



**Mackenzie**

DISTRICT COUNCIL

## **MINUTES**

**Twizel Community Board Meeting**

**1 February 2023**

**MINUTES OF MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL  
TWIZEL COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING  
HELD AT THE TWIZEL EVENTS CENTRE  
ON WEDNESDAY, 1 FEBRUARY 2023 AT 4.30PM**

**PRESENT:** Chairperson Tracey Gunn, Tony Hodges, Jan Spriggs, Mary Murdoch, Cr Kerry Bellringer

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mayor Anne Munro, Deputy Mayor Karen Morgan, Angela Oosthuizen (Chief Executive), David Adamson (General Manager Operations), Brian Milne and Tom O'Neill (Community Services Officers), James Leslie (Former Councillor), John Mackie (Engineering Manager), Sandy Hogg (Finance Manager), Sue Wilkins (Communications Advisor), Arlene Goss (Governance Advisor), and about 10 members of the public

## **1 OPENING**

The chairperson opened the meeting and notified of the next council meeting which would happen in Twizel on February 28.

## **2 APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies.

## **3 PUBLIC FORUM**

**Pat Shuker** – The handrail by the Hydro café has not been done. David Adamson says this is in the contract that starts in February. The community board asked for up to date plans for this work to be circulated.

**Brett Campbell** – He is concerned about the high volume of dog faeces near the rowing lanes at Lake Ruataniwha. A member of the public said this was not dog faeces but was left by Canada geese. There is a dog park included in the Ruataniwha management plan. Put in a service request so the compliance officer can take a look.

**Pamela Prior** – A concern raised at a recent Linkage meeting was that there are bike racks around town but they cannot be used by electric bikes with wider tyres. The chairperson said two new bike racks have gone into Market Place and can be used by wider tyres.

**Pat Shuker and Elizabeth Higgins** asked for a large sign that says no cycle riding in Market Place. Tom O'Neil said he could order some new signage and install it. Discussion took place on the need for cyclists to be informed about the rules. David Adamson suggested adding this as an action point.

**Jan (last name not supplied)** – She asked about whether signs could be added to say dogs are allowed in Market Place on leads. She thinks the new dog bins are great and asked for a few more around town. She also said the portable toilets at Lake Ruataniwha had such a bad stench they could not be used. The usual practice when this happens is to phone the council so the toilets can be cleaned.

Cr Bellringer raised rubbish collection and asked for a second collection to be held after Christmas.

#### 4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

#### 5 REPORTS

##### 5.1 MINUTES OF TWIZEL COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING - 14 NOVEMBER 2022

###### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TWCB/2023/270

Moved: Chairperson Tracey Gunn

Seconded: Member Mary Murdoch

1. That the Minutes of the Twizel Community Board Meeting held on Monday 14 November 2022 be received and confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting.

**CARRIED**

##### 5.2 COMMUNITY BOARD FINANCIAL REPORT

###### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TWCB/2023/271

Moved: Member Jan Spriggs

Seconded: Member Tony Hodges

That the community board financial report be received.

**CARRIED**

##### 5.3 GRANT APPLICATION

Swim Ruataniwha invited the community board to the lake this week to discuss their event. They have done a lot of work including sourcing other grants. Potentially this event will attract a lot of people to the town. This is an event worthy of our support.

###### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TWCB/2023/272

Moved: Chairperson Tracey Gunn

Seconded: Member Mary Murdoch

1. That a grant of \$500 be approved to the Swim Ruataniwha towards a spot prize for the public swimming event on February 23.

**CARRIED**

##### 5.4 TWIZEL COMMUNITY BOARD ENGINEER'S REPORT

The purpose of this report is to provide the Community Board with a general information on

Engineering activities in the Twizel area.

John Mackie introduced himself as the acting engineering manager and detailed activity in the three waters and roading areas. This includes a tender to install smart meters in Twizel.

The transport team is repairing flood damage from last year and looking at safety signage throughout the district.

The chairperson was thankful for new safety signage. She asked for an extra sign for the west side where Northwest arch meets Glen Lyon Road asking cyclists to ride in single file.

