

MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FAIRLIE ON TUESDAY 6 AUGUST 2013 AT 11:41AM

PRESENT:

Claire Barlow (Mayor)
Crs Peter Maxwell
Annette Money
Graeme Page
Evan Williams
John Bishop

IN ATTENDANCE:

Wayne Barnett (Chief Executive Officer)
Paul Morris (Manager – Finance and Administration)
Garth Nixon (Community Facilities Manager)
Keri-Ann Little (Committee Clerk)
Nathan Hole (Manager Planning and Regulation) from 1:15pm – 1:30pm

I OPENING:

The Mayor opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

II LATE ITEMS:

Section 46A(7)(a)(b)(i)(ii) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987:

The Mayor informed the elected members of three late items for today's Council meeting.

1. Dog bite incident in Public Excluded, this item has just been brought to Mr Hole's attention.
2. Rural Fire 4WD, disappointed it was left to the last minute and we do need to make a decision today therefore I hope everyone has read the background information supplied last night.
3. Rates resolution report has been checked and updated.

Mr Morris apologised to Council for the error in the wrong rates resolution being distributed and said this was an administrative error only with last year's rates resolution being distributed incorrectly. Mr Morris said the rating resolution has now been corrected and checked.

III APOLOGY

There were no apologies.

IV DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest.

V BEREAVEMENTS:

The Mayor referred to the recent death of Eugene Thomas Lane, Marion Ivy Sheridan, William Trevor Wade, Douglas Malcolm Alexander, Bessie Gordon Miller, Rachel Muriel Everett and Robert Michael Christopher Greer.

A moment of silence was observed and a motion of sympathy was passed. The Chief Executive Officer was directed to pass this on to those concerned.

VI REPORTS REQUIRING COUNCIL DECISION:

1. RATES RESOLUTION:

The purpose of this report from the Manager – Finance and Administration is to meet the requirements of Section 23(1) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, which requires that rates must be set by resolution.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received
2. That the Mackenzie District Council resolves to set the rates under the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, on rating units in the Mackenzie District for the financial year commencing on 1 July 2013 and ending on 30 June 2014.

Claire Barlow/ Annette Money

VII MAYORAL REPORT:

This was the report of The Mayoral activities to 2 August 2013.

Resolved that the report be received.

Evan Williams/ Graham Smith

VI REPORTS REQUIRING COUNCIL DECISION CONTINUED:

2. OLD LIBRARY CAFE:

This report from the Chief Executive Officer was a late item at the recent Finance Committee meeting on Tuesday 30 July to update Council on direction from the Fairlie Community Board regarding options for repairing or replacing the Old Library Café building and to request funding for architectural services to implement the Community Boards Objectives.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received

John Bishop/ Evan Williams

The CEO and Fairlie Community Board Chairman met with an architect at the Old Library yesterday. Fairlie Community board wanted an artist's impression allowing the public to have a visual impression at the public meetings.

The CEO said Architect Preston Stevens was engaged and his initial price was \$10,000. When asked if he could reduce his price he said we will receive less. His comments were very good, what he was saying was that the process they complete including researching what is currently there and then completing design work and concepts and then the sketch is completed.

An estimate of \$640,000 to \$690,000 for a total rebuild is an indication of cost and the CEO believes with that price we need a creditable rebuild option.

An estimate of \$350,000 to \$400,000 for repair work of the building informed the CEO.

Resolved: that the Council rejects the provision of the \$6,340 funding requested by the Fairlie Community Board for architectural services.

Graeme Smith/ Annette Money

Cr Bishop said it is important to relay to the public that Council cannot confirm the repair cost but the rebuild cost would be a confirmed figure.

The Mayor will relay back to the Community Board Chairman what has been discussed at this meeting regarding Council's view.

VIII ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35am and reconvened at 1:14pm.

IX PUBLIC EXCLUDED:

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

1. Dog Incident

Reason for passing General subject of each matter to be considered	Ground(s) under this resolution in relation to each matter	Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
Dog Incident	Protect the privacy of natural persons	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: *Dog Incident* 7(2)(a)

Annette Money/ Graeme Page

The Council continued in open meeting.

