

MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ASSET AND SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FAIRLIE, ON TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2015, AT 9.37AM

PRESENT:

Cr James Leslie (Chairman)
Mayor Claire Barlow
Cr Graham Smith
Cr Murray Cox
Cr Russell Armstrong
Cr Noel Jackson
Cr Evan Williams arrived (9.49am)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Bernie Haar (Asset Manager)
Suzy Ratahi (Roading Manager)
Geoff Horler (Utilities Manager)
Julie Jongen (Committee Clerk)
Angie Taylor (Arrived 9.45am)
Pat Deavoll (Timaru Herald arrived at 10.05)

APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received for lateness from Evan Williams.
Apology received from Wayne Barnett.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest.

MINUTES:

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Asset and Services Committee held on March 17, 2015, including those parts taken in public excluded, be confirmed as an accurate record.

Russell Armstrong/Graham Smith

Graham Smith enquired about previous minutes re "dump station" and wondered where the conversation ended. He has spoken to a few truckies and a dump station is urgently needed within the district.

Suzy Ratahi added that we weren't going to jump on board until further enquiries were made re costs of contributing and if we contribute we would require a dump station within the district. Graham Smith stated there is evidence a station is needed and this matter will need to stay on the agenda.

Russell Armstrong asked about the car park painting to which Suzy Ratahi confirmed she has spoken to the contractors and due to the rain they were held up, it should be done this week. Suzy will chase them up again. Russell Armstrong feels it is now a health and safety issue and he will email Suzy with their concerns and she will bring these issues up with Fulton Hogan.

REPORTS:

ASSET MANAGERS MONTHLY REPORT – MARCH/APRIL 2015:

The purpose of this report was to update the Asset and Services Committee on the progress on various projects and also the normal operation of the department for the past month. The following matters were included in the discussion of this report:

Resolved that the report be received.

Graham Smith/Russell Armstrong

Bernie Haar added that following writing the report he has had a conversation with Murray Petrie and everything is going to plan. The 11th or 18th of May is planned for the cut over of water and during this time there will be no water, it will be done at night, the equipment is on site, the concrete pad is being poured and Angie is doing signs.

Roading – Suzy Ratahi spoke on this. Lillybank Road is a big issue this year as there is no budget to do this road. 2004 was the last time this road blew away and was repaired. Graham Smith asked if we can put some metal on these roads as they are small areas, Suzy stated they would be unsubsidised. Suzy will come back with costings to get these areas done and bring back to next meeting being 7th May. This will need to be discussed in the finance meeting and would like this on the 7th May meeting agenda. Suzy will send the report to Graham Smith and he will bring to the council meeting on the 7th.

Noel Jackson then mentioned about speed restrictions and whether these can be done. Murray Cox asked if they would be enforced if signs were there but there are no resources for this. Bernie Haar said he could put "temporary road works" signs.

Graham Smith made a complaint about there being no finance meetings or reports since January. He requested there be a report at the next meeting.

Graham Smith asked if NZTA are funding better percentages to other councils than what we have being assigned and asked if a conversation could be had with NZTA to ask why we were cut back on funding. Suzy Ratahi confirmed she would like to know this as well and that they would try to get some answers.

Meeting was adjourned at 10.10am for official councillor photos to be taken and morning tea.

Meeting recommenced at 10.31am

Utilities – Geoff Horler spoke to his report. There may need to be an increase in future budgets for toby water replacements, there are a few getting quite tired now. Preference is to move them to the boundary of the properties.

Water restrictions have being eased but not lifted yet. Ecan are still keeping an eye on Council re their water restrictions and usage. It is a continual monitoring process.

Manuka Terrace Water Supply Survey had quite a low response.

Solid waste – Angie Taylor spoke to her report.

Murray Cox asked if they can look at the layout and placement of the bins to try and ensure that trucks avoid the main area. Bernie Haar agreed with this and will have a workshop to discuss this matter.

James Leslie mentioned about the damage that the rubbish trucks cause during their collections in cul de sacs and whether the bins can be placed in a better place to avoid less damage to the roads. Angie stated she will have a conversation with the contractors.

Graham Smith congratulated Angie on the work and her reports. He asked why there are the spikes in the graphs and Angie replied it would depend on how many collections in that period and what holidays were in that period. Claire Barlow mentioned it may have spiked with the rowing regatta.

James Leslie asked if a bottle bin could be placed at the gate of the recovery park and Bernie replied that he will have a conversation with ESL.

COMPOST PROJECT REPORT:

The Council has a responsibility to promote waste education and reduction in accordance with the Council's Waste Management and Minimisation Plan and the Waste Minimisation Act 2008. Organic waste is responsible for 30-40% of waste from kerbside collection. An effective way to reduce organic waste going to landfill is with home composting systems. It is proposed to provide subsidies on two types of home composting systems to encourage residents to compost their organic waste.

Bokashi systems seem to be successful and are being used by Graham Smith and Claire Barlow at home and both congratulated Angie on her work and that this has been talked about for at least 18 months so it is good to see this being put forward.

Claire Barlow also asked about the nappy packs. Angie replied the first lot sold out and are now on to the second batch, this seems to have been very successful. This would be funded from the waste levy.

Resolved

1. That the report be received.

Claire Barlow/Russell Armstrong

2. That the Council agrees to fund the proposed compost project using waste levy funding provided by the Ministry for the Environment.

Claire Barlow/Graham Smith

ENVIROSCHOOLS PROJECT:

Waste education is key to driving improved waste minimisation and recycling, an integral aim of the Council's Waste Management and Minimisation Plan. EnviroSchools is an action based education programme with a goal to instill environmental values in school children. Education at a school level has the flow on effect of sparking change in family values and practices. It is proposed that funding is provided to set up the EnviroSchools programme in the Mackenzie District.

This would be funded from the waste levy and is part of a national process. This would use the full amount of the waste levy which is \$12,000.00.

Russell Armstrong agreed it is worth a try.

Resolved

1. That the report be received.

Claire Barlow/Murray Cox

2. That the Council agrees to support the EnviroSchools project in the Mackenzie District.

Russell Armstrong/Murray Cox

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE
CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 11.01am**

CHAIRMAN: _____

DATE: _____