

MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FAIRLIE, ON TUESDAY 19 JULY 2011 AT 9.30 AM

PRESENT:

Claire Barlow (Mayor)
Crs Peter Maxwell
Annette Money
Graeme Page
Graham Smith
Evan Williams

IN ATTENDANCE:

Glen Innes (Chief Executive Officer)
Paul Morris (Manager – Finance and Administration)
Rosemary Moran (Committee Clerk)

I OPENING:

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

II APOLOGY:

Resolved that an apology be received from Cr John Bishop.

Evan Williams/Graham Smith

LATE ITEM

Resolved that pursuant to the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 the report “Trees on Council Reserves” be considered.

Graham Smith /Annette Money

The report was not included on the Agenda because it was not received in time. Consideration of the report at this meeting was required to enable the matter to be dealt with in a timely manner.

III DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no Declarations of Interest.

IV BEREAVEMENTS:

The Mayor referred to the recent deaths of Betsy May Willson, Eileen Cochrane, Margaret McAtamney, Evelyn Williams and Martin van Turnhout. A motion of sympathy was passed and the Chief Executive Officer was directed to pass this on to those concerned.

Cr Money advised that long time Twizel resident Audrey Jenkins had died. Cr Williams spoke briefly about his late mother, Evelyn Williams, and thanked the Council for their support and sympathy at the time of her death.

V MAYORAL REPORT:

This was the report of Mayoral activities for the previous six weeks.

Resolved that the report be received.

Annette Money/Evan Williams

VI REPORTS REQUIRING COUNCIL DECISION:

1. INSURANCE ISSUES:

This report from the Manager – Finance and Administration included options for Council's consideration regarding the mitigation of risk of the financial impact of a natural disaster event occurring in or around the Mackenzie District.

Resolved that the report be received.

Graham Smith/Graeme Page

Resolved that Council staff investigate joining the Local Authority Protection Programme Disaster Fund (LAPP) and bring back to Council a recommendation once premium costs are known.

Graham Smith Annette Money

Resolved that Council increases the minimum level of cash it is required to hold from \$2 million to \$3 million to cover any unforeseen circumstances.

Peter Maxwell/Annette Money

Resolved that Council approves the use of the leaky building insurance reserve to fund the increase in insurance premiums for the 2011/2012 financial year amounting to approximately \$19,000.

Graham Smith/Annette Money

Resolved that the Council accepts that the insurance cover for its above ground assets will be limited to 80% for earthquakes, tsunami and geothermal activity for the period ending 30 June 2012, and that Council's cash reserves be drawn upon to cover the balance in the event of a claim.

Annette Money/Graeme Page

XI ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 10.45 am for morning tea and reconvened at 11.20 am.

IX PUBLIC EXCLUDED:

Resolved that the public be excluded from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting namely:

Plan Change 15 and Variation 1 to Plan Change 13, Twizel

<u>General subject of each matter to be considered</u>	<u>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</u>	<u>Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</u>
Plan Change 15 and Variation 1 To Plan Change 13, Twizel	The right of appeal lies with the Tribunal	48(1)(d)
		Annette Money/Evan Williams

The Council continued in Open Meeting.

CONFIRMATION OF RESOLUTIONS TAKEN WITH THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED:

PLAN CHANGE 15 AND VARIATION 1 TO PLAN CHANGE 13:

Resolved:

1. That, having considered the report from the Senior Planner and the recommendations of the Hearing Panel, the Council adopts the report of the Hearing Panel on PC15 and Variation 1 to PC13, as the Council's decision on the Plan Change and Variation.
2. That the Council agrees to publicly notify its decisions on the Plan Change and Variation in accordance with Clause 10 of the First Schedule to the Resource Management Act, on 23 July 2010.

Graham Smith/Evan Williams

LATE ITEM - TREES ON COUNCIL RESERVE

This report from the Chief Executive Officer sought to resolve an on-going issue with trees on a Council reserve shading a property on Riverview Terrace, Fairlie. The report was accompanied by photographs of the trees in question.

Resolved that the report be received.

Graham Smith/Evan Williams

Motion:

That one tree be removed from the Council reserve adjacent to Riverview Terrace, Fairlie.

Graeme Page

The motion lapsed for want of a seconder.

Resolved that the Council agrees to a compromise solution and removes the two most northern trees from the Council reserve adjacent to Riverview Terrace, Fairlie, and retains the larger southern tree.

Graham Smith /Annette Money

Crs Evan Williams and Graeme Page voted against the resolution.

Resolved that the work to remove the trees be undertaken by Council and that the agreed costs be recovered from Mrs Mitchell.

Peter Maxwell /Graham Smith

VI REPORTS REQUIRING COUNCIL DECISION (Continued):

2. APPOINTMENT OF PROXY FOR ALPINE ENERGY LTD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

Resolved that Mayor Claire Barlow be appointed as Council's proxy to vote on its behalf at the Alpine Energy Ltd 2011 Annual General Meeting, or, in her absence, that Cr Graeme Smith be so appointed.

Peter Maxwell/Evan Williams

3. APPOINTMENT OF SHARED REPRESENTATIVE ON ALPINE ENERGY LTD:

Resolved that Steve Thompson be appointed as Council's shared representative with the Waimate District Council on Alpine Energy Ltd.

Graeme Page/Evan Williams

VII INFORMATION REPORTS:

1. COMMON SEAL

This report from the Committee Clerk advised of documents signed under the Common Seal from 24 May 2011 to 14 July 2011.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received.
2. That the affixing of the Common Seal to document numbers 707 to 715 be endorsed.