CONFIRMATION OF RESOLUTION TAKEN WITH THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED

Resolved that the following resolution taken with the Public Excluded be confirmed:

Dog Incident:

Resolved:

1. To seek destruction of the dog through the District Court, subject to legal advice.

Annette Money/ Graham Smith

VI REPORTS REQUIRING COUNCIL DECISION CONTINUED:

2. RURAL FIRE 4WD:

Mr Hole spoke to his late item stating that he has received an invoice from Rob Hands Principle Rural Fire Officer which included the price for a 4WD for the Deputy Principal Rural Fire Officer, Mackenzie, Ray Gardner.

Mr Hands submitted to the Annual Plan regarding the Council's purchase of a 4WD vehicle, Mr Hands second-hand vehicle is available for purchase by the Council for Mr Gardner's use.

The Council resolved at the Council meeting dated 13 June 2013 held to hear submissions to the annual plan that the Council accept the submission and will reconsider.

Mr Hole said that Mr Gardner, when replacing his current own 2WD vehicle he would purchase a 4WD, Mr Gardner is happy to use this vehicle for rural fire services and civil defence officer duties.

Cr Maxwell said that we are a rural district and for some of the situations we maybe in we are not very vehicle suited. Too good a deal to turn down a dedicated already kitted out vehicle.

Cr Bishop said that he favours the option of Mr Gardner purchasing his own vehicle and Council kitting this vehicle out.

Cr Williams asked if Mr Gardner was to retire the rural fire officer may not necessarily be a Council employee.

Mr Hole said that is correct the Rural Fire Officer may not be a Council employee.

Cr Page said that the rural fire service will be going through a restructuring process and we may end up with a permanent Officer full time in this district.

Mr Hole said there would be very little change if any to the structure of rural fire in South Canterbury.

The Mayor said we committed to buying the vehicle in the long term plan, we have asked for more information which we have now received. It's a matter of when we commit to something in the long term plan, and then if something else comes up as it has this time with budget restrictions we can change our minds.

Resolved: we look at other options rather than purchasing the rural officer's 4WD.
Graeme Page/ Graham Smith

Cr Maxwell, Cr Williams and Cr Money voted against this motion.

Cr Williams said Council is charged with providing fire cover for our rural ratepayers and sees this as being part of our service and if staff have to supply their own vehicles for this use it is not acceptable.

X INFORMATION REPORTS:

1. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS GENERAL ACTIVITIES REPORT:

This report from the Chief Executive Officer referred to Committee, Community Board Meetings, and Other Meetings and Activities until 6 August 2013.

Resolved that the report be received.

Graham Smith/ John Bishop

2. COMMON SEAL:

This information from the Committee Clerk is to advise Council of the documents signed under the Common Seal from 1 March 2013 until 21 June 2013.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received.
2. That the affixing of the Common Seal to document numbers 769, 770, 771 and 772 be endorsed.

Annette Money/ Graham Smith

3. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT TO UPDATE VARIOUS MATTERS:

This report from the Chief Executive Officer discussed various matters.

- Tekapo Community Hall needs an opening I am liaising with the Community Board as to when this will be or what it will entail.
- Twizel toilet, the contractor was supposed to supply a price for this meeting and I have asked Mr Nixon to put some pressure on pricing information.
- Canterbury Christchurch Tourism (CCT) we are finalising the budget for bringing the end of the contract to the end of ours and their financial year so only a 9 month contract. Massaging required fitting within the budget. Mr Morris and the CEO are currently working on this.
- Alps2Ocean committee meeting 15 August. Situation is we have said to Committee we would prefer that the development and marketing be via Tourism Waitaki and raised a question what the joint committee does and I think that there are probably realisations that if marketing is done via Council and Tourism Waitaki then the Committee doesn't have a lot of say. It was suggested Tourism Waitaki take over all development and marketing. DOC felt excluded so discussion was to continue at the next Committee meeting.
- Gudex Road the property has been sold and I have contacted the new owner and I have spoken to Mr Morgan. Mr Morgan has sold the property before the land could be transferred and the understanding with Mr Morgan is that the transfer would continue and the land transfer would be completed by the new owner and not Mr Morgan. The CEO will change the agreement to update with new owners added and send this to them for approval.
- The CEO provided an overview to Council regarding the recent LGN Conference he attended along with the Mayor and Cr Smith and provided a report on activities, topics discussed and speakers.

