

# MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TEKAPO COMMUNITY BOARD HELD IN THE LAKE TEKAPO COMMUNITY HALL, TEKAPO, ON MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2015, AT 7.02PM

### PRESENT:

Peter Munro (Chair)  
Murray Cox  
Stella Sweney  
Lyn Martin

### IN ATTENDANCE:

Wayne Barnett, Chief Executive  
Garth Nixon, Community Facilities Manager  
Arlene Goss, Committee Secretary  
Angie Campbell, Playground Committee  
One member of the public

### OPENING:

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from community board member Alan Hayman and Mayor Claire Barlow.

### DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest.

### MINUTES:

Under General Business, Item 2, a comment about Queenstown Lakes District Council has been attributed to Lyn Martin but this should instead read Stella Sweney.

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting of the Tekapo Community Board held on July 13, 2015, including those parts taken in public excluded, be confirmed and adopted as the correct record of the meeting with the change noted above.

**Stella Sweney/Lyn Martin**

### TEKAPO COMMUNITY BOARD MATTERS UNDER ACTION:

#### 1. Tekapo Plantation: Murray Place/Section A:

Cr Cox said the motorbike signs have been put up. One of the residents emailed to say they agreed with the signs but asked whether there is anywhere that motorbikes can go, or is there

an access to the top of the plateau and down the river. Cr Cox would like to table this at the next community board meeting after further discussion with affected parties. He will follow this up. A timeline for planting is still to be completed by Garth Nixon.

## **2. Review of Freedom Camping Bylaw and its Alignment with the Freedom Camping Act:**

The chairman said the issue of enforcement of the Freedom Camping bylaw was raised at a recent meeting of the Tekapo Promotions group. The local constable is happy to help if enforcement is required. David Rae is currently organising some sample enforcement materials from Queenstown. Needs to be in action for summer.

Regarding the behaviour of campers at Hamilton Drive, Garth Nixon asked if the signage had improved things. Winter is not as bad as summer, but two big concerns are rubbish and people going to the toilet.

A date is needed for a review of the bylaw, which is a council matter as the bylaw is district-wide. However the community board would like a review of how things are going in Tekapo before Christmas. The district needs to have a reputation of being firm but fair. Need to show the community we can enforce a reasonable standard at Hamilton Drive.

## **3. Future of Motuariki Island:**

This has been raised at the Upper Waitaki Water Zone Committee. There was some discussion regarding the biodiversity fund and whether this would fund the restoration of Motuariki Island. No, the restoration of the island sits outside the purposes of the biodiversity fund, but the water zone committee facilitator Nic Newman offered to get people together to discuss this further.

## **4. Tekapo Squash Club:**

The chief executive said there needs to be a meeting arranged with the squash club to talk about the issues around moving the squash club. Cr Cox to attend. The board agreed it would be a good idea to have an indoor facility that was wider than just squash courts.

## **5. Town Projects:**

- a. Landscaping the Community Centre Car park. This has been completed, remove from list. A sensor and light is needed because it's very dark at night. Garth Nixon to action this.
- b. Alps2Ocean Link between Tekapo and Canal Road. Signage has been agreed. Discussion was held on the track route and whether it is better for cyclists to use the road. "Share the road" signs would be needed. There is a need to re-claim the footpath in some places where residents have planted on council berm. Garth Nixon to action this.
- c. Rock wall extension along Main Road to Aorangi Crescent. This will be completed once the Alps2Ocean track is completed. The chairman would like gravel put on the corner.
- d. Upgrade of Hamilton Drive lookout. The chief executive to follow up on the purpose of this upgrade. The chairman requested that a new item be added to the list of matters under action– a new pathway from Hamilton Drive to Greg Street. This has been started.

- e. Walkway on Lakeside Drive – tree pruning, landscaping. Next step is to get the area mulched. Garth Nixon is finding it difficult to get contractors but is continuing to work on this. Need to think about planting something here after it is cleared.

*Angie Campbell from the Playground Committee arrived at 7.29pm.*

#### **6. Tekapo Domain Playground:**

Angie Campbell spoke regarding progress on the new playground. The committee has spent \$45,000 on equipment including a mega slide and a three-bay swing. She presented plans for more equipment and updated the community board on progress to date. The playground committee still has \$12,000 to spend. Garth Nixon spoke about the need for a safety surface. Angie Campbell suggested spreading out the equipment with grassed areas between it. Cr Cox said the landscape concept from Boffa Miskell was for a more natural area with the playground area broken up by bushes, trees and rocks. She asked for some equipment to be put in as soon as possible so people could see something happening and would be more willing to contribute to fundraising.

