



Unconfirmed MINUTES

Twizel Community Board Meeting

12 October 2020

**MINUTES OF MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL
TWIZEL COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING
HELD AT THE THEATRE, TWIZEL EVENTS CENTRE
ON MONDAY, 12 OCTOBER 2020 AT 3.00PM**

PRESENT: Chairperson Jacqui de Buyzer, Tracey Gunn, Renee Rowland, Amanda Sargeant, Cr Emily Bradbury

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Graham Smith, Cr James Leslie, Cr Matt Murphy, Cr Anne Munro, General Manager Operations Tim Harty, Asset Manager Bernie Haar, Twizel Township Supervisor Angie Taylor, Governance Advisor Arlene Goss, 16 members of the public, Reporter Charlie O'Mannin (Stuff).

1 OPENING

The chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed those present.

2 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

3 PUBLIC FORUM

The chairperson asked who would like to speak at the public forum and a number of people raised their hands. She took their names and each person was given an opportunity to speak.

Member **Amanda Sargeant** asked to speak as both a member of the public and a community board member. She apologised to Pat Shuker for a previous decision she made regarding the wood chipper and said she should have gathered more information before making that decision. Mrs Shuker accepted her apology.

Norman Geary updated the community board in his role as chair of the 2021 Cavalcade committee. He said they had 11 trails organised for the event. The tickets had gone out and a third were already sold. Organisation of the event was going very well. He said Twizel was the host town and he was expecting about 450 horses. Mr Geary outlined the route of the parade that would take place.

Jason Menard said he would like to put some picnic tables and a hammock park in the green area in the town centre. He offered to be the project manager for this project. The chairperson said a few years ago the community was asked what it wanted to do with that area and it voted to leave the area empty. She suggested including this idea in public consultation using the Lets Talk website, and the Twizel Update. It was noted that this would not be a fixed permanent structure and could be built with transportability in mind. Mr Menard was asked to work with council regarding any health and safety issues.

Graeme Vaughan spoke on the sale of the wood chipper. He asked some questions and the Mayor and Operations Manager Tim Harty explained the process involved in selling the wood chipper. Mr Vaughan asked for the wood chipped to come back to the community board. He was interested in buying it, but not if it was listed on TradeMe.

Pat Shuker gave some history of the wood chipper. Former community board chairman John Bishop had bought it. It was currently locked in a shed in Fairlie. Pat Shuker said she went through "health and safety hoops" and operated it successfully for three years. She did not believe there was a health and safety risk. Tim Harty explained the duty of care held by Council under the Health and Safety

act. He also said the rules around disposing of council assets required it to go to auction. This would happen as soon as possible and the community would be notified when the auction started.

Peter Midgley and one other person from South Island Rowing handed out some maps showing plans to run the regatta at Lake Ruataniwha if the country went back to Level 2. He showed how the area would be split into separate zones, enabling each zone to meet the requirements of Level 2 social distancing. The community board thanked him for coming to the meeting and the governance advisor offered to pass on Mr Midgley's contact details to asset manager Bernie Haar, so any road closures could be organised in advance in case they were needed urgently.

Steve Golding asked when Twizel footpaths would be repaired following the installation of ultra broadband by Chorus. Bernie Haar said staff were working with Chorus contractors and were not happy with the level of service provided by Chorus. Mr Golding said he has been talking to Mayor for months and it had not been repaired. Mr Haar agreed that the restoration of the footpaths had not been done to code, but Council was unable to enforce this until the end of the contract. He said staff were unable to get Chorus to communicate with affected residents.

Mayor Graham Smith said Council was frustrated at not being able to get much traction from Chorus in putting this back as it was.

Tim Harty said staff were having to spend time and effort chasing up a third party contractor. There were messages coming back from Chorus that they were doing the right things but they weren't. Council had no authority over this contract until the end of the contract, when they could demand a proper clean-up. The Mayor offered to take this further with Chorus. Mr Golding asked about street sweeping. This had been delayed until after the Chorus work was finished.

Another member of the public commented that last week Chorus has returned to complete a stretch of footpath and had done an excellent job.

Jo Johnson said she would like to understand the process of communication related to the information centre closing down. She said putting this on the website and on Facebook was not good enough. There were elderly people who did not have access to the internet.

She asked several questions related to the information centre and the moving of council services to the Events Centre while renovation of the council office took place. These were:

There is money being spent on the back entrance to the Events Centre when people could use the front access. Why is this happening and where is the money coming from?

Presuming that the council owns the building it is now refurbishing, what is being done to the council office building and the information centre?

The chairperson and Tim Harty answered the first question about use of the back entrance of the Events Centre on a temporary basis. This was to keep access to the postal services separate from other activities happening in the Events Centre, including the use of a swipe card to get in the front door, and also to address the issue of disabled access. This was being paid for by Council.

