Justice Research Unit Anglican Life be thanked for their request for the Council to declare itself a 'frack free' zone and advised that the Council considered fracking was not an issue in the Mackenzie District.

Peter Maxwell/Alan Hayman

#### 5. MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2013:

This report from the Manager – Finance and Administration proposed a meeting schedule for Community Board meetings for 2013.

Resolved that the report be received.

## Alan Hayman/Peter Maxwell

The Chairman noted that the proposed dates for the April, July, September and November meetings would clash with Lake Tekapo Fire Brigade meetings. He undertook to provide alternative dates.

#### 6. WARD MEMBER'S REPORT:

Cr Maxwell referred to:

- The retirement of Committee Clerk.
- The new Chief Executive Officer Wayne Barnett and an inspection tour of the Tekapo area for him.
- The Marketing and Economic Development Working Party's report to the Council which was to be the subject of a workshop in the New Year.

## 7 REPORTS FROM MEMBERS WHO REPRESENT THE BOARD ON OTHER COMMITTEES:

Peter Munro referred to:

- The last river release of the season for the White Water Canoe Course.
- The completion of the Mackenzie Alpine Trust's South Opuha Hut project
- Fundraising projects by the Tekapo Footbridge Committee.
- Lake Tekapo Search and Rescue and Mackenzie Coastguard exercise.

The Chairman reported that funds had been made available to complete the dog park and that a permanent orienteering course was being developed. He said Environment Canterbury working on signage and that approval from LINZ for the caravan park was awaited.

## **CHRISTMAS GREETINGS:**

The Chairman and the Mayor wished everyone a Happy Christmas.

THE CHAIRMAN DECLARI	ED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.25 PM
CHAIRMAN:	
DATE:	

#### TEKAPO COMMUNITY BOARD MATTERS UNDER ACTION

#### **CHAIRMAN**

#### **Civil Defence**

Follow up with Emergency Management Officer the appointment of wardens for Tekapo area.

## Pete Speedy Improvements to Reserve Area on Lakeside Drive:

Chairman to liaise with Mr Speedy re clean-up work.

## **Freedom Camping**

Chairman to liaise with Asset Manager re review of Freedom Camping Bylaw and its alignment iwht the new Freedom Camping Act

#### **COMMUNITY FACILITIES MANAGER**

## **Community Centre:**

Update to be provided at the meeting on 28 January 2013

## **Tekapo Plantation:**

Report on the Agenda for the meeting on 28 January 2013

## **Campervan Dump Station and Car Park**

Design yet to be finalised with the Asset Management team.

#### ASSET MANAGER

## **Car Parking for Community Hall**

Investigate options for car parking for the Lake Tekapo Community Hall which may include the purchase of land opposite the Hall.

## Landscape and Walkway - Church of the Good Shepherd

Prices to be obtained for sealing of pathways on Church land.

## MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

**REPORT TO:** TEKAPO COMMUNITY BOARD

**SUBJECT:** LAKE TEKAPO PLANTATION

**MEETING DATE:** 28 JANUARY 2013

**REF:** WAS 3/5

FROM: COMMUNITY FACILITIES MANAGER

## **REASON FOR REPORT:**

To consider options for the forestry block adjacent to Murray Place, Lake Tekapo.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

- 1. That the report be received
- 2. That a solution be developed in conjunction with the Forestry Board to address the desires of the Community Board.

GARTH NIXON WAYNE BARNETT

MANAGER – COMMUNITY FACILITIES CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

## **ATTACHMENTS:**

Correspondence from:

- Anne Braun-Elwert
- Colin MacLaren

#### **BACKGROUND:**

The Mackenzie Forestry Board has responsibility for managing the Lake Tekapo plantation and has determined that the area should be harvested in the near future subject to suitable revenue projections (> \$90,000 net return).

Initial construction of an access track was completed in December 2012. The commencement of work prompted letters from a number of community members who suggested that the forest should be retained as a community facility.

The initial complainant will be directly impacted upon by the removal of the older pinus radiata to the south of their properties

The Forestry Board has a responsibility to optimise financial returns from its portfolio but may agree to forgo harvesting in return for an appropriate revenue transfer (possibly \$70,000), so the area can be retained as a recreational area.

There is a section of older trees behind Murray Place that are becoming unstable and will need felling for safety reasons in the near future.

## **ISSUES AND OPTIONS**

- 1. Carry on with the work as proposed.
- 2. Community work toward forest change to recreational reserve
- 3. Develop a compromise situation form which the community and the Forestry Board both continue to benefit.

