

MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TEKAPO COMMUNITY BOARD HELD IN THE LAKE TEKAPO COMMUNITY HALL, TEKAPO, ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2015, AT 7.00PM

PRESENT:

Peter Munro (Chair)
Murray Cox
Stella Sweney
Lyn Martin
Alan Hayman

IN ATTENDANCE:

Wayne Barnett, Chief Executive
Garth Nixon, Community Facilities Manager
Arlene Goss, Committee Secretary
Stephanie Hagen, Lake Tekapo Emergency Event Team
3 members of the public

OPENING:

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from Cr Murray Cox and the Mayor.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest.

MINUTES:

It was noted that Greg Street should read Grieg Street.

Regarding the part of the minutes titled "Matters Under Action: Civil Defence" Stella Sweney was unsure if the minutes accurately depicted what occurred in the meeting. She was not happy with the second paragraph and would like it changed to "The relationship between the council civil defence officers/emergency management officer and the emergency event team in Tekapo, including emergency services, has broken down." She said the relationship between the emergency event team and emergency services is excellent. She would like to see this reflected in the minutes. Lyn Martin seconded this.

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Tekapo Community Board held on October 13, 2015, be confirmed and adopted as the correct record of the meeting with the correction noted above.

Stella Sweney/Lyn Martin

VISITOR:

Stephanie Hagen attended the meeting to speak regarding the Lake Tekapo Emergency Event Team. She provided some background including that the team was formed after a heavy snow event. They now have a group of about 15 people to call on for support. This is a reactive group. If able to help they will.

She would like assistance from the council in the form of a store of equipment like blankets and whiteboards that they can use in an emergency situation.

The purpose of the team is to support emergency services when they are busy.

The community board have been presented with the concept plan on the agenda at page 10, and there will be further work needed on the details. The team will be activated by the emergency services. They need a central communication point.

The chairman would like to see a bigger picture and get everyone around the table including emergency services. He believes the community board should look at this globally as a town.

Stephanie Hagen left the meeting at 7.28pm.

TEKAPO COMMUNITY BOARD MATTERS UNDER ACTION:

Tekapo Plantation: Murray Place/Section A: A sign has gone up regarding motorbikes. Planting has not taken place yet. Whitestone is tasked with this. Stella Sweney said a water pipe is leaking in this area. Garth Nixon to look into this.

Freedom Camping: The community board recommendation from the last meeting was referred to Council. The freedom camping strategy will be reviewed in summer. Garth Nixon said the only reason to close the Hamilton Drive site completely was health and safety and he does not think this risk is high enough. Stella Sweney challenged this and felt that faecal contamination from campers was a valid reason to close it.

Garth Nixon said enforcement has made a marked improvement. Non self-contained campers are being pushed away. The bylaw is due for review in 2019 but the strategy review may require a public consultation process next year.

Stella Sweney said the community board agreed to trial Hamilton Drive with the understanding they could review it in March.

A member of the public asked if alternative sites could be suggested. This cannot be legitimately enforced. She would like to see campers moved to another site out of the way.

Stella Sweney said there is a problem and they just have to manage it until March and will see by then the extent of the problem.

The community board would like to receive a report detailing enforcement and data collection to go to the January community board meeting. Feedback is also sought from Whitestone on how much rubbish they pick up at Hamilton Drive.

The chairman said dealing in facts rather than hearsay would be good and he would like this report at the next board meeting.

Future of Motuariki Island: no update

Tekapo Squash Club: no update

60km Speed Limit Extension: Stella Sweney asked for information regarding a bylaw on the Tekapo speed limits. It was formed in 2009. She asked if this could be reviewed. She said the bylaw designates the speed at 80kmh for the part of the road that they want changed. She asked if this could be investigated.

Civil Defence: The chief executive said he has reviewed the plan that was distributed at the last meeting. He has concerns with how this fits with all the communities. It is a template that comes from government. He believes that we need to get a clear understanding of what council's roles and emergency services' roles are in an emergency event. He has asked staff to do some work internally and then the results of this will come out to stakeholders. The chairman would like the community board's responsibilities to be included in the report. Further discussion was held on this topic. The chief executive offered to come back to the group at a later date with more information.

Tekapo Footbridge: Discussion was held on who was attending the opening. Cr Smith and Cr Leslie have indicated they will attend.

Tekapo Canal Boat Ramp: The chairman has raised this with Genesis in an informal discussion. No assurances were provided. He asked Garth Nixon to follow up on this.

Solar System Project: Nothing further has happened with this project. Garth Nixon is looking for direction on what to do with the posts. Stella Sweney said the community board can expect to see progress on this project after the footbridge opening.

FINANCIAL REPORT TO SEPTEMBER, 2015:

This report is the financial report for the community board for the period to September, 2015, the purpose of which to update board members on the financial performance of the Tekapo Community as a whole for that period.

Under the community centre budget, Stella Sweney asked what the biggest use of the community centre is. There are weddings most weekends and other groups, Christmas functions, private use and meetings. Need to fix the council website regarding bookings as community centre bookings made on the website are not coming through.

