

MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FAIRLIE COMMUNITY BOARD HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FAIRLIE, ON MONDAY FEBRUARY 3, 2014, AT 7:00PM

PRESENT:

Owen Hunter (Chairman)
Trish Willis
Les Blacklock
Cr Noel Jackson

IN ATTENDANCE:

Paul Morris (Manager Finance and Administration)
Wayne Barnett (Chief Executive Officer)
Garth Nixon (Community Facilities Manager)
Bernie Haar (Asset Manager)
Arlene Goss (Committee Clerk)

Pauline Jackson (observing)
Anne Thompson (Fairlie Heartlands Resource Centre)
Jennifer Cordes
Maria Prince (Fairlie District Promotions Association)
A second person from the Fairlie District Promotions Association

APOLOGIES:

Resolved that apologies be received from Mayor Claire Barlow and Suzy Ratahi, Roding Manager.

Les Blacklock/Trish Willis

LATE ITEM AND VISITOR:

WELCOME TO FAIRLIE SIGN

The chairman noted that the author of the letter to the community board, Maria Prince, was at the meeting and informed her that the sign structure was ready to erect and Whitestone have been tasked to do this.

Maria Prince asked for the process to finalise the imagery. Ownership of the photos has been confirmed as no problem.

Garth Nixon said Whitestone have the posts and are waiting for the picture. There was some discussion over the materials used and it was noted the sign would have an aluminium backing. Printers would press-roll the vinyl onto the backing and there would be two sets so one could be taken away and updated. Copyfast are printing the sign.

The location has been approved by Transit. They need to approve the wording and lettering on the sign. The Promotions Association will liaise with Transit on this.

The Promotions Association will come back to Garth with the printed sign. Garth is to get a date from Whitestone as to when they are going to put the poles and foundation in.

The Promotions Association has spoken with Canterbury tourism regarding the sign. "The contracts with CCT and ADBT have been put in place since the district promotions trust started the process and I feel it's important that they approve the content of the signs to ensure strategic consistency, as part of the district."

The meeting agreed to aim to have the sign up by the end of February, but this was dependent on Transit approval of the lettering and the printer.

The chairman said this has dragged on but is an excellent idea and he hopes to see it completed soon.

VISITOR:

ADDING NAMES TO THE FAIRLIE DISTRICT MEMORIAL

Jennifer Cordes addressed the board regarding her proposal to seek approval and funding to add the missing names of soldiers who were killed in WWI and WWII to the district war memorial at Fairlie.

This is a project she has been working on for a while, to find the men's names and their links to the Fairlie District. The memorial was unveiled on Anzac Day, 1929. It was paid for from a government grant.

She said three soldiers who died before 1925 and were classed as war dead, and are buried in the Fairlie cemetery, did not have their names on the memorial.

One man who died and gave his birthplace as Fairlie Creek is missing. Some soldiers who were enrolled at schools in the district had their names missing. One of these was Jim Lovelock, brother of Jack, who went to Fairlie School and was killed in WWII. In total there are 24 names missing from WWI and about 12 from WWII.

A quote from Aorangi Memorials has two options, one a granite plaque or white marble at \$4000 plus GST, or black granite at \$3000 plus GST.

Jennifer Cordes was asked if any organisations are interested in funding this. Not that she knows of. She said similar work is being done in other areas with Geraldine adding 50 names to its memorial and Timaru adding 50. The Chairman thanked Jennifer Cordes for her presentation.

Resolved that the community board recommends that council fund a plaque with the missing names of soldiers killed in WWI and WWII to be placed on the district war memorial at Fairlie.

Owen Hunter/Les Blacklock

LATE ITEM AND VISITOR:

VERBAL REPORT FROM THE FAIRLIE ENHANCEMENT BOARD

Anne Thompson gave a verbal report from the Enhancement Board.

