



Mackenzie

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Unconfirmed MINUTES

Extraordinary Council Meeting

14 September 2021

**MINUTES OF MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL
EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FAIRLIE
ON TUESDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 1.00PM**

PRESENT: Mayor Graham Smith, Deputy Mayor James Leslie, Cr Anne Munro, Cr Stuart Barwood, Cr Murray Cox, Cr Emily Bradbury, Cr Matt Murphy

IN ATTENDANCE: Angela Oosthuizen on Zoom (Acting Chief Executive), Tim Harty (General Manager Operations), Paul Numan (General Manager Corporate), Alexis Gray (General Manager People and Culture), Aaron Hakkaart (Planning Manager), Rachel Willox (Planner), Sam Molyneux (Executive Assistant), Arlene Goss (Governance Advisor), Chris Clarke (Communications Advisor).

1 OPENING

The Mayor opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

2 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

4 REPORTS

4.1 ALPS 2 OCEAN GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT CHANGES

The purpose of this report was for Council to consider adopting the new Terms of Reference for the Alps2Ocean Joint Committee, the new Terms of Reference for the Alps 2 Ocean Reference Group, and the new Alps 2 Ocean Trail budget for the year 2021-2022.

Tim Harty spoke to this report. A similar report would also go to Waitaki District Council in October.

Councillors discussed the role of iwi and asked to add the words “in principle, pending a discussion with iwi partners” to the second resolution.

The Alps2Ocean steering committee needed to adopt a new business case to get government funding and was working on this now. Council was also applying at a different level for funding to help pay for Hayman’s Road off-roading the trail. Discussion took place on Hayman’s Road. Consents for the work were approved and drawings done for the first stage. Mr Harty said he wanted to move forward on this. Cr Bradbury was a member of the Alps2Ocean committee and said the committee was looking forward to holding a meeting with a structure in place.

RESOLUTION 2021/119

Moved: Cr Anne Munro
Seconded: Cr Murray Cox

1. That the report be received.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2021/120

Moved: Cr Emily Bradbury

Seconded: Deputy Mayor James Leslie

2. That Council adopts the new Alps 2 Ocean Joint Committee Terms of Reference in principle, pending a discussion with iwi partners.
3. That Council adopts the new Alps 2 Ocean Reference Group Terms of Reference.
4. That Council approves the new Alps 2 Ocean Trail budget for 2021-2022.
5. That Council approves the Memorandum of Understanding with Waitaki District Council

CARRIED

4.2 MACKENZIE COUNTY SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

The purpose of this report was for Council to consider a request for financial support to the Mackenzie County Scholarship Trust. Paul Numan took the report as read and outlined the options available to Council. A meeting held in August confirmed the intention of the Trust to continue paying three scholarships per year, but it did not have the funds available to do this. There was an unexpected donation of \$4000 received, and now a request for a top-up from Council to allow for three scholarships this year.

The Mayor noted that the amount invested by the Trust was not making enough interest to pay for three scholarships in the long-term. It would need to consider other sources of income to continue. Cr Murphy said he was at the last meeting and the Trust would have further discussions on how to move forward. He would like to recognise the generosity of Mackenzie Country Real Estate, who donated the money to get the Trust through this year.

RESOLUTION 2021/121

Moved: Cr Matt Murphy

Seconded: Deputy Mayor James Leslie

1. That the report be received.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2021/122

Moved: Cr Matt Murphy

Seconded: Cr Stuart Barwood

2. That Council notes the background in this matter including the update on the Trust meeting and request from Mackenzie County Scholarship Trust.
3. That Council provides a top up of \$1,000 to cover the scholarship funding shortfall as a contribution towards one scholarship.

CARRIED

4.3 ADOPTION OF PROPOSED MOBILE SHOPS AND TRADERS BYLAW AND STATEMENT OF PROPOSAL

The purpose of this report was to provide Council with the relevant information to adopt the Proposed Mobile Shops and Traders Bylaw and associated Statement of Proposal. Planning manager Aaron Hakkaart noted this bylaw needed to be adopted before the current version expired in December. There had already been some initial feedback from the community related to mobile trading, so it would be interesting to see the submissions that were submitted in this process.

Cr Cox asked about the exclusion of ice-cream vendors but not coffee vans from the bylaw. Mr Hakkaart explained and said exemptions were available for events. Coffee vans on private property, such as at the Tekapo campground, did not come under the council bylaw.

RESOLUTION 2021/123

Moved: Cr Anne Munro

Seconded: Cr Matt Murphy

1. That the report be received.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2021/124

Moved: Cr Anne Munro

Seconded: Cr Emily Bradbury

2. That Council adopt the Proposed Mobile Shops and Traders Bylaw and Statement of Proposal pursuant to section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002.

CARRIED

4.4 TWIZEL AND FAIRLIE POOL HEATING FUNDING

The purpose of this report was to consider funding of unbudgeted work to install heating (heat pump) systems to the Fairlie and Twizel council pools.

The Twizel Community Board has requested that the heating of Twizel pool be implemented as a priority so that it is operational for the 2021/22 season. While every effort will be made to achieve this (subject to funding approval), it may not be achievable, as the installation is subject to an upgrade of the site's power supply which is outside of council's direct control.

