



Mackenzie

DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

Fairlie Community Board Meeting

14 July 2022

**MINUTES OF MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL
FAIRLIE COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FAIRLIE
ON THURSDAY, 14 JULY 2022 AT 4.30PM**

PRESENT: Chairperson Damon Smith, Leaine Rush, Angela Habraken, Cr Murray Cox

IN ATTENDANCE: Angela Oosthuizen (Chief Executive), David Adamson (General Manager Operations – Acting), Brian Milne (Community Services Officer), Tom O’Neil (Community Services Officer), Arlene Goss (Governance Advisor), Joni Johnson (Engineering Manager), Sandy Hogg (Finance Manager), Charlotte Taylor (public).

1 OPENING

The chairperson opened the meeting.

2 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

3 PUBLIC FORUM

Engineering manager Joni Johnson introduced new temporary staff member Maddie Irving.

Charlotte Taylor introduced herself.

Claire Dann, and two other members of the public introduced themselves. They then spoke about the need for a shade cover at the playground. They have gained quotes for shade sails and would like to see these installed.

The chairman said the community board was aware there was a lack of shade and supported the idea. Questions were asked about whether they would survive wind and snow. Suggested a council contractor would be able to take them down if wind or snow was due. Looking to only use them in summer.

They already had some funding, about half, and needed another \$6,000 to make up the full amount.

Would shade sails require building consent? Don’t think so. The chairman said the community board would like to work alongside the group. Mr Milne said the community board would need to add a maintenance budget to maintain and replace the shade sails if they got torn in the wind.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5 REPORTS

5.1 MINUTES OF FAIRLIE COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING - 14 APRIL 2022

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION FCB/2022/170
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Moved: Member Leaine Rush
Seconded: Member Angela Habraken

1. That the Minutes of the Fairlie Community Board Meeting held on Thursday 14 April 2022 be received and confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting.

CARRIED

5.2 COMMUNITY BOARD FINANCIAL REPORT

The chairman asked if amounts would be carried forward. Finance manager Sandy Hogg said staff and the community board would be asked if they wanted anything carried forward, and then a report would be sent to council for confirmation and approval in September.

5.3 FAIRLIE COMMUNITY BOARD GENERAL UPDATE

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

Fairlie cemetery memorial wall – No update from Francie Edge. Getting exemption for building consent. The chairman has sent a letter to Francie giving support from the community board.

Dog Park – Mr Milne said fencing was dearer than anticipated but there was more money available than indicated in the report. About \$75,000 was available, with none spent yet. He asked for three quotes, got two back and this price was the cheapest. Cr Cox suggested going out and finding money for things like dog bins from other organisations if the community board was short of money. Also some of the work could be done at a later date.

The fence was like a deer fence but with smaller mesh to stop small dogs getting through. The chairman would like to see whether the cost can be reduced using different wire. Cr Cox suggested staging this and seeking community support. David Adamson said raising money could be for the agility course, rather than for the basics like ground clearing and fencing.

Mr Milne said he had already given approval for the contractors to start work, in order to speed up the project. The community board were concerned that he had done this before getting approval from the community board to spend an extra \$20,000 over budget. They also wanted to know if local contractors were being used. The fencer was from Temuka, and the contract was managed by Whitestone.

The chief executive said the extra \$20,000 had come as a bit of a shock. The community board needed to consider whether it needed the money for other projects.

Cr Cox asked if it was possible to fund this project from the land subdivision reserve. Council would consider this soon. Mr Adamson said he was comfortable there would be enough money in this reserve fund from Fairlie subdivisions to contribute to this project. The chief executive suggested using the \$20,000 that should have been in the LTP for last year.

The community board agreed to spend the original \$30,000 and ask Council to contribute \$20,000 from the land subdivision reserve, which would be put into the community board account when available. If the \$20,000 did not come out of the reserve fund, Council would look at other sources.

The time frame was two months for work to start, so planning to start in September and finish the dog park for summer.

New public toilets – Will be installed in October and operational in November.

Dump Station – Now looking at Dobson View Road. Consulted with neighbours. Mr Milne asked if the community board was happy with that general site and there was no dissent.

Bike racks – Have been installed.

Tree removal at McLeans Park – Six trees will be removed and the rest will have maintenance carried out, as agreed with local residents. This work was scheduled for September 19. Tree in domain will be out within the next fortnight.

Town centre and Village Green Enhancements – The board had a walkaround with staff and a tree needed to be removed as part of the Peace Avenue works. Mr Milne was not sure how big a project to initiate. The chief executive asked if there were people to consult with on this matter. Mr Adamson suggested integrating this into his parking plan. They still need to sort out where the busses would park. Also a request for more charging stations in Fairlie.

The chief executive suggested putting out a draft and seeking consultation. Discussion took place on bins and signage, traffic congestion.

Mr Adamson said he would incorporate some landscape design, bins, etc into the parking plan.