The board has had quotes for building the Mackenzie District Archive in the museum grounds. After two years everything has gone up in price. They currently have \$100,000 and will seek external funding to make up the difference.

There is a meet the candidates meeting tomorrow night. Members of the community board are welcome to be there.

They have gained funding for a community development worker in a combined effort between Twizel and Fairlie. This position has been advertised and a person will be starting in the next six to eight weeks. This has external funding from the Department of Internal affairs through COGS and grants.

The Fairlie Summer Festival was a wash out. They couldn't have the fossil hunting because of weather. New Year on the village green was wonderful. Planning to also have a winter festival on the village green.

A sound system has moved from council office to the resource centre. They would like a bank account so money from hiring the sound system can go towards having it repaired.

A new statue on the village green is planned to commemorate the 100 year anniversary of WWI. A statue of a young man similar to those who belonged to the South Canterbury mounted rifles is planned. A number of these men from Fairlie were killed at Gallipoli. Most who left for war from the district left from the railway station opposite the Gladstone Hotel, so it is a suitable place to put the statue. There is an application for funding from Lotteries and this will be known on April 23. Fundraising is also planned.

The covering of tables on the village green has been great and they are looking forward to the Lions covering the stage area. The Chairman said covering the stage is getting close. They just need some funding approved.

Concerns were raised about buses parking near the public toilets.

The Chairman thanked Anne Thompson for her report.

MINUTES:

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Fairlie Community Board held on November 25, 2013, be confirmed and adopted as the correct record.

Les Blacklock/Trish Willis

MATTERS UNDER ACTION – FAIRLIE COMMUNITY BOARD

Fairlie Western Catchments Project:

Bernie Haar and Wayne Barnett have talked to Environment Canterbury. Ecan staff are doing some work and have some ideas about consultation with the public so are coming back to us. Not sure when, but hopefully by the end of next month with strategies on consultation. The issue is sitting with them at the moment.

Allandale Bridge – Walkway:

Mayor Barlow has had phone call with Lee Wright from NZTA and has given her a list of things that we would like looked at. Lee Wright will come to Fairlie at some time in the next couple of months and will go over this list.

SH 79 Approach to Fairlie – Signage:

This matter was discussed earlier in the meeting. Garth will liaise with Whitestone regarding installing the foundation and poles and the Fairlie Promotions Association will check with Transit and get the sign printed.

Planter Boxes:

Museum:

The Chairman has received a thank you card from the museum for the planter boxes.

Green Sign in front of Old Library Building:

Lee Wright from NZTA agreed this was a bad spot and this sign is likely to move down nearer the campervan park. Agreed to wait for Lee Wright to visit Fairlie and will discuss this with her at the same time as the Allandale Bridge.

REPORTS:

1. FINANCIAL REPORT TO DECEMBER 2013:

This report from the Finance and Administration manager was accompanied by the financial report for the Fairlie Community Board for the period to December 2013.

Paul Morris explained the variances in the report.

There was some discussion regarding the valuation of council infrastructure and whether there needs to be a different way to cover replacement costs in the long term.

There was also some clarification on the costs of the planter boxes and shelters. The chairman asked if there was some funding available from the village green fund. Paul Morris offered to find out and let him know.

Resolved that the report be received.

2. TOWNSHIP ROADING FUND RESERVE:

Bernie Haar spoke to this report prepared by Roading Manager Suzy Ratahi. He circulated a map of Fairlie at the meeting with the footpaths highlighted.

He recommended that Fairlie's money be spent on the backlog of footpaths as listed in the report. The high priority 'red areas' will be replaced, not patched. The timeframe for this work is this financial year, so Mr Haar is hoping to have it done by May.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received.
2. That the Fairlie Community Board approve the spending of the roading reserve budget on resurfacing the list of footpaths as presented by the Roading Manager.

Noel Jackson/Trish Willis

3. STRATHCONAN POOL REPORT:

Garth Nixon spoke to this report from the pool manager. He noted a decision on when to close the pool for winter has not yet been made and this will depend on usage.

