



MINUTES

Twizel Community Board Meeting

28 January 2019

**MINUTES OF MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL
TWIZEL COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING
HELD AT THE EVENTS CENTRE, TWIZEL
ON MONDAY, 28 JANUARY 2019 AT 3.00PM**

PRESENT: Ms Jacqui de Buyzer (Chairperson), Mr Norman Geary, Mrs Pat Shuker, Cr Paul Hannagan, Nancy Collins

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Graham Smith, Suzette van Aswegen (Chief Executive), Garth Nixon (Group Manager Community Facilities), Phill Mackay (Emergency Management Officer), Bernie Haar (Group Manager Assets), Arlene Goss (Committee Administrator), Charlotte Borrell (Committee Administrator), six members of the public.

1 OPENING

The chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting and welcomed Charlotte Borrell, the new committee administrator.

2 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Jordan Langley and an apology for lateness was received from Cr Hannagan.

3 PUBLIC FORUM

Judy Norman reminded the meeting that the Twizel Cancer Society paid for two chairs to be installed in the shade at the playground. They would like input on the chairs and where they go. This was noted by the chairperson.

Cr Paul Hannagan arrived at 3.03pm.

Simon Fox, the chief fire officer in Twizel, asked to speak regarding the recent lowering of the water reservoir in Twizel. He did not receive any notice of this from Council. He wants to raise awareness about fire risk reduction. He is worried that grass growth has been phenomenal and this creates the risk of a major incident this summer. Some properties in North West Arch are a real risk because they are not being managed. Managing fire risk has been passed to the fire service, and is no longer a responsibility of council.

Bernie Haar, Group Manager Assets, arrived at 3.07pm.

Mr Fox said there was not enough water pressure to have two fire trucks running at the Glen Lyon Road subdivision. He also said people with water tanks did not have the right couplings. Plumbers are not doing this work and he would like Council to look into enforcement.

He was worried that the reservoir was low earlier in the month and if there was a big event there would not be enough water for firefighting.

The Mayor said councillors were concerned about this and would make sure the reservoir would never drop below 50%. The SCADA system did not notify staff that there was an issue. Mr Haar said the failure may have been caused by a storm event. New systems have been put in place as a back up to prevent this happening again.

Mr Fox asked for a red flashing light to be put on the side of the building to inform residents. This would be considered.

Mr Fox would like to be notified, as chief fire officer, of any future disruptions to the water supply.

Mr Fox was thanked for attending and he left the meeting.

Shaun Norman then came forward and showed some signs that had been funded by the community board. These were to put on tracks that go around the town. He was thanked for his work on this.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5 REPORTS

5.1 MINUTES OF TWIZEL COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING - 3 DECEMBER 2018

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TWCB/2019/180

Moved: Cr Paul Hannagan

Seconded: Ms Jacqui de Buyzer (Chairperson)

1. That the Minutes of the Twizel Community Board Meeting held on Monday 3 December 2018 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

CARRIED

5.2 MATTERS UNDER ACTION - TWIZEL

Market Place completion: The board needs to meet to determine where it will go on this. Priority is to improve the steps going up to the Information Centre, wheelchair access, and disabled car parking. Mr Nixon was asked to cost this work.

Replacement theatre seats: Seats are installed. Four seats have cut marks in them and this will be resolved. Looking at hazard marking or tape at the end of the rows. There is also room for more seats that what was planned.

The community board asked for handrails. Mr Nixon can explore this.

Wifi: no update.

Events centre building compliance: Final things on the list are marking the carpark for disability access and fixing the guttering. Contractors are engaged to do this work.

Walkway 35 Simon Street: remove from action list.

Broken yellow lines: remove from list.

Broom spraying: This has been done below Ruataniwha, and fences are in. Remove from list.

Long vehicle car parking: Community board asked for a completion date to be communicated. Committee secretary to look into this.

Pool improvements: Work underway and continuing. Good feedback has been received and these were communicated at the meeting.

River track: Council area has been sprayed. DOC area not sprayed. Residents are worried about the long grass and fire risk. Mr Nixon will organise to have this cut and bailed. Mr Geary asked if rubbish bins could be put on the rubbish track. Discussion took place on whether bins would make the rubbish worse. Mr Nixon suggested signage asking people to take away their rubbish.

Cr Armstrong joined the meeting at 3.40pm.

The chief executive reminded the members about the operational costs of litter bins and the risks of blowing out the budget. The community board agreed that a sign would be helpful.

The chairperson asked for information about a media report that said 95% of freedom camping fines were not paid. The Mayor and Mr Nixon provided background information on this issue.

Local government is working to put better systems in place to capture fines from tourists before they leave the country. The chief executive suggested that people make a submission to the tourism strategy on MBIE.govt.nz.

BMX track: This has had a lot of use over the holidays. People have thanked the community board for putting it in. The chairperson thanked Pat Shuker for her work co-ordinating this.

Memorial to men that died on the power scheme: Mr Geary said Meridian would like to present the plaque to the community board for council to install on the fountain in Market Place. The chairperson asked for the water fountain to be maintained before the plaque goes on. Mr Nixon offered to do this as early as possible.

Sports Hall Floor: to be organised.

Man-made Hill improvements: Mr Geary said he needs to verify a couple of things with the golf club regarding liability for when they have a working bee. Discussion took place on the need for Council to work through issues with ownership of the land.

