

TE ANAU COMMUNITY BOARD

15 March 2006

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MINUTES of a meeting of the Te Anau Community Board
held in the Meeting Room, Real Journeys Fiordland Community Events Centre,
Te Anau, on Wednesday, 15 March 2006, commencing at 2.00 pm

06.04.1 PRESENT:

Members R Egan (Chairperson), J C Attfield, G R Cockburn, D J Hay, and
J H Steffens

IN ATTENDANCE:

Messrs C C Dolan (Manager Area Offices), and B Miller (Area Engineer).

06.04.2 APOLOGIES:

Moved Member Steffens, seconded Member Hay
and RESOLVED THE APOLOGIES FOR NON ATTENDANCE FROM
COUNCILLOR A D RIDLEY AND MEMBER CARRUTHERS BE
SUSTAINED.

06.04.3 PUBLIC FORUM:

Moved Member Steffens, seconded Member Cockburn
and RESOLVED THAT STANDING ORDERS BE SUSPENDED TO
RECEIVE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

The Board received a delegation from Environment Southland who made a
presentation on the Draft Regional Pest Management Strategy Review.

A question and answer session on the Review followed the presentation and it
was agreed members complete the submission document if they so desire.

Member Hay, seconded Member Cockburn
and RESOLVED THAT STANDING ORDERS BE REINSTATED.

06.04.4 NOTIFICATION OF URGENT BUSINESS:

Moved Member Steffens, seconded Member Hay and RESOLVED THAT SUBJECT TO SECTION 46A OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT 1987, THE FOLLOWING ITEM BE CONSIDERED AS AN ITEM OF URGENT BUSINESS:-

- REPORT ON TAKARO LODGE

It was agreed this matter be considered in view of decisions being required prior to the next ordinary meeting of the Board.

06.04.5 MINUTES:

- 06.04.5.1 Minutes of the previous ordinary meeting of the Te Anau Community Board held on 15 February 2006, had been circulated to Board Members.

Moved Member Cockburn, seconded Member Hay and RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE TE ANAU COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD ON 15 FEBRUARY 2006, BE RECEIVED AND CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

- 06.04.5.2 Minutes of the joint meeting of the Te Anau Community Board and Te Anau Airport Manapouri Management Committee held on 6 March 2006 were circulated.

Moved Member Cockburn, seconded Member Hay and RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE TE ANAU COMMUNITY BOARD AND TE ANAU AIRPORT MANAPOURI MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 6 MARCH 2006 BE RECEIVED AND CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS

06.04.6 COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

A written report, prepared by Councillor Ridley was tabled at the meeting. The report covered the following issues:-

- Council to discuss the Manapouri airport proposal at its meeting today, 15 March 2006.
- Zone 6 meeting – presentation from Transpower about infrastructure renewals; microchipping of dogs; Local Government NZ levy local government to lobby central government for further funding towards sewerage schemes.

06.04.6 COUNCILLOR'S REPORT CONT'D:

- Council intend encouraging farmers to collect used baleage wrap as Southland Enterprises is recycling this and half the proceeds go to schools.
- Council will be discussing the possibility of altering the differential for roading funding and how this may be done.
- Submission to Transit NZ about their 10 year State Highway forecast.
- Involvement with the review of Venture Southland.

Moved Member Attfield, seconded Member Hay
and RESOLVED THAT THE INFORMATION BE RECEIVED.

06.04.7 ACTION SHEET:

The Board considered the Action Sheet outlining the previous outstanding resolutions of the Board along with the action details of January 2006 meeting.

Moved Member Hay seconded Member Attfield
and RESOLVED THAT THE ACTION SHEET BE RECEIVED.

Issues arising from the Action Sheet included:-

LTCCP – Public Toilets

Group Manager, Assets & Services, requested to provide a report on new policy to Board's April 2006 meeting.

05.9.8.1; 04.12.7.2; 04.11.9.1; 04.5.8.2 – C & D Te Anau Information Kiosk

Board approves of signage with 'I' sign to be erected on both sides of Information board and illuminated kiosk – Board requests sighting of design plan of final panel reflecting Te Anau at April meeting, with Area Engineer to arrange.

05.9.8.1; 04.12.8.5 Te Anau Foreshore

Mr Miller presented concept plans of the development proposed.

Members discussed and commented on the plans presented. Included in the discussions included the removal of some gum trees in the vicinity of the development.

Moved Member Steffens seconded Member Attfield
and RESOLVED THAT THE AREA ENGINEER BE AUTHORISED TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT IN LIAISON WITH MWH, AND FURTHERMORE, BOARD MEMBERS TO VISIT THE SITE WHERE DEVELOPMENT IS PROPOSED AND DISCUSS FURTHER THE ISSUE OF THE REMOVAL OF SOME OF THE GUM TREES.

06.04.7 ACTION SHEET CONT'D:

05.10.8.4 -Te Anau Integrated Planning Project – Draft Project Brief

Presented before the Board was an update on the Te Anau Growth Planning Study by Mr Peter Kloosterman.

Notes from the report were;

- The project involves 3 key streams of work – landscape, natural hazards and infrastructure.
- Arrangements that are involved in enacting the work.

05.10.8.8 - Te Anau Rodeo – Upuk Walkway

The Area Engineer reported that he has met with representatives of DOC re this project; Mr Miller advised DOC will provide a report which will be available for the Board April meeting; the Area Engineer was requested to ensure report included financial implications and proposed starting date.

06.2.8.3 - The Ranch – Paving

The Area Engineer reported the owner of the Ranch has agreed to meet costs of paving.

06.2.12.2; - Wasp Infestation

The Area Engineer tabled a policy document in relation to Bee & Wasp Nest Eradication.

