

Waitaki District Council

Customer Services Committee

**CONFIRMED MINUTES of Customer Services Committee Meeting
held in the Whitestone Cheese Empire Room of the Oamaru Opera House,
94 Thames Street, Oamaru
on Wednesday 11 October 2017 at 9.59am**

Present Cr Tavendale (Chair), Crs Dawson, Holding, Percival, Perkins, and Wollstein; Mayor Kircher

In Attendance Cr Garvan
Cr Kingan
Cr Wheeler
Mr Power (Chief Executive)
Mrs Baillie (Customer Services Group Manager)
Mr Jorgensen (Assets Group Manager)
Mr Hope (Chief Financial Officer)
Mr Roesler (Policy and Communications Manager)
Mrs van der Spek (Policy Consultant)
Mr T Hope (Enforcement Officer)
Ms Hooper (Policy Officer – Governance)

Apologies

There were no apologies.

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

1. Confirmation of Previous Meeting Minutes

RESOLVED
CUS17/024

Cr Dawson / Cr Wollstein
“The Customer Services Committee confirms its previous meeting minutes for 30 August 2017, as circulated, as a true and correct record.”

CARRIED

2. Approval of Dog Control S10A Report 2017

The report, as circulated, proposed that the Customer Services Committee recommend to Council to adopt the Dog Control S10A Report 2017, in order for Council to meet its legislative requirements.

RESOLVED
CUS17/025

Mayor Kircher / Cr Holding
The Customer Services Committee recommends:
That Council:

1. Adopts the report as required under section 10 A of the Dog Control Act 1996.
2. Makes the report available via its website and places advertisements in appropriate newspapers to confirm the report is available.
3. Notes that, once adopted, the report is sent to the Secretary for Local Government.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 10.10am, and reconvened at 10.25am.

3. Draft Waitaki District General Bylaw 2017 – changes resulting from consideration of submissions to become final version

The report, as circulated, presented information to the Customer Services Committee about the changes to the Draft Waitaki District General Bylaw 2017 following Council's consideration of and direction on public submissions received, and proposed actions pursuant to sections 155, 159 and 160 of the Local Government Act 2002.

The Chair addressed the meeting about her preference for a revised set of recommendations so that the Bylaw could focus more on education and support for responsible cat ownership than the current more regulatory approach to companion cat management taken in the proposed final version of the Waitaki District General Bylaw 2017 attached to the agenda report. The revised recommendations were circulated to Councillors, and are copied below (changing word appears in *italics*).

ALTERNATE

RESOLUTION:

Cr Tavendale / Cr Holding

The Customer Services Committee recommends (amendments in italics):

That Council:

1. Notes the changes to the Draft Waitaki District General Bylaw 2017 provided in Appendix 3 *and in addition removes sections 67, 68, 69 and 70 from the Draft Waitaki District General Bylaw 2017 and updates the remaining numbering accordingly;*
2. Notes that the changes provided in Appendix 3 reflect Council consideration of and direction on public submissions received at the 9 August 2017 Extraordinary Council meeting, *and notes the removal of sections 67, 68, 69 and 70 reflects potential issues raised in public submissions received at the 9 August 2017 Extraordinary Council Meeting and officer recommendations made to Councillors at a previous workshop;*
3. Having regard to sections 155, 159 and 160 of the Local Government Act 2002 (the Act):
 - a. Agrees that the Waitaki District General Bylaw 2017 in its recommended form in Appendix 4 is considered the most appropriate and proportionate way of addressing the perceived problems to protect persons using and trading in reserves and public places, and minimise nuisance and maintain public health and safety associated with the keeping of animals, birds and bees; and
 - b. Revokes and replaces the Waitaki District General Bylaw 2006 with a new Bylaw; and
 - c. Agrees that the proposed Bylaw attached as Appendix 4 is the most appropriate form of bylaw; and
 - d. Agrees that the proposed Bylaw is consistent with the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 as the controls are reasonable and justifiable in the circumstances.
4. Adopts the Waitaki District General Bylaw 2017 (as set out in Appendix 4 and subject to the approval from the Minister of Conservation – Reserves section) to come into effect on 1 March 2018.
5. *Requests that a report comes back to Council utilising the anticipated funding of \$35,000 that was to be spent annually on enforcement of the companion cat provisions, now removed from the Waitaki General Bylaw, be allocated over the next three years towards promoting responsible cat ownership and management in the Waitaki District."*

The ensuing discussion focused on both the agenda report's recommendations and the revised ones, as circulated, as well as the workshop deliberations which helped inform the content of the agenda report. It was noted that the Chair had been overseas at the time the workshop was held, and therefore had not had an opportunity to contribute to the deliberations there. The discussion concluded with a decision not to put the alternate resolution to the meeting, but instead to resolve to take a different approach (refer to resolution below).

RESOLVED
CUS17/026

Mayor Kircher / Cr Wollstein
That this matter, including the revised recommendations, lie on the table, so that there can be further discussion at another workshop.

CARRIED

Cr Percival left the meeting at 11.10am.

4. Customer Services Group Activity Report

The memorandum, as circulated, presented information to the Customer Services Committee about the activities of the Customer Services Group, for the period 17 August to 27 September 2017.

RESOLVED
CUS17/027

Cr Holding / Cr Wollstein
"That the Customer Services Committee receives the information."

CARRIED

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 11.16am.

CONFIRMED at the Customer Services Committee Meeting held on the 22nd day of November 2017 in the Whitestone Cheese Empire Room of the Oamaru Opera House, 94 Thames Street, Oamaru.

[signed]

Chairperson