Mr Harty tabled a late change to staff recommendation 3 to note a change in the proposed cost of heating the Twizel pool. He asked to replace resolution 3 with the version as follows:

That Council approves a total project sum of \$295,000 for the installation of the heat pumps, consisting of \$280,000 capital costs and a \$15,000 contingency sum, as outlined within this report, and further that

Once this is approved Mr Harty said the next step was to speak to suppliers.

The councillors discussed pool covers and the temperature of the water. Cr Cox asked if Meridian Energy was paying for any of the electrical work. They were funding part of the work. How did councillors know that going with heat pumps were the right solution? Mr Harty said he was investigating the tried and true options, which were solar, heat pump and gas. The heat pump was found to be the best solution for pools of this nature.

Cr Munro said the proposed cost was to be a maximum. The money would come from borrowing, with the operational costs coming from rates.

Cr Cox was concerned about the 50% depreciation figure for swimming pools, as noted in the Financial Strategy. The acting chief executive said the intention was to increase this to 100% but because of the very high rates increases in the first three years of the Long Term Plan, it was decided not to increase it at this time.

RESOLUTION 2021/125

Moved: Cr Stuart Barwood

Seconded: Deputy Mayor James Leslie

1. That the report be received, and

CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2021/126

Moved: Cr Matt Murphy

Seconded: Cr Emily Bradbury

2. That Council approve the installation of pool heat pump heating systems in both the Fairlie and Twizel pools, and further that;
3. Council approves a total project sum of \$295,000 for the installation of the heat pumps, consisting of \$280,000 capital costs and a \$15,000 contingency sum, and further that
4. Council approve an increase in Pool Operating costs of \$18,000 per annum to account for the running costs of the heat pumps, and further that
5. The capital costs for the project be funded by borrowing and the ongoing operational costs be funded via rates.

CARRIED

4.5 LAKE RUATANIWA RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN

The purpose of this report was to seek a decision from the Mackenzie District Council as the administering body of the Lake Ruataniwha Recreation reserve to initiate the preparation of a reserve management plan for the reserve.

Tim Harty summarised the report and outlined the purpose of drawing up a reserve management plan under the Reserves Management Act. This was a statutory document. He hoped to be starting this process very soon.

Cr Leslie said there was another piece of land near the Twizel bridge that the Upper Waitaki Zone committee was planning to target and it would be good to combine both areas in this work.

RESOLUTION 2021/127

Moved: Cr Murray Cox

Seconded: Deputy Mayor James Leslie

1. That the report be received.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2021/128

Moved: Cr Anne Munro

Seconded: Deputy Mayor James Leslie

2. That Mackenzie District Council give public notice of its intention to prepare a management plan for the Lake Ruataniwha Recreation Reserve.
3. That the public notice invites written suggestions from interested parties for a period of no less than a month following publication of the notice.
4. That funding of \$30,000, for the preparation of the Reserves Management Plan be provided from the Reserves Contributions Fund.

CARRIED

4.6 LONG TERM PLAN - STRATEGIES AND POLICIES

The purpose of this report was to provide Council with the following Long-Term Plan (LTP) supporting strategies and policies. These were:

- The Infrastructure Strategy
- The Financial Strategy
- The Revenue and Financing Policy
- The Significance and Engagement Policy

The Mayor said there was a huge amount of information and data contained in these documents and he struggled to get through them before the meeting.

The acting chief executive explained the purpose of each document. She said these were the key documents for Council to adopt towards completing the Long Term Plan. They had undergone a complete review.

Paul Numan said the documents had been provided to Audit New Zealand for audit. There may still be some minor amendments made so the documents would be adopted subject to audit amendments.

The Mayor expressed concern about some of the assumptions made in the documents, for example that tourism would return next year. The acting chief executive said this would be amended to read 2025.

Cr Barwood asked about the focus on road safety standards. Roads needed to be built to cope with economic development. The acting chief executive said roading was one area where expenditure would double over time, due to significant investment.

Discussion took place on the Infrastructure Strategy and the need to source external funds for some projects.

Councillors raised the issue of bridge replacements. They would workshop the options for bridges and make decisions on these soon. Mr Harty said case law showed there was no obligation on Council to maintain access roads into one or two properties.

Cr Munro asked for the spelling errors in the documents to be fixed. Cr Murphy asked to standardise the name Lake Tekapo/Takapo because it was inconsistent in the documents. This was agreed.

The term "low rates" was used in the documents and this referred to local residential rates. Cr Cox asked for it to be clear that rates increases were driven by regulatory and government requirements.

RESOLUTION 2021/129

Moved: Cr Stuart Barwood

Seconded: Cr Matt Murphy

1. That the report be received.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2021/130

Moved: Deputy Mayor James Leslie

Seconded: Cr Anne Munro

2. That Council adopts the Infrastructure Strategy.
3. That Council adopts the Financial Strategy.
4. That Council adopts the Revenue and Financing Policy.
5. That Council adopts the Significance and Engagement Policy

CARRIED

5 PUBLIC EXCLUDED

RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

RESOLUTION 2021/131

Moved: Cr Anne Munro

Seconded: Cr Matt Murphy

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

The general subject matter of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under

section 48 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48 for the passing of this resolution
5.1 - Aquatic-Recreation Facility Operations - CON 1289. Tender Approval	s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities	s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7

CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2021/132

Moved: Cr Anne Munro

Seconded: Cr Stuart Barwood

That Council moves out of closed meeting into open meeting.

CARRIED

The Meeting closed at 2.53pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Meeting of the Mackenzie District Council held on 14 September 2021.

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CHAIRPERSON