

Waitaki District Council

Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Waitaki District Council held in the Council Chamber, Council HQ, 20 Thames Street, Oamaru at 9.00am on Wednesday 10 May 2017

Present Mayor Kircher (Chair), Crs Tavendale, Dawson, Garvan, Hopkins, Holding, Kingan, Percival, Perkins, Wheeler and Wollstein

Apologies

In Attendance Mr Ross (Chief Executive)
Mr Jorgensen (Assets Group Manager)
Dr Cloete (Community Services Group Manager)
Mrs Baillie (Customer Services Group Manager)
Mr Hope (Chief Financial Officer)
Mrs Gregor (Waihemo Community Board, Member)
Mr Sullivan (Ahuriri Community Board, Chair)
Mr Roesler (Policy & Communications Manager)
Mrs Tanner (Policy Officer - Governance)

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

1. Public Forum

Mr Neil Roy attended the public forum to speak to Council on roading in the East Otago area. Mr Roy has concerns about the mining company closing off public roading thoroughfares. Roads of particular concern are Matheson Road, Golden Point Road and Horse Flat Road. The mining company informed the community that Matheson and Golden Point Roads were closed under the Public Works Act. Matheson Road has been obliterated by a massive pit. Mr Roy is tempted to contact the Minister to explain the situation and go to the Environment Court.

Mrs Pauline Thwaites spoke on public toilets. Mrs Thwaites has concerns as the Severn Street toilets and the toilets beside The Last Post are closed, so elderly residents are using facilities in cafes. Mayor Kircher explained Council are reviewing the Toilet Strategy and will again be looking at where toilets are most needed.

Mr Ray Henderson spoke on Oamaru Harbour and proposed development. Mr Henderson noticed the map shows that the Esplanade still connects to Wansbeck Street and would like the status of the road confirmed. Mayor Kircher explained the map will be amended to clarify this.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED
WDC17/057

Crs Tavendale/Dawson
"That Council confirms minutes of 29 March 2017 Council meeting with minor amendments."

CARRIED

RESOLVED
WDC17/058

Crs Hopkins/Dawson
"That we thank Mrs Tanner for her record of service, assistance and good humour and extend every good wish for her future."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Mayor's Report

The Mayor's report provides comments to bring Councillors and the public up to date with a number of issues that have arisen since the last Council meeting. Some of these include:

- Applications for the CEO role have now closed and we were very pleased to receive a total of 72 applications. Interviews will commence shortly with an appointment to be announced in the latter part of June.
- This year, the introduction of round-table public meetings to discuss Council's Annual Plan were trialled with some positive results. Councillors will now look at draft budgets and projects and make decisions on the final Annual Plan.
- Civil Defence and Emergency Management model has been changing across Otago as we move to a regional model to provide greater consistency and support for each district.
- Oamaru Farmers' Market is a real success story. There is a lot of positivity about the market these days. Attended their AGM and discussed a multi-use area set up for them to operate well out of.
- Anzac day services were held throughout the district. Across Waitaki, Kiwis turned out to remember those who served our country. Council is committed to help support communities holding future services.
- Visited Craig's Poultry farm and viewed their new free-range farm facilities.
- Oamaru Landfill is now closed and the new transfer station operation is underway at Industrial Lane in Oamaru's North End. There were 2,500 customer visits through the old landfill with residents taking up the offer of cheap or free rubbish disposal.
- Mayor Kircher tabled Select Contracts report on the Oamaru Adventure Park. This document will be added to Council's website today.

RESOLVED

WDC17/059

Crs Hopkins/Tavendale

"That Council receives the information."

CARRIED

4. Chief Executive's Report

The following comments are provided to bring Councillors up to date with issues that have arisen since the last Council meeting on 29 March 2017. The layout of this report is designed to mirror in part the KPI's set by Council for the CEO. These reflect our key community outcomes. A number of the comments are simply reporting back to Council on matters which have arisen over the last few weeks. Some of these include:

- Planning for Council's next in-house staff survey is underway and will commence later this month.
- Approximately 80 submissions were received to Council's Annual Plan. Council will consider adopting the Annual Plan on 21 June.
- Building Control and Regulatory Services: Current information shows that 87.9% of consents has been processed within 20 working days.
- Property Unit have been very busy with three key projects ie RSA, Oamaru Courthouse and Harbour Area.
- Alps2Ocean project team met recently. Good progress has been made on the Duntroon to Oamaru section of the cycle trail. Pleasing to see an increase in numbers going through the on-line booking service.
- Process to enable Council to sell land in and around the Oamaru Harbour is underway.