Sealed path on the main highway: Mr Haar said the roading manager has had a discussion with NZTA on this.

5.3 TWIZEL COMMUNITY BOARD FINANCIAL REPORT

The purpose of the report was to inform Twizel Community Board members on the financial performance of the Twizel Community as a whole.

The chairperson would like to send a letter to the TPDA thanking them for their financial contribution towards the new theatre seats.

The old theatre seats have been dismantled and the steel parts will be recycled.

The chairperson asked about money spent on fencing (page 20 of the agenda) and Mr Nixon explained this was within budget and was a timing issue.

On page 23 the cost of the footpath in Simons Street (nearly \$15,000) was questioned. This was an accurate price.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION TWCB/2019/181

Moved: Ms Jacqui de Buyzer (Chairperson)

Seconded: Cr Paul Hannagan

1. That the report be received.

CARRIED

5.4 TWIZEL COMMUNITY RESILIENCE PLAN

Emergency Management Officer Phill Mackay handed out printed copies of the draft community resilience plan. He plans to finish the document, print it and get it delivered throughout the Twizel community. The community board provided feedback on the document and thanked him for his work.

5.5 CORRESPONDENCE - LETTER FROM TWIZEL AREA SCHOOL

The letter from Twizel Area School was noted.

5.6 CORRESPONDENCE - GRANT APPLICATION FROM MACKENZIE PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY

The chairperson said since sending in the application Amy Oughton has discovered she cannot buy the original play, Seussical Kids, so she has updated her application for the meeting and would like to buy a play as yet un-named.

The chairperson suggested this application would better fit the criteria for a Creative Communities grant and Mr Nixon provided information on the details of this programme, which is funded externally by Creative Communities.

The community agreed to forward the application to the Creative Communities grant process and asked the committee administrator to write to Amy Oughton.

5.7 GENERAL BUSINESS/ INFORMATION UPDATE

River Walk Dumping of Rubbish: Pat Shuker has received complaints of rubbish left on land owned by Environment Canterbury. Mr Nixon offered to refer this to Ecan.

Domain Proposal: Pat Shuker said someone came to her with a proposal regarding the river walk. They would like the community board to take over DOC land and cut the grass in that area. Mr Nixon said the community board has already passed a resolution to cut the grass twice a year and this was due to be done. Add this to the Matters Under Action list.

Northwest Arch reserve: Pat Shuker asked for an assurance that council land would not be sold. Currently there is a moratorium on all land sales in the district. Selling land would require a public consultation.

Signage: Pat Shuker said police told her the signage on the ground noting the liquor ban in Market Place was not adequate to stand up in court. Council needs to provide better signs. The Mayor offered to talk to the Group Manager Regulatory about this. Also need to re-paint the signs on the ground regarding no dogs, no cycles.

Playground seat back and shade cloth: Judy Norman suggested some simple seats under the trees. In the playground she suggested a shade cloth over the swings. Mr Nixon said there needed

to be a clearance area around playground equipment and he would need to investigate what could be achieved. Judy said she has already gathered information from suppliers and this information could be of benefit. Mr Geary offered to get this information and share it with the community board.

Mrs Shuker asked if backs could be added to the seats currently in the Market Place. The chairperson suggested that a seat with a back be priced for the area under the trees. Mr Nixon to action this.

Cycle track to rowing, chip to course: The Mayor said this had already been decided to be done. Mr Haar said this was a long-term project and not high on the list. On his timeline it's three to five years out. The chairperson urged the councillors and Mayor to give priority to this project.

Pool temperature: Good reports on this. New covers on the pool have made a difference. Mr Nixon said there was \$30,000 in the budget next year to improve the solar heating.

Land Reserve Rata Road and Totara Drive: Council has voted money towards the final clean up and grassing of this area.

Update on sewer outages over Christmas: Cr Hannagan raised this issue. Mr Haar said he has instructed Whitestone to clean up sewage spills. The drain that blocked was the drain that drains the whole of 'old' Twizel. This was blocked with fat, wet wipes and tree roots. This has been cleaned out and contractors would put a camera up the pipes to make sure there was no break. They were flushing it on a six month cycle as a pre-emptive measure.

Mr Haar said everyone can help by not tipping fat down the drain and by throwing wet wipes and nappies into the rubbish instead of down the drain.

Water problem over Christmas: Mr Haar explained the difficulties with the pumps. He said the system is a good system. Electronic technology has more risk of failing. Mr Haar said he would talk to the utilities manager about the possibility of a faster alarm. Cr Hannagan suggested an informal peer review of the Scada system. Mr Haar agreed this would be helpful and suggested bringing in someone from another local authority. The board were frustrated by the continued failures and strongly urged a review of the SCADA system and/or its management.

5.8 WARD MEMBERS REPORT/REPORT FROM MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

Cr Hannagan reported on his activities attending council workshops and meetings.

He also mentioned an approach from a family asking to put wooden seat on the shore at Lake Ruataniwha at short notice, for a family member who was dying. He said the Council was understanding and the seat was installed quickly. A photo of the seat was handed around.

The Twizel Tekapo Community Vehicle Trust has met and would like to get the tap working at the Events Centre to wash their cars. Mr Nixon will fix this.

The chief executive updated the members on the organisation review.

5.9 MINUTES FROM OTHER COMMUNITY BOARDS

The minutes of the other community boards were noted.

The Meeting closed at 5.10pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Twizel Community Board Meeting held on 11 March 2019.

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