The Board noted the policy document covered issues including scope, definition, level of service, response, routine works inspections, eradication, reporting, performance criteria and health and safety.

Mr Miller advised that should the Board approve of the policy prices would be sought from qualified contractors.

In discussing the policy Board members were supportive of its content and gave the authority for the policy to be enacted and prices sought.

Moved Member Hay, seconded Member Cockburn
and RESOLVED THAT THIS BOARD ADOPT THE BEE AND WASP NEST ERADICATION POLICY AS TABLED AND THE AREA ENGINEER PROCEED WITH SEEKING PRICES FROM SUITABLE CONTRACTORS TO CARRY OUT SUCH ERADICATION IN THE TE ANAU WARD.

06.04.8 REPORTS SECTION

06.04.8.1 WORKS & FINANCE REPORT :

Report by Mr B Miller (Area Engineer), Ms S McDermott (Accounts Officer) and K Ladbrook (Water Services Technician) on the Works & Finance report for the period ended 31 January 2006 was tabled.

Moved Member Cockburn, seconded Member Steffens
and RESOLVED THAT THE WORKS & FINANCE REPORT TO 31
JANUARY 2006, BE RECEIVED.

Camping Bylaw Review

Mr Miller invited the Community Board to review this Bylaw; at this point a copy of the Camping Bylaw 2002 was distributed to all Members.

It was agreed the Bylaw Review be deferred for consideration at the Board's April meeting with Members requested to provide input to the Review.

06.04.8.2 LIONS PARK – ROTARY CLUB OF FIORDLAND:

Communication advising the Rotary Club was involved in the clean-up of Lions Park after the New Years Eve celebrations and enquiring if the Board would see fit to forward the relevant fee for the work involved, was tabled.

The Chairman, Member Egan, commented that he had sighted a further letter from the Rotary Club concerning the Board financially funding the New Years Eve celebrations. Member Egan added that he had decided that particular letter be deferred until the April Board meeting.

In response to the request to fund the clean-up as presented at this meeting the Chairman felt further information was required before the Board could commit the funds requested.

Board members concurred with the Chairman's comments.

Moved Member Attfield, seconded Member Hay
and RESOLVED THE COMMUNICATION FROM THE ROTARY CLUB
OF FIORDLAND SEEKING FUNDING FOR THE CLEAN-UP OF LIONS
PARK FOLLOWING THE NEW YEARS EVE CELEBRATIONS BE
RECEIVED AND THE ISSUE BE LEFT ON THE TABLE FOR FURTHER
INVESTIGATION AND RECONSIDERATION AT THE BOARD'S APRIL
MEETING.

06.04.9 MEMORANDA SECTION

06.04.9.1 TRAFFIC CONTROL:

Copy of a communication from the Te Anau Primary School, addressed to Transit NZ, expressing concern at the problem of motorists exceeding the speed limit as they pass the school, adjacent Milford Road was tabled.

The Board was informed the communication was forwarded for information purposes.

Moved Member Cockburn, seconded Member Hay and RESOLVED THE COMMUNICATION FROM TE ANAU PRIMARY SCHOOL, ADDRESSED TO TRANSIT NZ BE RECEIVED AND SUPPORTED, AND FURTHERMORE THE SCHOOL BE REQUESTED TO FORWARD A COPY OF THE REPLY FROM TRANSIT TO THE BOARD.

06.04.10 COMMITTEE REPORTS:

There were no resolutions resulting from Committee reports.

06.04.10 CONSIDERATION OF URGENT BUSINESS:

06.04.10.1 REPORT ON MEETING AT TAKARO LODGE:

The Chairman, Member Egan, gave a verbal report on his meeting with representatives of the Immigration Service, Mayor Cardno and proprietors of Takaro Lodge.

Member Egan made it clear that he felt this Board should not be involved in anything to do with Takaro and the Immigration Service, and how these organisations operate in their own right. Member Egan did however feel most concerned at the treatment of guests during the recent 'raid' carried out by Immigration Service and NZ Police Officers. He stated that legitimate paying guests were demanded to identify themselves, provide passports and felt this would cause considerable damage to tourism, Takaro Lodge, Fiordland and have overall effect tourism on New Zealand as a whole.

Member Egan repeated that while he did not want to get involved in these organisations' practices/operations he felt the Board should be seeking reasons why the Immigration Service and NZ Police handled this operation the way they did, in particular, the molesting of law abiding and paying guests at the Lodge. He felt a public apology of some sort would go some way to repair the damage caused to the Lodge guests and tourism in the area or, alternatively seek an explanation of why it was dealt with the way it was.

06.04.10.1 REPORT ON MEETING AT TAKARO LODGE CONT'D:

At this point the Chair sought reaction from other Board members on whether they support his proposal and seek an apology or an explanation from the Immigration Service.

Member Attfield reacted by stating the Board should not get involved in anyway whatsoever in what occurred at Takaro over the past week.

Members Cockburn and Steffens agreed with the Chairman and felt an explanation of some sort may be warranted. Both of these Members agreed that the issue of how Takaro operates and who it employs is not the business of the Board.

Member Hay drew the Board's attention to the joint approaches of the three Mayors within Southland into the 'happenings' that took place at Takaro and felt it would be beneficial in the first instance to establish the outcome of their investigations.

Members discussed the issue at length and it was finally agreed that the Chairman be authorised to liaise with Mayor Cardno and establish the outcome of the joint investigation into the 'happenings' at Takaro that is being facilitated by the three Mayors of Southland province namely Mayors Cardno, Shadbolt and Hicks.

The meeting concluded at 4.10 pm

READ AND CONFIRMED



CHAIRMAN

Date:

19 April 2006