



**Mackenzie**

DISTRICT COUNCIL

# **MINUTES**

**Fairlie Community Board Meeting**

**15 July 2021**

**MINUTES OF MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL  
FAIRLIE COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FAIRLIE  
ON THURSDAY, 15 JULY 2021 AT 4.30PM**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Brian Milne (Community Facilities Officer), Aaron Hakkaart (Planning Manager), Arlene Goss (Governance Advisor), one member of the public.

**1 OPENING**

The chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

**2 APOLOGIES**

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION FCB/2021/148**

Moved: Member Leaine Rush

Seconded: Mr Damon Smith

That the apologies received from Mayor Graham Smith, Suzette van Aswegen and Tim Harty be accepted.

**CARRIED**

**3 PUBLIC FORUM**

There was no public forum.

**4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Member Leaine Rush declared an interest in two of the grant applications and will not vote on these.

**5 REPORTS**

**5.1 MINUTES OF FAIRLIE COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING - 6 MAY 2021**

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION FCB/2021/149**

Moved: Member Leaine Rush

Seconded: Member Angela Habraken

That the Minutes of the Fairlie Community Board Meeting held on Thursday 6 May 2021 be received and confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting.

**CARRIED**

## 5.2 COMMUNITY BOARD FINANCIAL REPORT

The chairman said he appreciated the new format of the balance sheet.

## 5.3 GRANT APPLICATIONS

**Mackenzie College Spirit of Adventure Group** – Member Leaine Rush is one of the organisers of this project and declared an interest. This was a fundraising venture for 10 students from Mackenzie College to attend the Spirit of Adventure course.

Cr Cox asked if the Lions Club could contribute to this event. Leaine Rush outlined the costs of the project and how much money she expected to raise. The community board agreed to approve this grant.

**Mackenzie Half Marathon** – The chairman noted that \$500 was requested but the community board had a limit of \$250 per grant. This was a big event with many participants and of value to the community. The board agreed to grant \$250.

**Mackenzie Book and Arts Festival** – Leaine Rush declared an interest and would not vote. This was a two-week festival with events across the district. The community board agreed to approve this grant.

### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION FCB/2021/150

Moved: Mr Les Blacklock

Seconded: Member Angela Habraken

1. That a grant of \$120 be approved for the Mackenzie College Spirit of Adventure Group towards the cost of community centre hire.

**CARRIED**

*Member Leaine Rush did not vote*

### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION FCB/2021/151

Moved: Mr Damon Smith

Seconded: Member Leaine Rush

2. That a grant of \$250 be approved for the Mackenzie Half Marathon towards the costs of community centre hire and trophies.

**CARRIED**

### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION FCB/2021/152

Moved: Mr Les Blacklock

Seconded: Member Angela Habraken

3. That a grant of \$250 be approved for the Mackenzie Book and Arts Festival to support the appearance of author Alison Jones at the festival.

**CARRIED**

*Member Leaine Rush did not vote*

#### **5.4 FAIRLIE COMMUNITY BOARD GENERAL UPDATE**

Brian Milne updated the community board on the proposed knee rail to be built on the Village Green.

A price for the kitchenette in the community centre lounge had been delayed, so he was going to another contractor.

The felling of the tree in the domain was going ahead. This was a good result.

There had been no action taken on the Peace Tree project since the last meeting. Leaine Rush said Arowhenua Marae had received funding to start a tree nursery and may be interested in a partnership arrangement. She offered to investigate further.

Regarding the Parks and Open Spaces Strategy, Angela Habraken said the documents will contain recommendations for the township and the consultants would like community board input before they go out for public consultation.

Regarding swimming pool operations, Brian Milne said this contract needed to be organised before the end of October to be in place for the swimming season. Last season there was some good feedback from the user surveys. The chairman said the community board did not want to see pool machinery failing during the season and he was concerned about ongoing maintenance. Brian Milne said he was aware that the solar heating tubing was at the end of its life and he was getting a price to replace that.

#### **5.5 GENERAL BUSINESS AND COUNCILLOR UPDATE**

##### **Councillor Update**

Cr Murray Cox said Council had been bogged down in the Long-Term Plan process, which had been delayed. Consultation had been pushed out to September/October. This would mean the first rates instalment would be under the old ratings.

The nationwide 3 Waters project was pushing ahead. The relevant water entity would include most of the South Island. Today the government had put another sweetener out there for councils to join water reforms. Some councils were indicating they didn't want to go into the new structure. If it does go ahead and Council loses the water assets, there have been discussions around what would replace this as part of the review of local government. The strong thing coming out is the sense of community and that councils are good at looking after their communities and the needs of people in them. The reform of the Resource Management Act was also looking at regionalisation.

There was a lot happening out there and the government wanted to have a lot of this tidied up before September next year.

There could be more money coming to Mackenzie from the Tourism Infrastructure Fund.

Member Liane Rush read out information from the Tourism Kick Start Fund.

Cr Cox told the community board members that if they were talking to local businesses that were struggling, to send them to Leaine or the chamber of commerce for assistance.

##### **Fairlie Cemetery Memorial Wall**

The chairman handed out copies of a site plan showing details of what was planned for the memorial wall.

Brian Milne asked if the option of building a wall that could contain ashes behind the plaque was considered. Discussion was held on this. The chairman said he preferred the current plan.

People could be asked to pre-purchase blank spaces on the wall to raise money to pay for it. The chairman said the group behind this project would meet again to progress this further.

### **Retirement Village in Fairlie**

The chairman said he was concerned about the closing of Moreh Home and that some people in Fairlie had been looking at the idea of building a retirement village. The next stage was to set up a trust and select which sort of ownership model the community could make work. He anticipated the need for a “caring facility” as a second stage in the project. Cr Cox said the group needed to make some decisions before taking this idea out to the wider community. If they decided to continue there would be plenty of public consultation. This was a big decision and a big commitment.

## **5.6 COMMUNITY BOARD ACTION LIST**

**Bus Park** - The community board noted that it was time to look again at the bus park outside the skate park. Once the new railing was installed it would give a better perspective.

**Parking outside the Fairlie Four Square** – Discussion was held on whether the carpark should be one way. There were mixed views on this from the shop owners. Campervans shouldn't be parking in this area.

There was land across the road from Carnegies Restaurant suitable for campervan parking. Was this council land?

Brian Milne said Council had applied for central government funding to build a campervan dump station and if this funding was received the community board needed to think about where this would go.

**Bike stand** – Discussion took place on a location for this. There was a place that was currently not a car park but was being used as one. Brian Milne offered to get some design work and costings done.

**The Meeting closed at 5.34pm.**

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

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**CHAIRPERSON**