



# **Waitaki**

DISTRICT COUNCIL

TE KAUNIHERA Ā ROHE O WAITAKI

## **Notice of Meeting**

and

## **AGENDA**

# **Ordinary Council Meeting**

**Tuesday 26 June 2018**

**9.00am – 12.45pm**

**A Public Forum will be held at the commencement of the meeting,  
from 9.00am – 9.30am.**

**If you wish to speak during the Public Forum,  
please register your interest with the Governance and Policy Advisor  
by 12.00pm on Friday 22 June 2018.**

**VENUE: Council Chamber, Third Floor  
Waitaki District Council Headquarters  
20 Thames Street, Oamaru**

# *Waitaki District Council Meeting*

Council Chamber, Third Floor,  
Waitaki District Council Headquarters, 20 Thames Street, Oamaru

**9.00am, Tuesday 26 June 2018**

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## **19. Resolution to Exclude the Public**

"That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely items 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25.

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded; the reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows (refer next page):

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter - Section 48(1)
Public Excluded:	To protect the privacy of natural persons.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confirmation of Public Excluded Meeting Minutes – Council Meeting 8 May 2018 PE</li> <li>• Confirmation of Public Excluded Minutes of the Council Hearings of Submissions on the Long Term Plan 2018-28 – 15 May 2018 PE</li> </ul>	Section 48(1) (a). (The disclosure of the information would cause unnecessary personal embarrassment to the persons concerned.)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recommendations from Harbour Area Committee Meeting – 5 June 2018 PE</li> <li>• Tourism Waitaki Contract Extension PE</li> <li>• Order Pursuant to Section 42 of the Resource Management Act 1991 PE</li> <li>• Procurement of services for completion of South Hill water reticulation upgrades (stage 2) PE</li> </ul>	To enable the Council to carry out commercial negotiations without prejudice or disadvantage. Section 48(1)(a) (Premature disclosure of the information would detrimentally affect the Council's position in the negotiations.)

These resolutions are made in reliance on Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of the Act or Section 6 or Section 7 or Section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982, as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as shown above (in brackets) with respect to each item."

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## Resolution to Return to Public Session

That Council resumes in open meeting and decisions made in public excluded session are confirmed and made public as and when required and considered.

<b>26.</b>	<b>Release of Public Excluded Information</b>
	Public excluded information that is approved for release during the Public Excluded session of this meeting will be included in the public minutes of this meeting, under Agenda Item 26.



**Waitaki District Council****Council**

**UNCONFIRMED MINUTES of a meeting of the  
Waitaki District Council held in the Council Chamber,  
Waitaki District Council Headquarters, Third Floor, 20 Thames Street, Oamaru  
on Tuesday 8 May 2018 at 9.00am**

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<b>Present</b>	Mayor Gary Kircher (Chair), Deputy Mayor Melanie Tavendale, Cr Craig Dawson, Cr Peter Garvan, Cr Jeremy Holding, Cr Jim Hopkins, Cr Guy Percival, and Cr Jan Wheeler
<b>Apologies</b>	Cr Bill Kingan, Cr Hugh Perkins, Cr Colin Wollstein
<b>In Attendance</b>	Fergus Power (Chief Executive) Neil Jorgensen (Assets Group Manager / Deputy Chief Executive) Paul Hope (Finance and Corporate Development Group Manager) Lisa Baillie (People and Culture Group Manager) Lichelle Guyan (Heritage, Environment and Regulatory Group Manager) Ainslee Hooper (Governance and Policy Advisor)
<b>Part Attendance</b>	Erik van der Spek (Recreation Manager); Victoria van der Spek (Consultant) Richard Maher (Programme Manager); Renee Julius (Property Manager); and Grant Rhodes (Projects and Assets Officer)

The Chair declared the meeting open at 9.00am, and welcomed everyone present.

**1. Apologies**

RESOLVED  
WDC 2018/066

Cr Jim Hopkins / Cr Jeremy Holdings  
That Council accepts apologies from Cr Bill Kingan, Cr Hugh Perkins  
and Cr Colin Wollstein.

CARRIED

**2. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. Intern Presentation – Amelia Guibbal**

Amelia noted that she was the first intern in the Waitaki Internship programme, and had found her time in Waitaki rewarding and enjoyable. She had worked mainly with Tourism Waitaki to provide marketing assistance and translation services. Her presentation referred to brochures and promotional work that she had been involved with while in the district.

When asked what she would put in a YouTube video to attract French tourists to the district, her reply was landscapes (Lord of the Rings was well known and landscapes here were outstanding); and unique activities (this was an adventurous place compared to France; there were beaches AND mountains, which was an advantage to be highlighted).

The Chief Executive thanked Amelia for being such a wonderful asset to the whole internship team, acknowledging her professionalism, poise, excellent communication skills; and being a great ambassador for the district. The Mayor also thanked her on behalf of the district, and presented her with an internship completion certificate.

**Public Forum**

There were no members of the public present who wished to speak during the Public Forum.

#### 4. Confirmation of Previous Meeting Minutes

RESOLVED  
WDC 2018/067

Cr Craig Dawson / Deputy Mayor Melanie Tavendale  
That Council confirms the public minutes of the 27 March 2018 Council Meeting, as circulated, as a true and correct record of that meeting, with two minor amendments, namely:

- Under Agenda Item 5, Mayor's Report, paragraph three, final line, that the word "member" be added after "ex-officio"; and
- Under Agenda Item 9, 2018-28 Long Term Plan – Approval for Consultation (discussion part 1), paragraph three, bulletpoint 4, third line, second word – replace "accept" with "adopt".

CARRIED

RESOLVED  
WDC 2018/068

Cr Jim Hopkins / Deputy Mayor Melanie Tavendale  
That Council confirms the minutes of the 10 April 2018 (additional) Council Meeting, as circulated, as a true and correct record of that meeting.

CARRIED

#### 5. Mayor's Report

The Mayor's report, as circulated, was taken as read. It provided comments to bring Councillors and the public up-to-date with a number of issues that have arisen since the last Council meeting. Topics included The Waitaki Lakes Shoreline Committee, The Provincial Growth Fund, The Oamaru Whitestone Civic Trust, Trustpower National Volunteer Awards, Fixing and Improving; and Meetings Attended.

*[NOTE: The full version of the Mayor's Report is available on Council's website as part of the "8 May 2018 Council Meeting Agenda Papers PUBLIC", and can be accessed through the pathway "Council / Council Meetings / Agendas and Minutes".]*

The following points were highlighted / clarified during discussion on the Mayor's report:

- The new section towards the end of the report entitled "Fixing and Improving" was aimed at capturing some of the important little things that were occurring perhaps more behind the scenes; similar to a "stocktake".
- It was a lack of available resources that had prevented the Returned Services Association (RSA) from taking on the organisation of the ANZAC Day commemorations.
- It was noted that, whilst attending the 5 April opening of the Waitaki Boys' High School Science Block, the Mayor had been able to talk with the Prime Minister, and specifically to discuss Waitaki's heritage and Geopark initiatives. Support for them had been received in response.

