



MINUTES

Tekapo Community Board Meeting

11 March 2020

**MINUTES OF MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL
TEKAPO COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING
HELD AT THE TEKAPO COMMUNITY HALL LOUNGE, LAKE TEKAPO
ON WEDNESDAY, 11 MARCH 2020 AT 4.00PM**

PRESENT: Chairperson Steve Howes, Chris Scrase, Caroll Simcox, Sharron Binns, Cr Matt Murphy

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Graham Smith, Cr Murray Cox, Cr Ann Munro, Suzette van Aswegen (Chief Executive), Charlotte Borrell (Community Services Officer), Geoff Horler (Utilities Manager), Scott McKenzie (Roading Manager), Arlene Goss (Governance Advisor), and 10 members of the public including Stephanie Hagen, Jenny Green, Sheila Preston, Maria Roche, Chrissy Rhodes, Richard Rayward, Walter Speck, Barry Green and Angie Taylor.

1 OPENING

The chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

2 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

3 PUBLIC FORUM

Nobody requested to speak at the public forum.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members Sharron Binns and Caroll Simcox declared an interest in Item 5.7: Barbara Hay Reserve - Landscape Design Plans, in that they are both neighbours of the reserve.

5 REPORTS

5.1 MINUTES OF TEKAPO COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING - 3 FEBRUARY 2020

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TKCB/2020/176

Moved: Caroll Simcox

Seconded: Sharron Binns

That the Minutes of the Tekapo Community Board Meeting held on Monday 3 February 2020 be received and confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting.

CARRIED

5.2 MINUTES OF TEKAPO COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING - 12 FEBRUARY 2020**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TKCB/2020/177**

Moved: Chris Scrase

Seconded: Sharron Binns

That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Tekapo Community Board Meeting held on Wednesday 12 February 2020 be received and confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting.

CARRIED

5.4 MATTERS UNDER ACTION

The chairperson brought forward Item 5.4: Matters Under Action to allow Utilities Manager Geoff Horler to speak and then leave for another appointment. The chairperson asked him to speak about the sewage stench mentioned in Matters Under Action.

Mr Horler said he was aware of the issue with odour. The sewage pond at Lake Tekapo had not been de-sludged for 20 years and he was waiting on a price to do this. Once it was de-sludged this would not be a problem

To minimize the stench no contractors were allowed to dump septic waste into the pond in the meantime. Since stopping contractors, oxygen levels had stayed high with no smell.

Mr Horler was asked about the future of the sewage pond. He said it was efficient and would remain as it was for at least the next 10 years. After that there would need to be a time when the pond was looked at. It currently had capacity to cope with the growth of Tekapo.

Mr Horler was thanked for his attendance at the meeting.

5.3 NOTICE OF RESCISSION – SHARED PATHWAY ON TEKAPO WATERFRONT

The chairperson explained the background to this issue and said the community board had listened to and heard the concerns of the community since the last meeting. Therefore it wished to rescind the previous resolution related to the shared pathway on the Tekapo Waterfront.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TKCB/2020/178

Moved: Chairperson Steve Howes

Seconded: Caroll Simcox

That the resolution TKCB/2020/178 titled 'Proposed Shared Pathway on Tekapo Waterfront', that was passed on February 3, 2020, be rescinded.

CARRIED

The chairperson asked Roding Manager Scott McKenzie to address the board about any changes to this matter since the last community board meeting.

Mr McKenzie said he had discussed the pathway with Council after taking into consideration the feedback received from the Tekapo community. As a result, Council advised him to reduce the width of the path down to 1.8m and match the surface of the concrete with the environment. Exposed aggregate and coloured concrete was favoured. The aim was to fit the path into the environment as much as possible.

He was also advised to complete the section that runs from the start of Pioneer Drive to the dog statue, and leave the area around the church at this stage, to allow further discussion with the church and the gifters of the land.

Board members asked questions about the route of the path and how to direct people from the dog statue around the church if the path was unfinished. The chairperson suggested that an on-site meeting be arranged between Scott McKenzie and the community board to discuss the smaller details.

The Mayor said councillors were worried about there being no formed single path, but several unformed paths around the church. This could cause problems in the future.

Sharron Binns asked if it was possible to get some samples of the finished look. Caroll Simcox asked what happens if there continues to be a lot of push back on the idea of a concrete path. Mr McKenzie said if the work was not done with the funding that was currently on offer from NZTA it would go back into the list of priorities for some future date. It was noted that NZTA would only fund a concrete path, not a crushed stone one.

