

MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FAIRLIE COMMUNITY BOARD HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FAIRLIE, ON MONDAY JUNE 9, 2014, AT 7:00PM

PRESENT:

Owen Hunter (Chairman)
Les Blacklock
Warren Barker

IN ATTENDANCE:

Wayne Barnett (Chief Executive)
Garth Nixon (Community Facilities Manager)
Arlene Goss (Committee Clerk)
Pauline Jackson (observer)

APOLOGIES:

Resolved that apologies be received from community board member Trish Willis and Mayor Claire Barlow.

Les Blacklock/Noel Jackson

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest.

MINUTES:

Corrections were requested on page 5, at paragraph 3. The word "resident" occurs in three places in that paragraph and all three need to be changed to "business". "Riddle St" needs to be changed to "Regent St".

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Fairlie Community Board held on April 28, 2014, be confirmed and adopted as the correct record with the corrections noted above.

Warren Barker/Les Blacklock

FAIRLIE COMMUNITY BOARD MATTERS UNDER ACTION:

New Welcome Sign at Approach to Fairlie on SHW 79

The chairman had a meeting with Lee Wright from NZTA. This sign is going on private land and no resource consent required. Christchurch and Canterbury Tourism have provided advice which has been acted on. This includes adding things to do in Fairlie to the sign, rather than just pictures of scenery. The sign will be put up as soon as it arrives. Discussion was held on the location of the sign.

Other Signage

NZTA will also put signs near the bridge to warn pedestrians, and new signage on the intersection of the main roads.

The community board also discussed the Give Way on the road used by traffic coming from Tekapo and turning left. This Give Way is contrary to the new road rules and this confuses people. The chairman has spoken to NZTA and has asked the Roading Manager to put a memo through to ask them to re-look at this issue.

Planter Boxes

The planter boxes have been moved. One is now between the hairdressers and the resource centre, and another near the public toilets.

Old Library Café

The chief executive updated the community board. Tenders closed two weeks ago. There were four builders invited to tender. The two local builders submitted tenders. Both tenderers are planning to do the strengthening work themselves and are re-pricing the job to include this. The chief executive is expecting a report late this week or early next week. Council has delegated a decision to the Mayor and deputy Mayor. He anticipates a decision will be made soon.

Les Blacklock asked about a completion date. The chief executive will know more in a week or so.

Other Matters

Noel Jackson asked if there was any discussion on the sign outside the Old Library. NZTA have indicated they can move it nearer to the campground but this would be a cost to us, unless NZTA are already doing work in that area.

Warren Barker asked about the disabled car park outside the Four Square. The chairman says a memo to Asset Manager Bernie Haar was needed to action this.

REPORTS:

FAIRLIE COMMUNITY FACILITIES FEES AND CHARGES:

Garth Nixon said this report includes a small increase of 2.5% on community facility fees and charges.

Resolved :

1. That the report be received.
2. That the Fairlie Community Board adopt the revised fees and charges as proposed.

Les Blacklock/Warren Barker

WARD MEMBERS REPORT:

Cr Jackson has nothing to report.

REPORTS FROM MEMBERS WHO REPRESENT THE BOARD ON OTHER COMMITTEES:

The chairman said his meeting with NZTA was good. He was unable to attend a council workshop on freedom camping but this matter will be discussed later in the meeting. The Lions have started building the railway carriage cover on the Village Green. Garth Nixon said a report has gone to the Finance Committee of council requesting funds towards this project is funded from the land subdivision reserve.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

FAIRLIE COMMUNITY CENTRE COURTYARD:

Garth Nixon distributed a report and diagram from Louis Campbell showing his design plans for the community centre courtyard. Randall Froude has also done some work on this as requested by Trish Willis. Mr Froude's design was not available at the meeting.

Garth Nixon showed photographs of the courtyard, noting the shaded areas. The council building is nice and needs to feature more. Shaded areas have potential to ice up and become slippery. The drain needs to be tidied.

Photos showing the current state and then with suggested changes added were compared. Changes suggested by Louis Campbell include a grassed area, new seating, and a veranda in front of the community centre. Gardens to be cleaned up. The community centre sign also needs to be closer to the road.

Board members discussed the design and the need to move the noticeboard. Do we want grassed areas? They are good to sit on and they soften the design. Gardens cost more than grass to maintain. The chairman said Randall Froude's plan also needs to be considered before a decision is made.

Cr Jackson suggested a picnic bench or table. Warren Barker asked about courtyard lighting.

The community board agreed to wait until they saw the other proposal before making a decision.

FREEDOM CAMPING:

A freedom camping workshop was held in Tekapo. A new bylaw was discussed. Attitudes towards freedom camping are changing. Some feedback from the workshop was that the elected members didn't want freedom camping in Tekapo but it would be ok in Twizel and Fairlie. Garth Nixon asked if the Fairlie Community Board wanted to see this as an opportunity to bring people to the township.

Garth Nixon plans to talk to the Gladstone Hotel to see if they want to include their campervan area in the appendix to the bylaw that lists freedom camping sites.

Questions were asked regarding the enforcement of a bylaw. It is looking like we will need to have paid wardens doing it, maybe for a short time to give the district a reputation and then easing off later.