RESOLVED  
WDC 2018/069

Cr Jim Hopkins / Deputy Mayor Melanie Tavendale  
That Council receives and notes the information.

CARRIED

#### 6. Chief Executive's Report

The Chief Executive's Report, as circulated, was taken as read. It provided comments to bring Councillors up-to-date with issues that had arisen since the last Council meeting. Topics included: Three Waters Review; Proposed Waitaki Whitestone UNESCO Global Geopark; Business and Site Visits; and Meetings Attended.

*[NOTE: The full version of the Chief Executive's Report is available on Council's website as part of the "8 May 2018 Council Meeting Agenda Papers PUBLIC", and can be accessed through the pathway "Council / Council Meetings / Agendas and Minutes".]*

Key points highlighted / clarified during discussion on the report were as follows:

- The Three Waters Review documents had been circulated with the Chief Executive's report and uploaded to Council's website alongside the agenda papers, in recognition of the importance of this matter nationally. The BECA report showed that Otago is the second-most expensive region to get water to a drinking standard. However, that was primarily a function of Queenstown's highly intensive tourist visitor rates; Waitaki was doing okay in the regional rankings.
- Chief Executive Fergus Power expressed his deep appreciation for the efforts of the whole team at Council who had successfully put together the bid for a UNESCO Global Geopark in what had been only three months.
- In the aftermath of the Havelock North drinking water enquiry, Waitaki was in a good position – some upgrades had already been done, and the work programme was continuing well with Omarama, Ohau and small rural supplies still to do. The Water team was also working closely with both the Canterbury and Otago drinking water groups, as well as Public Health South (the regulatory entity) and Canterbury councils. The Chair acknowledged this work and effort, and noted that Council's decision to go out early on upgrading its drinking water had paid off, with Waitaki sitting far ahead of some others.
- Several of the referenced business visits and meetings had been related to identifying possible links with other entities or activities if the Waitaki Geopark bid was successful.

RESOLVED  
WDC 2018/070

Cr Jeremy Holding / Cr Jan Wheeler  
That Council receives and notes the information.

CARRIED

## 7. Recommendations from Finance, Audit and Risk Committee Meeting – 10 April 2018

The recommendations report, as circulated, sought Council's approval of recommendations agreed at the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee Meeting held on 10 April 2018.

### (a) Otago Rural Fire Authority Establishment Loan Write-off

The report to the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee had sought to resolve outstanding issues following the disestablishment of the Otago Rural Fire Authority.

It was noted that the fire equipment had originally been purchased locally by the Otago Rural Fire Authority and would still be available locally, along with the fire services. In this way, local ratepayers would still have access to and benefit from the equipment and service under the new national arrangement.

RESOLVED  
WDC 2018/071

Cr Craig Dawson / Deputy Mayor Melanie Tavendale  
That Council:

1. Approves the write-off of the Otago Rural Fire Authority Establishment Loan, and that this write-off be funded from existing rural fire depreciation reserves
2. Approves the transfer to the General Reserve of any unused balance in the depreciation reserve.

CARRIED

Against: Cr Jim Hopkins



**At 9.55am, the Chair directed the meeting to take agenda items out of order, and to move forward to Agenda Item 10.**

# **10. Lower Waitaki-South Coastal Canterbury and Upper Waitaki Water Management Zone Committees – 2017 Annual Reports**

The memorandum, as circulated, attached the 2017 Annual Reports of the Lower Waitaki-South Coastal Canterbury and Upper Waitaki Water Management Zone Committees. Zone Committee facilitators Barbara Gilchrist and Dave Moore, and Environment Canterbury's Zone Manager Chris Eccleston were in attendance to present their reports.

The Chair welcomed the Zone Committee representatives to the meeting, and invited them to speak to their reports.

Upper Waitaki Zone Committee Facilitator Barbara Gilchrist presented her report first, with key discussion points as follows:

- Highlights for the Upper Waitaki Zone Committee had been the successes in biodiversity work, especially around Otematata, and with the hangi held at the Omarama School in November, where students had had the opportunity to learn about the endangered longfin eel.
- A key challenge was the increase in visitor numbers.
- Priorities for the Committee were to continue to improve water quality, and to make sure that data was available to inform decision-making.
- Councillors congratulated the Zone Committee on its good work with signage and communication to get the message out regarding safe drinking water and places to swim, as well as the better facilities being provided for freedom campers. It was suggested that the Committee could do more to celebrate and promote the significant achievements that were being made. Zone Committee Facilitator Barbara Gilchrist thanked Councillors for their acknowledgments.

Lower Waitaki-South Coastal Canterbury Zone Committee Facilitator Dave Moore submitted an apology on behalf of the Committee Chair Kate White who was attending the Waimate District Council's meeting to similarly present the Committee's annual report.

- Highlights for the Lower Waitaki Zone Committee had included working with local catchment groups at the Black Hole swimming area to restore the area. The Committee was also focused on Wainono Lagoon which was a good biodiversity project with bird islands, and involved collaboration between the Department of Conservation, Environment Canterbury, and the University Otago. It had achieved some success already, and was providing a lot of learning for all parties.
- A key challenge was "grey scrub" (matagauri) which was very important for the environment; lizards, birds, and invertebrates loved it, and it also helped to retain water in the soil. It was disappearing as farming intensified, so the Zone Committee was working with farmers to find solutions – the current focus was on sourcing funding to build fencing.

The Chair thanked the Zone Committee representatives for their reports and for attending the meeting to discuss their work with Councillors. He acknowledged that their projects were important and sometimes involved work that was not easy to facilitate, but also that their achievements and efforts were appreciated and acknowledged.

RESOLVED  
WDC 2018/072

Cr Jim Hopkins / Cr Jeremy Holding  
That Council receives and notes the information.

CARRIED

## 8. Recommendations from Assets Committee Meeting – 1 May 2018

The recommendations report, as circulated, sought Council's approval of recommendations agreed at the Assets Committee Meeting held on 1 May 2018.

### Springfield Road Pipeline

The report to the Assets Committee Meeting had discussed keeping Springfield Road open during periods of heavy and prolonged rainfall and subsequent increases in pond levels, in order to assist adjacent landowners to have more productive land available for their operations.

RESOLVED  
WDC 2018/073

Deputy Mayor Melanie Tavendale / Cr Craig Dawson  
That Council contributes a budget of up to \$15,000 from unsubsidised roading budgets towards works associated with a private pipeline project that will keep pond levels below the existing level of Springfield Road east of Fortification Road.

