

# **MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FAIRLIE COMMUNITY BOARD HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FAIRLIE, ON MONDAY OCTOBER 13, 2014, AT 7:00PM**

### **PRESENT:**

Owen Hunter (Chairman)  
Les Blacklock  
Trish Willis

### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

Garth Nixon (Community Facilities Manager)  
Wayne Barnett (Chief Executive)  
Arlene Goss (Committee Clerk)  
Blue Kerr (public)

### **PUBLIC FORUM:**

The chairman invited Blue Kerr to speak to the community board. She said she wished to speak on two matters. The first was the ongoing maintenance of the defibrillator held in the community centre. She asked the community board if it was willing to buy replacement pads and batteries for this when they were due for replacement. She has been replacing the pads herself, but as a pensioner she cannot afford to do this.

The chairman asked who monitors the age and condition. She does a monthly check. Other defibrillators are held in Albury, Burkes Pass and Sherwood. These also need to be looked after. The pads are replaced every two years and batteries approximately every five years.

She said she is happy to continue to perform the monthly check. The community board agreed to take responsibility for replacing the pads and batteries as requested.

Blue Kerr also raised the issue of the community centre courtyard and wondered if this needed to be run past the public again. The chairman said the changes being planned were not extreme. We are still waiting on a price to do this work. The meeting discussed the trees in the courtyard. She said people like the trees. Community facilities manager Garth Nixon said some of the trees are past their use-by date and will come out. Others will be kept. He said the landscape needed to be replaced occasionally, especially in a confined area like the courtyard.

The chairman said there has been quite a lot of interest expressed in the trees and the community board would take this on board.

## **APOLGIES:**

Resolved that apologies be received from board members Warren Barker and Cr Noel Jackson, and Finance and Administration Manager Paul Morris.

**Les Blacklock/Trish Willis**

## **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **MINUTES:**

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Fairlie Community Board held on September 1, 2014, be confirmed and adopted as the correct record.

**Trish Willis/Les Blacklock**

## **FAIRLIE COMMUNITY BOARD MATTERS UNDER ACTION**

### **Fairlie Western Catchments Project:**

The chairman said we are still waiting on Environment Canterbury.

### **Missing Soldier's Names on War Memorial at Fairlie:**

Garth Nixon has spoken to Jenny Cordes about whether to include soldiers from Cannington on the memorial. He has asked her to go back to her committee and look at this further.

### **Community Centre Courtyard Upgrade:**

Garth Nixon updated the community board on this matter. The price he has received is \$33,900 plus GST. The budget is \$30,000 so the community board needs to talk to council about making a contribution.

Trish Willis asked for this quote to be provided to the community board members in writing. The chairman also asked for a breakdown of costs. Garth Nixon agreed to supply this information.

The chairman would like to re-visit the plan on the courtyard before making a final decision. The chief executive said there is an opportunity to put a paper to council on October 28 to request money so when the community board comes back to their next meeting they will be in a position to make a decision.

The chairman asked for this request to go to council on October 28<sup>th</sup>.

Resolved that the community board request that council contribute \$15,000 towards the cost of upgrading the community centre courtyard.

**Les Blacklock/Owen Hunter**

## **REPORTS:**

### **FAIRLIE COMMUNITY BOARD FINANCIAL ACTIVITY REPORT TO AUGUST:**

The chairman asked about the financial contributions for the Fairlie water supply of approx \$41,000. The chief executive said this was income and there was a timing issue related to how it was recorded in the accounts.

The only other thing of note in the financials was sewerage expenditure. Year to date this has been \$6,000. This is contractor costs associated with the replacement of the sewer pump at the Fairlie motor camp.

Resolved that the report be received.

**Les Blacklock/Owen Hunter**

### **WARD MEMBERS REPORT:**

Cr Jackson was not present to give this verbal report.

### **REPORTS FROM MEMBERS WHO REPRESENT THE BOARD ON OTHER COMMITTEES:**

The chairman reported that the Lions Club has covered the stage on the village green. The statue of the soldier near the stage will be uncovered on Thursday, October 16.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

### **SEATING OUTSIDE PHARMACY:'**

The chairman said he has spoken to the pharmacy owner and we can do whatever we like to improve this seating. The community board discussed replacing the timber between the brackets rather than around the corners of the planter. The overhang on the corners was a danger. Garth Nixon agreed to organise this.

### **TOWN PROJECTS:**

A list of town projects was tabled by Trish Willis and is attached to these minutes. She went through this list with the community board.

Discussion was held on the river-side walking track. The chairman said the Lions Club were planning to replace the small wooden bridges with culverts and gravel so they could take a four wheel drive along the track to spray weeds.

Other items on the list were discussed. Discussion was held on how the community centre could be used more often. The chairman said this had been looked into earlier and it was a small town problem. Garth Nixon said a good example of a successful community centre was at Tekapo, but this was a small intimate hall with a good catering kitchen. Trish Willis said why don't we ask the community for ideas. The chairman said the size of the centre was awkward due to it being a sports centre. We also have some big bills coming up like the refurbishment of the kitchen and the roof to fix.

Trish Willis suggested a brief notice be published inviting ideas from people in the community. The chairman said most letters in the past had come from people who wanted to use the community centre for nothing and did not believe they should pay to use it.

The chief executive said there is a policy that determines how much of the money to fund the community centre comes from rates and how much from user-pays. The community board could look at this policy.

Garth Nixon said the centre is being reasonably well booked and used. Trish Willis said a community facility needs a five-year plan or similar. She thinks we owe it to the residents to ask them how they want to use it.

Garth Nixon has received a suggestion that the hall be converted into a function centre rather than a sports hall. He asked if the community board wanted to explore that option.

Trish Willis suggested a resolution as follows. This was passed by the community board.

Resolved that the community board initiate a survey of residents regarding the possible future use and opportunities for the community centre.

**Trish Willis/Owen Hunter**

Discussion then moved to further items on the projects list. Trish Willis said the lanterns on the main street need cleaning and painting. Garth Nixon said the street furniture will be painted soon. Discussion was held on whether to keep the same colour. This will be considered outside the meeting.

Regarding Christmas decorations, the chairman said Fairlie Lions are considering doing something with lighting but this was not yet decided. Trish Willis asked if the community enhancement board could apply for funding for decorations. Yes they could.

Trish Willis said she would attend the Village Green Committee meeting this month to discuss future projects with this group.

*The chairman then requested that the community board move into public excluded session to discuss two items recorded on the public excluded minutes of the last meeting. Blue Kerr left the room.*

**PUBLIC EXCLUDED:**

Resolved that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting namely Previous Minutes, Fairlie Community Board, September 1, 2014.

<b>General subject of each matter to be considered</b>	<b>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</b>	<b>Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</b>
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Previous minutes Fairlie Community Board September 1, 2014.	Commercial sensitivity	48(1)(a)(i)
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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: Previous minutes Fairlie Community Board, *under section 7(2)(b)(ii)*.

**Les Blacklock/Owen Hunter**

*The Fairlie Community Board continued in open meeting.*

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS  
THE CHAIRPERSON DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.05pm.**

**CHAIRMAN:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_