Jo Johnson said many people in the community were shocked about the loss of the information centre and the use of kiosks to replace it. She asked when public consultation had taken place on this issue. Community board members agreed there wasn't any public consultation. The community board was given what was called a proposal at a previous meeting. After the meeting there was some unhappiness from the public and, when questioned, the council's transition manager Tim Mulcock clarified to the community board that it wasn't a proposal for public consultation and the decision had already been made.

Operations manager Tim Harty suggested Jo Johnson's questions be answered in writing and she agreed to this approach. The governance advisor was asked to note the questions.

Pat Shuker said many people don't have computers in Twizel. If she wants to use a computer she has to go into town and visit the library. She asked for matters for consultation to be included in the Twizel Update, and suggested the local radio station also be used.

Pat Shuker said she also wanted to comment on the wood chipper. The public should have been consulted. A valuation was requested. Discussion on the wood chipper continued until Pat Shuker, Graeme Vaughan and one other person decided to leave the meeting. The chairperson announced she was moving to the formal part of the meeting. Pat Shuker returned to the room a few minutes later.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of Interest.

5 REPORTS

5.1 MINUTES OF TWIZEL COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING - 3 AUGUST 2020

Member Amanda Sargeant noted that when the last set of minutes were confirmed this was seconded by someone who was not at the meeting. The governance advisor said this did not create a legislative problem.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TWCB/2020/214

Moved: Chairperson Jacqui de Buyzer

Seconded: Member Tracey Gunn

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

CARRIED

5.2 COMMUNITY BOARD FINANCIAL REPORT

It was noted that the money rolled over from the previous financial year had not yet been added to the figures in the financial report. This would be corrected by the time of the next meeting.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TWCB/2020/215

Moved: Chairperson Jacqui de Buyzer

Seconded: Member Amanda Sargeant

That the community board financial report be received.

CARRIED

5.3 COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND PARKS REPORT

Tim Harty outlined the contents of this report. It included an update on community facilities across the district, and some of the challenges and opportunities moving forward.

The chairperson has asked for the contents of the report to be broken down into township-specific assets as a next step.

Risks highlighted by the report included the operation of the swimming pools, hence the engagement of CLM to run the pools this season.

Playground standards had changed and improved, and some equipment and materials were not considered appropriate these days. Council needed to supply equipment that complied with national standards.

Tree management was also an area of challenge.

Buildings located on parks, for example the Twizel Youth Centre, needed to be maintained. Council also needed to provide some guidance and support for the construction of community assets by other groups.

The Mayor said this report had come “as a bomb” to Council. Now that it knew about the issues there was an obligation to improve them. It was going to be a long process. First thing to address was the safety issues.

Member Amanda Sargeant said she had been working with some residents on an attempt to have a tree cut down on council property. They raised this in January. Now needed a road management plan to get rid of it and were waiting for an arborist to visit. She also said the public toilets were in disrepair. Tim Harty said he was aware of the issues and was working to resolve them.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TWCB/2020/216

Moved: Chairperson Jacqui de Buyzer

Seconded: Cr Emily Bradbury

That the information be noted.

CARRIED

5.4 INTRODUCTION TO REPRESENTATION REVIEW

Governance Advisor Arlene Goss introduced the council’s representation review and invited those present to submit their ideas on the Let’s Talk website, or directly to Council. There were no questions from the community board members.

5.5 TWIZEL COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE 2021

The purpose of this report was to consider and adopt the community board meeting schedule for 2021.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TWCB/2020/217

Moved: Chairperson Jacqui de Buyzer

Seconded: Member Amanda Sargeant

1. That the report be received.
2. That the community board meeting schedule for 2021 be adopted.

CARRIED

5.6 CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received by the community board:

- Letter from Glenys Moore requesting a nest swing for the playground. The community board thought this was a good idea and Twizel town supervisor Angie Taylor said she would include it in the recommendations to come from the Community Facilities and Parks Report at Item 5.3. A resolution was passed in support of this.
- Email from Ivan Stratford, Twizel Hard Labour committee requesting closure of Lake Ruataniwha for event. The community board passed a resolution in support of this.
- Letter from Heritage Machinery Group requesting to install Champion Grader and P and H Dragline at Machinery Display. The community board passed a resolution to approve the location of the new equipment.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TWCB/2020/218

Moved: Chairperson Jacqui de Buyzer

Seconded: Member Tracey Gunn

That the Twizel Community Board supports the installation of a nest swing (suitable for children with disabilities) in the Twizel playground.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TWCB/2020/219

Moved: Member Amanda Sargeant

Seconded: Chairperson Jacqui de Buyzer

That the Twizel Community Board supports the Twizel Hard Labour Committee application to close Lake Ruataniwha on 24 October from 7.00am until 9.30am to offer kayak competitors safety from powered craft, and approves the writing of a letter of approval to Ecan.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TWCB/2020/220

Moved: Member Tracey Gunn

Seconded: Chairperson Jacqui de Buyzer

That the Twizel Community Board approves a request for permission from the Heritage Machinery Group to install a Champion Grader and P and H Dragline at the Twizel Machinery Display.