Discussion was held on what equipment was already bought and where it could go. Need to consider if any parking will need go in the area.

The chairman suggested holding a domain workshop for the community board to look at the site and make a plan. Garth Nixon was not available until Thursday next week. The chairman will contact community board members to suggest a time in the next few weeks.

*Angie Campbell left the meeting at 7.57pm.*

#### **7. 60Km Extension:**

The roading manager is continuing to work on this.

#### **8. Civil Defence:**

David Rae, the council's administration manager, is working on a civil defence plan. Discussion was held on the need for the community response to match the civil defence plan. The community emergency response meeting is coming up.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT TO JUNE, 2015:**

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

Resolved that the report be received.

**Lyn Martin/Murray Cox**

### **WARD MEMBER'S REPORT:**

Cr Cox said the Upper Waitaki Water Zone Committee has been working on its zone implementation plan. This includes nitrogen caps and other recommendations. These go forward to the sub-regional plan which contains the regulatory framework. It will go out for

submissions at about October 3. This plan will mean farmers will need to adopt good farm practices. There is some concern from farmers about how good the science is around nitrogen allocation and how it affects the lakes.

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

Lyn Martin attended the last meeting of the Tekapo Promotions Committee but no decisions were made. The enhancement group is continuing and would like to contribute to landscaping around the footbridge and contribute a seat.

Cr Cox said the regional park is busy burning rubbish. They have some funding to trial native planting. Currently raising \$16,000 for tree planting.

The chairman said the footbridge build is continuing. There is a meeting tomorrow night. The workers will be on site on September 22 with the bridge span arriving. Cr Cox asked if the road closures had been organised for this day. The chairman will mention this at the meeting tomorrow night.

Cr Cox said the Tekapo Property Group meets tomorrow. Titles will be given to the supermarket and Earth and Sky in the next month or so. Building should start in the summer. Otherwise council is still negotiating on other pieces of land.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

### **1. Lake Tekapo School – request for subsidised hall hire.**

A request from Lake Tekapo School for subsidised hall hire is attached to the agenda at page 25. Discussion was held on whether an arrangement was needed for the school or whether it was better to deal with requests case by case. It was agreed to continue to look at requests case by case. The hall hire cost the school \$350. The chairman suggested a 50% subsidy, or \$175.

**Resolved** that the Tekapo Community Board pays 50% of the hall hire, or \$175, to the Tekapo School for their Footrot Flats production on September 24.

**Lyn Martin/Stella Sweney.**

*Cr Cox did not vote due to a conflict of interest.*

### **2. Numbering of Rapuwai Lane.**

Stella Sweney objected to the wording used in the email from Matthew Wade, attached to the agenda at page 26. The chief executive gave the background to the issue and said the lane has been re-named and this has been registered with the appropriate authorities. All the affected businesses will be contacted with the new name and number.

### **3. Domain Workshop – discussed earlier in the meeting.**

### **4. Preparation for footbridge completion.**

There is a need to decide on where the approaches to the bridge will be. The footpath will need to be raised to meet the edge of the bridge but a step would prevent bike, pram and wheelchair access. The chief executive will check with the Asset Manager regarding the

approach to the footbridge. The community board noted that the opening of the footbridge will provide an opportunity to provide information regarding other developments happening in the town.

**5. Lavender stall request.**

The chairman tabled a letter from Elaine Curin, on behalf of NZ Alpine Lavender, with a request for permission to operate a stall selling locally produced products in Tekapo from mid-December to the end of January. The community board members discussed businesses in Tekapo also selling similar products. In summer the area is hectic and space is at a premium. Development is happening with the construction site. The community board suggested she approach an established business and rents space. They did not wish to give permission for the stall. The chairman will respond to Elaine Curin directly.

Lyn Martin spoke regarding the need to 'cut off' the bollards and has a plan she can email to members. She also said the memorial blanket has been framed and is now ready to put up in the Tekapo Hall.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS  
THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.12PM**

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

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