XI COMMUNITY BOARDS:

This report from the Chief Executive Officer was accompanied by the Minutes of the meetings of the Fairlie Community Board held on 17 July 2013 and the Twizel and Tekapo Community Boards held on 22 July 2013.

Resolved: that the report be received.

Graham Smith /Peter Maxwell

FAIRLIE COMMUNITY BOARD:

1. Old Library Cafe:

That Council notes the Community Board's resolution regarding progress with determining options for repairing or replacing the Old Library Café building.

Resolved:

1. That the CEO will go back to the architects and just request that sketch, pricing and work through funding.

Trish Willis/ Owen Hunter

2. Points from Enhancement Board:

That the Council notes the Community Board's resolution regarding points raised from the Enhancement Board's meeting.

Resolved:

1. That the Community Board should express a view on how these planter boxes are dealt with.
2. The Community Board should indicate their preference for the disposal of these trees.

Graeme Page/ Trish Willis

TEKAPO COMMUNITY BOARD:

3. Tekapo Plantation:

That the Council notes the Community Board's resolution regarding Lake Tekapo Plantation.

Resolved:

1. That the Community Board supports the forestry board's initiative to have a variety of tree species to enhance the amenity value of the commercial forest to be planted on Section B and we encourage the Forestry Board to discuss with Colin Maclaren.

Peter Maxwell/ Alan Hayman

4. Council Owned Units in Tekapo:

That the Council notes and/or considers the Community Board's resolution regarding the Council owned old post office units leased in the motor camp being used for workers accommodation due to the shortage of available accommodation in Tekapo.

Resolved:

1. That the community board feels that the old post office buildings should be investigated for the possibility to be used as workers accommodation.

Ian Radford/ Alan Hayman

TWIZEL COMMUNITY BOARD:

5. Boundary Set Backs in Residential Zones 3 & 4 in Twizel:

That the Council notes and/or considers the Community Boards resolution regarding boundary setbacks in Residential 3 & 4 in Twizel.

Resolved:

1. That the Community Board recommend to Council that Council change the boundary on residential zone 3 and 4 to 6 metres from side boundaries for outbuildings. Dwellings remaining at 10 metres from the boundary.

Peter Bell/ Phil Rive

6. Golf Club Tree Planting:

That the Council notes the Community Board resolution regarding The Chairman and Mr Nixons discussion outlining a list of matters the Golf Club have raised.

Resolved:

1. That the Community Board fix the leak in the pipeline running through the Golf Course and that Mr Nixon complete a tree planting plan and that the Community Board plant the trees at their expense.

Peter Bell/ Phil Rive

XII COMMITTEES:

Resolved that Minutes of the meetings of the, Finance, Planning and Project and Strategies meetings held on the 11th and 13th of June including such parts as were taken with the Public Excluded, be received.

Graham Smith/ Peter Maxwell

XIII CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Mackenzie District Council held on Tuesday 14 May 2013 and Tuesday 25 June 2013, including such parts as were taken with the Public Excluded, be confirmed and adopted as the correct record of the meeting with the following changes:

Claire Barlow/ Graham Smith

XIV DONATION TO LAKE TEKAPO FOOTBRIDGE SOCIETY:

Cr Maxwell informed the Council \$300,000 donation towards the Tekapo Footbridge has been made anomalously to the Lake Tekapo Footbridge Society.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS
THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 2:42PM**

CHAIRMAN: _____

DATE: _____