

MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TWIZEL COMMUNITY BOARD HELD IN THE TWIZEL EVENTS CENTRE ON MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2016, AT 4PM

PRESENT:

John Bishop (Chairman)
Pat Shuker
Phil Rive
Bruce White
Cr Russell Armstrong

IN ATTENDANCE:

Wayne Barnett, Chief Executive
Garth Nixon, Community Facilities Manager
Bernie Haar, Asset Manager
Angie Taylor, Solid Waste Manger/Twizel Township Supervisor
Arlene Goss, Committee Secretary
Rick Ramsay, public
4 other members of the public.

OPENING:

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from the Mayor, Claire Barlow.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest.

MINUTES:

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Twizel Community Board held on January 25, 2015, be confirmed and adopted as the correct record of the meeting.

Cr Armstrong/Phil Rive

MATTERS UNDER ACTION AND PROJECTS REPORT:

1. **Twizel Water Supply Upgrade:** Council has resolved to cover the water reservoir to prevent algal growth and reline the reservoir.

Bernie Haar said the reservoir liner is going in this week. Additional work is being carried out to repair and replace associated parts.

2. **Early Learning Centre Location:** The Early Learning Centre will consult with the community on the Glen Lyon Road location.

Pat Shuker said the Early Learning Centre is raising money at the moment.

3. **Ohau Road and Ostler Road:** Phil Rive suggested planting trees to improve this area. Ray Copeland has said he would like to be approached to donate trees. As long as there is a water supply and a good location for the trees they could be planted. Would need to check for underground services on the berms. Phil Rive will work with Suzy Ratahi and Garth Nixon to progress this further.

Phil Rive said he will get in touch with Garth and Suzy this month.

4. **Greenway Improvements** – Entrance to on Mackenzie Drive side of Pukaki Place improved with path extension. Looking at Mt Cook street Greenway to do something similar. Quote received for Tekapo Drive Greenway and work programmed.

Garth Nixon said work commences at the end of March.

5. **New grassed parking area behind Events Centre** – This project to be progressed outside the meeting with community board members kept informed.

Garth Nixon said there has been a hiccup in that the easement on the ground does not match the easement on the survey plan so Foodstuffs is saying it will impact on them. He has spoken to Foodstuffs and they have agreed to shift the easement to where it is on the plan. This is getting signed off to start the work with confidence. Garth Nixon will email the members with aerial photos, with the area marked up so they can see what is happening.

6. **Mobile Shops and Traders** – The community board resolved to use the area opposite the Aspen Court, just along from the medical centre, for itinerant traders, providing council staff can make it work.

This will happen from next season onwards. Discussion was held on the reasons for choosing this area.

Projects Report: Garth Nixon said there has not been a lot of change in the financial side of the projects report.

REPORTS:

FINANCIAL REPORT TO JANUARY, 2016:

The purpose of this report was to update board members on the financial performance of the Twizel Community as a whole for the period to January, 2016. Garth Nixon spoke to this report. On page 14, the Events Centre budget shows hall hire is up on previous years. Employment expenses are to employ staff to clean the Events Centre rather than rely on contractors. Under Twizel Reserves on page 15 the rates are out of step because the budget was set before the rates were set. Twizel Swimming Pool income is down at the end of January. Pool painting cost was higher than budgeted for. Irrigation of the green areas has additional costs for repairs to greenways. Tree pruning and maintenance has been impacted by wind and snow during the year.

Resolved that the report be received.

Phil Rive/Cr Armstrong

WARD MEMBER'S REPORT:

Cr Armstrong reported that the Meridian building issue has been resolved. Council has accepted a new drawing and concept from Meridian. This includes the longer shutters on the front windows.

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

There were no reports from members who represent the community board on other committees.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

LETTER FROM RICK RAMSAY RE MANMADE HILL ACCESS:

Resolved that the letter be accepted.

Phil Rive/Bruce White

Rick Ramsay spoke to his letter. He said the main issue is Manmade Hill with both road access and footpath access. He would like approval from the community board to remove trees so the view re-appears and improve foot access up the hill. The chairman said it is council land, leased by the golf club, and it would be a golf club decision on removing the trees.

Phil Rive suggested that the community board support this as a group. He would like to see Manmade Hill return to the destination it was. Bruce White asked if volunteers could be used to clean up the area. Garth Nixon said health and safety is an issue. Also the money to do the work.

Rick Ramsay said if the community board endorses the work the next step would be to talk to the golf club. The chairman said the community board were in favour, but sealing the road may not be an option at this point in time.

Resolved that the Twizel Community Board supports the application to advance access to Manmade Hill and supports going to the next stage, which is to speak to the Twizel Golf Club.

John Bishop/Pat Shuker

Rick Ramsay asked if someone from the community board could come with him to approach the golf club.