CARRIED  
AGAINST: Cr Guy Percival

## 9. Waitaki District General Bylaw – minor amendments to meet Minister of Conservation requirements

The agenda report, as circulated, sought Council's agreement to make minor amendments to the Waitaki District General Bylaw 2017 (now referred to as the Waitaki District General Bylaws 2018) to meet the requirements of the Minister of Conservation.

RESOLVED  
WDC 2018/074

Deputy Mayor Melanie Tavendale / Cr Craig Dawson  
That Council:

1. Agrees to the implementation of minor changes to the Waitaki District General Bylaw 2017 (now referred to as the Waitaki District General Bylaws 2018) to meet the requirements of the Minister of Conservation; and
2. Adopts the Waitaki District General Bylaws 2018 (as set out in Appendix 2), to come into effect on 1 July 2018.

CARRIED

*The meeting was adjourned at 10.19am, and reconvened at 10.48am.*

**The Chair directed the meeting to move forward to Agenda Item 11.**

## 11. Council-Controlled Organisation Half Yearly Report – Waitaki District Health Services Limited (WDHSL)

The cover report provided to Council, by way of attachment, the Waitaki District Health Services Limited (WDHSL) half-yearly report for the period ending 31 December 2017.

The Chair welcomed WDHSL Board Chairman Chris Swann, Deputy Chair Helen Algar, and Directors Paul Ellison, Andrew Wilson and Ian Hurst to the meeting. Chairman Chris Swan highlighted key aspects of the half-yearly report, including:

- The focus in the reporting period had been on completing the review of the organisation and its services in response to community requirements.
- The review report had come out late last year, and the Board was now well on the way to implementing the recommendations and outcomes.
- Financially, there would be a deficit at year-end but it would be better than originally forecast.
- The strategic plan update had been completed in November 2017.



- A five-year contract with the Southern District Health Board (SDHB) had started on 1 July 2017, and involved annual reviews of the services provided, performance against those services; financial performance; and progress against the model of care. SDHB had also participated as part of the project group to produce the plan, and was actively supporting WDHS in implementing it.
- Staffing costs were also discussed, and the Chairman noted that the Board's focus for this year would be on becoming more efficient with staff and how services were delivered; on upskilling nurse practitioners to take away the load from doctors; and hiring more administrators to support and free up nurses who would work with patients.

The Chair thanked the Chairman and other Board members for attending the meeting and presenting their report. He acknowledged the ongoing staffing matters raised, and said it was pleasing to see progress being made to address them as the strategic plan was implemented.

RESOLVED  
WDC 2018/075

Deputy Mayor Melanie Tavendale / Cr Jim Hopkins  
That Council receives and notes the information.

CARRIED

*The meeting was adjourned at 11.10am, and reconvened at 11.51am.*

*The Chair immediately signalled his intention to move the meeting into Public Excluded.*

## 12. Resolution to Exclude the Public

RESOLVED  
WDC 2018/076

Deputy Mayor Melanie Tavendale / Cr Craig Dawson  
That the public be excluded from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

- Confirmation of Public Excluded Meeting Minutes – Council Meeting 27 March 2018 PE
- Land at Livingstone PE
- Lease of Land PE

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded; the reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter – Section 48(1)
Public Excluded:	
13. Confirmation of Public Excluded Meeting Minutes – Council Meeting 27 March 2018 PE	To protect the privacy of natural persons. Section 48(1)(a) (The disclosure of the information would cause unnecessary personal embarrassment to the persons concerned.)
14. Land at Livingstone PE	To enable the Council to carry out commercial negotiations without prejudice or disadvantage. Section 48(1)(a) (Premature disclosure of the information would detrimentally affect the Council's position in the negotiations.)
15. Lease of Land PE	

These resolutions are made in reliance on Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of the Act or Section 6 or Section 7 or Section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982, as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as shown above (in brackets) with respect to each item.

CARRIED

**Public Excluded Minutes apply**

## Resolution to Return to the Public Meeting

RESOLVED  
WDC 2018/082

Cr Craig Dawson / Cr Jim Hopkins  
That Council resumes in open meeting and decisions made in public excluded session are confirmed and made public as and when required and considered.

CARRIED

## 16. Release of Public Excluded Information

In accordance with Clause 17.5 of the Waitaki District Council Standing Orders 2016 to 2019, Council agreed, whilst in public excluded session, to release in the public minutes of this 8 May 2018 Council Meeting the following previously public excluded information:

### Confirmation of Public Excluded Meeting Minutes PE – 27 March 2018

RESOLVED  
WDC 2018/077

Cr Jim Hopkins / Cr Craig Dawson  
That Council confirms public excluded minutes of the 27 March 2018 Council meeting, as circulated, as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 12.22pm.

TO BE CONFIRMED on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of June 2018 in the Council Chambers, Third Floor, Waitaki District Council Building, 20 Thames Street, Oamaru.

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Chairperson



**Waitaki District Council**

**Council Hearings on the Long Term Plan 2018-28**

**UNCONFIRMED MINUTES of Waitaki District Council  
Hearings on the Long Term Plan 2018-28  
held in the Council Chamber, Waitaki District Council Headquarters,  
Third Floor, 20 Thames Street, Oamaru  
on Monday 14 May 2018 and Tuesday 15 May 2018**

<b>Present</b>	Mayor Gary Kircher (Chair), Deputy Mayor Melanie Tavendale, Cr Craig Dawson, Cr Peter Garvan, Cr Jeremy Holding, Cr Jim Hopkins, Cr Guy Percival, Cr Hugh Perkins, and Cr Jan Wheeler
<b>Apologies</b>	Cr Bill Kingan and Cr Colin Wollstein
<b>In Attendance</b>	Fergus Power (Chief Executive) Neil Jorgensen (Assets Group Manager / Deputy Chief Executive) Paul Hope (Finance and Corporate Development Group Manager) Lisa Baillie (People and Culture Group Manager) Lichelle Guyan (Heritage, Environment and Regulatory Group Manager) Ainslee Hooper (Governance and Policy Advisor) Various managers in accordance with submission topics (part attendance)

**Day 1 – Monday 14 May 2018**

At 9.00am, the Chair declared the hearings open, and welcomed everyone present. He noted for the record that Councillors and members of the public and media who were present had been provided with copies of additional papers at today's hearings, as follows:

- The submission from Waitaki Newcomers' Network, which had been a non-verbal and would now be heard verbally during the course of the hearings.
- Three late submissions (all non-verbal; recorded below) which required a decision of Council as to whether or not they would be accepted for consideration.
  - (a) ICFL ?
  - (b) Dugald MacTavish – on the Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan
  - (c) Andrew Milne – on the Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan

**1 Apologies**

RESOLVED

WDC 2018/083

Deputy Mayor Melanie Tavendale / Cr Jim Hopkins  
That Council accept apologies for absence on leave from  
Cr Bill Kingan and Cr Colin Wollstein.