Other matters were discussed. Lyn Martin requested that some money be spent to improve the Scott Street playground.

Resolved that the report be received.

Stella Sweney/Lyn Martin

TEKAPO PROJECTS REPORT:

This report is to update the community board on town projects and the projects budget. Garth Nixon took the community board through the items on this report.

The approach to the new footbridge was discussed. Lyn Martin suggested a sign asking cyclists to dismount. The chairman disagreed. He does not think cyclists are any worse than walkers and they just need to be considerate of others.

No work done yet on domain grassing and irrigation. The playground has had an initial site meeting and the site needs to be marked out. The Hamilton Drive carpark drainage and potholes work is being underway. Regarding walkway marker posts, Garth Nixon has sourced these and needs to know what to emboss them with.

The chairman spoke regarding the planting of the gardens at the community centre. These plants need water to save what hasn't died. The grass also needs to be repaired.

The walkway by the toilets was discussed. Garth Nixon gave background to this issue. A path has been dug here. Garth Nixon has asked the owners of the path not to put any concrete in because it will be torn up during future development. They have instead put gravel in there. This is on council land.

The chairman asked about the mini golf site and whether public toilets would go there. The chief executive said Council is in negotiation with a party to purchase the mini golf site. If this gets finalised there won't be an opportunity to put public toilets there and they would go elsewhere.

Stella Sweney asked about progress on the YHA concept plan. The YHA will be presenting a concept plan on the 24th of this month to Council and this is open to the public.

The Tekapo Lakefront Development Stage 2 construction tender has been awarded to Paul Smith Contracting and work will start soon.

MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2016:

The chairman said Monday the 26th is South Canterbury anniversary day. This will be changed and the members will be notified of the new date. Discussion was held on the length of meetings. The chairman requested to shift the meeting of April 8 to another week.

WARD MEMBER'S REPORT:

There was no report.

REPORTS FROM MEMBERS WHO REPRESENT THE COMMUNITY BOARD ON OTHER COMMITTEES:

The chairman talked about the Tekapo Footbridge. Going ahead with the opening but it may be shut again after the opening, as last minute jobs are not finished.

The White Water Trust met recently and there was debate over whether Meridian would pay for the years 2007 to 2009, but they did. The trust now has a couple of hundred thousand dollars to upgrade the course and will start this soon. Under their consent they should be able to begin work shortly.

Stella Sweney asked if Genesis have finished their work on Tekapo A. The chairman would like the people of Tekapo to be publically notified on upcoming work and have a say. He believes their proposal for building a tank at the intake would be an eyesore on the lakefront. The chief executive said that some work needs to be undertaken on council land so Council has some controls. The chairman would like the views preserved.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

EMAIL FROM GLENMORE STATION REQUESTING A SIGN AT THE LAKE MCGREGOR TURN OFF:

Garth Nixon has forwarded this to the roading manager for action.

PUBLIC EXCLUDED:

Resolved that the public be excluded from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting namely 'Email seeking advice on new commercial ventures'.

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
Email seeking advice on new commercial ventures.	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: *Email seeking advice on new commercial ventures under section 7(2)(b)(ii)*.

Stella Sweney/Alan Hayman

Lyn Martin tabled a late letter regarding a new early childhood development at Aorangi Crescent. This is available as an attachment to these minutes.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS
THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.09PM
CHAIRMAN: _____**

DATE: _____

Church of the Good Shepherd Committee

16th November 2016

Attn: Members of the Lake Tekapo Community Board

Re: Aorangi Crescent Development

We are pleased to announce that there has been agreement in principal to develop the front half of the Aorangi Crescent site for the purposes of Early Childhood Education in Tekapo. To fulfil this vision, we are working to establish a Charitable Trust to oversee the management and administration of ECE services from this site for the long term.

In the medium term, the South Canterbury Free Kindergarten Association (SCFKA) has expressed an interest in establishing a 'Mobile Kindergarten' in Lake Tekapo to meet the current demands for ECE in our area. This service will provide a local ECE facility from the existing Guild Hall building that will be staffed and resourced by the SCFKA and supported by the kindergartens in Fairlie and Twizel. This is an exciting opportunity for the Lake Tekapo community, as we believe that an early childhood education (ECE) facility will have many benefits for our community;


- Provide quality ECE within our own community without the travel barrier
- Compliment existing playgroup and home based care services
- Enable childcare options for families seeking employment in Tekapo
- Develop a local Tekapo flavour to our education services
- Provide a strong link to our fabulous Primary school

This is an exciting opportunity however there is a work to be done to the current facilities and site to bring them up to the standards required. The work plan includes fencing, playground safety, toilet and kitchen upgrades. A working party is currently co-ordinating these plans and quotes for the work to be undertaken. Funding opportunities are also being explored, and we invite the Tekapo community to get in behind this project in whatever way they are able.

We intend to keep the community well informed of developments, and would be keen to discuss the project with the community board in the coming months.

We look forward to working with our community to make this happen for our children.

Warm regards,



Penny Wilson
On behalf of the Church of the Good Shepherd Committee