Mr McKenzie was asked if he had considered the heritage status of the area. He explained that the heritage zone was contained between the dog statue and the church and this was the area being put on hold for now. The part of the path to go ahead was on road reserve.

Discussion was held on possibly reducing the speed limit on Pioneer Drive to 30km/h. It was not currently possible to limit who could drive on the road. People were walking on the road, including at night. This was not safe.

To change the speed limit required a bylaw change. This was a long, drawn out process. There was current discussion at central government about taking speed limits back to a national level rather than making decisions by district. The chairperson suggested there was an opportunity to change behavior with the use of signs, even if the speed level did not change.

The chairperson thanked Mr McKenzie for his work on this issue. Discussion moved to the options on page 26 of the agenda.

Chris Scrase suggested that doing nothing was a fourth option.

Caroll Simcox suggested going back to the submitters with the options to either do nothing or accept a 1.8m wide aggregate path. The Mayor said they were running out of time to do this. The chairperson said they would rather get it right than rush into it. He suggested a motion be passed to support option one in his report on page 26. This was to build a compacted crushed stone path the full length, at 1.8m wide.

Mr McKenzie explained that the criteria for NZTA funding was that the path would need to be a capital improvement for funding to be provided. If option one was chosen the funding would not be available from NZTA.

Caroll Simcox asked how much time would be available to do a quick consultation with the community before making a decision. Mr McKenzie suggested two weeks.

The councillors at the table were asked for their input. Cr Murphy preferred option 2 part 2 on page 26 of the agenda. This was to use exposed aggregate.

Cr Cox would like to see a multi-purpose path from Mount John to the regional park. He would prefer a high quality concrete path with the right design and landscaping, wide enough to take bikes.

Cr Munro said a concrete footpath was desirable as a long term option. It would be a shame to have the opportunity of funding from central government and say we didn't want it when the district desperately needed footpaths.

The chairperson said there was a two-week window to have conversations with the community and they would like to hear from other members of the community. He asked for advice on how to do this. The chief executive suggested speaking to Council's communications advisor for advice.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TKCB/2020/179

Moved: Sharron Binns

Seconded: Chris Scrase

That the Tekapo Community Board consults with the community over the next two weeks and notifies the roading manager of its recommendation to Council, then ratifies that recommendation at the next community board meeting.

CARRIED

5.8 GENERAL BUSINESS - PRESENTATION FROM SCHOOL STUDENTS ON NEW NAME FOR D'ARCHIAC RESERVE

Teacher Maria Roche and two children from Lake Tekapo School were at the meeting to present the winning entries in the school competition to name D'Archiac Reserve. This reserve is the space behind Bluewater Peppers Resort, bordering on school land.

Student Elijah suggested Maukatua Reserve, which is the Maori name for Mount Sefton which can be seen from the reserve.

Student Xavier suggested Atua Rangi Reserve, meaning God's Sky, reflecting the Dark Sky Reserve in the district.

The community board thanked the school for the suggested names and asked council staff to consult with Runanga on the appropriateness of the suggested names, with a decision to be made at the next meeting.

5.4 MATTERS UNDER ACTION CONTINUED

Western Carpark – Being re-marked. Tour buses are being directed to down by the bridge. Bus sign needs to be removed. Opportunity for signage on the road after marking is finished.

Community Hall – Price for pull-down screen is about \$500. Bring back to next meeting. Screen is considered a priority for the hall.

Letter to Mr Rayward – remove from list.

George Scott walkway – Charlotte Borrell to meet with TJ from Tekapo Trails to discuss trails around Tekapo.

List of Works – The chief executive offered for Communications Advisor Chris Clarke to meet with the board to discuss the best way of notifying them of anything that would disrupt the community.

Community Hall – Discussion ongoing. Leave on list.

Bus Shelter – Scott McKenzie is working on a plan for the bus shelter.

60km speed limit – More information has gone back to NZTA. Waiting for them to move forward. They have asked for more pedestrian crossings. Another four throughout the town have been suggested.

Pioneer Drive – remove from list.

Boat ramp access – on hold. Scott McKenzie to come back with plans.

Pay toilet review – This will be done after the end of the financial year.

Cowan Hill walkway – This land is owned by Ecan and DoC or is state highway road reserve. Council has very little influence on this area. Scott McKenzie can raise with NZTA extending the gravel walkway down the road reserve.

