



MINUTES

Fairlie Community Board Meeting

28 January 2021

**MINUTES OF MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL
FAIRLIE COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FAIRLIE
ON THURSDAY, 28 JANUARY 2021 AT 4.40PM**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Graham Smith, Governance Advisor Arlene Goss.

1 OPENING

Mr Blacklock opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

2 APOLOGIES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION FCB/2021/138

Moved: Mr Les Blacklock

Seconded: Member Angela Habraken

That the apologies received from Damon Smith and Tim Harty be accepted and leave of absence granted.

CARRIED

3 PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public forum.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5 REPORTS

5.1 MINUTES OF FAIRLIE COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING - 10 DECEMBER 2020

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION FCB/2021/139

Moved: Mr Les Blacklock

Seconded: Member Leaine Rush

That the Minutes of the Fairlie Community Board Meeting held on Thursday 10 December 2020 be received and confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting.

CARRIED

5.2 COMMUNITY BOARD FINANCIAL REPORT

The governance advisor read out the carry-over amounts that were to be included in the accounts. It was noted that the grants budget was spent for the financial year, including the carry over amount.

The community board discussed inviting a representative from the finance department to attend the next meeting to explain the financial accounts and how much is available to spend.

Various projects were discussed including work on walking tracks around Fairlie. The chairman said he would talk to the Lions Club about their proposal regarding the upkeep of the river track and a financial contribution. The Mayor offered to talk to Operations Manager Tim Harty regarding the track and the need to move ahead with the work.

The carry-over amount related to the community centre was then considered. It was noted that all of the community buildings were being reviewed and some work might arise from this process. Member Leaine Rush suggested that the community board approach the community centre user group and ask them what was required at the community centre.

Had the tumble mats for the community centre been purchased yet? No. Discussion took place on this and the community board decided to pass a resolution to fund the mats from the Fittings and Furniture budget.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION FCB/2021/140

Moved: Member Leaine Rush

Seconded: Member Angela Habraken

That the Fairlie Community Board instructs staff to fund the cost of tumble mats for the Mackenzie Community Centre from the Mackenzie Community Centre Fittings and Furniture budget.

CARRIED

5.3 PEACE TREE ASSESSMENT UPDATE

The Mayor noted the Peace Trees needed maintenance work and it responsible to do this. The community board asked about the rules regarding trees placed close to the road. Member Leaine Rush said NZTA had offered to fund some of the work and would be involved in the project.

Some trees needed to come down in time and staff had asked the community board how they wanted to handle the involvement of the community in future planting projects.

The community board discussed the benefit of local families raising the replacement seedling trees, and taking seeds from the original trees to grow replacements. The board said it wanted to share information with the community at the appropriate time and get feedback.

The Mayor said he thought this was a forward-looking approach and positive.

The governance advisor passed on a message from staff that there was a chestnut tree in the domain with a serious weakness at the base and it would need to be cut down within the next months. The community board was asked whether they would like to communicate with the public in advance of cutting it down. Debate took place on the best approach. The community

board agreed that the reason for cutting down the tree should be communicated, but also that there was not an opportunity to change the decision due to safety reasons.

Leaine Rush said Mr Hunter, a neighbour of the domain, would be doing plantings in that area.

The chairman raised the letter received at a previous meeting regarding a tree in the Domain that throws shade on Mrs Mitchell's place in July. The chairman had visited Mrs Mitchell to listen to her. The community board discussed the best way to respond to this request. Member Leaine Rush offered to take a look at the offending tree and see if it was possible to top it at the same time as the chestnut tree was cut down.

5.4 GENERAL BUSINESS AND COUNCILLOR UPDATE

Cr Cox commented on a situation in Twizel regarding comments made in the media about a council-owned building. He asked the community board members to keep an eye on council facilities in Fairlie and bring up any situations where maintenance was required. The community board noted that using the service requests system was the best way to ensure things were done.

The Mayor said he was pleased with how the Destination Mackenzie study was going. Tomorrow the working group would visit the marae.

NZTA was planning alterations to SHW79 between Geraldine and Fairlie to widen the road and create pull over areas. General discussion followed on traffic density, job availability in the district, the spatial plan, the Long-Term Plan and upcoming consultations. The board members agreed that Fairlie was unique and the best community to live in.

5.5 COMMUNITY BOARD ACTION LIST

Dog Park – The community board asked how \$775 was spent on the dog park, as noted in the financial report. This was the surveyor's fee to determine the boundaries of the land. Cr Cox will talk to General Manager Corporate Services, Paul Numan, regarding which budget this cost should fall into.

The community board then discussed whether they wanted to go ahead with a temporary dog park in the domain, or develop the permanent site across the bridge. They decided to develop the permanent site. A plan was needed that could be costed.

The issue with pedestrian access across the bridge needed to be resolved. Better access was required to the Clayton Road industrial area and housing that was being added across the bridge. Adding a dog park would add an extra requirement to improve pedestrian access. It was agreed that it was the right time to put the requirement for a pedestrian "clip-on" back in front of NZTA.

Fairlie Playground – Member Leaine Rush said she would ask Tim Harty about hitching posts at the Fairlie Playground.

Fairlie Skatepark – this is running a little bit behind schedule but work is continuing.

Road Safety Issues in Fairlie – The Mayor has been approached by residents concerned about the number of trucks using Grey Street, and also the need for footpaths on the circular route walked by residents of Moray Home. The General Manager Operations will be approaching trucking companies to tell them not to use that road, as it is not a truck route. Signage will also go up.

Mobile Traders – The Mayor asked the community board if they had heard any feedback from mobile traders regarding the bylaw review. No.

1.1 LATE CORRESPONDENCE

The community board considered a letter from Francie Edge requesting a memorial wall be established at the Fairlie Cemetery.

The chairman suggested that three concept drawings be requested before this idea is presented to the community. A wall would enable people to scatter ashes in other locations and install a plaque on the wall to mark the passing of the person. This would require plaques to be of a standard design and size.

The community board agreed in principle with the idea and granted some money towards the initial design.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION FCB/2021/141

Moved: Cr Murray Cox

Seconded: Member Angela Habraken

That the Fairlie Community Board agrees in principle with a memorial wall being established at the Fairlie Cemetery and grants up to \$1000 from the Township Projects Budget to fund concept designs, and asks council staff to work with the working party to ensure the project is successful.

CARRIED

The chairman did not vote as he is involved in this project.

The Meeting closed at 6.19pm.

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

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CHAIRPERSON