



Mackenzie

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Unconfirmed MINUTES

Tekapo Community Board Meeting

8 December 2021

**MINUTES OF MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL
TEKAPO COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING
HELD AT THE LAKE TEKAPO SCHOOL MEETING ROOM, LAKE TEKAPO
ON WEDNESDAY, 8 DECEMBER 2021 AT 3.00PM**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Graham Smith, Angela Oosthuizen (Acting Chief Executive), David Adamson (General Manager Operations – Acting), Aaron Hakkaart (Manager Planning), Brian Milne (Community Services Officer), Tom O’Neil (Community Services Officer), Arlene Goss (Governance Advisor), Brett King and Shaun Perrin (Fulton Hogan), and four members of the public including TJ McConchie from Tekapo Trails.

1 OPENING

The chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

2 APOLOGIES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TKCB/2021/196

Moved: Member Chris Scrase

Seconded: Member Caroll Simcox

That the apology received from Cr Anne Munro be accepted.

CARRIED

3 PUBLIC FORUM

The first speaker asked to be referred to in the minutes by her initials, MP, rather than her full name. She would like to speak against the council’s decision to make community facilities available to vaccine passport holders only. She asked Council to remove the restrictions.

She said the decision by Council was a violation of human rights and democratic rights. She questioned the decision and said groups had cancelled their bookings because of this.

She read from a document regarding the interference with people’s rights. It called for the least restrictive measures to be used, with consideration given to the impact on people’s rights.

She said she did not need this to be discussed right now, but would like consideration to be given. The chairman asked the acting chief executive to explain the circumstances around this decision. The chief executive said there was an internal risk assessment done on staff safety and the thought was that if there was widespread transmission of Covid within the council it would impact on the continuity of services.

She was uncertain how it would look over the Christmas period and was happy to consider the issue again after Christmas.

David Adamson said there was a requirement to deep clean facilities in between each booking if they were used by a mix of vaccinated and unvaccinated groups. Council did not have the staff to do this.

MP asked if council could state it would be regularly reviewing the situation. This would help. The Mayor said the situation would be reviewed in January. MP left the meeting.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Member Sharron Binns declared an interest in the community garden grant application, as she is a supplier to this project. She will not vote on this item.

5 REPORTS

5.1 PRESENTATIONS

Brett King and Shaun Perrin from Fulton Hogan gave a presentation on the new road maintenance contract.

Discussion included the following:

- Problems like pot holes can be reported via the service request system. Fulton Hogan has specific timeframes to meet in responding to service requests.
- The app named “Snap, Send, Solve” is another way to communicate problems.
- The regular reports to community boards are appreciated.
- The chairman thanked them for the work done on the Waka Kotahi speed review. The community has responded well to the lowering of speed limits.
- The grader operator for the district lives in Tekapo.
- The three big maintenance contracts are the most important contracts Council runs.
- Snow clearing will come under this contract.

5.1.1 LATE ITEM - REQUEST FROM TEKAPO TRAILS

TJ McConchie from Tekapo Trails was at the meeting so this item was brought forward in the agenda. The community board has received a request from Tekapo Trails for approval to develop a trail on an unformed legal road from Tekapo Regional Park to Willow Bay.

This will be subject to resource consent due to the need for earthworks and vegetation clearing. The community board heard that the trust would need to go through the right resource consent process and act accordingly. It had to be done properly. It was on council land. Council did not want to be in a position where it was prosecuting a community group, or itself as a land owner.

Planning manager Aaron Hakkaart said this was a lakeside protection area. They would have to talk to local iwi, and there could be other requirements. A consent lodgement fee was likely to be around \$1,000 to \$1,200. May also require an ecologist. Being on a paper road won't make a difference in terms of land clearance.

If Fulton Hogan were willing to partner with Tekapo Trails that would be a good way to go.

The track would be maintained by the trust.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TKCB/2021/197

Moved: Member Chris Scrase

Seconded: Member Sharron Binns

That the Tekapo Community Board supports the proposal from Tekapo Trails to develop a new trail on the unformed legal road from Tekapo Regional Park to Willow Bay, subject to council approval and applicable consents.

CARRIED

5.1 PRESENTATIONS CONTINUED

The Acting General Manager Operations, Dave Adamson, gave a presentation on the new water meters project, a district-wide plan to install water meters on every property. A copy of this presentation is available as an attachment to these minutes.

Discussion included the following matters:

- Stage 1 of the project will do about half of Twizel. Looking for external funding sources to help complete the project.
- Will three waters impact on this? There was no certainty on what this will mean in terms of public ownership of infrastructure. Reform will come into effect in about 2024, so there is a lead time. We should be doing things that are essential for our communities now.
- Charging for water would not happen without public consultation. This should be flagged to the public sooner rather than later.
- Staff are about to start de-sludging the sewage ponds in Tekapo.

5.2 MINUTES OF TEKAPO COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING - 27 OCTOBER 2021**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TKCB/2021/198**

Moved: Member Sharron Binns

Seconded: Cr Matt Murphy

1. That the Minutes of the Tekapo Community Board Meeting held on Wednesday 27 October 2021 be received and confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting.

CARRIED

5.3 COMMUNITY BOARD FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial report was noted, including the carry forward amounts.

5.3.1 LATE ITEM - GRANT APPLICATION FROM TEKAPO COMMUNITY GARDEN

The Tekapo Community Garden has requested \$689.45 for gardening supplies.

Sharron Binns declared a conflict of interest and did not take part in this item.

This organisation is under the umbrella of the Mackenzie Enhancement Board. The community board believed it provided a general good to the community. About 38 people were involved with the garden.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TKCB/2021/199

Moved: Member Chris Scrase

Seconded: Member Caroll Simcox

That the Tekapo Community Board approves a grant of \$689.45 to the Tekapo Community Garden for the purchase of gardening supplies.

