

# MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

## MEETING OF THE TWIZEL COMMUNITY BOARD HELD IN THE SERVICE CENTRE, TWIZEL, ON TUESDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2008 AT 4.00 PM

### PRESENT:

John Bishop (Chairman)  
Khandro  
Phil Rive  
Peter Bell  
Dave Pullen

### IN ATTENDANCE

Glen Innes (Chief Executive Officer)  
Jason Beck (Manager - Finance and Administration)  
Garth Nixon (Community Facilities Manager)  
Bernie Haar (Asset Manager)  
Rosemary Moran (Committee Clerk)

### V VISITORS:

1. TWIZEL AREA SCHOOL – TWIZEL COMMUNITY LIBRARY –  
SUBMISSION ON ENTRANCE WORKS:

The Chairman welcomed the Principal of the Twizel Area School Bill Feasey, Chairman of the Board of Trustees Tracey Beardsley, and Trustees Tim Mills and Karl Pederson to the meeting.

Mr Feasey gave a power point presentation which set out the issues associated with the Board's request for support to upgrade the entrance to the Twizel Community Library. A copy of the presentation is attached to this record as Appendix A.

Tracey Beardsley noted that separate entrances to the Library and School were also necessary as a security measure.

Mr Feasey answered questions and clarified issues for the Board members.

The Chairman thanked the visitors who left the meeting at 4.15 pm.

2. PHIL BROWNIE, GENERAL MANAGER, MACKENZIE TOURISM AND  
DEVELOPMENT TRUST:

The Chairman welcomed Phil Brownie to the meeting.

Mr Brownie explained that he was the newly appointed General Manager of the Mackenzie Tourism and Development Trust which replaced the former Mackenzie Tourism and Development Board. He said the position provided a local presence for the organisation, and he was currently setting up an office in Fairlie.

Mr Brownie referred to the events and meetings which he had attended in Twizel and said he had spent a number of days meeting the local business operators.

He explained that the Trust would be putting together a strategic plan over the following months which would reflect the nine key objectives which had been identified by the Council as central to its tourism and development activities.

In response to questions from Cr Pullen regarding the Trust's economic development role, Mr Brownie said an 'economic snapshot' of the region was to be taken. This would provide the information necessary to fulfil that responsibility, and supply a resource that would enable him to respond to the numerous queries he was already fielding regarding business opportunities and prospects in the District.

Mr Bell referred to Twizel events such as the Mistletoe Market, and the ongoing struggle it was for volunteers to support them. Mr Brownie said it was common for community events to be overtaken by their success and often the options were to carry on the struggle or recognise the need to contract an events co-ordinator.

He assured the Board that paying someone to run an event recognised the skill and energy which had been devoted to it. He offered to assist organisations to identify fundraising and sponsorship opportunities which could enable an events coordinator to be employed.

The Chairman thanked Mr Brownie for addressing the meeting.

## **II MINUTES:**

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Twizel Community Board held on 19 November 2007, including such parts as were taken with the Public Excluded, be confirmed and adopted as the correct record of the meeting.

**Phil Rive/John Bishop**

## **MATTERS UNDER ACTION:**

### **Twizel Brochure:**

Khandro reported that planning for the development of a new brochure for Twizel was ongoing.

### **5. Twizel Events Centre:**

It was agreed that Phil Rive, Peter Bell and Dave Pullen meet with the Manager - Finance and Administration, the Community Facilities Manager and Philip Brownie on Wednesday 27 February 2008 regarding the future management of the Twizel Events Centre.

### **III REPORTS:**

1. FINANCIAL REPORT 31 DECEMBER 2008:

This report from the Manager - Finance and Administration provided an update for the Board on the financial performance of the cost centres under its jurisdiction for the six months to 31 December 2007.

Resolved that the report be received and the information noted.

**Dave Pullen/Peter Bell**

2. TWIZEL COMMUNITY WORKER'S REPORTS:

This report from the Committee Clerk was accompanied by reports from the Twizel Community Worker for the period 30 October 2007 to 29 January 2008.

Resolved that the report be received.

**Dave Pullen/Khandro**

3. BEN OHAU GOLF CLUB – REQUEST FOR SPONSORSHIP:

This report from the Manager - Finance and Administration presented a request for sponsorship from the Ben Ohau Golf Club for the Ben Ohau Classic Golf Tournament.

Resolved that the report be received.

**Dave Pullen/John Bishop**

It was noted that the tournament had been held.

Resolved that the Board no longer provide retrospective funding for events.

**Dave Pullen/Khandro**

Resolved

1. That \$100 be granted to the Ben Ohau Golf Club for sponsorship for the Ben Ohau Classic Golf Tournament.
2. That the Ben Ohau Golf Club be advised of the Board's policy no longer to provide retrospective funding for events.