CARRIED

**2 Decision on Late Submissions**

RESOLVED

WDC 2018/084

Cr Craig Dawson / Deputy Mayor Melanie Tavendale  
That the three late submissions be accepted.

CARRIED

### 3 Submissions

The Chair explained the process that would be followed throughout the hearings. Verbal submitters had been allocated a five-minute timeslot to talk to their submission, which allowed for a four-minute presentation by them and a minute for questions and answers from Councillors. A bell would sound at four minutes and then again at five minutes to ensure all parties were aware of the timeframes.

With regard to non-verbal submissions, they would be considered by Councillor at various stages during the two days of hearings.

#### (a) Verbal Submissions

##### Ray Henderson

- Street cleaning – this did not seem to be happening, and it was detracting from the attractiveness of the town.
- Sports Centre – he is against the funding for this (but not the centre itself). Oamaru residents were already paying for Forsyth Barr Stadium in Dunedin, so why would they pay again for one in Oamaru?
- Supported Damien McNamara and the Dark Sky Association submission, and applauded the view that the right type of lighting to encourage dark-sky accreditation should be used
- Supported Ron Sim's submission regarding the need for better harbour administration; he believed that it was stupid for the Otago Regional Council to be doing one part and the Waitaki District Council doing another.
- Supported the Department of Conservation in its reinstatement of Grave's Track. He also believed there should be a wall to protect the seals.

##### Richard Savage

- Speaking on behalf of some residents of Kakanui who are interested in enabling freedom camping at Campbell's Bay.
- His proposal was to resurrect the site as part of a review of freedom camping; it would require use of the road reserve. Sites would need to be clearly designated to ensure easy management, and managed by the current regulatory arrangement. The aim would be to have 5-10 sites there, and perhaps a series of others around the district.
- The current default site was in All Day Bay, which was very muddy and wet, and the toilet and rubbish bin facilities were unpleasant.
- Freedom-campers are high-value people who arrive, know what they want, and are looking to experience New Zealand in its natural form.

Question: What percentage of Kakanui people do you speak for?

Answer: A silent majority there who enjoy the vibrant aspect of freedom camping.

##### Dugald MacTavish, Hampden Community Energy

**Mr MacTavish had put in three submissions and spoke to each separately.**

- Referred to the graph in his submission, which reflected real data up to 2014 from Government information. It showed the size of the challenge ahead.
- First request – that Waitaki District Council aligns with that goal.
- Second request – that Waitaki District Council contact the Productivity Commission and look for opportunities for transition from fossil fuels. There is funding there, and Councils that are showing they are committed to the goal will be more favourably assessed.
- Third request – allocate resources to this issue
- Fourth request – Healthy Homes initiative – this was a transition opportunity
- Fifth request – solar hot water installation; this was a no-brainer. It would reduce greenhouse gases and reliance on fossil fuels.

*On the Waste Management Plan:*

- Requested local waste education officer for the Hampden area; cost estimate provided

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- Last request – Council to give more attention to social capital; small communities are very dependent on each other and support from Council to make their life better and stronger would be good; there was a list of ideas in his submission.
- Appendix – legal framework; lot of support for social strength. Infrastructure Strategy supports building resilience.

Question: Is the mulching business industrial sized?

Answer: Medium sized unit

Question: Is it economically viable / sustainable?

Answer: It was being run partly for environmental reasons. There was a need to cover costs, but it was not necessarily being run as a business to make money.

*On the Waste Management Plan:*

- Purpose of the Waste Minimisation Act is clear – that the theme of environmental, social and cultural comes through; it was not all about saving money.
- There is not enough emphasis on waste reduction in the plan
- The vision on page 3 – supported a staged process.
- The table on page 4 – suggested changes to the vision, goals and objectives.
- Minimise waste to be first aim, then to deliver benefits; third – reduce harm, fourth – to enable households and businesses. First three straight from purpose of act.
- Page 9 – Council has done a fantastic job raising the profile of recycling. Changes in the plan put that at risk to some extent. There is a need to go beyond recycling; great possibilities there. Key idea – bags at Hampden currently cost \$4. To raise that to \$8 will be too much and could be detrimental.

**Alison MacTavish and Elizabeth Norton (with Dugald MacTavish) – on the Hampden Library:**

- Want enlarged and new premises for Hampden library. Work is all done by volunteers.
- Very small space means there has to be continual weeding out of books, and then a lot of fund-raising for replacements. De-collection takes time.
- There is no room for people to sit and socialize, and no space option to host meetings.
- They would be very grateful for more space.

Question: Where could you find more space?

Answer: In the hall, but it was currently undergoing a seismic review and the report is not in yet.

- A modern library is the "living room" of the community; a valuable community asset.

**Alison MacTavish's own submission:**

- Supported a feasibility study on the Oamaru – Palmerston cycleway; this was a safety issue.
- Would encourage people to come down the coast and stay, which in turn would allow development of the old historic buildings and township identities. The Hampden / Moeraki identity is unique – whaling era, interaction between the residents and a small borough council. The buildings were substantial than Oamaru, so a fund to incentivise people to treasure and restore them would be helpful.
- Very keen on SH1 beautification, but it needs to look better in Hampden, with trees down each side of the road, and footpaths. The current arrangement was unsafe, because there was a need to cross the road. It was very important for aesthetic and safety reasons that there is a footpath on both sides.
- Oil and Gas – support pursuing opportunities offered by transition technologies for long-term, rather than short-term. Not much mention of this.

**Sophie Carty, Cancer Society:**

- Urbanisation is a major public health challenge.
- Well-being indicators are now being favourably used by policy-makers to assess and measure city economic growth (eg cycleways, etc).
- Smokefree 2025 – more commitment is required from local government.
- Healthy infrastructure design – consulting public health professionals when you are planning; make towns urban design friendly; smoke-free signage; providing adequate shade; providing drinking fountains.

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- Encourage Council to develop smoke-free seven year plan. Happy to provide support to develop and implement that.
- Healthy urban design – support upgrades with these considerations when planning. Prioritising low-decile areas; encourage public transport to get to places, including for well-being.
- Shade provision is minimal – consider this.

Question: What is the Society's stance on e-cigarettes?

Answer: Support as a transition cessation tool only.

Question: There is a chronic shortage of dermatologists in Otago; Australia does much better in attracting them. Will the Society be raising that locally and nationally?

Answer: Yes.