4. WARD MEMBERS REPORT:

Cr Noel Jackson has been on holiday and has nothing to report at this meeting.

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

There were no reports from members who represent the board on other committees.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. OLD LIBRARY CAFÉ UPDATE:

The chief executive provided a verbal update on the Old Library Café building. He said council was hoping to get tender documents out very soon with a six-week tender period closing in mid-March. There was an expectation that the building would be closed in before mid-winter.

Trish Willis asked if the community board could see the tender document to help manage the risk of an over spend. The chairman said it needs to be in the form of a quote so they are certain of the costs.

There was a question about who was likely to be tendering and the chief executive said the four local building companies were all capable of doing the job and have been invited to tender.

The chairman said there was a chance that all the tenders would come in and all would be more than the budget allowed. If this happened the only option would be to demolish the building. He said time would tell if this was the case.

2. TIMETABLE FOR BUDGET ROUND/PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETINGS/WORKSHOP DATE FOR COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBERS:

The above items were discussed together. Manager of Finance and Administration Paul Morris said the timeframe depends on whether our consultants can deliver the valuations on time. As long as he gets that within timeframe, the budget meeting for Fairlie will be on the 17th of March, which is the date of the next meeting.

He is looking at the draft annual plan being adopted on April 15th, public consultation starting on April 24th and closing on May 27th.

A submission hearing will be held on June 10th, with adoption of the annual plan on June 24th.

Trish Willis asked how to get projects under consideration for budgets. Mr Morris said once the community board has its new member it would be worth work-shopping what projects the board wanted to be involved in so these could be put forward. A workshop date would be held within a week or two of the new person being elected.

3. COMMUNITY BOARD PLANNING AND FUNDING MODEL:

Trish Willis spoke to the diagram she provided for the community board.

She described it as providing a starting point to speed up the process when holding discussions and planning. It will be helpful for a new person coming onto the community board.

The Chairman said the chart helps when focusing on funding.

Trish Willis asked for a list of assets. Garth Nixon replied that council has a database of some assets which is currently being reviewed.

Trish Willis said she would like to move that the community board receives a list of community assets such as street furniture. The Chairman agreed that a list should be provided to the community board.

No resolution was passed on this matter.

4. TOWN SIGNAGE FOLLOWING MEETING WITH NZTA:

This matter was discussed earlier in the meeting under Matters Under Action.

5. COMMUNITY BOARD EXPECTATIONS FOR TOWNSHIP PRESENTATION/WHITESTONE CONTRACT:

These two issues were discussed together.

The question of water blasting by Whitestone was raised. This was supposed to happen before Christmas but hasn't. Garth Nixon to follow up.

Cr Noel Jackson has been working on the removal, repair and reinstallation of public seats and will see Garth Nixon about this.

There was some discussion regarding the maintenance of township street furniture, which is not currently included in the Whitestone contract. Garth Nixon said the township maintenance contract concentrates on the gardens, trees and mowing. It does not include furniture but could do so. It was felt at the time of signing the contract that the furniture was in a reasonable state of repair but this has changed.

The Chairman would like to keep street furniture separate to the maintenance contract and make it a project.

Whitestone haven't been contracted to do furniture maintenance so they aren't doing it. The state of the furniture is no fault on them but something needs to be done.

The community board needs to look at putting money aside for the maintenance of furniture in the next budget round, but needs costings first.

No resolution was passed on this matter.

6. COMMUNITY BOARD COMMUNICATION:

This agenda item was not discussed.

CLOSING COMMENTS:

The chairman gave apologies for the March meeting and asked Trish Willis to chair this meeting.

The chairman tabled a photo of what the Lions Club plans to do to the wagon in the village green. They are looking for materials at present for the work. Lions will get some costings together and come back to the community board at a later date.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS
THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.57PM**

CHAIRMAN: _____

DATE: _____