Annette Money/Evan Williams

2. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER – GENERAL ACTIVITIES REPORT:

This report from the Chief Executive Officer referred to Council, Committee and Board Meetings, Other Meetings and Activities, Rural Sector Meeting 9 – 10 June 2011, SOLGM Chief Executive Officer's Forum 17 June 2011, Annual Plan, Solid Waste Issues, Tekapo Property Arrangements, Fairlie Resource Centre Relocation, High Country Health, Rating Issues, Long Term Plan Steering Group, Staffing Issues, Policy Review and Tourism Trust.

Resolved that the report be received

Annette Money/Graham Smith

XI ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 12.45 pm for lunch and reconvened at 1.20 pm.

VI INFORMATION REPORTS:

2. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER – GENERAL ACTIVITIES REPORT
(Continued):

Mackenzie Tourism and Development Trust

The Council considered copies of letters from the Mayor to Ian Lothian of Audit NZ dated 15 July 2011, and Lesley O'Hara, Chairman of the Mackenzie Tourism and Development Trust, dated 15 July 2011, which were circulated and recommended for endorsement.

Resolved that the letters from the Mayor to Ian Lothian of Audit NZ dated 15 July 201, and Lesley O'Hara, Chairman of the Mackenzie Tourism and Development Trust, dated 15 July 2011, be endorsed.

Annette Money /Evan Williams

VIII COMMUNITY BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS:

This report from the Chief Executive officer was accompanied by the minutes of the meetings of the Twizel Community Board and Tekapo Community Board held on 9 May 2011 and the Fairlie Community Board held on 11 May 2011.

Resolved that the report be received.

Annette Money/Graeme Page

Resolved:

TWIZEL COMMUNITY BOARD

1. **Removal of Pine Trees**

That the Council notes that approval was given for the two pine trees to be removed from the Halliwell/Simons Street Greenway Community Board and that the work is to be funded 80% by the Community Board and 20% by the affected residents.

2. **Filling of Low Lying Area in the Green Area at the Southern Entrance to Twizel:**

That the Council notes that Whitestone has been directed to fill the low lying part of the green area south of the Ostler Road entrance to Twizel with surplus hard fill when it becomes available.

3. **Mulcher Maintenance:**

That the Council notes that Cr Bishop was authorised to purchase a new jockey wheel for the mulcher for a total cost of \$180.

TEKAPO COMMUNITY BOARD:

4. **Lake Tekapo Community Hall:**

That the Council notes:

- That the Chairman, the Community Facilities Manager and Council's Building Inspector have been directed to consult together with regard to the proposals for upgrading the Lake Tekapo Community Hall.
- That more detailed plans then be commissioned for the project.
- That costings for the work be obtained.
- That when the above information becomes available, the community be consulted about the project.

5. **The Area West of the Power Boat Club House and Boat Ramp:**

That the Council notes that the Community Board has directed that the Community Facilities Manager meet with Mr Speedy to discuss the issues which he had raised in his letter and report back to the next Community Board meeting.

FAIRLIE COMMUNITY BOARD:

6. **Leave of Absence:**

That the Council notes:

1. That Ron Joll was granted Leave of Absence from Fairlie Community Board meetings for six months.
2. That if Mr Joll was unable to attend Community Board meetings after the six months' Leave of Absence period, the position would be reviewed.

7. **Request from Theatre Group:**

That the Council notes that the request from the Mackenzie Theatre Group for the waiving of hire fees for the Mackenzie Community Centre was declined and that

the Theatre Group was offered the option of deferring payment of the hire fees until the proceeds of the production had been collected by the Theatre Group.

8. **Improvements to the Kirke St Streetscape:**

That the Council notes that Mr Finlayson has been invited to submit a proposed plan for the requested improvements to the Kirke Street streetscape

Graeme Page/Graham Smith

LAND SUBDIVISION FUND:

Resolved:

1. That the Council agrees that monies from the Land Subdivision Fund be applied to the following Tekapo recreational projects in 2011/12:
 - a. **Footbridge** \$25,000, with a commitment for a further \$75,000 as \$25,000 per annum over the following three years
 - b. **Playground** \$10,000
 - c. **Sundial** \$7,000 (if not funded by Meridian)
2. That Council accepts the need to provide good public toilet facilities in Lake Tekapo and, in the event that the facilities are upgraded or relocated, notes that, in accordance with the current policy, this will be funded from the general rate.
3. That Council, recognising that much of its Land Subdivision Reserve Fund derives from Tekapo development, agrees that a significant portion of that fund be utilised towards Tekapo community facilities.
4. That initial work be undertaken by Council on the planning of new community facilities in Tekapo as part of township development and that this be used for any further public input that may be required.

Annette Money /Peter Maxwell

MACKENZIE SCHOOLS' SCIENCE FAIR:

Resolved that the Council provides a grant equivalent to the rental of the Mackenzie Community Centre Stadium for Science Fair to be held on 10 and 11 August 2011.

Graham Smith Annette Money

IX COMMITTEES:

Resolved that the Minutes of the Finance, Projects and Strategies and Planning Committees held on 5 July 2011, including those parts as were taken with the Public Excluded, be received.

Graham Smith/Graeme Page

X CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Mackenzie District Council held on 31 May 2011, 14 June 2011 and 28 June 2011, including such parts as were taken with the Public Excluded be confirmed and adopted as the correct record of the meetings.

Evan Williams /Annette Money

**Note: Some details of the above resolution were recommended for correction in a report to the Council meeting of 23 August 2011.*

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS,
THE MAYOR DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 2.48 PM**

MAYOR: _____

DATE: _____