Sewage stench - remove from list.

Demolition of the tavern – People are expressing concern about rats. The chairman has approached the tenant who thinks the landlord has applied for consent to demolish. The Mayor offered to seek more information and come back to the community board.

Old Earth and Sky building – to follow up with Property Manager Mark Samways.

Freedom camping communication – remove from list.

New Action for Playground Area – Add a drinking fountain to this area.

5.5 TEKAPO COMMUNITY BOARD FINANCIAL REPORT

For the Tekapo Community Board to note the financial performance of the Tekapo Community as a whole. Discussion took place on the current financial situation. It was noted there was still \$2000 in the grants budget until the end of June. The governance advisor offered to advertise the availability of community board grants on Facebook.

Charlotte Borrell advised of a further \$16k carry forward funds to add making a total of approximately \$34k in the Township Fund. She indicated this should be sufficient, or close enough, to cover the remaining playground improvements.

5.6 TEKAPO LAKEFRONT PLAYGROUND - BOARDWALKS AND SHADE SAILS

The purpose of this report was for the Tekapo Community Board to consider the board walk and sun shade picnic table cover options for the Domain Playground to improve access, safety and beautify the area.

Community Services Manager Charlotte Borrell updated the community board on work carried out to date in the playground. It was noted that there was enough money in the budget to afford both the boardwalk and sunshade options.

The board asked if the picnic tables in the playground could be moved north of the playground.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TKCB/2020/180

Moved: Chairperson Steve Howes

Seconded: Sharron Binns

That the Tekapo Community Board approves the following work to be constructed at the Domain Playground, from Tekapo Township Project funds, to improve access, safety and aesthetics:

Boardwalk

- (a) Over swale beside Four Square carpark - 4.0m long x 1.6m wide and 700mm high, with 1.0m concrete apron at each end:

Deck built with railway sleepers \$3,800 + GST (estimate)

- (b) Over wet area adjacent to main playground - 18m long x 1.6m wide and 700mm high:

Deck built with railway sleepers \$12,500 + GST (estimate)

Sun shade picnic table covers

- (c) Double table cover 6.1m long x 5.0m wide and 3.0m high

Built with macrocarpa posts and beams, \$14,500 + GST (estimate).

CARRIED

5.7 BARBARA HAY RESERVE - LANDSCAPE DESIGN PLANS

The purpose of this report was for the Tekapo Community Board to provide input into the attached concept plans for the development of Barbara Hay Reserve.

The board asked if going ahead with changes to Barbara Hay Reserve would delay plans for D'Archaic Drive. No. This project is smaller and can be done by the end of the financial year. Need more consultation with the community on D'Archaic Drive before moving ahead.

Neighbours, ratepayers/affected parties would be notified of the programme of work to address any access or health and safety requirements. A question was asked about the boundaries outlines in the plan. These were estimated only. The correct boundaries have been surveyed.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TKCB/2020/181

Moved: Chris Scrase

Seconded: Sharron Binns

That the Tekapo Community Board receives the report and moves ahead with Option 1 (the current design) after seeing pricing for the project.

CARRIED

5.8 GENERAL BUSINESS AND UPDATE FROM COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVE

Lochinver Irrigation – Mr Wilkins did not attend the meeting to raise this matter at the public forum. Geoff Horler will reply to his email.

Rubbish near skip at YHA building – Concerns have been raised about rubbish being dumped next to this skip. Screening around the skip might stop this. Charlotte Borrell said she was planning to trial rubbish bin options in that location. She will also contact the YHA about screening their skip.

Councillor Update - Cr Murphy updated the board on council activity. He said there was nothing significant happening that would disturb the residents that he knows of. He appreciated the work carried out by the community board on the footpath issue over the past few weeks.

Cr Murphy has spoken to the community police officer about doing a check outside the school during drop off or pick up times to monitor traffic. This will take place.

6 PUBLIC EXCLUDED

6.1 MINUTES OF PUBLIC EXCLUDED TEKAPO COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING - 12 FEBRUARY 2020

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TKCB/2020/182

Moved: Chairperson Steve Howes

Seconded: Chris Scrase

That the Minutes of the Public Excluded Tekapo Community Board Meeting held on Wednesday 12 February 2020 be received and confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting.

CARRIED

The Meeting closed at 6.08pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Tekapo Community Board Meeting held on 22 April 2020.

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