



**Mackenzie**

DISTRICT COUNCIL

**Unconfirmed MINUTES**

**Tekapo Community Board Meeting**

**24 August 2022**

**MINUTES OF MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL  
TEKAPO COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING  
HELD AT THE TEKAPO COMMUNITY HALL MEETING ROOM, LAKE TEKAPO  
ON WEDNESDAY, 24 AUGUST 2022 AT 3.00PM**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mayor Graham Smith, Cr Anne Munro, Chief Executive Angela Oosthuizen, Engineering Manager Joni Johnson, Community Services Officer Brian Milne, Governance Advisor Arlene Goss, Krissy Rhodes (Church of the Good Shepherd)

**1 OPENING**

The chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

**2 APOLOGIES**

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TKCB/2022/225**

Moved: Cr Matt Murphy

Seconded: Member Chris Scrase

That the apology received from Cr Murray Cox be accepted and leave of absence granted.

**CARRIED**

**3 PUBLIC FORUM**

Krissy Rhodes from the Church of the Good Shepherd said she was informed that council would tidy up the area around the church and they were happy with this, but last week they were shocked to see the rocks were moved and ground smoothed over for grass. She asked to work with Council to ensure this remained a heritage area with rocks appropriately placed and native planting. Genesis recently gave them a grant to plant natives on the opposite side of the road and they were working on that. They would like to do a similar thing on the west and the north side of the church. The bund looks fabulous and she would like the same on the west and the north. The committee would like to get together with council staff to discuss this.

David Adamson said this area had been tidied up because it was full of weeds. There must have been a miscommunication. He suggested it would be good for a community board member to work with both the church and council on this. This would be discussed further outside the meeting.

**4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

## 5 REPORTS

### 5.1 MINUTES OF TEKAPO COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING - 5 AUGUST 2022

It was noted that public forum speaker Fabricio Savignano spoke about outdoor exercise equipment, not play equipment. This correction would be made.

#### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TKCB/2022/226

Moved: Member Caroll Simcox

Seconded: Member Chris Scrase

1. That the Minutes of the Tekapo Community Board Meeting held on Friday 5 August 2022 be received and confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting, with the correction noted above.

**CARRIED**

### 5.2 COMMUNITY BOARD FINANCIAL REPORT

Chris Scrase suggested the tavern island cost needed to be included under township projects.

The grant of a thousand dollars to the Mackenzie County Scholarship fund was reimbursed by Council at its meeting yesterday.

The chairman asked if maintenance of the Tekapo Hall came out of the township fund or a separate fund. There was a separate fund for this. The chairman asked which budget they would fund IT equipment for the hall meeting room from. David Adamson and the chief executive offered to follow up on this. The chairman would work with the IT and engagement manager on this project.

Chris Scrase asked for an update on the land subdivision fund. The finance manager was actively working on this. David Adamson said the balance at the beginning of the last financial year was \$2.5 million. This was being updated to the current year. There was also a \$2.4 million balance in Tekapo water, and a \$2.6 million balance in the Tekapo wastewater budgets. Mr Adamson was preparing a plan to spend this, but it would ultimately be a Council decision and not the responsibility of the community board.

### 5.3 PARKS, FACILITIES AND PLACES UPDATE

The purpose of this report was to provide the Tekapo Community Board with a general update on projects and activities related to the Tekapo community. Brian Milne spoke to this report.

**Maukatua Reserve** – Signage going in soon.

**Lakefront path design** – Mr Milne updated the community board on changes to the plans, made after a walkaround with the community board following the last meeting. Chris Scrase passed on compliments from visitors who loved the natural lakefront.

Chris Scrase asked if the outdoor exercise equipment suggested at the last meeting would be suitable for Maukatua Reserve. There was some discussion on this.

The chairman noted that after the walkaround a terrace would be formed as part of the design and he asked for an indication of the new cost for this work. Mr Milne was unsure but believed this was within budget.

The community board repeated their request that this be called the Lakefront Rehabilitation, not the Lakefront Development.

**Tavern Island** – This project was approved at the last meeting. The chairman said since then there had been a discussion on pavers. The board discussed whether to use pavers or concrete under the picnic table. They decided that whichever option is chosen, such option needed to be consistent with plans for the other side of the carpark. The board also suggested silver tussocks be changed to red tussocks.

**Bike stands** - to be installed.

**Tekapo Hall cleaning** – Tom O’Neill was working on finding a new cleaner. Could a hall custodian role be combined with the cleaning role? Discussed how the hall would best run. It needed an online booking system, or something viewable. Different ideas on pricing and costs were discussed. Sharron Binns offered to prepare a draft position description and to speak to Tom O’Neill about this further.

**Pay Toilets** – The chairman asked if financial information on the pay toilets was available. This would be available at the next meeting.

#### 5.4 ENGINEER'S REPORT

Joni Johnson went through the points in her report.

