



MINUTES

Tekapo Community Board Meeting

17 March 2021

**MINUTES OF MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL
TEKAPO COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING
HELD AT THE TEKAPO COMMUNITY HALL LOUNGE, LAKE TEKAPO
ON WEDNESDAY, 17 MARCH 2021 AT 3.00PM**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Suzette van Aswegen (Chief Executive), Tim Harty (General Manager Operations), Brian Milne (Community Facilities Officer), Arlene Goss (Governance Advisor), and four members of the public. Mayor Graham Smith (from 3.20pm).

1 OPENING

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 APOLOGIES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TKCB/2021/181

Moved: Member Caroll Simcox

Seconded: Member Sharron Binns

That apologies be received from Cr Murray Cox and Cr Anne Munro.

CARRIED

3 PUBLIC FORUM

Krissy Rhodes asked about the future of the silver birches located at the Barbara Hay Reserve. Caroll Simcox replied that it was her understanding that the silver birches would be cut down. Discussion took place on the situation with trees and also the lupins at the reserve, and whether the neighbouring home owners had received letters regarding this work. Mr Harty offered to follow up on this.

She also asked about a large pipe that had been laid in a subdivision and was now over-hanging the river. Mr Harty said it would probably be a storm water pipe and that relevant discharge consents should be in place. The pipe is located at the Cowans Hill footpath on the corner of SHW8 and Murray Place.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5 REPORTS

5.1 MINUTES OF TEKAPO COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING - 10 FEBRUARY 2021

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TKCB/2021/182

Moved: Cr Matt Murphy
Seconded: Member Chris Scrase

That the Minutes of the Tekapo Community Board Meeting held on Wednesday 10 February 2021 be received and confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting.

CARRIED

5.2 COMMUNITY BOARD FINANCIAL REPORT

Chris Scrase asked about the capital summary on page 16. Her previous understanding was that the reserve upgrades would be coming from development contribution funds rather than township funds. Tim Harty confirmed that this was correct.

Mayor Graham Smith joined the meeting at 3.20pm.

The chief executive suggested that future financial accounts be limited to the money the community board was able to spend. This would simplify the report.

5.3 TEKAPO COMMUNITY BOARD GENERAL UPDATE REPORT

Main highway - The Mayor has signed a letter to NZTA about the lack of progress on the works on the main highway. This would be circulated to community board members before it was sent out.

Screening of the hotel – Screen is being made and should be here in another week or so. The Mayor approached the owner about funding this but they would not be doing so. Council could re-use it on other sites. A consent application would be lodged by the end of this month and the hotel would be re-built in winter.

Shade sail - should be underway this week.

Lakefront project manager – Council has appointed a contractor to support the lakefront development. Boffa Miskell was the successful tenderer and a representative would speak to the community board after the meeting.

It was noted that Boffa Miskell did the original lakefront plan and the community board had worked with them before.

Barbara Hay Reserve - work in progress. The planting will start within the next three weeks. Discussion took place on the range of plants and quantities. There would be a test planting in Twizel on Man-made Hill to determine what would grow in the dry conditions.

Strategy work - Brian Milne read out a list of stakeholders for the strategies that were being planned and asked if anyone was missing from the list. The members suggested adding the Tekapo Recreational Park Society, Tekapo Lions, Upper Waitaki Water Zone Committee, Venture Timaru, White Water Kayaking, Aoraki Mackenzie Dark Sky Reserve, and Christchurch NZ.

Engagement on the trails and parks strategies starts in April. Work has already started on assessing playgrounds and toilets.

Cr Murphy spoke about a meeting he had attended with a group of people who are requesting a full size sports field in Tekapo. Mr Harty said the spatial plans were due to come back to the

community soon. Cr Murphy informed them about the open spaces strategy that would come out. Mr Harty suggested the group go on the list of stakeholders for the Parks Strategy.

D'Archiac Reserve – Brian Milne said the plans have been amended and would be re-circulated. Hoping to do the earthworks through winter and planting in spring. Member Sharon Binns raised the need to put this on the Lets Talk website to inform the community.

5.4 GRANT APPLICATION

Wilma van den Bosch was invited to speak in support of her application. She said this would be an exciting festival. They were aware of the Genesis Grants and would also be putting in an application for a grant from that fund. She mentioned plans to have a sculpture walk as part of the festival and they would be applying for consent for this. Community board members said they appreciated that this would be a good event for the community and bring benefits to the district. They agreed to support the event.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TKCB/2021/183

Moved: Member Chris Scrase

Seconded: Member Sharron Binns

That the Tekapo Community Board approves a grant of \$1,000 to the Mackenzie Book and Arts Festival Society towards staging the Book and Arts Festival.

CARRIED

5.5 GENERAL BUSINESS AND COUNCILLOR UPDATE

An email had been received from a member of the community that raised the issue of road markings. This was discussed.

The chairman said after the last meeting the community board members took a walk around town and formulated a report that they sent that to Tim Harty. Mr Harty said he passed it to Brian Milne and suggested talking about this at the workshop to follow the meeting.

Council has approved the appointment of a manager for Open Spaces and this would be a longer term solution to ensuring things got done. This position was in addition to the vacancy left by the previous community facilities officer.

The chairman asked about the role of the business liaison officer. The chief executive explained this role, which was initiated by the need for Covid recovery. The community board congratulated Council for success in this role, and also for the fact that LIMs were being processed faster than ever before.

Cr Matt Murphy reported from the last council meeting about the establishment of three new positions which he viewed as good progress.

The Mayor said there was a significant rate rise coming this year. The district’s expectations were high and Council needed to be resourced and wanted to keep it’s autonomy. Council had some of the cheapest rates in the district. The process of setting rates was explained. A conversation followed on the financial issues facing council and the reasons why rates would need to rise.

The representation review was going to come back to the community shortly and Cr Murphy encouraged the community board members to provide feedback. They asked for this to be advertised in the Fairlie Accessible.

5.6 COMMUNITY BOARD ACTION LIST

Shared pathway – Contract has been awarded. To be discussed at the workshop.

Western carpark – Re-painted markings have faded again. Need to come up with a better solution. The chief executive suggested islands to guide car parks. The community board said this would present a problem for snow clearance. An exit sign would help. Keep this on the action list to monitor signage from a safety perspective.

Walkway from Peppers to Four Square – Tim Harty to check on progress of this. This was also a safety issue.

Naming of D’Archaic Reserve – Arlene Goss to check with Runanga on name. Cr Murphy asked for Sharron Binns to include mention in appropriate communications to announce that work would start soon.

Tekapo Hall Kitchen – Carol Simcox said it was lovely to see all the new crockery arrive but some of the products that were ordered were changed without consultation with Angie Taylor. It was agreed that communication should have taken place.

Tekapo Lakeside Drive and playground – remove from action list.

Tekapo Proposed Sport Facility – Keep on action list. Money has been set aside in the Long-Term Plan for scoping.

Rabbit Control – The chairman had a call from Steven Hunter. He controls rabbits in the lakeside and saleyards area. He is available to help. Brian Milne spoke to Sam Staley and said there was an indicative price of \$5,000 to do a three-day shoot. None of the options for rabbit control are great in the town. Mr Milne is waiting for a quote for the township and would work with Ecan and LINZ on this issue.

The Meeting closed at 4.40pm.

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

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CHAIRPERSON