

MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FAIRLIE COMMUNITY BOARD HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FAIRLIE, ON WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL 2009 AT 7.00 PM

PRESENT:

Owen Hunter (Chairman)
Graeme Page
Ron Joll

IN ATTENDANCE

John O'Neill (Mayor)
Glen Innes (Chief Executive Officer)
Garth Nixon (Community Facilities Manager)
Rosemary Moran (Committee Clerk)

The Chairman welcomed Phil Brownie to the meeting.

I APOLOGIES:

Resolved that apologies be received from Robyn Warburton and Tristan Leov.
Graeme Page /Ron Joll

III MINUTES:

Resolved that the Minutes of the meeting of the Fairlie Community Board held on 17 February 2009, be confirmed and adopted as the correct record of the meeting.

Ron Joll/Graeme Page

MATTERS UNDER ACTION:

14 Mackenzie Area St John - New Entrances to Hall and Garage on Princes Street:

Graeme Page advised that the Council had agreed to undertake the sealing of the new entrances to the St John hall and garage.

10 Video Surveillance for Fairlie

The Chairman reported that four cameras had been installed and were working well.

Graeme Page referred to concerns that signs which had recently been installed near the **Halls Stream Bridge** could affect visibility for traffic. He undertook to meet on site with the Chairman and discuss the issue further with NZTA if necessary.

Budgets Matters:

The Board requested that the following issues be investigated with the view to making savings in the budgets for 2009/2010:

- The cost of the telephone at the Strathconan swimming pool.
- The \$26,000 increase in cost of Street Lighting
- The make up of the budget for Environmental Maintenance.
- The opportunity to defer seal the resealing of Alloway Street.

III REPORTS:

1. FAIRLIE WATER SUPPLY:

This report from the Asset Manager advised Board members on progress of the reticulation renewal programme for the Fairlie Water Supply.

Resolved that the report be received and the information noted.

Ron Joll/Graeme Page

2. FEES AND CHARGES FOR MACKENZIE COMMUNITY CENTRE AND THE STRATHCONAN POOL:

This report from the Community Facilities Manager provided an opportunity to review the fees and charges for Fairlie Community Facilities.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received.
2. That the fees and charges for 2009/10 be approved as follows:

Strathconan Swimming Pool	
User charges incl GST	2009/10
Adult Session	\$3.20
Child Session	\$2.20
Preschool Session	\$1.00
Adult Concession Ticket	\$32.00
Child Concession Ticket	\$22.00
Adult Season Pass	\$126.00
Child Season Pass	\$84.00
Family Pass	\$168.00
Learn to Swim	
School Use	\$12.60
Private use per hour, structured session including one lifeguard	\$52.50
Private use per hour, play session including two lifeguards	\$78.75

Mackenzie Community Centre		\$ per hour
<u>Stadium:</u>		incl gst
Local user (and any non profit organisation)		\$17.50
Set up charge		\$6.30

Regular user	\$13.50
Stadium Heating (per unit)	\$13.00
Commercial function, hourly rate plus heating	\$40.00
Commercial set up fee	\$11.00
Hall hire bond	\$55.00
<u>Theatre (seats 180 people)</u>	
Local user (and any non profit organisation)	\$14.00
Set up cost per hour	\$5.00
Regular user	\$12.00
Commercial function	\$27.50
Theatre heating (per unit)	\$13.00
Kitchen	
<u>Kitchen Hire</u>	\$14.00
Morning, afternoon teas, suppers etc where only zip and fridge is used	\$6.00
<u>Meeting Rooms</u>	
Upstairs Meeting Room	\$7.50
Hire Lounge (includes tea making facilities and power consumption)	\$11.50
Lounge Hire Regular User	\$9.00
MISCELLANEOUS HIRE ITEMS	
Crockery available without charge (not to be removed from the centre)	
<u>Furniture</u>	
Hire of chairs	\$1.20
Hire of forms	\$2.00
Hire of tables	\$10.00
Furniture bond per 10 items	\$50.00
Hire of piano (per performance)	\$12.00
<i>Note – if furniture is required in the complex it is not available for hire</i>	
<u>Lighting Equipment</u>	
Per unit	\$10.50
Per unit per day (14 units, blown bulbs must be replaced)	\$1.05
<u>Audio Visual System</u>	
Hire of audiovisual system per occasion (minimum 2 hours)	\$16.00
Amplifier and Speaker System	
Hire of amplifier and speaker system per occasion	\$20.00
<i>Regular User – use with 20 or more pre bookings</i>	
<i>Commercial Business Rates - rates for people getting profit from hiring the hall</i>	

Ron Joll/Graeme Page

9. **WARD MEMBER'S REPORT:**

Cr Page referred to the Long Term Council Community Planning process, the Opihi River Management meeting he had attended in Pleasant Point and the Canterbury Water Management Strategy Study Group presentation to the Operations Committee.

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

The Community Facilities Manager reported on the recent meeting of the Mackenzie Community Library Committee. He undertook to provide the results of the library survey to Board members. He said the future arrangements for the library had yet to be discussed.

V GENERAL:

1. FAIRLIE DEVELOPMENT STUDY:

It was noted that the completed Fairlie Development Study would be presented at the next meeting.

