



Mackenzie

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Unconfirmed MINUTES

Twizel Community Board Meeting

6 December 2021

**MINUTES OF MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL
TWIZEL COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING
HELD AT THE MACKENZIE COUNTRY HOTEL, TWIZEL
ON MONDAY, 6 DECEMBER 2021 AT 3.00PM**

PRESENT: Chairperson Jacqui de Buyzer, Member Tracey Gunn, Cr Emily Bradbury

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Graham Smith, 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 (Fulton Hogan), and four members of the public including Frank Hocken, Kevin Moore (Twizel Heritage Group) and Pat Shuker.

1 OPENING

The chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

2 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from members Renee Rowland and Amanda Sargeant.

David Adamson said the acting chief executive, Angela Oosthuizen wanted to be at the meeting but was currently working with auditors on the Long Term Plan. She has pledged to attend as many community board meetings as possible.

Mayor Graham joined the meeting and apologised for lateness.

Tom O’Neil was introduced by Brian Milne. It was his first day as a new staff member.

3 PUBLIC FORUM

Frank Hocken asked to speak. He gave some history of township maintenance in Twizel. He said the town verandas were getting worse. Further improvements were needed.

He said rates had increased and he wanted to know where the money had gone. He felt Twizel was overlooked by the council. It’s harder for him to get in the door of the council now.

He produced a handful of broom from Manmade Hill and said the hill needed spraying urgently.

He then produced a tyre that had been lying on the street and had not been picked up by rubbish contractors. He had also picked up a dead possum that was lying on the road and disposed of it.

He asked council to consider moving to Twizel. He suggested living conditions were not right in Fairlie because staff kept leaving. He said he had a good range of sections available for council staff to buy.

Pat Shuker then spoke. She said she has found council employees to be wonderful to talk to.

At Manuka Terrace the gravel road is bad. She had fallen twice from her trike. Now she drives down the centre of the road. She asked for the road to be fixed.

She asked what had happened to the money from the sale of the wood chipper. It is being held for the development of Manmade Hill. Pat Shuker said the sale of the chipper should have gone out to

the public and the public should be asked where the money should go. She doesn't have a problem with it going to planting Manmade Hill as long as the rubbish is cleared first.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5 REPORTS

5.1 PRESENTATIONS

Brett King from Fulton Hogan introduced himself and outlined his history as a former surveyor in Twizel. He gave a presentation titled "Roading Maintenance Presentation".

Following the presentation, discussion included the following matters:

- Information about work being conducted in the Twizel area would be available to bring to future community board meetings.
- Fulton Hogan was willing to help establish a children's roadway if the community could fund it.
- This contract was a step-up for Council. The Mayor said he was looking forward to working with Fulton Hogan.
- People were encouraged to lodge complaints in the service request system so they could be addressed quickly.
- A great partnership, will deliver some great outcomes for the district.

David Adamson then gave a presentation on the new project to introduce smart water metering in the district. This would happen first in Twizel, then be expanded to all water supplies in the district.

All commercial properties will already have meters and most new subdivisions also have them.

Then, Kevin Moore spoke on behalf of the Twizel Heritage Group. The group has sourced a single man's hut from the Twizel construction days. The Heritage Group would like to place this in the location outlined in the meeting agenda. It would have a viewing pane so people could look inside, and it would be set up like it would have been in the construction days.

He asked if the community board had any issues with this. The board congratulated the group on getting the hut.

Mr Adamson said if the community board agreed in principle that it supported the idea, staff could look into the status of the land and whether any services were buried there. There was also a need to clarify who would be responsible for the long-term maintenance of the building.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TWCB/2021/229

Moved: Chairperson Jacqui de Buyzer

Seconded: Member Tracey Gunn

That the Twizel Community Board approves the proposed location of the working man's hut in principal, and asks staff to investigate the location and report back to the board.

CARRIED

5.2 MINUTES OF TWIZEL COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING - 1 NOVEMBER 2021

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TWCB/2021/230

Moved: Cr Emily Bradbury

Seconded: Member Tracey Gunn

1. That the Minutes of the Twizel Community Board Meeting held on Monday 1 November 2021 be received and confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting.

CARRIED

5.3 COMMUNITY BOARD FINANCIAL REPORT

The board noted that the money for the wood chipper, and carry forward amounts, were shown in the financials. The \$5,000 from Whitestone was not shown separately but will appear next time.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TWCB/2021/231

Moved: Chairperson Jacqui de Buyzer

Seconded: Cr Emily Bradbury

That the community board financial report be received.

CARRIED

5.4 GRANT APPLICATIONS

The community board looked favourably on these applications and they were both granted.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TWCB/2021/232

Moved: Chairperson Jacqui de Buyzer

Seconded: Cr Emily Bradbury

That a grant of \$500 be approved for Twizel Promotions towards the cost of information stands.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TWCB/2021/233

Moved: Chairperson Jacqui de Buyzer

Seconded: Member Tracey Gunn

That a grant of \$100 be approved for Twizel Area School towards a prize for school prize-giving.

CARRIED

5.5 ADOPTION OF MACKENZIE SPATIAL PLANS

Aaron Hakkaart provided the community board with the spatial plan document, which was the result of 18 months work. It was done in advance of the District Plan, which was going out for consultation next year.

Cr Bradbury said she thought it was appropriate to put this on the agenda so it could be noted by the community board.

