

MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TWIZEL COMMUNITY BOARD HELD IN THE COUNCILS SERVICE CENTRE, TWIZEL ON MONDAY, JULY 13, 2015 AT 3.36PM

PRESENT:

Phil Rive
Pat Shuker
Cr Russell Armstrong
Bruce White

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Claire Barlow
Wayne Barnett
Suzy Ratahi
Angie Taylor
Garth Nixon
Julie Jongen
3 members of the public

OPENING:

The deputy chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APOLOGIES:

Apology received from John Bishop, Paul Morris

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

No declarations of interest.

VISITORS:

Jason Menard from Alps2Ocean.
Rebecca Greatrex

Jason spoke on the Alps2ocean.

There are going to be changes to the NZ Regional cycle trail which connects at Tekapo. The same amount of cyclists are starting at Mt Cook and Tekapo. It is 56km from Tekapo and 77km from Mt Cook.

Signage - Looking at getting map signage at the start of each section and these will be in place this season.

Distance markers – Looking at getting these put in for safety and health reasons. There has been a request to place markers low to the ground, so they won't be obtrusive and interrupt the views for photos.

Guardians – For a set fee, it is hoped that there will be "guardians" where structures such as toilets would be placed with their sponsorship names. Once the first one is sorted, the project will be rolled out to try and get a guardian for each section.

All going well, by November/December from Sailors Cutting through to Otematata will be up to 33km off road instead of the 24kms it is at present.

The cycle trail from Kurow to Duntroon will be taken off the highway as well as two more sections between Duntroon and Oamaru.

Trail Supporter Packs - Concept working on sale supporter band, would purchase the band which would give entry to different activities, the price would be \$50-\$80.

Russell Armstrong asked what would stop the bands being handed to one another. Jason responded that it has been discussed in the past and the decision was if it happens it happens. He believes it won't be an issue, but will see how the trial goes with it all.

The easiest solution would be using a smart phone application but he doesn't want to make the assumption that everyone over has a smart phone.

Bruce White questioned if transponders could be put on the bike as they do with bike racing. The response was it would require technology and buy in from supporters.

Another option would be when you hand in the band, that you get a voucher or gift. Another suggestion was putting a deposit on the bands.

Mr White questioned how the benefits will come back to the District. By 2018 Alps 2 Ocean are hoping they will be self-sustaining by then, which in turn would mean the ratepayer doesn't have to support them.

Changes to the Web Site – Jason is compiling a “booking specialist” on the web site. Jason stated he will be the point of contact at this stage.

MINUTES:

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Twizel Community Board held on June 02, 2015, be confirmed and adopted as the correct record of the meeting.

Russell Armstrong/Pat Shuker

TWIZEL COMMUNITY BOARD MATTERS UNDER ACTION:

1. Town Projects:

Feedback very positive.

2. Twizel Public Toilets:

All has been done that can be done for now.

3. Bike Lockup:

Pat Shuker suggested the board ask the public what they think, perhaps get the top three suggestions and the Board could have a vote on this. This could be done through the Twizel Update. The land is commercially zoned and it would be difficult to subdivide. Mr Nixon suggested that a decision will need to be made as to whether it will be used commercially or recreational. The question was asked how many commercial sites would fit on this land if it was to be subdivided.

The Mayor asked that if this land was to be zoned recreational where would the town expand to it grows in the future. This area could be used to assist the Alps 2 Ocean.

Another opinion was to grass the area and use it as green space for now and perhaps look at other options for the immediate future.

The Chief Executive asked Jason Menard about what sort of bike lock up would be required? Mr Menard responded that a lock up that could accommodate bikes as well as a facility to lock up cyclists personal items.

There were 6,000 bikes the first year, 8,000-10,000 the last couple of years and Mr Menard predicts there will possibly 12,000 this year.

Phil Rive asked about the bylaw with "no bikes" this is meant to mean "no riding of bikes". Garth Nixon asked Mr Menard about bike lock up and do they need something more like a swimming pool locker as opposed to a rack with a chain. His answer was first priority will be storage for the bikes.

Mr Barnett commented that maybe this is an area that should go out to the public for their ideas and suggestions. The Board agreed this would be a good idea. Mr Rive responded they will look at putting something in the Update in the immediate future.

Mr Nixon said he will get a tidy up done, make the land safe and will get some galvanised piping to use for bike racks in the interim. He will also draft up an article for the Twizel update.