**Peter Bell/Phil Rive**

4. REMUNERATION POOL FOR ELECTED MEMBERS:

This report from the Chief Executive Officer referred to the Council's suggestion for remuneration for Community Board members.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received.
2. That the Community Board accepts the Council's recommendation that the previously agreed relativities be applied to the new remuneration pool resulting in the following salaries being payable from 1 July 2008:

*Chair and members of the Twizel Community Board - \$2,047.00.*

**Dave Pullen/Peter Bell**

5. MARKET PLACE UPGRADE BUDGET UPDATE:

This report from the Community Facilities Manager provide an update of the budgets for the Market Place upgrade.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received.
2. That the Twizel Community Board proceed with the following items:

| <b>Item</b>                             | <b>Estimate</b>  |
|---|------------------|
| Play Fort Complex                       | \$ 35,000        |
| Ballance Beams                          | \$ 10,000        |
| Bollards At entrances                   | \$ 3,000         |
| Mulch for Gardens                       | \$ 2,000         |
| Entrance Signs 3                        | \$ 3,000         |
| Play area fence                         | \$ 4,500         |
| Upgrade of old shelter (school project) | \$ 1,000         |
| Additional Lighting                     | \$ 1,000         |
| Seats for Shelter (school project)      | \$ 1,500         |
| <b>Total Estimate</b>                   | <b>\$ 61,000</b> |

**Phil Rive/ Khandro**

In response to a question from Cr Pullen, the Community Facilities Manager undertook to investigate Council resolutions with regard to the funding of the reinstatement of the former halls site and the value of the sales of property.

Cr Pullen congratulated the Community Facilities Manager on his management which had seen the Market Place upgrade achieved within budget.

### **Ablution Block in Market Place:**

Cr Pullen requested that the concrete entrance area and steps to the District Nurses' rooms and Radio Twizel office be steam cleaned.

The general shabby appearance of the building and its future was also discussed. Cr Pullen suggested that in the meantime it be painted. He volunteered to consult the widow of the man who had painted the mural with a view to having it painted over.

#### **Resolved:**

1. That the Ablution Block in Market Place be painted immediately in a soft, natural colour.
2. That a complete range of options for the future of the building be discussed at a future meeting of the Board.

**Peter Bell/Khandro**

## **IV GENERAL:**

### **1. NAMING OF CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND:**

The Chairman referred to a suggestion that the children's playground be named after Twizel's first doctor, Dr Peter Laws, in recognition of the significant support he had provided to the residents of the new community and the fact that he had delivered most of the children born in the township during his tenancy.

Resolved that the children's playground be named after Dr Peter Laws, subject to his approval.

**Dave Pullen/John Bishop**

### **2. GREENBELT/TREE AREAS:**

The Chairman referred to a discussion document prepared by Peter Bell regarding a management and development plan for Twizel Green Spaces.

Mr Bell spoke to his proposal and illustrated on a plan of the township how his ideas could be progressed for the areas from North West Arch to Nuns Veil Road and the river reserve area.

It was agreed that the concepts be refined and discussed further.

3. NOISE COMPLAINT:

Mr Bell referred to several complaints about noise and the nuisance from one household which had been successfully resolved. He asked if there was further recourse the Council could take.

Cr Pullen said his advice was that legal action would be the next step.

4. LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEW ZEALAND COMMUNITY BOARD'S WORKSHOP:

The Chairman confirmed that Khandro and Peter Bell had indicated that they intended to attend the workshop at Alexandra on Wednesday 30 April 2008.

5. DRINKING WATER ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME – OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH THE HEALTH PROTECTION OFFICER ON THE EVENING OF 4 MARCH 2008:

The Asset Manager advised that there would be an opportunity for community board members to become informed about the Drinking Water Assistance Programme at a meeting with the Health Protection Officer on 4 March 2008. He asked anyone interested in attending the meeting to let him know.

6. UNDERGROUNDING OF POWER LINES:

The Chairman advised that at a recent meeting with Alpine Energy Ltd it had been advised that many of the poles for the power lines in Twizel were approaching their 'use-by' date.

With regard to a proposal that some of the reticulation could be replaced with underground wiring it was clarified that Alpine's contribution to such a project would be what it would cost in total to replace the asset above the ground. The Council's cost would be the difference.

Alpine had undertaken to provide a cost estimate for the undergrounding of the reticulation around the complete circle of Mackenzie Drive.

It was noted that the cost of \$3,000 to \$3,500 to install transformers above ground was significantly less than the \$25,000 cost to install them underground. Trenching and reticulation into houses would involve further cost. Telecom was sympathetic to the concept of replacing its lines underground as part of the process.

It was agreed that the proposal be included in the next Long Term Council Community Plan to enable an investigation of the affordability of the project for the Twizel community.

7 PLAN CHANGE 13:

The Chairman read out a submission which Board members had drafted with regard to proposed Plan Change 13.

Resolved that the following submission be presented to Plan Change 13:  
“The Twizel Community Board wishes to have an outer rural boundary that will operate under the existing Rural Rules and will be exempt from the new proposed Rural Sub Zone in Plan Change 13. This area will be known as Twizel Rural Lifestyle.

The boundaries will be all areas south of the Twizel River from the Pukaki Canal to Lake Benmore. This will be the northern boundary.

The southern boundary will be the old Ohau River bed from Lake Benmore through Lake Ruataniwha to the Ohau A Power Station.

The western boundary will be from the Ohau A Power Station to the Ohau Canal to the point where the Pukaki Canal meets the Twizel River.”

**John Bishop/Khandro**

8. TWIZEL COMMUNITY LIBRARY:

Cr Pullen referred to the level of public good in relation to the Twizel Community Library for which the Community Board had a responsibility.

The Chief Executive Officer suggested that in light of some resistance to the concept around the Council table, it could be prudent to consider a local contribution to support the project.

Peter Bell considered that the proposed project was indicative of the community’s wish to undertake a further phase in the upgrading of Twizel from its former hydro project township appearance and he was keen to help support that process.

The Chairman agreed that the project needed support.

The Manager - Finance and Administration suggested that the proposal be considered when the budgets for 2008/09 were debated.

It was requested that supporting information be made available for the Board to consider at its budget meeting on 10 March 2008.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE  
CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED  
AT 6.50 PM**

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

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