## **CONSIDERATIONS**

This land is owned by the Crown and held as Local Purpose and Forestry Reserve by Mackenzie District Council. In recent times part of this reserve was designated as cemetery reserve.

The land is zoned REC P for passive recreation. Despite this zoning which happened as part of the Tekapo Vision 2000, the existing use as a production forest can legitimately continue under existing use provisions until the use is relinquished. Passive Recreation as a zoning is pretty restrictive and will limit use to passive recreation and small structures such as seating and signage associated with this activity

The section of older trees is mature and needs to be removed. Failure to remove these trees will result in gradual failure and holes opening up leaving larger areas prone to wind throw and loss of any economic value.

The block of Corsican pines behind these is proposed for removal. The trees are in the region of sixty years old and sooner or later will require significant work.

Under the current regime the Forestry Board is required to make a return to Council.

Currently the Forestry Board sprays the weeds, pays for rabbit control and manages dangerous trees, while also providing access for walkways and cycle paths without impacting on rates. The Department of Conservation maintains the walkway.

If the Community Board chose to turn this area into a recreation area it would need to make greater provision for weed and pest control and wilding control in the surrounding areas.

The Board would need to consider whether to take on the whole area or just a portion. It would need to make a greater contribution to the maintenance of this area as well a capital contribution for new planting etc.

There are many examples of forests being used as recreation areas such as Bottle Lake and McLeans Island in Christchurch. Locally Raincliff Forest has walking and mountain bike access. As a planted forest, whether recreation reserve or forestry, there will be an ongoing requirement for pine tree removals and replacements, as for any amenity plantings.

## **ASSESSMENT OF OPTIONS**

- 1. To carry on as proposed. The current log market makes this a viable option with log prices exceeding the Forestry Board's expectations. There are no issues with the current zoning permitting the work to proceed. However residents have raised concerns and they should be considered.
- 2. Handing the area over to the Community Board will push greater costs onto the community who already have a recreational direction for the next few years. This area had not featured in that proposal. Also the Forestry Board's returns are potentially lost.
- 3. The compromise situation can still provide returns to forestry and maintain the current recreational opportunities. The majority of the costs and returns could stay with forestry and other recreations projects would not need to be compromised. There is clearly a need to remove the trees behind Murray Place and I believe these trees are the principle reason for the concerns of the locals.

## **CONCLUSION**

The front pinus radiata need to be dealt with in the near future and this would create the opportunity for some initial amenity planting.

The forest is already used for recreation for cyclists and part of the Tekapo walkway system. Apart from the short period of felling, the reserve can continue to be used for recreation.

My belief is a compromise position is the best solution whereby the area is retained as forestry with an amenity and recreation focus which could be attained through a management plan meeting the needs of the community and Council's Forestry Board.

From: Alpine Recreation [mailto:climb@alpinerecreation.com]

Sent: Wednesday, 19 December 2012 12:32 p.m.

To: MURRAY COX; Peter Maxwell; Graeme Page; Mackenzie District Mayor; Graham smith; John

Bishop; annette money; Evan Williams

**Cc:** PETER MUNRO; Alan Hayman; <a href="mailto:radlee@xtra.co.nz">radlee@xtra.co.nz</a> **Subject:** Forest on the southern side of township

Dear Community Board Members, the Forestry Board, the Mayor and Mackenzie District Councillors.

It is with some concern that I and other residents have noticed preparations for large-scale tree felling in the forest behind Murray Place. While there is no doubt a need for the removal of individual trees from time to time, if they pose a danger, I am strongly opposed to clear-felling in this plantation for the following reasons:

- 1) Because this plantation area has a REC P zoning the Council is probably **contravening its own District Plan** by putting in access ways for logging trucks without a resource consent. On page 9-32 of the District Plan it clearly states that the establishment of vehicle tracks is a discretionary activity in a REC P zone. The District Plan also states that the REC P zone requires activities not to exceed certain noise limits, otherwise they fall under the Controlled Activity category, which requires a resource consent. It would not be surprising if a chainsaw exceeds the decibel level specified!
- 2) It does not make sense to have a commercial forestry operation so close to a township, with all the attendant problems of dust, noise, weed infestation etc. When these trees were planted back in the 50's there were no residences close by. The Council has allowed houses to be built immediately adjacent to this plantation, and it is now time that it reviews whether it remains a production forest or simply remains as the popular and well-used recreational resource that it is. There are good reasons for the REC P zoning and the Council needs to go back and re-examine what those are obviously they are in conflict with the requirements of a commercial plantation. The fact that the Forestry Board has had difficulty identifying an access track with the least amount of impact underlines how inappropriate it is to have a production plantation so close to a residential area.
- 3) Clear-felling in this forest would turn what is currently a very pleasant and well-used recreation area into a wasteland unsightly for Tekapo when it is working hard to establish itself as a tourist destination.
- 4) DOC has invested time and resources establishing a very nice walkway through this forest, linking the township with Cowan's Hill and the Scientific Reserve. This walkway is used daily by locals and tourists.
- 5) The current forest provides a nice backdrop to the township and valuable wind protection from southerly and south-west winds, as well as hosting a surprising number of native birds, such as grey warblers and fantails (insect-eaters, which can thrive in an exotic forest).
- 6) It is good that the Community Board is pushing for amenity planting in areas that have been felled, but I must confess I'm a bit sceptical as to how successful that might be. Usually the soil where a mono-culture pine forest has been, will be quite acid and it can be difficult to grow plants other than pine trees again. \* (See footnote.)
- 7) Tekapo does not have community facilities to the same extent as Fairlie and Twizel do, but what we do have is "natural" recreational assets such as our walkways and the Regional Council forest and this forest. The walkways and the forests, I'm sure, would not demand as

much in maintenance, insurance and depreciation costs as do buildings containing recreational facilities.

My plea is for the Council to re-classify this forest as a recreation reserve and take it out of the portfolio of the Forestry Board. The Forestry Board struggles to fulfill their brief to make a financial return out of this plantation and the main value for the community is for recreation. The Council is already half-way there in recognising this recreational value in the fact that the forest is zoned REC P. Regardless of whether the Council might be transgressing its own District Plan rules I think common sense should prevail and as soon as possible this forest should be transferred from the Forestry Board's list of assets and recognised properly as a recreation reserve. As such it should receive an appropriate designation in the District Plan. It should be remembered that it is only the trees that the Council owns. The underlying land is Crown land, under DOC's jurisdiction, and is only vested in Council for plantation purposes.

Perhaps if there are plans in the future for the Regional Council to appoint a forest ranger to manage the Regional Council forest, then that same person could also be tasked with managing this plantation: to selectively log any dangerous trees close to the walkway, and to clear windfalls from tracks. Perhaps Council could draw on resources such as Periodic Detention workers to carry out pruning if necessary and removal of debris - as has happened in the past. This forest has been used for recreation for many years with very minimal financial input from Council. There is no reason why that should not continue and there are very many reasons why this valuable recreational resource should not be destroyed or disfigured.

I look forward to receiving a response to my comments and suggestions.

Many thanks for considering this letter.

Kind regards, Anne Braun-Elwert

#### Footnote:

\* This might not apply to the larch area around the lake, where the Lions have been removing trees. Here the trees were not so densely planted, water was close by and the soil appears to be better, so I'd love to see some amenity planting here. It would be highly appropriate, given its close proximity to the cemetery.



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The Lake Tekapo Community Board C/O Mackenzie District Council Main St Fairlie Dear Mesdames/Sirs



Re: Forest on the South side of Murray Pl Lake Tekapo

I am appalled to think that the Council is considering removing part or all of the forest on south side of Murray PI in a REC P Zone without any community consultation and I fully support the submission by Anne Braun Elwert.

It is very evident that a management plan for the REC P Zone needs to be done as soon as possible.

What is to happen to the larch area logged by Lake Tekapo Lions Club? Is it to be left as a waste land, replanted, made into a parkland wth amenity planting? I agree with the removal of the first row of old pines adjacent to Murray PI but who is going to remove all the tree rubbish and replant with amenity species? The plantation is a major recreational area for residents and also stabalises the land and protects the village from southerly winds and unpleasant smells from the

DOC has spent a considerable amount of time and money in establishing the Cowans Hill walkway which passes through the forest. If the trees are removed it will become a walking track through a rubbish dump not a pleasant forest environment.

We need to collectively make decisions about these issues before 'bowling in' and removing this carbon absorbing and community resource for I suspect not a lot of financial return.

Also we need to look beyond the concept that a pine tree is only good for the miller's saw. Without the pine forest we have, which where planted by our ancestors, to stabalise the land and provide wind protection we would be a much poorer community.

The issue of trees for firewood is becoming a problem in our community and I believe we need to provide for this with areas of trees in selected areas which are not highly visible from the village. The REC P trees have a value far in excess of mere firewood and paper pulp.