Member Jan Spriggs asked for further signs at the pedestrian/courtesy crossing near the supermarket in the carpark. David Adamson said he would investigate this further, including whether 10k signs are needed.

Jan Spriggs asked if water meters would result in an increase in rates. The chief executive said not in the next three years. After that the entity that manages the water would look at whether it would charge by volume.

Discussion took place as to whether Twizel has the highest water use per head of population and the calculation was questioned. John Mackie answered questions about this and how the use of water meters would help discover leaks in the system.

#### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TWCB/2023/273**

Moved: Chairperson Tracey Gunn

Seconded: Cr Kerry Bellringer

1. That the report be received.

**CARRIED**

## **5.5 PARKS, FACILITIES AND PLACES UPDATE**

The purpose of this report is to provide the Twizel Community Board with a general update on projects and actions related to parks, facilities, and places in the Twizel area.

Rick Ramsay was asked to speak on his request for support to install further machinery on the town frontage. He said the Heritage Group was fortunate to acquire extra equipment. The planned Twizel house is fully permitted and consented. They have engaged a company to put in the foundation and move the house onto the site.

The next bit of machinery to go in is the dragline, currently being painted in Christchurch. The dump truck is in town and a loader is in Oamaru.

Health and Safety signage was being managed by Tom O'Neil.

The Market Place upgrade was finally about to get done, starting in February.

The Lake Ruataniwha Reserve Management Plan consultation closed in late January. Only got eight submissions, largely very supportive. One submission objected to the idea of sports fields in that area.

The chairperson asked about the accessible car parks going near the wheelchair accessible ramp.

Twizel Events Centre – nearing completion of the compliance work. Looking at structural plan and cost to raise the events centre to compliance level to be used as a welfare centre in an emergency

situation such as earthquake. Chairs can now be booked at the service centre for hire. An online booking system would be added shortly.

New toilets at Lake Ruataniwha. Portable toilets were installed temporarily. New toilets will be installed by April. David Adamson urged the community to notify the 0800 number when there was a problem with the toilets or dog poo at Lake Ruataniwha.

Mary Murdoch asked if the portaloos could be cleaned and shifted for better use at the Swim Ruataniwha event.

Swimming Pool has been running well this season. Some improvement for next year would be discussed in the annual plan workshop. Tom O'Neil said the new heating system has gone well.

Jan Spriggs asked about a comment regarding a year-round operation proposal from Belgravia. This refers to the events centre rather than the swimming pool.

A member of the public asked for more communication and signage to notify people of the pool opening hours. Tom O'Neil would ask the contractor to notify them of any changes to opening details and other information so the public could be informed.

The chairperson asked why there had not been any inflatables available at the pool. Tom O'Neil said regulations required three lifeguards on duty when inflatables were in the pool. Due to staff shortages they had not been able to do this.

Tom O'Neil was also asked to put something on the pool page about the money available to form a swim club.

The community board asked for a walkabout with staff to be organised before the next meeting.

Bike rack – A new bike rack has been installed but there were questions about the design of it and chipping paint. The chairperson would like staff to go back to the supplier on the paint problems. There were also issues on functionality.

Mural Funding – The swimming pool wall has been painted white in preparation for the new mural.

Bike repair/tool stand – This was being discussed with the Tekapo community board as well as Twizel. Discussion to place on whether this would have an impact on a bike repair business in Market Place. It was agreed to defer the decision to the next meeting so this could be assessed.

A member of the public suggested this be put somewhere under camera. Cr Morgan asked for this to be considered as a project for the entire Alps2Ocean trail, paid for by the combined councils. To go on the action sheet.

Man-made Hill development – Discussion took place on the money for this project coming from the development reserve fund. Jan Spriggs asked for clarification on the amount of money that was available to Twizel so priorities could be considered. The chief executive outlined current work on establishing the development reserve funds for the three wards. She would like a holistic picture of the whole communities.

Discussion included the fact that the previous community board and staff had put a lot of work into this project and it should continue to happen. However another view was that the project should be put on hold for two months until the amount in the subdivision reserve was known. This would happen after audit in March/April.