2. REQUEST FOR PEDESTRIAN CROSSING:

The Mayor referred to a request he had received that a pedestrian crossing be installed across Mt Cook Road. He noted that the issue of pedestrian crossings on the State Highway had been raised a number of times in the past. He provided a copy of the response from Colin Hey of NZTA to the Asset Manager's request for comment on the matter. He suggested if the Board was of a mind to pursue it further that they approach Mr Hey again.

3. REQUEST FOR SEAL FOOTPATH – SH 8 - THE RESERVE:

The Mayor conveyed a request from Margarete Hardley of Eversley Reserve for the footpath along SH 8 to be sealed to enable residents to drive their mobility scooters on it.

It was agreed that while the project was desirable, funding was not currently available.

The Mayor undertook to respond in writing to Mrs Hardley.

4. REINSTATEMENT OF RAILWAY FROM PLEASANT POINT:

The Mayor said he had received a suggestion from Audrey Sweeney that the railway line be reinstated between Pleasant Point and Fairlie. It was noted that, because much of the land over which the old track was laid was now in private ownership, there was little likelihood that the line could be reinstated.

5. STREET CLEANING:

The Chairman requested that contractor be reminded to steam clean the footpaths in the town centre.

6. ROAD MARKING OUTSIDE THE WESTPAC BANK:

The Chairman referred to complaints he had received and requested that the Asset Manager meet with him on site to consider the recently painted car parking spaces outside the Westpac Bank.

7. COMMUNITY BOARDS BEST PRACTICE AWARDS AND ZONE 5 MEETING:

The Mayor reported that the Twizel Market Place Upgrade project had won the second place in the recent New Zealand Community Boards' Best Practice awards.

The Mayor also referred to comments regarding community boards and the value of retaining them which had been made by the Eugene Bowen, Chief Executive Officer of Local Government New Zealand and Chairman Lawrence Yule at the recent Zone 5 meeting. The point had been made that many boards were now reviewing the way they did things and how they might be more efficient and flexible. It had been observed that many issues might be better dealt between meetings by requests to staff rather than waiting for them to be raised at formal meetings, eg inspections, repairs, contract issues. The Mayor suggested that more efficient use of meeting time would be to the advantage of everyone - elected members and staff.

The Mayor also noted the opportunity of utilising the advice, experience and expertise of DMCM General Manager Phil Brownie in relation to organising and operating events which had the potential to add significant value to local communities.

8. VILLAGE GREEN

The Mayor advised that the Fairlie Community Enhancement Board had offered support to initiate the Village Green development project. The Enhancement Board had indicated the availability of enthusiastic volunteer labour, machinery and material such as top soil, which could help overcome the funding problems faced by the Community Board. He suggested that the offer provided a great chance to make progress and that the project might end up costing nowhere near what had originally been estimated.

9 FAIRLIE DISTRICT PROMOTIONS ASSN:

Ron Joll reported on the recent AGM of the Promotions Association where he had been elected chairman. He said concerns had been voiced at the meeting about deteriorating signage in the township. The Community Facilities Manager said the issue of signage was also raised in the Fairlie Development Study with the view to achieving consistency and economies. He said the installation of a blue information sign listing the Township's amenities had also been addressed in the study.

Mr Joll said Environment Canterbury had approved the construction of the walking track on the eastern bank of the Opihi River from Fairlie to Kimbell.

10 BUDGET PROCESS:

Ron Joll referred to the recent budget meeting and the Board's preoccupation with maintaining a rate rise below the rate of inflation.

Mr Joll suggested budgets should be about what is needed for communities as much as keeping rate rises below a certain level. He said that not only were services such as water supplies and sewerage systems important, but also the maintenance of a tidy, welcoming township added to the quality of life for residents and had the potential to attract more people to live in the Township.

He said the pressure to keep the rates rise to a minimum did Fairlie a disservice; curbing increases had the effect of building up costs that would inevitably blow out. He suggested the rate of inflation was a realistic level of where an increase in the level of rates should be set.

Mr Joll suggested that to keep the town moving forward projects such as the Village Green development were critical and the Board should be prepared to take some risks and use imagination to get them moving.

VI VISITOR:

The Chairman welcomed Philip Brownie, General Manage of Destination Mount Cook Mackenzie, to the meeting.

Mr Brownie updated the Board on recent activities. He circulated graphs showing the previous 12 months record of diminishing visitor numbers into New Zealand which contrasted with a healthy growth of guest nights in the Mackenzie District.

Mr Brownie referred to the Official Visitor Guides produced for the summer and winter seasons, the Winter Marketing Group, proposed Starlight Reserve, the shift of the Fairlie DMCM to Heartlands Resource Centre, Sponsorship of Vehicle and Return from Investment in AA Campaign

The issue of community events was discussed and Mr Brownie offered to provide support and advice to local event organisers. He said that when DMCM was in the position to employ further assistance, there could be an opportunity to deliver more direct events management in the District.

In response to an invitation to comment on the appearance of Fairlie and any opportunities he could see for improvement, Mr Brown suggested that the industrial Allandale Road entrance could benefit from beautification plantings. He suggested that new trees along that area of SH 79 could also help slow down traffic which was then more likely to stop in the Township.

Resolved that the Board undertake the beautification of the Allandale Road entrance to /Fairlie as a project for the 2009/2010 year.

Owen Hunter/Ron Joll

Mr Brownie offered to assist with the project by liaising with Grant Patterson of Opus.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS
THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED
AT 9.10 PM**

CHAIRMAN: _____

DATE: _____