4. Traffic Issues at Maitland Place and Irishman Drive:

5. Twizel Water Supply Upgrade:

New pumps are running well. Although, when the power went out the generator never kicked in. It started okay when tested but never worked at the time of an emergency, it was out for about an hour. All is sorted now.

Will be completed as planned in October.

Booster pump will be installed before November for fire-fighting in the summer.

6. Future Direction for Twizel:

There is a lot of interest between the TPDA and Community Board. The board needs to go through the minutes of the meeting held with these two groups to see where the board can assist with options going forward.

A suggestion was made that the Community Board get together with TPDA in the next few weeks.

7. Early Learning Centre Location:

Garth Nixon mentioned that he hasn't heard back from anyone from the early learning centre. Angie Taylor commented that they are looking at other options around town and are still in the process of this.

8. Removal of Trees on Simons/Glenbrook Greenway:

Garth Nixon spoke to Frank Hocken the other day and he confirmed he is getting on to this.

REPORTS:

FINANCIAL REPORT TO MAY, 2015:

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 May, 2015.

The Chief Executive spoke on this report. \$15,000 from Meridian has been paid and allocated to the Community Board and will show up next month. Garth Nixon mentioned it is in the report.

Resolved that the report be received.

Russell Armstrong/Bruce White

WARD MEMBER'S REPORT: (Verbal)

Cr Russell Armstrong spoke on this report.

Cr Armstrong asked about the water amalgamation and how does that affect Twizel with their debt or funds amalgamated from July 1 2015. It is all amalgamated now.

Deliberations on the submissions were held last Tuesday.

Council agreed not to sell Forestry – There was a change in attitude to this.

Roading will be assisted with rate payer contribution – everyone supports each other's roads. There were four "for it" and one "against."

The Three waters amalgamation was agreed.

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

Bruce White had nothing to report.

NORTH WEST ARCH FIRE RISK LAND:

Purpose of Report:

To identify options to remove fire risk on Council owned land in Twizel.

Stumps will be removed, the area will be opened up and could be planted out in Lucerne.

There are health and safety issues with letting anyone in to fell the trees and tidy up. Garth Nixon feels this area would be better to have a clean-up as opposed to clearing and felling. There are concerns about the public going in and tidying as they don't leave it as tidy.

Mr Nixon will get prices for lifting of the tall trees and the possibility of planting a Lucerne break before the trees. The first step is to get a resource consent.

Resolved

1. That the report be received.

Pat Shuker/Russell Armstrong

2. That the Twizel Community Board recommend that a resource consent be sought and costings be obtained to undertake this work.

Pat Shuker/Russell Armstrong

COMMUNITY FACILITIES FEES AND CHARGES:

Purpose of Report:

To review fees and charges for Twizel Community Facilities.
Report was not attached to the Agenda. Board spoke on this subject.

Resolved

1. That the report be received.

Phil Rive/Bruce White

2. That the Twizel Community Board adopt the revised Fees and Charges as proposed.

Pat Shuker/Bruce White

PUBLIC EXCLUDED:

Resolved that the public, be excluded from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting namely:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
Starlight Highway Tourist Drive	Enable commercial negotiations	48(1)(a)(i)

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: *Starlight Highway Tourist Drive, and Application for Lease, under section 7(2)(b)(ii).*

Phil Rive/Russell Armstrong

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Freedom Camping – Phil Rive has spoken with Garth Nixon about ways to control this. The port a loo has been removed. Mr Rive wondered if the community need to tackle this issue as a whole and not just the Southern End of Lake Ruataniwha. Mr Rive commented that it appears the “wings” members are more of an issue than the “back packers”. The Mayor mentioned that the NZMCA Chairman, Bruce Lahore is happy to speak with any communities on ideas to try and control freedom camping. Bruce White commented that

DOC charge to stay a night at their sites and wondered how the Mackenzie District could achieve some form of revenue.

The Chief Executive suggested this be followed up in more detail and Mr Nixon and himself will get together to discuss this issue.

2. TWCB Submission – Phil Rive read a letter received from Pat Shuker. It was agreed that there was no vote and no resolution. The other point was there was never agreeance in selling the forestry, and she never put her name to the submission as printed in the paper.

MERIDIAN LAND SCAPING DESIGN:

There was a planting suggestion that Maples get planted.

There was a question re the wooden fence, the chief executive confirmed that the fence is decorative and not a structural fence.

The path will provide a link to the back of the building.

Russell Armstrong suggested that Wayne Barnett has a look at this area.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS
THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 5.37pm**

CHAIRMAN: _____