Bernie Haar suggested putting the road sealing suggestion towards the next Long Term Plan process. The chief executive said the first phase would be to look at how long the road is and how much would it require. Bernie Haar said he will look into this.

CORRESPONDENCE ON FREEDOM CAMPING:

The chairman said he has also received other correspondence more recently on this matter, in addition to the emails attached to the agenda. The writer of one of the emails, Ray Frew, was present at the meeting and the chairman asked him to speak. He said he was concerned at the number of campers building up. Most nights there are 18 to 25 campers at the Lake

Ruataniwha site. He would like the peninsular area closed and the campers moved to the west end, and the maximum stay of seven nights cut to three nights. He has spoken to residents in the area and reported back on the views that were expressed to him. He said the area is an eyesore. He would like a budget camp set up somewhere with water and basic toilets and a charge for people to use it.

Another writer, Jill Selby, was also at the meeting. She said she wrote to Garth Nixon last year and was made a warrant officer, but resigned from this as she was sick of the arguing. She said there are faeces and bottles in the grass.

The chairman said it's not possible to blanket ban freedom camping. He would like the maximum nights reduced to two days and would like to move the area somewhere less visible. He suggested numbering the spaces.

Garth Nixon said Council has a bylaw that provides freedom camping for anyone in a self-contained vehicle anywhere except restricted areas. He has recently engaged an enforcement officer who will police the Lake Ruataniwha area. This is Mark Swanson. He can be contacted through the council's after-hours service. There will be some targeted enforcement carried out. There are toilets planned for Ruataniwha in the next financial year. He believes the location is appropriate at the west end boat ramp carpark.

The chairman said the community board can make suggestions to council with the final decision being Council's.

Cr Armstrong suggested that the community board resolve to recommend to Council that it closes the peninsular as a freedom camping area.

Phil Rive said it will be interesting to see if appointing a warden makes a difference.

Resolved that the Twizel Community Board recommends to Council that the current freedom camping area on the peninsular at Lake Ruataniwha be closed and freedom campers be requested to go up onto the terrace area, past the boat ramp, and that campers have to be fully self-contained.

Bruce White/Cr Armstrong

Discussion was held on some toilets owned by Meridian in the car park below the dam. Garth Nixon believes talks on freedom camping should include the power companies, LINZ and Doc.

Phil Rive left the meeting at 5.04pm.

LETTER FROM COLIN MCKINNEY RE PERMANENT FIXTURES FOR BANNERS:

This letter is attached to the agenda at page 24. Garth Nixon has spoken to Colin Mc Kinney to get an understanding of what is required. It inserts in the ground with poles to hang a banner on. If the community board supports this idea it would be a small job to fund and install these.

Resolved that staff be instructed to put in a strip of concrete and banner holes as requested by the Twizel Promotions and Development Association (TPDA).

John Bishop/Bruce White

GRANT APPLICATION FROM BRUCE COWAN TPDA FOR HOPS AND HOOVES:

This letter is attached to the agenda at page 34. A full day hire for the hall is about \$360. The chairman suggested sharing the costs half and half. Bruce White said he is not in favour of subsidising this because they are selling tickets. Pat Shuker agreed, they are selling tickets and it's a business and ratepayers money is not for subsidising businesses.

It was noted that the grant application did not include financial information as requested. Garth Nixon asked the community board to defer making a decision until the financial information was received.

It was agreed to table this application in the meantime and ask for more information, and make a decision as soon as possible once the information is received.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

TWIZEL EVENTS CENTRE USE OF THE MEZZANINE FLOOR:

The museum committee has asked for permission to use the mezzanine floor as a museum area until they are able to use an alternative site. Garth Nixon said the community board would need to understand the details of the proposal. The chairman said museum staff would need to staff this area while it was open to the public. He would like to go back to them and talk to them about this.

ARROWS IN THE CAR PARK:

Bruce White asked for the arrows in the Market Place car park to be re-painted. Bernie Haar offered to address this.

SIGNAGE:

Pat Shuker asked for an update on signage. Bernie Haar said he is concerned about spending money on signage and then needing to do new signs later when decisions are made on roading issues as raised in the recent transportation workshop. Cr Armstrong asked about the signs pointing to Market Place that are currently on the fences around the Meridian building site. What will happen to these once the fences come down? The chairman said Meridian have offered to erect a permanent sign.

VIEWING CORRIDORS:

Cr Armstrong asked what was happening with the trees growing in the viewing corridors. The chairman said the public don't seem to be too concerned about it. Cr Armstrong said there is concern with some trees.

TREE FELLING BY GRANT'S HOTELS:

Pat Shuker said when permission was given to fell the trees they agreed to clean up the mess. Would it be possible to send a letter asking them to clean up? Garth Nixon agreed to address this issue.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS
THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 5.32PM**

CHAIRMAN: _____

DATE: _____