

MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FAIRLIE, ON TUESDAY 4 AUGUST 2009 AT 2.40

PRESENT:

Mayor John O'Neill (Chairman)	
Dave Pullen	Pukaki Ward
Leon O'Sullivan	Pukaki Ward
Simon McDermott	Pukaki Ward
Evan Williams	Opuha Ward
Graham Smith	Opuha Ward
Graeme Page	Opuha Ward

IN ATTENDANCE:

Glen Innes (Chief Executive Officer)
Nathan Hole (Manager – Planning and Regulations)
Rosemary Moran (Committee Clerk)

III MINUTES:

Resolved that the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 30 June 2009, be confirmed and adopted as the correct record of the meeting.

Graham Smith/Leon O'Sullivan

MATTERS ARISING:

1. **Plan Change 13:**

The Manager – Planning and Regulations advised that the draft Plan Change 13 with the Commissioners' recommendations would be submitted for consideration by the Council on 18 August 2009.

IV REPORT:

1. **APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT COMMISSIONER:**

This report from the Manager – Planning and Regulations referred to the appointment of a commissioner pursuant to section 34 of the Resource Management Act 1991 to hear and decide Mackenzie Lifestyle Limited's subdivision consent application.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received.
2. That the Committee appoints Bob Nixon of Planit Associates pursuant to section 34 of the Act to hear and decide resource consent application RM070082.

Simon McDermott/Leon O'Sullivan

2. EVERSLEY RESERVE – UNBUDGETED COSTS INCURRED INVESTIGATING SEWAGE DISCHARGE COMPLAINTS:

This report from the Manager – Planning and Regulations detailed the costs incurred to date for investigating the complaints received regarding sewage discharges to the roadside drain on Railway Street from the Brien, Humphrey and Johnston properties.

Resolved that the report be received.

Graham Smith/Evan Williams

It was advised that as a result of the investigations, the Eversley Reserve Sewage Project had gained urgency and Environment Canterbury required it to be completed by the end of January 2010. Environment Canterbury also required that a resource consent be gained for the work.

The Manager – Planning and Regulations undertook to investigate the need for the consent.

The Chief Executive Officer noted that funds had not been rated for the work in the current year. In the meantime Council would have to meet the costs and the interest would be capitalised.

It was agreed that a report on funding options for the project needed to be developed for consideration by the Council and the Eversley Reserve ratepayers.

3. REVIEW OF CANTERBURY REGIONAL PEST MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2005/2015:

For the Committee to consider the opportunity to provide comment on Environment Canterbury's review of the Regional Pest Management Strategy (RPMS).

Resolved that the report be received.

Graham Smith / Evan Williams

Resolved that the Council provides comment to Environment Canterbury on its review of the RPMS, specifically in regard to control measures for wilding pines and rabbits within the Mackenzie District and the affordability of addressing the issues.

Graham Smith/Leon O'Sullivan

IV GENERAL:

2. MEETING WITH LINZ - TENURE REVIEW:

The Manager – Planning and Regulations gave a report on a meeting organised by LINZ which he had attended at Lake Tekapo.

He said LINZ had convened the meeting in an attempt to work through issues relating to ecological sustainability in the Mackenzie Basin with representatives of the four local stations going through the tenure review process, Balmoral Station, The Wolds,

Irishman Creek and Maryburn Station, and representatives from other affected organisations including Ngai Tahu, the Forest Research Institute, valuers and the Department of Conservation.

The Manager – Planning and Regulations said he had spoken about proposed Plan Change 13 in the context of sustainability issues. He had give Council’s view that rabbits and wilding trees posed the greatest threat and farmers needed to be able to afford to control them. He had also mentioned that high country retired in the tenure review process would no longer be managed or grazed and could end up as a fertile seed source. He had asked who would manage that?

He said LINZ had undertaken to provide Council with a report on each of the four properties.

3. MAYOR’S COMMENTS:

The Mayor referred to a report prepared by Cr and Mrs Pullen which referred to the opportunity to **use labour available in the area to control wilding trees on Council land adjacent to the Pukaki Airfield**. He said the report included an estimate of the cost and extent of the work required. He suggested Councillors read and discuss the report.

The Mayor also referred to the draft **Charitable Trust Deed of Aoraki Foundation** which had been circulated to the Councillors. He mentioned his concern regarding Clause 5 *That the objects and activities are to be within the South Island with a focus (but not a restriction) on Aoraki*. He asked the Councillors to read and consider the document.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS
THE MAYOR DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED
AT 3.15 PM**

MAYOR: _____

DATE: _____