The chairman said as a community board with control over the Fairlie motor camp he would prefer that campers stay in the motor camp. Garth Nixon suggested allowing fully self-contained freedom camping and telling everyone else to stay in the motor camp.

Cr Jackson said enforcement includes a lot of mileage and can be a full time job. Les Blacklock asked what the cost was to stay in the motor camp.

There was discussion regarding the cost of staying at the motor camp. Possible areas for freedom camping near Fairlie include the Gladstone Hotel, Lake Opuha, which is already available for self-contained campers, and the car park next to the public toilets.

It was suggested that signage warning freedom campers that we don't tolerate them means they may move on. Chairman said if the hotel is happy to provide a spot that is the best solution. Les Blacklock said we don't have a problem with them here. Putting signs up may create a problem.

The bylaw will need a signage plan to go with it. Garth Nixon said he will start with a draft bylaw that goes out for public consultation. The chairman suggested naming the hotel as the site in Fairlie if the hotel agrees, or the area next to the public toilets as an alternative.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Warren Barker raised the issue of traffic safety issues on the main highway west of Fairlie. He said at the recent budget workshop there was a wish list drawn up and one of the items was road markings indicating a turning lane or pull off lane for traffic turning into Railway Street. Last week there was an incident with a school bus that was a near accident. He asked for urgent action to be taken. Warren Barker also asked for a "Ford" sign to be erected

at North Street. The chief executive will speak to the Asset Manager regarding these items.

The community board will have a workshop soon to go through the wish list and progress it further.

Cr Jackson asked for an update regarding the bus stop at BP. The chairman said the bus stop is illegal and is not meant to be there. There was discussion held on alternative places for a bus stop. Garth Nixon suggested the bus could divert past the fire station. The chairman agreed this was a good idea. He will discuss this further with Norm Blakemore at BP.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS
THE CHAIRPERSON DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.56pm**

CHAIRMAN: _____

DATE: _____

New Courtyard Layout at the Mackenzie District Council Fairlie Offices and Community Hall, Main Street, Fairlie.

1. The Site.

The MDC offices and chambers, and Mackenzie District Community Hall share a common courtyard area. The longer site boundaries run east west. Entry to the Council offices is via the roof canopy on the south side of the courtyard whilst entry to the Community Hall is on a centreline of the remainder of site width and located toward the back (west) of the site. The neighbouring church adjacent to the northern boundary produces winter frost shading and the large oak nearby provides good summer shading to the courtyard.

2. Amenity Planting and Existing Design.

The existing raised garden beds of painted timber posts and flitches have reached their used by date and need upgrading. They seem to be at least twenty years old?

The existing raised gardens tend to be obstructive and too complex and generally cast quite deep shadow lines from the low winter sun hence the useable walkway/circulation areas are reduced during frosty weather.

The plantings also seem to be in need of renewal.

3. Proposed Scheme

Designed to increase winter sunlight across the site;

- new deciduous tree planting along north boundary replacing existing larger trees
- generally simplified garden layout and removal of raised gardens. New gardens to be generally at ground level to reduce shading of paved areas meaning safer access routes

Designed to be more user friendly;

- seating!
 - seating located to catch winter sun for lunchtime breaks etc
 - seating located for summer shade
 - seating located at Community Hall entrance for visitors
 - seating located at Main Street for visitors waiting for vehicles etc
- simpler garden layout and new grass areas give more space for larger gatherings, funerals etc

Designed to enhance;

- axis from Community Hall entrance to Main Street footpath. That is, processional aspect and arrival sequence maintained for funerals etc. as well as Hall entry visual connection to street. Hall signage is relocated to align across site with Council offices roof canopy entry.
- simpler view/connection of North Elevation of Council building and upper deck and wisteria pergola - quite nice really.

Designed to identify/connect with the Fairlie Village Green opposite on Main Street;

- by addition of new grassed areas
- ground level grassed areas will also easily accommodate various falls and rainwater drainage slopes of existing paved areas
- new bollard lighting may be used in a similar way as the Village Green ?
- existing courtyard lighting is probably inadequate - type and amenity values need to be clarified.

Designed to include a new deck to the Community Hall meeting room

- provides interaction with the open courtyard areas.
- The Community Hall entrance roof canopy to be extended to shelter all six steps as the new adjacent deck will otherwise increase frost shading in winter.
- Timber handrails should be added to both sides of the Community Hall steps.

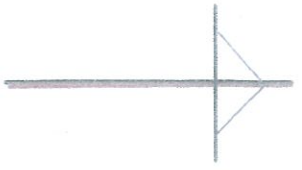
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architectural design



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North



New Deck to Meeting Room & new roof extension to existing Entry Roof.

New deciduous tree planting & garden along boundary.

New timber seating as required

Court yard Area

New grassed ramp to max 40cm high with stone wall surround to match existing low stone walls

Existing Oak

New or existing relocated Community Hall signage with uplighting

New timber seating

New low stone wall.

Denotes existing lighting

Main Street

New timber seat with low stone wall & small raised garden bed.

New grassed area with low stone wall edge at change in levels as required

Existing Entry Canopy

New plantings to existing beds

New grassed ramp.

Existing concrete ramps

New seating

Existing community all

Existing Council Offices and Chambers

New Court Yard Layout for Mackenzie District Council Fairlie Offices and Mackenzie Community Hall

Plan View: not to scale