**Ross McRobie, Otematata Residents Association**

- After the recent community visioning meetings, residents are very engaged and the Association wants to work with Council and the Community Board to follow up on the ideas discussed.
- Infrastructure needs to be reviewed; 40 sections had just been sold; 25 sites were being built on.
- With that, requires more planning; suggest infrastructure review happen, including land – during district plan review.
- Different vehicles and boats are now coming to town. 45% of rate demands coming from people who live out of town.
- Strongest submission point – getting Alps 2 Ocean down the Otematata side of lake.
- Tourism is major driver of town. Want trail around gorge to be completed immediately.
- \$300k allocation for toilet block – great to see. Have some ideas where that could be located. Please bring forward the installation of the toilet block, if you can
- Also would like coin-operated shower, and an EV charging station.
- No dog poo facilities in Otematata; want those installed.
- Very supportive of sports centre.
- Really concerning is speed limit through town; spoken to NZTA, all parties need to get together.
- Digital world – increasing Council's efficiency; get on with it, do it.
- Fairlie and Kimble – attractive towns – similar beautification for Otematata would be great; this was a key point at the visioning meeting.
- There is nothing specific in the LTP about what will be spent on Otematata.
- Transfer station – reviewing your waste minimisation plan – Otematata residents association supports longer hours in weekend (10am – 4pm). Put some 'holes in fence' for bottle banks etc. Buy container to protect goods for resale.

Question: Are you aware that the district plan review is a good opportunity to pursue some of your proposals?

Answer: Yes

Question: Over and above everything else, you want Alps 2 Ocean to come through Otematata?

Answer: Yes. The Tourism Infrastructure Fund might pay for the toilet block, shower etc, but the Alps 2 Ocean will bring other value to the town so that's our top priority.

Question: Do you support the development of a full concept plan for Otematata?

Answer: Yes, we do.

**Jordana Whyte, Cosy Homes Trust:**

- 21% of Waitaki district homes pre-2000 have been insulated under one of the eco programmes.
- 40% of residents earns less than \$20k pa; district has the highest % of people in Otago over 65
- District has the oldest and youngest people in Otago; they spend most of their time in their homes
- 30% of district are renters.
- Cosy Homes has been added to the Government Subsidy list – now 100% funding available for people on community services card.
- 30% increase in uptake has come from Waitaki. Having to turn people away now; subsidies exhausted.
- First recommendation – Healthy Homes Act now governs rental properties – encourage Council to weigh in on those standards when they come out (this month or June) and make a firm stand on property owners attaining those standards



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- Second recommendation – providing education for people; understanding link between housing and health; empowering people.
- Third recommendation – programme for homes; Clutha district very successful; WDC now considering this.
- Fourth recommendation – not in submission – unclear whether there would be another Warm Up NZ subsidisation programme. With the change in Government, there may be another one. If so, encourage Council to be a third-party funder of it (Government and Cosy Homes are the other two parties).
- 30% of requests to Cosy Homes still coming from your district.

Question: What level of third-party funding might be required?

Answer: Dunedin City Council contributes \$62,500 per year; suggest that Waitaki District Council contributes \$75k (DCC achieves better economies of scale); but the amount is up to you.

Question: There are different organisations offering subsidies. Where should our residents go to get the best option for them?

Answer: We have the information on all the options; they should come to us.

**John Morgan:**

- Wants Council to honour a Waihemo County Council agreement of some time ago that they would seal Jefferis and Flag Swamp (part) roads.
- Email from Ngai Tahu Forestry dated 14 May; it supports the proposal.
- Refer letter in the submission which supports the prior arrangement.

Question: Was the original commitment made pre-1989?

Answer: Yes. This Council has inherited it.

**Alex Familton:**

- Group Managers Neil Jorgensen and Paul Hope have done great jobs over the years. What I wrote in my submission is not a reflection on them.
- Want a very serious approach to seeking regional funding from central government; Waitaki needs to get its share of that.

Question: You say don't chase technology fashions, but Council wants to put more services online. What are your thoughts on that?

Answer: Refer to page 10 of the consultation document. The graph there raised concerns with me; the implication seems to be that standards and customer service is not serving us well – I do not agree with that.

Do not agree that \$1.5m should be spent on new technology; that suggestion needs more clarity, certainty and direction.

**Jacqueline Gallagher (Foley):**

- Supports proposal for a cultural facilities project that pulls together museum, archives, art gallery.
- Telling stories is important work for this district; jewel in the Crown is the Willets' collection.
- There was high quality art at the Forrester Gallery, including the Project Aqua exhibition
- A new structure to pull all of the art together was needed.
- A community meetings on this, there was no question amongst participants about the need for such a facility; there are lots of stories to tell.

Question: What are your views on the enhanced facility?

Answer: I quite like the idea of everything being under the same roof.

**Stephen Halliwell – Otago Chamber of Commerce:**

- Overall, Chamber is very happy with your plan and the focus on economic development.
- Support investment in your regulatory function. Think culture of customer service and how you manage risk in that culture is an important part of delivering regulatory service; to work out how you deliver that is very important. Waitaki District Council's performance in the regulatory area is discussed at almost every Chamber meeting; feedback is that it is difficult to deal with.

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- Development Contributions (DCs) at Waitaki are higher than Dunedin and Timaru.
- Wholly supportive of accommodation proposals; shortage.
- Support indoor recreation centre because it will support the accommodation sector, and the types of events it will bring will lead to the CBD being full.
- Major concern with regard to the retail environment is the need to get better educated about 'bitcoin'. And there is a need to consider it more than an "entertainment" thing; suggest you put something in the plan to start that conversation.
- You have a 10 year plan but there is a no plan for what the CBD will look like in 10 years' time.
- The Chamber would like to see Council use borrowing more often to fund its projects.

The Chair noted that improvements had been made in the regulatory area, and much better feedback was being received. The comments provided by the Chamber suggested that there was a need for Council and Chamber representatives to get together to discuss views and concerns.

Question: How often does the Chamber talk to Council?

Answer: The Chief Executive meets with the Mayor every two months, and Council officers attend many of the networking events. Overall, the relationship between the Chamber and Council is good.

Question: Do you think it is unfair for businesses to pay DCs?

Answer: No. The Chamber is suggesting that they be reduced, not removed. Business creates jobs, so everyone would benefit.

