

# MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TEKAPO COMMUNITY BOARD HELD IN THE LAKE TEKAPO COMMUNITY HALL ON MONDAY 10 DECEMBER 2012 AT 7.30 PM

### **PRESENT:**

Murray Cox (Chairman)  
Peter Munro  
Peter Maxwell  
Alan Hayman

### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

Claire Barlow (Mayor)  
Wayne Barnett (Chief Executive Officer)  
Paul Morris (Manager – Finance and Administration)  
Garth Nixon (Community Facilities Manager)  
Bernie Haar (Asset Manager)  
Suzy Ratahi (Manager - Roading)  
Toni Morrison (Senior Policy Planner)  
Rosemary Moran (Committee Clerk)

### **IV REPORTS:**

#### 1. DRAFT CHANGES TO THE WAITAKI CATCHMENT WATER ALLOCATION REGIONAL PLAN:

This report from Nic Newman, Facilitator of the Upper Waitaki Zone Water Management Committee, referred to the Waitaki Catchment Water Allocation Regional Plan. It noted that most of the impacts of the draft changes would be below the Waitaki Dam, but that the feedback of the Upper Waitaki Community was important, particularly around the change do the activity status, (rule 15A in the draft changes).

The Chairman welcomed Nic Newman, the facilitator of the Upper Waitaki Zone, spoke to his report and answered questions.

The Mayor and staff members joined the meeting at 8.00 pm with apologies for lateness.

### **I APOLOGY:**

Resolved that an apology be received from Ian Radford.

**Murray Cox/Peter Maxwell**

### **II DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

### **III MINUTES:**

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Tekapo Community Board held on 15 October 2012 be confirmed and adopted as the correct record of the meeting.

**Peter Munro/Peter Maxwell**

### **IV REPORTS (Continued):**

#### **2. FINANCIAL REPORT –OCTOBER 2012:**

This report from the Manager – Finance and Administration was accompanied by the financial report for the Tekapo Community Board for the period to October 2012.

Resolved that the report be received.

**Peter Maxwell/Alan Hayman**

#### **Tekapo Footbridge**

Peter Munro reported on on-going fundraising projects for the footbridge. He said it seemed likely that grant monies from the Aoraki Foundation and the Lotteries Grants Board to the value of about \$150,000 could be available if the feasibility of the project could be assured. He asked if the project could be under-written to enable applications for such funds to be made.

The Manager – Finance and Administration explained that there was an opportunity for the Tekapo Community Board to fund a loan of up to \$250,000 from its existing funds, with no impact on ratepayers, which could bring the footbridge funding to the required level.

Resolved that the Tekapo Community Board considers a proposal from the Footbridge Committee regarding the underwriting of the balance of funds required to complete the footbridge project which would enable applications to be made for further funding.

**Murray Cox/Peter Maxwell**

#### **3. DISTRICT PLAN REVIEW:**

This report from the Senior Policy Planner introduced the upcoming District Plan Review process and programme and updated the Community Board on next steps and further consultation.

Resolved that the report be received.

**Peter Munro/Peter Maxwell**

The Senior Policy Planner spoke to the report and answered questions from Board members.

The Manager – Finance and Administration, Manager – Roading and the Senior Policy Planner left the meeting at 8.37 pm.

**III MINUTES (Continued):**  
**MATTERS UNDER ACTION:**

The Chairman requested that the *Tekapo Community Hall* and *Tekapo Plantation* remain on the list of Matters under Action.

**Landscape Plan for Village Centre Area:**

Cr Maxwell advised that his contact at Lincoln University had invited the Board to contact her regarding the use of students studying architecture to help in the development of a landscape plan for the Village Centre if required.

**Civil Defence**

The Chairman indicated he had yet to follow-up the appointment of wardens for the Lake Tekapo area with the Emergency Management Officer.

**Freedom Camping**

The Chairman undertook to liaise with the Asset Manager regarding a review of Council's Freedom Camping Bylaw and its alignment with the new Freedom Camping Act.

**Lighting Ordinances**

Mr Munro circulated information from Alan Gilmore which could be used in the development of a brochure about the protection of the night sky environment.