Yours sincerely, Colin MacLaren

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## MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

**REPORT TO:** TEKAPO COMMUNITY BOARD

**SUBJECT:** LAKE TEKAPO FOOTBRIDGE PROJECT

**MEETING DATE:** 28 JANUARY 2013

**REF:** WAS 2/2/2

**FROM:** COMMUNITY FACILITIES MANAGER

## **PURPOSE OF REPORT:**

To consider the request from the Lake Tekapo Footbridge Society Inc to approve the proposal regarding the underwriting of the balance of funds required to complete the footbridge project which would enable applications to be made for further funding.

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 1. That the report be received.
- 2. That it be recommended to the Council that it endorses the Tekapo Community Board's underwriting of the balance of funds required to complete the Lake Tekapo Footbridge project up to the sum of \$250,000 which would enable applications to be made for further funding, subject to the receipt of detailed financial information from the Footbridge Society.

GARTH NIXON
COMMUNITY FACILITIES MANAGER

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- Correspondence from the Lake Tekapo Footbridge Society Inc dated 12 December 2012 and 16 January 2013.
- Response from the Community Facilities Manager to the letter dated 16 January 2013.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

At its meeting on 10 December 2012 it was resolved:

That the Tekapo Community Board considers a proposal from the Footbridge Committee regarding the underwriting of the balance of funds required to complete the footbridge project which would enable applications to be made for further funding.

## **CONSIDERATIONS:**

The Council delegated a range of authorities to staff and other organisations on 14 June 2005 when it also confirmed that it did not need to make any specific delegations to Community Boards to have them better perform their role.

This policy was amended on 29 January 2008 when the Council resolved to delegate to the Fairlie, Tekapo and Twizel Community Boards, the following responsibilities:

- The ability to consider requests from local organizations for financial assistance in the form of grants, where budget exists for such matters and subject to no one grant exceeding \$1,000.
- The ability to appoint local representatives to organizations within the community board area and other organizations where local representation is requested.
- The ability to authorize, within approved budgets, board members' attendance at relevant conferences and/or training courses.
- The ability to provide or withhold affected persons approval for planning applications on land adjoining Council owned land within the community board area.
- The ability to approve routine changes in policy affecting locally funded facilities within the community board area.

In the absence of delegated authority to the Community Boards on other matters, the Council has the opportunity to note and consider the issues raised and matters promoted on behalf of the Townships by their Boards and to endorse them where appropriate.

## **CONCLUSION**

Given the limitations of the authority delegated to the Community Board it would be appropriate for a recommendation to be made to the Council that it considers endorsing the underwriting of the Lake Tekapo Footbridge project up to the sum of \$250,000 subject to the receipt of detailed financial information from the Footbridge Society.

#### WAS 2/2/2

Colin MacLaren Chairperson, Lake Tekapo Footbridge Society Inc P O Box 109 LAKE TEKAPO

24 January 2013

Dear Colin

#### LAKE TEKAPO FOOTBRIDGE

Thank you for your letter dated 16 January 2013.

The request to the Tekapo Community Board to approve its proposal to underwrite the footbridge project to the sum of \$250,000 will be put to the Board's meeting on Monday 28 January 2012 for a recommendation to the Council. The Council would consider a recommendation at its next meeting on 19 February 2013.

Before the Council could consider this it would require a detailed understanding of the financial situation of the project—budget, funds available etc. Please make this information available by 12 February 2013.

Kind regards

GARTH NIXON
COMMUNITY FACILITIES MANAGER



## SOCIETY INCORPORATED



16 January 2013

The Lake Tekapo Community Board MacKenzie District Council P.O. Box 56 Fairlie 7949

Dear Community Board members,

Re: Lake Tekapo Footbridge

We understand that you have shown a willingness to underwrite our project to the sum of \$250 000. This possibility of a temporary loan should we be short of funds when construction must commence as required by the agreement with Genesis Energy will put the Footbridge project on a secure footing. Assurance of project completion can then be given to the funding sources which we are actively pursuing. We are extremely grateful for such a proposal and would ask you to please approve it. Written confirmation from you will give credence to our case in the applications for funding that we are submitting.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Colin MacLaren

Chairperson Lake Tekapo Footbridge Society Inc.



## SOCIETY INCORPORATED



12 December 2012

The Lake Tekapo Community Board MacKenzie District Council P.O. Box 56 Fairlie 7949

Dear Community board members,

Re: Lake Tekapo Footbridge

On behalf of the committee of the Lake Tekapo Footbridge Society I would like to thank you all for underwriting our project to the sum of \$250 000. This generous, gesture now puts the Footbridge project on a secure footing, giving assurance of completion to possible funding sources for the remaining sum we still require. This positive and willing attitude is very much appreciated.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Colin MacLaren

Chairperson Lake Tekapo Footbridge Society Inc.