*[Morning tea break]*

**David Cooper, Federated Farmers:**

- Noted that he was covering three submissions.
- Federated Farmers is in agreement with Council in the majority of areas.
- Congratulated Council for focusing on the basics and pulling rates back over the years; that ground work provided a basis for raising rates now.
- Farmers were a bit nervous about the development focus, but they have trust in this Council.
- The proposed rates increase is reasonable.
- Appreciates that there is a need to change the Oamaru business rate; but rather than adding to the general rates, he would prefer a targeted rate for economic development because that offered a better partnership approach and better accountability regarding benefits.
- Venture Southland had a good approach; may include farmers (eg irrigation).
- Support most of other changes to funding policy.
- Forestry roading change – support in principle. In other districts, has been a bit of a battle; includes farm forestry. Aware of damage forestry can incur on less maintained rural roads.
- Support those costs sitting with farmers.
- Not sure where money is coming from – eg tourism infrastructure (public toilets?), ED activity?
- Strongly opposed to use of land value; instead look at amount each property will contribute to ED spend, does it stack up in terms of equity? Move to capital value is a better approach.
- DCs policy – re new charge for dwelling on dairy property; not entirely opposed to it. But what additional demand will Council face because of this? Demand on road could be fairly marginal; vehicle will be paying road user charges only. This is not a 'die in the ditch' issue, but don't think it should be given the same charge as a new residential dwelling.

Question: Where would you suggest the ED funding be shifted to?

Answer: Other regions have gone with tourism providers; but we believe it would be better to shift to a capital value instead.

Question: The roading differential is 4% at the moment; do you want it higher or lower?

Answer: Not sure at the moment. Forestry rate payers will say paying rates for 30 years, harvest once in that year; if that road is a well maintained road, harvesting is done at appropriate time, then they have an argument there. If it is an isolated gravel road, then there is more expectation there. Need to know how much of Council's budget is going to that work. Ongoing conversation required.

**Simon Berry, Whitestone Cheese:**

- Has submitted on the DC policy; also participated in review.
- Company sees DCs as a tax; reduces opportunity for investment in the business.

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- Council operates in a positive financial environment; companies have debt.
- Business expansion for companies is recognised as 'high risk'.
- Would rather see Council go into debt for expansion than penalise existing businesses; backwards step. Would like to see whole policy reviewed.
- Investment in ED officer – great initiative; great to see investment in growth; but existing businesses are not being supported to grow (re DCs).
- Comes down to who will fund growth? Wants to see Council look after existing businesses.

Question: If a business expanded and used a lot more water and yet did not pay DCs (as you suggest), then who would pay for the water requirements for new businesses down the line?

Answer: Water rates; or ratepayers. The suggestion seems to be that "let's penalise businesses rather than put the rates up". I do not believe DCs should be imposed on existing businesses at all.

Question: What is your understanding of the reason for the changes in your DCs?

Answer: Mistakes. No prior consultation before submitting plans; assumption based.

Question: Would more consultation be helpful?

Answer: Yes.

#### **Public Health South – Jo Lee and Tom Scott**

- Jo Lee noted that she was a co-author of the submission
- There was a page of support statements and recommendations included in its submission.
- Recognises that Waitaki District Council has a smoke-free policy at some places; but more is encouraged; keen to work in partnership with Council to do that.

Question: Has tourism had an impact on cigarette smoking?

Answer: People come to New Zealand for its clean, green image; smoke-free signage and policies do help. Statistics are showing that smoking is tracking downwards.

#### **Diane Talanoa, Waitaki Community Recreation Centre:**

- Thank you to Council for its ongoing donation; keeps courts and building maintained.
- Usage – slightly increasing each year; more hire of courts; more groups using the centre.
- Pasifika and Filipino groups use regularly; not just coming from town but other communities too.
- Filipino residents work in rural areas, come in and use centre for social occasions.
- Request grant towards one-off maintenance project – external cladding damaged, and rolls on to internal panel damage. Want to have a concentrated go at it rather than one panel at a time.
- Do have a long-term budget, maintenance, etc and partnership with WGHS.
- Also indication re repaving – accessible pathway; quite dangerous in a short period of time.

Question: If Council was able to provide some funding, could you also go to other funders?

Answer: Yes

Question: Do you have an expense for depreciation of the building?

Answer: No, no depreciation funds have been put aside.

Question: Is there room for an increased amount to be provided by WGHS to maintain the building?

Answer: The school pays an annual maintenance sum, plus 60% of the utilities and other contributions during the year.

### **(b) Non-Verbal Submissions**

Councillors worked through the non-verbal submissions to identify additional issues for officers to consider. They included the following:

- Elizabeth McLachlan – sprays on grass; closure of Beach Road; hall rate – has this been reduced and – if so – why?
- Garry Levy – what is the background information on the footpath?
- D Hamer – reference to Harbour Board blacksmith shop and whether there is support for and merit in doing it up. Suggestion – Refer to the Harbour Area Committee for consideration.
- Nigel Holt – footpath kerb and channel – do we need a footpath prioritisation plan?
- Ian Bradshaw – parking; bike tracks.

ACTION: LTP Project Team – add to the list for discussion.



## (a) Verbal Submissions (continued)

### Mike Gray and Faye Ormandy, Vanished World

- UNESCO Global Geopark is our goal; trying to think ahead and plan; LTP is fortuitous
- 100% in favour of ED; think Geopark will help make that happen.
- Important to note that all Geopark members are required to participate as members of the Geopark global network; that means Waitaki would need to front up at international meetings.
- Council could have a consultant and pay for them to travel there as well as pay for their advice.
- Or, note that UNESCO is a bottom up organisation, and reflect that. Send someone from the project group team here; let them build relationships and networks; gather information; and bring that learning back.
- Council allocate \$10k for three years to get on our feet to allow for 50% of cost to participate in Global geopark networks.
- In favour of Palmerston cycleway; will meet needs of cyclists and those on geo-trail.
- Building cultural partnerships – Otago Museum and archives; one of many geopark sites. Got everything there (eg Willetts' Collection); will be a prime place for geopark stories; in favour of developing it.
- Signage will be an important part of infrastructure
- Have to plan our funding approach – needed now
- Need to broaden protection of geological sites
- Need a structure whereby management processes and guidelines re collection of specimens etc – cannot have a free-for-all; project group will work with Council on that

Question: Where would the other 50% of funding come from?

Answer: We would have to source it, find it elsewhere.

Question: Is this above the budget already allocated to Geopark?

Answer: Yes. One of the requirements that Waitaki will need to meet is show that it has liaised with other geoparks for several years.

Question: Other than Council, who else could be approached for funding?

Answer: National funding, but also partnerships with entities (eg Meridian) which may not be in the form of a grant.

Question: What will happen if national funding does not come through? Would there need to be downscaling, modification of the plans?

Answer: Yes, all of that sort of thing would need to be considered. There are no answers at the moment.

### Elizabeth Soal and Fraser McKenzie – Waitaki Irrigators Collective

- Wants Council to consider a differential roading rate system for irrigation distribution networks.
- Infrastructure only recently been included in valuations; majority in privately owned land.
- Races or pipes would be ratable even if empty.
- Farming systems utilising irrigation – rated higher so contribute more in rates.
- Irrigation schemes distribution infrastructure
- Roading rate differential – would be treating irrigation distribution infrastructure better.
- Biodiversity – supports as a 'must do'; WDC is more proactive than other districts on this.
- Wants to be involved in more collaborative partnerships, including with WDC, for biodiversity strategy.