CARRIED

5.7 GENERAL BUSINESS AND COUNCILLOR UPDATE

Pensioner Unit - Garry Wilson was invited to speak to the community board about his ideas for the Twizel pensioner flats. He introduced himself and spoke about past projects he has been involved in. He has suggested to the council that he organise the building and donation of a pensioner flat in Twizel.

He has met with Council's property manager Mark Samways who suggested that instead of building a new unit it would be better to upgrade the three existing flats. But since then he has had some feedback that community funding of a council asset was inappropriate.

He was seeking advice from the community board on whether it would be more appropriate to upgrade the existing units or build a new unit. He said he sensed some friction between the council and the Twizel community. He would prefer to build a new unit and donate it to the Twizel community to be used in Twizel by the elderly. He spoke about wanting the unit to go in an area where the elderly person would have additional support.

The chairperson thanked Mr Wilson for the initiative and the crowd applauded.

Cr James Leslie spoke from the floor. He said one of the current pensioner units had been empty for some time. It was advertised but there were no suitable applicants, so it was being done up. There was no waiting list for pensioner housing in Twizel. He suggested the youth centre building was a more urgent priority.

Gary Wilson said he would prefer to continue with his idea for the pensioner unit.

Discussion took place on the need for hospital level care to allow elderly people to remain in Twizel. Many were moving closer to health services as they became older and infirm.

The community board agreed that Mr Wilson should push forward, and asked him to work with Tim Harty on behalf of Council.

Lake Ruataniwha toilets – Bernie Haar said there was a high e.coli count in the lake last summer. Ecan was unable to pin the source down to a site. It could have been bird-related or from one person toileting in the lake. Ecan and Council were planning to put a portaloos in the area by the camp ground over the summer period.

Future of the pavilion/youth centre – A member of the community was keen to use this building but it was in a terrible state. Mr Harty was looking into this.

Wilding pine control – Angie Taylor updated the community board on the results of the public consultation. Some areas had been removed from the plans, while there was agreement on removing wilding pines from some other areas. Trees had become a safety issue now. Tree removal would be starting on the large area that borders land owned by South Island Rowing at Lake Ruataniwha. Not all trees would be removed. Areas not being cleared included Landfill Hill, and the strip on SHW8 near the McKewens petrol station.

Ecan was doing private consultation with land owners at Northwest Arch. There was the potential for further work to happen in the future.

Twizel Swimming Pool Update – This matter was addressed under Item 5.3.

Street lighting update – Bernie Haar said he would be going to Council with a resolution to spend the money to buy the street lights.

Councillor Update – Cr Bradbury updated the members on recent council activity. A big focus had been the spatial planning consultation process.

Events centre kitchen – Angie Taylor said she was getting this back on track. Add to the action list.

Pathway to playground seats – Add this to the action list.

Bernie Haar was asked to come back to the community board with a date for sealing the Long Parking bay.

5.8 COMMUNITY BOARD ACTION LIST

Market Place Upgrade – This project has been pushed out due to the council office upgrade happening in the same area.

Barriers at Lake Ruataniwha – Bernie Haar said he would get this done.

Sports Hall Floor – remove from the action list. This came in ahead of schedule. An extra badminton court has been added.

Twizel Swimming Pool, Assisted lift - Angie said this might be squeezed into the contingency for the swimming pool upgrade. Solar heating was not operational at the moment. Staff would be getting a cost for repair.

Wifi in Market Place – Ongoing.

Signage Audit – The long vehicle sign has been organised. Angie Taylor was working with the roading team on how to address some of the other signs.

Twizel Viewing corridors – The community board needed to have a walk around. Organise this next week.

Fence around playground – This had been identified by experts as not necessary. The health and safety needs of the playground were being met currently. Amanda Sargeant said the community had requested a barrier. The Mayor suggested that some people would not agree so the whole community needed to be involved. It was agreed to put this suggestion on the Let's Talk platform.

Junior roadway on skating rink – Angie Taylor suggested looking at a location for this as part of a bigger project. Needs more thought.

Man-made Hill – Angie Taylor said she was waiting to see what happened with the wilding pine work in that area. Now that a decision had been made she would move forward with a plan.

The Meeting closed at 5.41pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Twizel Community Board Meeting held on 7 December 2020.

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CHAIRPERSON