The Mayor suggested that a public relations person be employed to co-ordinate all the information available, including that held by the Council, *Earth and Sky* and the Dark Sky Reserve Board, to produce an up-to-date and eye-catching brochure which could be disseminated widely in the District with rates notices, building consent application forms etc. She undertook to liaise with Mr Munro to investigate the issue.

**Lake Tekapo Community Hall**

The Community Facilities Manager advised that the re-shaping of the embankment and pathway had been completed and some trees had been removed. More trees had yet to be marked for removal.

He advised that the Council had approved the letting of the tender for the upgrade of the hall to L & L Construction Ltd of Fairlie and that the contract was soon to be signed.

The Community Facilities Manager noted that the hall had been booked for a wedding on 15 March 2013. He had been trying to work through the issue but without success. He asked the Community Board if it wanted to proceed with the upgrade work or wait until after the wedding.

Resolved that the Tekapo Community Hall be closed for bookings from 10 December 2012 until further notice.

**Peter Munro/Alan Hayman**

**Campervan Dump station**

The Community Facilities Manager noted that the design of the campervan dump station had yet to be finalised with the Asset Management team.

### **Improvements to the Reserve Area on Lakeside Drive - Pete Speedy**

It was noted that clean-up work was required and the Chairman undertook to liaise with Mr Speedy.

### **Car Parking for the Community Centre**

Investigation of options for car parking for the Lake Tekapo Community Hall, including the possible purchase of land, had yet to be initiated.

### **Landscaping at the Church of the Good Shepherd**

The Community Facilities Manager advised that paths on the LINZ area had been installed and were being well used. The Manager – Roading was to obtain prices for the sealing of pathways on the Church land.

### **Harvesting of Tekapo Plantation**

The Asset Manager advised that because funds had been available, a track had been constructed; however logging would not begin until at least April 2013.

It was noted that the Community Board would be kept informed of any developments.

### **Communications:**

The Asset Manager referred to Genesis Energy's decision not to close **access to Patterson's Ponds** during the canal repair project.

He also advised of **refuse collection arrangements** for the holiday period.

The Mayor noted the need to make sure that such issues were clearly communicated to residents. The Chairman undertook include them in his Community Board report for the *Accessible*.

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## **IV REPORTS (Continued):**

### **6. HYDRAULIC FRACTURING:**

This report from the Chief Executive Officer was accompanied by a request for the Council to declare itself a 'frack-free' zone.

#### Resolved:

1. That the report be received.
2. That the Social Justice Research Unit Anglican Life be thanked for their request for the Council to declare itself a 'frack free' zone and advised that the Council considered fracking was not an issue in the Mackenzie District.

**John Bishop/Peter Bell**

### **7. MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2013:**

This report from the Manager – Finance and Administration proposed a meeting schedule for the Twizel Community Board for 2013.

9. MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2013:

This report from the Manager – Finance and Administration proposed a meeting schedule for Community Board meetings for 2013.

Resolved that the report be received.

**Alan Hayman/Peter Maxwell**

The Chairman noted that the proposed dates for the April, July, September and November meetings would clash with Lake Tekapo Fire Brigade meetings. He undertook to provide alternative dates.

6. WARD MEMBER'S REPORT:

Cr Maxwell referred to:

- The retirement of Committee Clerk.
- The new Chief Executive Officer Wayne Barnett and an inspection tour of the Tekapo area for him.
- The Marketing and Economic Development Working Party's report to the Council which was to be the subject of a workshop in the New Year.

7. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS WHO REPRESENT THE BOARD ON OTHER COMMITTEES:

Peter Munro referred to:

- The last river release of the season for the White Water Canoe Course.
- The completion of the Mackenzie Alpine Trust's South Opuha Hut project
- Fundraising projects by the Tekapo Footbridge Committee.
- Lake Tekapo Search and Rescue and Mackenzie Coastguard exercise.

The Chairman reported that funds had been made available to complete the dog park and that a permanent orienteering course was being developed. He said Environment Canterbury working on signage and that approval from LINZ for the caravan park was awaited.

**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS:**

The Chairman and the Mayor wished everyone a Happy Christmas.

**THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.250 PM**

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

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