Question: What rates differential would you suggest?

Answer: Lower. Match the electricity generation differential would be helpful, as there are similarities between them.

Question: Are irrigation companies around New Zealand asking questions of their Councils on this? Is there a national direction?

Answer: Not that I am aware of; districts are managing them separately.

Question: Has any other Council changed its differential yet?

Answer: Not yet, but there are other Councils being asked to consider it.

### Helen Stead, North Otago Early Settlers' Assn Inc (and Beryl Miller)

Plus Secretary and another member

- Contributes to a lot of work with archives and indexing.

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- Wonderful portrait collection; had financial arrangement with Tourism Waitaki to keep them there; they helped with payment of de-framing, scanning, and reframing; now held in Archives.
- Main problem at Early Settlers' Hall – quite cold and quite damp. Portraits did deteriorate.
- If we want to keep them accessible, need to rotate them between Whitestone City and Settlers' Hall – latter is not conducive to long-term storage.
- Assn is researching arrival of first settlers, and their story since. Family history is a popular pastime. Oamaru was large town; very many people with forebears in our area; settlers had very little; carved out a living; important contribution to what our town and district is today.
- Upgrade centennial building including Early Settlers Hall – would be great, important to district.

Question: Do you have any more detailed plans and costings?

Answer: No. We are really looking only at the hall upgrade at the moment. These are just suggestions; we know that everything is a cost.

Question: Do you want more certainty about who else is using the hall?

Answer: Yes. It is a significant building, with lots of empty space.

**Helen Stead's own submission:**

- Endorse Council's initiative to attain geopark.
- One request – opportunity to present to the group/groups actively seeking WHS geopark status on the information that might be of interest/helpful: Evidence at this stage for 2018-28 LTP – re 1978 entry in CV – surveys of ratepayers. Three years later – UNESCO link – North Otago Progress League – staff of universities; presenting their views on Waitaki River. Discussing irrigation issues. Development of lower Waitaki – concrete canal; that did not happen.
- Third suggestion – for district council: waitakiwelcomewalks – website. IT issues – geopark and WHS – bring planning, building, regulatory altogether on property files and interactive; costs will be significant but levels of users-pay for access; don't need to reinvent the wheel.
- Training – use the universities to assist with education.

**James O'Gorman**

- Roads are being destroyed in Kakanui Valley; have to ask what roading engineers are doing?
- Creating steep ditches; now filling up with water – is there a resource consent to dispose of that somewhere?
- There will be a big change in future regarding farming.
- Geopark – great idea; will require much better roads than we have now. Can we ask central government for assistance with that?
- Re ungraded roads – suggest that Council tidy these up for their own ratepayers rather than paying contractors to do it.
- Stick to your knitting; can our infrastructure support the tourists we are going to get?
- Green waste – need for farmers to have more of this. You would do well to consider value to Council to manage a very good green waste operation.

**Linda Begg**

- Re Waste minimalisation – Council needs to take a lead on this and put a submission to central government regarding product stewardship policy
- Having a dedicated Waste Officer does not absolve Council of responsibilities for waste.
- Need a future plan for when one contractor becomes dominant and rockets up the fees.
- Small communities need to be enabled to help themselves. Need labour. Ratepayer money spent on contractors would be better spent on local jobs in recycling.

*[The hearings were adjourned for lunch at 12.50pm, and reconvened at 1.30pm.]*

## (b) Non-verbal Submissions (continued)

- Karen Legg – horses on trails – is that feasible? Is the mix right?
- Brenda Reading – could the old stadium be upgraded, she asks. There is no room for expansion, and something bigger is required.
- Kerry Dwyer – Wants Council to look after Itchen Street frontage of the Church. What would that cost?
- Vivienne Smith – carbon neutrality – do we need to add something to start addressing this?
- Re the Lake Ohau water upgrade – this is in this year's programme.
- Night Sky issue – can it be easily achieved?
- Dark Sky – are lights in Lake Ohau compliant with requirements? Need details on this.
- Roland Hare – wants a bit of road sealed – Durham St in Hampden (southern-most section)
- Sarah Cromwell – footpath extension – do we need a register for footpath work? It was noted that footpaths are an amenity component. Suggested – look at the amenity rate and see if there is money to pay for it.
- Kauru Hill Rural Water Scheme – will bring it forward as direct request to reduce water rate.
- John de Bonnaire – roading issues. It was noted that repairs were going on all the time; and there were some already scheduled to take place in Humber Street.
- Philip Boulton: roading forestry differential – to be discussed, including possibility of different model.

There were no additional issues raised in submissions from the following people that had not already been raised elsewhere:

- Alan Holt
- Colin Wollenson
- Susan Downton
- Christopher Howes
- Ian Stewart

ACTION: LTP Project Team – to provide a list of upgrades and maintenance on roads for further discussion.

## (a) Verbal Submissions (continued)

### Kevin Malcolm

- Agrees with concept of Geopark, but wants to see a calculated business case.
- Could get Tourism Waitaki to achieve the same thing.
- Airport – sound decision to retain it. Very exciting opportunities, but wants a business case for any more budget allocation to it.
- Harbour – why dredge? Is there a business case?
- Radical new strategies – remove 80% of Sumpter Wharf – leave enough for shag colony and build a marina suitable for majority current use – ie pleasure craft. Take boats currently moored in central harbour basin and moor them in new marina; leave the harbour basin free for community activities.
- Sports and events centre – yes, build it. Without doubt, this is a community must. Timeframe too long, get on with it now. Suggest you take a positive spin from the very negative ODT article on this facility (ie a statement saying 57% do not support it means that 43% must be in favour).
- Roading – need more central government funding.

## Consideration of Late Submissions

### Christine Dorsey – first page of extra printed papers:

- Waitaki Newcomers Network – wants to make attraction and settlement of newcomers a priority
- Best way to do that is to be involved in welcoming communities' pilot; 2 year commitment.
- Community looks at its inclusiveness under NZ standards. Focuses on host community.
- Regions need newcomers to reduce skill shortages and grow local economy.

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- Two local garages could not source mechanics from here; real shortage.
- 50% of staff at Iona Home are new to NZ.
- English usually second language; no family support; our customs and culture very unfamiliar to them.
- Also compete with rest of NZ and world to attract them.
- Research shows that successful settlement is all about the wife; if they make friends and settle well, then it will be better.
- May not be able to drive; family support; making connections.
- Wants Council to choose to become a Welcoming Community. Fi McKay is the coordinator of the group, and she can provide Council with more information.