She would like to workshop the future Tekapo wastewater plant upgrade with the community board before going out to the public. The board agreed this could happen during the election period. This would be a huge project over the next five years.

Cr Murphy said at council level he thought experts were planning to go away and talk to landowners and come back to council, so what was the purpose of workshoping with the community board? Mr Adamson said the consultants have done this. They are recommending a site. The new council needs to be brought up to date on this after the election.

Chris Scrase said to be careful as there was consultation fatigue in the community. The community board agreed that a refresher workshop would be helpful. A copy of the consultant’s report would be emailed to the board members.

Joni Johnson handed out a parking design layout for a small parking area on Motuariki Lane. This area is for cars only and needs signage to stop long vehicles. The community board agreed with this plan and requested that it be implemented as soon as possible.

Cr Murphy raised the issue that the current state of the roads was fairly poor. He would like communications to locals on re-sealing work, e.g. a map showing which roads will be re-sealed this season. The public still need to phone the council to notify of pot holes. The Mayor noticed that road markings were getting faint and re-painting would happen after re-sealing.

**CCTV cameras** – Phase 2 has been installed. They have not yet been hooked up to the police base.

**Bus shelters** – Joni Johnson asked the community board to think about whether two bus shelters were still a priority in 2022. They were originally requested in 2019. The biggest issue for people waiting for buses was people waiting for the Intercity bus to Christchurch/Queenstown. Tourists

on busses did not need a bus shelter as they got back on their bus. Intercity currently stops outside Dark Sky. A shelter was also needed at the start of the Alps2Ocean track.

Discussion took place on whether a people shelter with a table and seats under it, would be more useful than a simple bus shelter. Noted there wasn't a traffic management plan for busses. The bus stop would be bolted together and could be moved at a later time.

The community board agreed to erect one shelter at the Four Square, and a second one (budget permitting) at Hamilton Drive. They asked for something sympathetic to the look of Tekapo.

Mr Milne said there were also plans to put a public toilet in the Hamilton Drive area. Cr Murphy asked if a bus shelter could accommodate toilets. This was doable but a longer process.

Mr Adamson would go away and check the criteria of the funding and see what can or cannot be done.

**Alps2Ocean Sign** – Mr Milne showed a photo of a sign supplied by the Great Rides government organisation to be installed at the start of the Alps2Ocean trail at Hamilton Drive. The community board felt the sign was too brightly coloured and not sympathetic to the surrounds. They would not like to see it installed in its present form. They decided to decline the sign and not use it.

## 5.5 GENERAL BUSINESS AND COUNCILLOR UPDATE

Cr Murphy said the Te Manahuna Ki Uta destination management plan was adopted by council yesterday.

**Three Waters** – The Mayor spoke to the parliamentary select committee. He was opposed to the model but not opposed to reform.

**Roading** – Some effort had gone into repairing Lilybank Road for tourists following the flooding.

The chief executive offered to circulate reports from Christchurch NZ and the SC Chamber of Commerce for information.

**Letter on Cowans Hill Styles** – The Mayor offered to look into this and come back to the next meeting, as he was speaking to DoC on other matters and would raise this at the same time.

**Electric Bikes** – Race Tekapo is coming up in two weeks. There would be a dinner held with up to 120 people. Would like to offer the E-bike as an auction item and split the proceeds between Lake Tekapo School and the Lake Tekapo Bright Stars Kindergarden. Will pick it up from the garage at Fairlie.

**Rubbish bins** – Tom O'Neil will replace old bins outside Dough Boys with new ones.

**Interruption to Water Supply** – Joni Johnson said this was during scheduled maintenance and contractors believed a line they shut down was not connected to water users. As soon as they heard from people that the water supply was interrupted they stopped work and turned the water back on. Joni Johnson said she would investigate further.

**Service requests and customer services** – The chief executive said she needed clarification around the data, the process, and closing off requests. There needed to be something going back to people to let them know if requests would take a while to resolve. The community board said there was a consistency issue on when things were followed up. The chairman said the originator of the request had no visibility around what was happening with the request.

**McLaren Tekapo Footbridge** – Rust on handrails. This was raised some time ago. Cr Murphy also asked for a tidy up of the main road bridge handrails.

**Freedom Camping Update** – Looking for legislative changes around self-containment. The community board would like to invite the new regulatory manager to their next meeting.

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TKCB/2022/227**

Moved: Member Caroll Simcox

Seconded: Member Chris Scrase

That the Tekapo Community Board supports the presentation given by the Lake Tekapo Sports Trust at the last community board meeting, and supports this going to Council.

**CARRIED**

*Cr Matt Murphy declared a conflict of interest and did not vote.*

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TKCB/2022/228**

Moved: Member Chris Scrase

Seconded: Member Caroll Simcox

That the Tekapo Community Board agrees to allocate the electric bike as a fundraising item, with the proceeds to be split evenly between Tekapo School and the Tekapo Brightstars Trust.

**CARRIED**

**The Meeting closed at 5.00pm.**

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

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**CHAIRPERSON**