5.6 TWIZEL COMMUNITY BOARD GENERAL UPDATE

The purpose of this report from Brian Milne was to provide the Twizel Community Board with a general update on a number of projects and actions related to the Twizel area in general and Community Board specifically.

Manmade Hill - Brian Milne said money was allocated for general improvements in the past and had not been spent. There was a significant amount sitting there. The \$10,000 towards the development of Manmade Hill would come from this fund.

Manmade Hill was discussed. Would the community get involved? Yes if the mess was cleaned up and they started with a clean slate.

David Adamson suggested a private trust, or someone else, might set up a project where people could buy trees for planting.

Cr Bradbury supported a plan being drawn up so when the money becomes available there is something ready to go.

Update on Swimming Pool Season – This was going well. No more than the usual teething issues.

Twizel Events Centre - Work has started on the structural connections under the seats in the theatre. Other work has also been carried out over the last month. Final plans are through for the fire protection work. These will go through the building control authority for approval then the work will be fast tracked.

Toilets at Lake Ruataniwha – Temporary toilets are being organised at Lake Ruataniwha.

Tree Felling - The chairperson asked if the community board had a say over tree felling as this was not clear. Discussion took place. Community boards don't usually have a say unless they want to, or the situation required it.

The chairperson said trees cleared near the resource recovery park had been left in a mess. Mr Adamson said he would ask Angie Taylor to have a look at it.

Market Place Upgrade – Will start on this work when contractors are available in February. Tracey Gunn asked about the temporary safety handrail that was requested in November. Council staff did not believe it was necessary to provide another handrail when work was planned and the area would be closed. Tracey said when complaints were received from the public she would make it clear this was the council's decision, not the community board's decision.

Furniture – The community board considered the options outlined in the agenda and indicated their preference for bike stands and other town furniture. The consensus on bike stands was number 5. Regarding chairs and tables, chair number 3 with arms. Picnic settings, number 3.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TWCB/2021/234

Moved: Chairperson Jacqui de Buyzer

Seconded: Cr Emily Bradbury

1. That the report be received.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TWCB/2021/235

Moved: Cr Emily Bradbury

Seconded: Member Tracey Gunn

2. That a budget of \$10,000 from the Twizel Township Budget; "Implementation of Development Plan" be allocated for the preparation of a development, maintenance plan and budget for the development Man-Made Hill.

CARRIED

5.7 GENERAL BUSINESS AND COUNCILLOR UPDATE

Communication with the Twizel community – The governance advisor read out an email from Communications Manager Chris Clarke as follows:

Council communicate with all our communities in the same way – there are no differences between communities.

Current channels are:

- *Quarterly Mackenzie Messenger with rates invoices;*
- *Monthly newsletter in the Courier (delivered free to all households in the District);*
- *Council's website;*
- *Council's facebook page.*

Budgetary and resource limitations mean these are the only channels we are currently able to support. We are hoping (subject to budget approval) to introduce a CMS (customer management system) in 2022 which will enable us to build an email database – and integrate it with the website so customers can manage their own mailing preferences. This would enable customers to subscribe to emails on topics of interest, and/or receive the newsletter by email.

Re. the Events Centre – I understand that customer services contacted all those with bookings. An issue arose on social media recently re. a ballet group, however I understand that they had not made a booking – and so were not contacted. In some cases existing bookings were able to be modified to allow events to take place. The project team decided not to communicate generally because the situation is changing as more information comes to hand – so anything we publish is likely to be out of date within a very short period of time. The number of people who use the theatre is very small – and so this approach shouldn't cause too many issues.

A situation regarding a person “being mucked around” was discussed. David Adamson said he and Angie Taylor spent a lot of time working with the organisation and looking at alternatives. Council made a compromise so the person could use the venue. He also explained the need for a deep clean in between bookings if vax passports were not shown at events. Council did not have the time or money to do deep cleans between bookings.

Councillor Report - Cr Bradbury said there was not much to report. She noted there had been a bit of noise on social media about Christmas decorations in Twizel. A group was forming a Christmas committee to look into this and get ahead of it for next year.

David Adamson outlined how Christmas decorations/lights/banners were managed in Christchurch. Lights were more complicated as they needed to be put up by a power company.

Cr Bradbury said the new acting chief executive was a welcome addition to Council.

5.8 COMMUNITY BOARD ACTION LIST

Sealing of Long Bay Carpark – Contractors organised. To be completed by Feb 22 next year.

Twizel Youth Centre Condition Assessment – A project manager is starting to work through council’s building issues one at a time and this was on the list.

Ohau Road Reserve – To come back with a plan in 2022.

Road Speed Petition – A report has come back from Waka Kotahi saying new rules will come into force early in the new year. David Adamson will meet with the petitioner so she can explain the issues with her road. As soon as Council gets the new rules we will be requesting changes at this site and a few others.

Pool Heating – Tenders are out. Remove from list.

Man-made Hill – Remove from list. Action done.

Ohau Road – Remove from list.

Twizel Events Centre – Work underway. On track with the programme of works. The chairperson suggested that Council works with the gym committee to carry out improvements.

Member Tracey Gunn raised a concern that a gardener has not been able to irrigate many gardens around town because of a lack of irrigation. Mr Adamson said there were some water connections that Council was not aware of and these would need to be identified and replaced. Staff were working on this.

The chairman asked Council to be more careful in future when allocating green reserve land to contractors to store equipment on. Land must be returned in good order.

The Mayor thanked the community board for their work and effort over the past year. He wished them the very best for Christmas.

The Meeting closed at 5.36pm.

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

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CHAIRPERSON