



Unconfirmed MINUTES

Fairlie Community Board Meeting

11 June 2020

**MINUTES OF MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL
FAIRLIE COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING
HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE LOUNGE, FAIRLIE
ON THURSDAY, 11 JUNE 2020 AT 4.30PM**

PRESENT: Les Blacklock (Chairperson), Damon Smith, Leaine Rush, Angela Habraken, Cr Murray Cox.

IN ATTENDANCE: Suzette van Aswegen (Chief Executive), Charlotte Borrell (Community Services and Facilities Officer), Phill Mackay (Recovery Manager), Arlene Goss (Governance Advisor).

1 OPENING

The chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

2 APOLOGIES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION FCB/2020/147

Moved: Damon Smith

Seconded: Leaine Rush

That the apology received from Mayor Graham Smith be accepted.

CARRIED

3 PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public forum.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5 REPORTS

5.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Member Leaine Rush said she had not talked to Mr Hunter about the security cameras. It was noted that Transition Manager Tim Mulcock would be looking into the issue of cameras on behalf of Council.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION FCB/2020/148

Moved: Angela Habraken

Seconded: Cr Murray Cox

That the minutes of the Fairlie Community Board meeting held on Thursday, 12 March 2020 be received and confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting.

CARRIED

5.2 FAIRLIE COMMUNITY BOARD FINANCIAL REPORT

The community board noted that spending was a little over budget due to maintenance on the swimming pool, and tree work carried out by an arborist.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION FCB/2020/149

Moved: Les Blacklock

Seconded: Leaine Rush

That the report be received.

CARRIED

5.3 CARRY FORWARD OF UNSPENT 2020 GRANT AND TOWNSHIP PROJECT FUNDS

The purpose of this report was for the Fairlie Community Board to consider carrying forward any unspent funds in the Community Board Grant and Township Projects budgets to the 2021 financial year, due to the Covid-19 restrictions having halted meetings and progress in the spending of these budgets from March 2020 to June 2020.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION FCB/2020/150

Moved: Mr Les Blacklock

Seconded: Mr Damon Smith

That the Fairlie Community Board resolves to carry forward from the 2020 financial year any unspent funds in the Community Board Grant and Township Projects budgets to the 2021 financial year. This is due to the unprecedented effect of Covid-19, preventing meetings, resulting in the inability for the Fairlie Community Board to progress expenditure prior to 30 June 2020.

CARRIED

5.4 NEW FORMAT FOR COMMUNITY BOARD MATTERS UNDER ACTION

Discussion took place on the following Matters Under Action:

Fairlie Skate Park – The Skate Park Committee are still preparing their plans and intend to start construction in summer.

Pathway between Riddle Street and the highway – action completed. Remove from list.

War memorial – work complete. Staff were congratulated on completing this restoration.

Dog problems – Signs still to come.

Fairlie Community Centre – Work underway.

Bus Parking – Waiting for skate park before making a decision on this.

Swimming Pool – remove from action list. Will not be happening in the next season.

Cr Cox asked whether the pool had been depreciating and was the money available to replace it? The chief executive said buildings needed to come under the asset management system, like roads, and appear in the Long Term Plan. The Community Facilities and Services Manager was asked to get a risk assessment done on the swimming pool. The chairman said the community board could not afford for the pool to break down during the swimming season. It would require major funding to install a new filtration system. The risk assessment was seen as urgent and would be added to the action list.

Dog Park – Pricing to clear the site and build fencing would come to the next meeting.

5.5 MACKENZIE COMMUNITY SPORTS HALL HEATING CHARGES

The purpose of this report was for the Fairlie Community Board to consider recommending that Council remove charges for heating at the Mackenzie Community Hall (sports hall) to bring it in line with other halls in the district.

Charlotte Borrell spoke to this report. She said no other community halls charged for heating, so she would like to remove the extra charge for heating on top of the hourly rate.

Leaine Rush asked what the revenue verses costs were for the community centre. Revenue had dropped significantly when groups started using the school facilities instead of the community centre.

Discussion took place on reducing the hire rate, even just for the year, to entice people back to use the facility. Other hire models were also considered. More work needed to take place on encouraging the use of the centre.

It was suggested that the community board hold an open day at the community centre to find out what the community wants to use the centre for. Groups could also set up a stall promoting their group. The chairman offered to speak to Anne and Erin Thompson, from Heartlands, regarding this idea.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION FCB/2020/151

Moved: Angela Habraken

Seconded: Damon Smith

1. That the Fairlie Community Board recommend to Council that heating charges for the Mackenzie Community Hall be removed to bring it in line with other halls in the district and encourage increased hiring of the facility.

2. That the Fairlie Community Board recommends to Council that hire fees for the Fairlie Community Centre be reduced by 50% for a year as a Covid-19 recovery measure, with a review to be held in one year.

CARRIED

5.6 GRANT APPLICATION - MACKENZIE HALF MARATHON

The community board were happy to encourage this event and granted the maximum amount of \$250 from the grants account.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION FCB/2020/152

Moved: Damon Smith

Seconded: Leaine Rush

That the Fairlie Community Board approves a grant of \$250 for the Mackenzie Half Marathon towards the traffic management costs of the inaugural running event, to be held on 18 July, 2020.

CARRIED

5.6.1 VISITOR - RECOVERY MANAGER PHILL MACKAY

Recovery Manager Phill Mackay spoke. Council has appointed him as to assist the community in recovering from Covid19. He intends to work with other government agencies to ensure things are connected. He would like a representative of each of the community boards to join the recovery advisory group.

He talked about the initial recovery action plan that Council signed off at a recent meeting. He asked the community board to nominate someone to join the advisory group.

The chairman said this was a good vision for Council, and an opportunity to be positive in the area. He said there was still a lot of stress. In particular foreign nationals could not access the same support as New Zealanders and were sometimes unable to return home due to closed borders. He was working in this area to help them.

5.7 GENERAL BUSINESS AND UPDATE FROM COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVE

Cr Murray Cox updated the community board. The councillors have been working through the Covid19 recovery plan. They were identifying shovel-ready projects to bring forward work. Footpaths and water projects were priorities. Also planned to bring forward the update to storage for the Fairlie water supply, originally planned for 2025.

The annual plan was also being prepared so Council could set the rates for the next year.

Community boards would be involved in workshops in early July around spatial planning for the townships, as part of the District Plan review.

A letter was received from Owen Hunter regarding Domain trees. It was attached to the last page of the agenda. The Community Facilities and Services Officer said it was important not to set a precedent and chop down trees just because they were shading properties.

It was agreed that she would meet with Mr Hunter and come back to the board with any proposal. The Governance Advisor was asked to reply to Mr Hunter.

Member Damon Smith asked about the playground slide at the village green. It was cracking so contractors were repairing and strengthening it. This was taking longer than expected due to Covid-19, but work is underway.

The Meeting closed at 5.32pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Fairlie Community Board Meeting held on 6 August 2020.

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CHAIRPERSON