The Mayor said the need for electric parking stations would be sooner rather than later. The chief executive said she had a meeting with Alpine Energy and they wanted to suggest locations for charging stations, and also had funding. Mr Adamson said a debate was needed on whether public land would be given freely for charging stations, or whether it should be bought by the power retailer.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION FCB/2022/171

Moved: Cr Murray Cox

Seconded: Member Leaine Rush

That the Community Board submit a request to Council for funding of \$20,000 from the Land subdivision Reserve Fund for the development of the Fairlie Dog Park.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION FCB/2022/172

Moved: Member Angela Habraken

Seconded: Chairperson Damon Smith

That the Community Board supports the location of the camper dump station at Dobson View Road, adjacent to the transfer station.

CARRIED

5.4 ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineering manager Joni Johnson went over the highlights of her report.

The chief executive and Mayor encouraged community board members to submit to the select committee on the new water reforms.

David Adamson suggested contacting Chorus to request additional fibre coverage for the Fairlie industrial area.

5.5 CORRESPONDENCE

Two letters from Anne Thomson were considered by the community board.

The chairman has talked to her about her requests and there would be no cost to the board. He said the community board approved these ideas.

David Adamson suggested delegating this to staff and appointing a community board member to work on it. Leaine Rush offered to work with Anne Thomson on this further.

5.6 GRANT APPLICATIONS

Member Leaine Rush declared a conflict of interest in the second request from the Mackenzie Cave Hockey Club and did not vote.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION FCB/2022/173

Moved: Member Angela Habraken

Seconded: Cr Murray Cox

1. That a grant of \$250 be approved in response to the application from the Fairlie Lions Club towards the cost of stadium hire for the Mackenzie Half Marathon.
2. That a grant of \$250 be approved in response to the application from the Mackenzie Cave Hockey Club towards the cost of community centre hire for the fundraising film festival.

CARRIED

5.7 GENERAL BUSINESS AND COUNCILLOR UPDATE

Cr Cox said council activity had been directed towards the district plan review lately. They were on stage two, which included spatial planning. This would come out for submissions in early 2023.

National policy statements are coming out on biodiversity affecting significant natural areas. Changes were coming to pastoral leases. Three Waters was still rolling along, and elections were coming up. The pre-election report had gone out.

The destination management plan was in draft. This would be published in the middle of August.

Leaine Rush spoke regarding the **Les Blacklock Scholarship**. She said there were questions about who would administer this. The board felt that the board could receive applications and allocate the scholarship, with council handling the money. Governance advisor Arlene Goss agreed to work with Leaine Rush on this. The community board would like to award this on the anniversary of Les Blacklock's death in December.

Frisbee Golf Course at McLeans Park – There has been a request for a frisbee golf course at McLeans Park. This would be better as a community-led project than initiated by Council.

Lighting trees in the main street – The chairman has been approached by Anne Thomson to request that the trees be lit. Would we be interested in looking at this? David Adamson said there was talk about extending the dark sky area to include Fairlie. Need to think about whether the community board wants a dark sky or lights shining up trees. This would be a community board discussion to determine this. Cr Cox said this side of the basin had not been informed of the implications of becoming part of the dark sky reserve. This needed to happen. There wasn't a full understanding from residents.

Would the dark sky trust do consultation with the community or would council do this? Council would do this. Timeframe – this would come out to the public later this year with a chance to submit. If people don't like the outcomes they can appeal it and then it goes to the Environment Court.

Leaine Rush said the community board would need to communicate that lighting up the trees might not match up with Dark Sky compliance.

Walkway track on green area between Denmark Street and Mt Cook Road- Discussion took place on a project to extend the cycle track to Kimbell. An action point would be added to put in interpretation panels and assigned to Tom O'Neil.

The Runanga would like to put in a po that recognises traditional pathways in the district. This was the subject of an application for Better Off Funding. The Innovation Fund also has money for storytelling.

Electric Bikes – The board would like to donate its electric bike to the Fairlie Lions for them to raffle or auction at a community-based event. Terry O'Connell is the Lions secretary.

5.8 COMMUNITY BOARD ACTION LIST

Community centre kitchenette – Builder said a few weeks ago that it was imminent.

Peace Trees – starting work in mid-September. Prior to work starting Council would put out a media release to tell people it was maintenance rather than removal. Replacement trees, the aborist suggested replacing with scarlet oak. Did not want to replace with elms due to Dutch Elm Disease. Cr Cox suggested involving the community in collecting seeds from the current trees. Arlene Goss to raise this with the Lions Club when she contacts them about the electric bike.

Fairlie Bike Stands – Complete. Remove from list.

Lighting on the outside of the community centre – There does not appear to be any outside lighting. Tom O'Neil offered to follow this up.

The Meeting closed at 6.37pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Fairlie Community Board Meeting held on 25 August 2022.

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CHAIRPERSON