RESOLVED

WDC17/060

Crs Wollstein/Kingan

"That Council receives the information."

CARRIED

5. Recommendation from Finance, Audit and Risk Committee Meeting – 12 April 2017

Rating Adjustment – Gards Road, Otekaieke

RESOLVED

WDC17/061

Crs Hopkins/Dawson

“That Council write off all incorrectly levied rates and arrears on assessment number 101329, a property owned by the Department of Conservation on Gards Road, Otekaieke.”

CARRIED

6. Recommendation from Customer Services Committee Meeting – 26 April 2017

Adoption of Road Naming Policy

RESOLVED

WDC17/062

Crs Tavendale/Wollstein

“That Council adopts the Waitaki District Road Naming Policy.”

CARRIED

7. Recommendation from Ahuriri Community Board Meeting – 1 May 2017

12 Ranfurly Street, Kurow

RESOLVED

WDC17/063

Crs Dawson/Perkins

“That Council:

1. Notifies the community of its intention to revoke reservation of 12 Ranfurly Street, Kurow under the Reserves Act 1977.
2. Request the Department of Conservation to revoke reservation and dispose of 12 Ranfurly Street, Kurow.
3. Remove the recreation designation for 12 Ranfurly Street, Kurow in the District Plan.”

CARRIED

8. Recommendations from Assets Committee Meeting – 26 April 2017

Roading Maintenance Contract Effects

RESOLVED

WDC17/064

Crs Kingan/Percival

“That Council:

1. Approves the additional annual expenditure of \$463k to meet the new road maintenance contract levels of service for the Annual Plan 2017/18 and into the Long Term Plan for 2018/28 understanding that:
 - a. 80k will be funded by existing depreciation funding.
 - b. \$265k from NZTA and
 - c. \$170k will be funded from increased rates funding.
2. Includes an additional \$170k to the 2017/18 Annual Plan budgets from 1 July 2017 onwards to fund the new maintenance contract with the impact to be considered as part of the Annual Plan debate.”

CARRIED

Oamaru Creek Bridge ReplacementRESOLVED
WDC17/065

Crs Wollstein/Tavendale

"That Council:

1. Amend the budget for the construction of a timber bridge structure crossing the Oamaru Creek to \$112k, contingent upon NZTA co-investment funding being approved.
2. Commit to including a project to link the bridge into the cycleway network between the Harbourside cycleway and Waitaki Boys High in the 2018/28 Long Term Plan with a budget of \$430k, including NZTA co-investment.
3. Develop concepts for beautification of the bridge, consistent with the harbour area prior to tendering the works."

CARRIED

Road Stopping: Matheson and Golden Point RoadsRESOLVED
WDC17/066

Crs Hopkins/Kingan

"That Council stops the unformed roads on Matheson and Golden Point Roads as described in the schedules and transfers the land to the adjoining owner Oceana Gold Limited."

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 10.14am and reconvened at 10.33am

9. Lower Waitaki-South Coastal Canterbury and Upper Waitaki Zone Committees Annual Reports

Council to receive the Annual Reports for both Zone Committees. Nic Newman, representing the Lower-Waitaki-South Coastal Canterbury Zone Committee, was in attendance to discuss their report and respond to any questions from Council.

RESOLVED
WDC17/067

Crs Hopkins/Kingan

"That Council receives the information."

CARRIED

10. Recommendation from Harbour Area Committee Meeting – 3 May 2017**Harbour Land**RESOLVED
WDC17/068

Crs Tavendale/Hopkins

"That Council:

1. Proceed with releasing an Expression of Interest (EOI) document seeking interest from parties in the Harbour Land, while keeping the Community informed of progress."