A member of the public asked where the money was going to come from when the project was drawn up, and how much had been spent to get the project to this point. Brian Milne estimated about ten thousand dollars had been spent so far.

Road naming – the community board requested maps of where these roads are so they can see locations. A community consultation was suggested.

Twizel River Trail – Repair work is underway after flooding.

Queens Memorial Planting – A question was asked about irrigation. Is there irrigation nearby to water these. Yes. The community board agreed on the seven totaras as a memorial with a plaque.

New trees on greenways – Jan Spriggs asked Mr Milne to give some consideration to planting locations to allow for other activities on the greenways.

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TWCB/2023/274**

Moved: Chairperson Tracey Gunn

Seconded: Member Mary Murdoch

1. That the Public Facilities, Parks and Places update report be received.
2. That the Man-Made Hill Development and Maintenance plan be updated to implement the project over a three-year period from 2023 to 2026, subject to annual plan approval.

**CARRIED**

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TWCB/2023/275**

Moved: Member Jan Spriggs

Seconded: Chairperson Tracey Gunn

That funding of \$3,500 be approved from the Township Project fund, for the planting of 7 Totaras.

**CARRIED**

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TWCB/2023/276**

Moved: Chairperson Tracey Gunn

Seconded: Member Jan Spriggs

That the addition of the machinery and future area as proposed at the Machinery Display on Wairepo Rd, in the letter of 16 January 2023, from the Twizel Heritage Group, be approved.

**CARRIED**

**5.6 GRETA LODGE**

The purpose of this report is to outline options for the future management of the Greta Lodge.

Tom O'Neil outlined the background to this proposal. The chairperson said she liked the idea of making the lodge available to a community group but suggested calling for expressions of interest. There needed to be an inspection schedule if it was leased. Concerns about it being maintained.

The community board asked for a call for expressions of interest to be advertised in the Twizel Update and social media. This would be a public notice advert.

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TWCB/2023/277**

Moved: Chairperson Tracey Gunn

Seconded: Member Tony Hodges

1. That the Twizel Community Board requests that staff call for expressions of interest across South Canterbury and North Otago for organisations interested in the lease of Greta Lodge.

**CARRIED**

## **5.7 GENERAL BUSINESS AND COUNCILLOR UPDATE**

1. Land sale funds. There is a current moratorium on land sales. In the past money from land sales has gone into a council account.
2. Shade sails at the playground. Cr Kerry Bellringer would like to investigate this further. Discussion took place on options available to address high winds. The community board agreed that Cr Bellringer would investigate this further.
3. Seats donated by the Cancer Society. Can the seat in the sun be moved to a shady spot. Tom O'Neil said he looked at this and the seat was fully shaded in the middle of the day. Include this in the walkaround.
4. Dam dwellers plaque in the market place needs some maintenance. This is a service request. Cr Kerry Bellringer gave an update on council activity, in particular the council meeting held yesterday.

The District Plan hearings would be held in Twizel in March. There was a lot happening with central government reform.

## **5.8 COMMUNITY BOARD ACTION LIST**

Youth Centre – Can it be demolished? Delete this action and add New action, Twizel Youth Centre demolition, assign to David.

Twizel Working Man's Hut – Running with the Heritage Group's timeline on this.

Compactor bin Rubbish Service – Angie Taylor meeting with contractor to discuss contract then it will start.

Twizel Liquor ban – temporary signs in place.

Wilding pines – walkaround and meeting with holiday park.

Glen Lyon Ford – On order. Installed end of March.

Twizel Electric Bike – Looking for expressions of interest from groups raising money they can donate the bike to for a raffle. To be advertised on Twizel Facebook page.

New Years Eve fire ban and general fire risk – no update. Remove from the list.

Development of Twizel River Reserve – Tony Hodges volunteered to be the community board representative in regards to this.

New tennis net – Has been delivered. To be installed.

The chairperson thanked the council for the flowers she received on the passing of her mother.

**The Meeting closed at 7.22pm.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Twizel Community Board Meeting held on 27 February 2023.**

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**CHAIRPERSON**