CARRIED

5.4 ADOPTION OF MACKENZIE SPATIAL PLANS

The chairman said this was comprehensive plan and good reading. This was the result of an 18 month project.

Staff were now working towards the review of the District Plan next year. There would be a further opportunity for review. The spatial plan was a non-statutory document, and the District Plan would be the statutory document.

The Mayor said Council was very grateful to the planning manager and his team for this project. It was run in an exemplary way and a key piece of work for the district.

5.5 TEKAPO COMMUNITY BOARD GENERAL UPDATE

The purpose of this report was to provide the Tekapo Community Board with a general update on a number of projects and actions related to the Tekapo area in general and the community board specifically.

Brian Milne introduced new staff member Tom O'Neil who has joined the team.

Maukatua Reserve work starts with soil screening in December, with most of the work finishing in February-March.

Brian Milne asked for feedback on township furniture.

Discussion took place regarding preferred style of bike stands and also additional benches. Keep the seating simple. The Lions Club have provided benches in the past and it would be good to keep to the same style.

Could a design similar to the Lions seats be made? The community board agreed to approach Lions and ask if they can create some furniture. Any design needed to go to staff first to consider things like safety and accessibility.

Could electric bikes use hitching post-style bike stands? No.

Community board member – Chris Scrase and Brian would review and finalise locations and design in the next couple of days after this meeting.

The Tekapo Lakefront Plan has been updated with the changes requested by the community board, and this was attached to the agenda.

The community board noted that the proposed path near the boat ramp was inundated by water at high lake level and this would need to be taken into account.

David Adamson said he was talking to the Department of Conservation about the road reserve land they owned on the lakefront.

The Simpson Lane pathway is on hold for now. The community board viewed this as a safety issue and that it had a higher priority than some of the lakefront work that was included in the plan. Discussion took place on whether the community board would hold back the lakefront work and remove parts of it to be able to afford the Simpson Lane pathway, but they decided they wanted the lakefront work to go ahead without delay. Waka Kotahi had been asked to put a safety refuge in the middle of the road at this point.

The community board congratulated staff on recent work to make the centre of the town look lovely.

Sharron Binns said there were some areas above the Barbara Hay Reserve that were not being weed-eated. Mr Milne said Whitestone had been asked to fix this.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TKCB/2021/200

Moved: Member Caroll Simcox

Seconded: Member Sharron Binns

1. That the report be received.
2. That the Tekapo Lakefront Improvement Plan for the new path route from the boat club building on Lakeside Drive to the pedestrian bridge at the lake outlet (as attached to the agenda) be approved.

CARRIED

5.6 GENERAL BUSINESS AND COUNCILLOR UPDATE

Footpath reflectors – The roading manager has approved this. The community board continued to support this project and agreed that reflectors shouldn't go on Aorangi Crescent where upgrade work was ongoing.

The governance advisor was asked to contact Mr Luxton to let him know, and provide the roading manager's recommendations.

Broom and Wildings – These had been sprayed in the last couple of weeks.

Shipping Containers in front of Godley Hotel – Three shipping containers in front of the hotel were an eyesore. The governance advisor would put in a service request asking for this to be investigated.

Barbara Hay Reserve and Lions Corner – this maintenance work has been done.

Lake Tekapo Hall Kitchen Provisioning – Caroll Simcox asked if the community board could fund the remainder of the re-stocking of the kitchen. Mr Milne said this could come from the operational budget for the hall. A resolution was passed to this effect below and a quote for kitchen items was given to Mr Milne.

Councillor Update - Cr Murphy said the Long Term Plan would be formally adopted next Tuesday. Added to the plan was \$30,000 for CCTV cameras in Tekapo, and \$10,000 seed funding towards the relocation of the Tekapo Squash Club.

The Mackenzie Scholarship Awards were interviewed for last week. Councillors had also started work on the District Plan.

Mayor Graham Smith thanked the community board for their work over the past year and wished them a Merry Christmas and all the best for the next year. He then left the meeting at 5.30pm.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TKCB/2021/201

Moved: Member Caroll Simcox

Seconded: Chairperson Steve Howes

That the Tekapo Community Board approves spending \$1,694 from the Tekapo Hall Operational Budget on restocking the kitchen in the Tekapo Hall.

CARRIED

5.7 COMMUNITY BOARD ACTION LIST

Simpson Lane – to go to Annual Plan.

Western Carpark – Signs have been ordered. Contractor will sign off when the work is done.

Maukatua Reserve – Aiming to have this completed by March, 2022.

Lakefront Improvements – Remove from action list.

Tekapo Hall – Keep on action list until new kitchen stock received. Also looking at the booking system.

Tekapo Sports Facility - \$10,000 added to the LTP to initiate this project.

David Adamson asked the community board about the old YHA building on the lakefront. This contains workers who have jobs, but with the YHA closing there would be a change in the lease arrangements.

Discussion took place on the continuation of this site as worker accommodation. The community board agreed with this as long as the site was well-managed. It was possible that workers from other businesses might be able to use this facility.

Rabbit Control – Need to take this to Te Manahuna Aoraki.

Bike Stands – Brian Milne will catch up with Chris Scrase tomorrow on this matter.

CCTV Cameras - \$30,000 has been added to the Long Term Plan. Now needed to be procured.

Aorangi Crescent – The work outside Tekapo School on Aorangi Crescent is programmed to start on January 11 and will finish on February 4th.

Lions Seat in Tekapo Cemetery – The seat has been built in the cemetery. Thanks to Stewart Inch and the Lions for their work.

The chairman thanked the community board members and staff for all they had done during the year. The acting chief executive thanked the community board for their proactive approach.

The Meeting closed at 5.50pm.

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

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