CARRIED

RESOLVED
WDC17/069

Crs Hopkins/Tavendale

"That Council:

2. Agree that the results of the Expressions of Interest (EOI) be reported to the full Council."

CARRIED

11. Warrant of Appointment

RESOLVED
WDC17/070

Crs Hopkins/Wollstein

“That Council hereby appoints **Rachael Willox** as:

- a) An ‘Enforcement Officer’ under Section 177 of the Local Government Act 2002 with authority to exercise the following powers:
 - i) Entry of private land (s171);
 - ii) Entry for enforcement purposes (s172);
 - iii) Entry in cases of emergency (s173); and
 - iv) Authority to act (s174).
- b) An ‘Enforcement Officer’ under Section 38 of the Resource Management Act 1991 with authority to exercise all the powers of an Enforcement Officer under the Resource Management Act 1991, and in particular the following powers:
 - i) Avoid, Remedy or Mitigate Adverse Effects (s17);
 - ii) Acquire Information (s22);
 - iii) Issue an Abatement Notice (s322);
 - iv) Carry out, at any reasonable time, inspections of any place or structure (except a dwelling house) (s332);
 - v) Issue an excessive noise direction (s327);
 - vi) Enter private land to ensure compliance with an excessive noise direction (s328);
 - vii) Take preventative or remedial action (s330);
 - viii) Enter for survey (s333);
 - ix) Seize property (s323) & (s328); and
 - x) Return property (s336).
- c) A ‘Litter Control Officer’ under Section 5 of the Litter Act 1979 with authority to exercise all the powers of a Litter Control Officer under the Litter Act 1979.”

CARRIED
AGAINST: Cr Percival

12. Amend Regulatory Services Objectives Timeframes

To negotiate revised timeframes on objectives agreed as a result of the 2015 Regulatory Business Case.

RESOLVED
WDC17/071

Crs Hopkins/Wollstein

“That Council approves the amended objectives proposed below.”

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To increase performance of the BCA/TA to issue all consents within 15 working days of lodgement without detriment to overall operation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – By 31 May 2017, 95% of consents are approved within 20 working days – By 31 December 2017, 100% of consents are approved within 20 working days – By 30 June 2018, 100% of consents are approved within 15 working days
To investigate and implement options to enable 24 hour booking request for inspections by 30 June 2018
100% of building inspections completed within customer desired timeframes of two working days by 31 December 2018
To assist the customer and industry to lodge a complaint and acceptable consent at first attempt 50% of the time by 31 December 2018
To improve the regulatory customer experience, decision-making processes and awareness by 31 December 2017 and regulatory reporting by 31 December 2018
To successfully implement relevant policy, bylaw and legislative priorities by 31 December 2018

CARRIED
AGAINST: Cr Percival

13. District Licensing Committee

To consider effectiveness of the existing committee format and alternative options, including membership numbers and appointment terms.

RESOLVED
WDC17/072

Crs Garvan/Tavendale

“That Council:

1. Approve Option 1 ‘Continue with A and B Committee with membership of five’ as is the current District Licensing Committee (DLC) model
2. Approve DLC membership of five (5) members
3. Approve amendment of DLC term to five (5) years
4. Approve position descriptions
5. Approve the DLC roles to be advertised 12 May 2017
6. Approve the continuance of the existing committee until 30 July 2017
7. Confirm the Executive Committee will be the recruitment committee
8. Notes that staff will provide Council with a quarterly report on DLC activity.”

CARRIED

14. Oamaru Courthouse Redevelopment

To upgrade the Oamaru Courthouse so that Court services return to the building.

RESOLVED
WDC17/073

Crs Tavendale/Wollstein

“That Council agree:

1. A budget of \$900k, funded from the Oamaru Endowment Reserve fund, be approved to bring the building up to an Importance Level 3 (IL3) 100% New Building Standard (NBS) rating and to a tenantable standard.
2. The Chief Executive be directed to finalise negotiations with the Ministry of Justice for the Courthouse building located at 88 Thames Street, Oamaru prior to advising Councillors of the outcome and signing the Councillor endorsed Sale and Purchase Agreement and Deed of Lease.”

CARRIED
AGAINST: Cr Percival

15. Confirmation of Public Excluded Meeting Minutes

RESOLVED
WDC17/074

Crs Kingan/Wollstein

“That Council confirms the public excluded minutes of 29 March 2017 Council meeting.”

CARRIED

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 11.42am.

Confirmed on this day, 21st day of June, at Waitaki District Council Chambers, Oamaru.

Chairman