Question: Do you think there is a housing issue in Oamaru?

Answer: Yes, and it will be ongoing.

Question: To join the pilot, how much funding would need to be committed?

Answer: Some districts in the pilot have matched the \$50k from the Government; but that may not be compulsory.

Question: Are employers addressing housing issues?

Answer: Yes, but that depends on the employers. Some offer good support, other not so much.

**Pat Shannon** – tabled statement.

**Meridian** – representatives were unable to attend due to flight cancellations. They would be emailing a verbal statement for their submission. It would be considered once received (probably tomorrow).

### (b) Non-Verbal Submissions (continued)

Oamaru Primary School Board of Trustees – Jan Thomas. It was noted that what the Board was proposing involved private land. The Council has no legal ability to do anything more than influence.

There were no additional issues raised in submissions from:

- Anthea Brown:
- Genevieve Paisley (on behalf of Youth Council)
- Chris Thorn
- Nicola Atkinson

#### **Jon Henning, PSA**

It was noted that Council paid its people fairly, and there were no vacancies at the library.

#### **John Lister – tracks to the business park**

It was noted that there is a track to go out to Pukeuri which would go past the business park, and there would be another track to join up Waitaki Boys High School.

#### **Christina Stewart**

It was suggested that clearer communication with Lake Ohau residents was needed.

POINT TO NOTE

#### **Bruce Swain**

Re roading slippages (eg 90 Aln Street) and options.

ACTION: More information on this particular case to be provided

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#### **Brendan Thompson**

Determining whether there was a need to get involved in housing at the national level.

It was AGREED to put this on the discussion list.

ACTION: LTP Project Team

**Clare Pascoe** – no additional issues.



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**Margaret Thorn**

It was noted that many of her concerns were on private property and the Council was unable to help with those.

**Peter Plunkett**

It was noted that the planting plan has already been approved for the Cape, but the Reserve Management Plan still needed to be confirmed.

ACTION POINT: To be explored further by the Deputy Mayor and Recreation Manager; if they believed Council needed to discuss it, then it should be added to the list.

POINT TO NOTE: LTP Project Team

**Residents Assn of Omarama – Glenys:**

International Dark-sky Association – need to get more information from (Margaret Munro)

ACTION: LTP Project Team – add to list.

Omarama town centre design; potentially an amenity project; toilets.

ACTION: LTP Project Team – add to list.

**Ruth – Omarama Residents and Ratepayers Assn:**

Freedom camping – more signage

ACTION: LTP Project Team – add to list.

**Steve Dalley**

Review depreciation funding?

It was noted that there was a report coming to Council soon on the unfunding of depreciation in Year 1 of the LTP (only).

**Graeme Anderson** – no additional issues.

**Andrew Milne**

Yes, seek more information to show what neighbouring councils are doing for kerbside collections.

ACTION: LTP Project team – add to list.

**Richard Dukes** – no issues discussed.

**Diane Talanoa** – Mountain Bike North Otago had a submission slot tomorrow.

There were no additional issues in submissions from:

- P.D.R. Lindsay-Salmon
- Jane Milne:
- Stephen Wesselingh.

**Forest and Bird**

- Spraying at Cape Wanbrow – Council did some spraying around the walking tracks.
- The submission referenced Grave's Track too, which would tie in with the Geopark.
- Discussions would be held with the Department of Conservation at some stage.

**Martin Robertson**

- Gifted land for kerb and channel

**Tourism Waitaki**

More information and discussion was needed on funding and the breakdown of it.

ACTION POINT: LTP Project Team – add to the list.

**Dawn Hill** – no additional issues.

**Catherine Miller**

It was suggested that feedback be given to the community about what had been done with the lighting thus far.

ACTION POINT: Cr Craig Dawson to report to the AGM in September

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**John Shaw**

Bike stands – wider tyre slots because bikes are different now.  
It was noted that there was already a mixture of bike stands now.

**Garry Dodd**

It was noted that a mind-mapping process would be undertaken in the future, and that he should be made aware of that.  
Publicity for the Economic Development Manager role would be done once the appointment had been made and specific objectives for the role had been agreed.

**Environmental health registration costs**

- Did Council need to broaden the timeframe for submissions for some groups since they may not meet every month?
- It was noted that ultimately everything had to come back to Council and then go to consultation. The fees were fair.

**Moir Newton** – no additional issues.

**Eden Bradfield**

- Re the view that Council should look to the Provincial Growth Fund to do something for the cultural facilities project – it was noted that such an approach would be highly unlikely to succeed given the criteria for the funding.

**Susan McLean** – no additional issues.

**Margaret Steer**

- Makes some good points re tourism.
- Also discusses Council investing in warm, dry, clean housing. That could be something to discuss in future, perhaps outside of the LTP process.

ACTION POINT: Finance and Corporate Development Group Manager / Heritage, Environment and Regulatory Group Manager

**Susan McLean, the Friends of the Forrester Gallery Inc**

- It was noted that the action was with her as to when discussions with Council could occur.
- It was suggested that points in 3 around collaboration could be accepted and responded to in the response to the submission.

POINT TO NOTE: LTP Project Team

**Part 3 Submissions:**

Maraeweka Forest Limited:

- It was noted that the points made in this submission would be answered specifically in the response.

ACTION: LTP Project Team / Finance and Corporate Development Group Manager

**Heritage New Zealand**

- It was noted that a number of issues had been raised in the submission, but they had been covered. Processes took account of their need to be involved.
- Items to add to the list for discussion:
  - Develop appropriate fund
  - Heritage Advisor position

ACTION: LTP Project Team

**Vicki Henderson**

- Submission cuts off unexpectedly due to online formatting.
- ACTION: LTP Project Team – to provide a full copy

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**Charlotte Cook – Omarama**

Rubbish bins (district funded thing)

Opening hours of recycling and the possibility of depositing after hours.

ACTION: LTP Project Team – add to list for discussion, including with Community Board

**Julie Ross** – no additional issues.

**Deirdre Dalziel** – housing (already covered elsewhere)

**Lynette Gray**

- Rubbish bins to be emptied more in North Oamaru (a CRM issue).
- Wheelchair friendly footpaths – could be a CRM (there was also an existing ongoing programme that was dealing with this matter).

**Ann Patterson – Omarama**

- Had a submission slot tomorrow.

**Network Waitaki Ltd**

Create a remission policy

ACTION: LTP Project Team – add to discussion list.

**End of Day Adjournment**

At 3.45pm, the Chair declared the hearings adjourned for the first day, Monday 14 May 2018.

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## Waitaki District Council

# Council Hearings on the Long Term Plan 2018-28

**UNCONFIRMED MINUTES of Waitaki District Council  
Hearings on the Long Term Plan 2018-28  
held in the Council Chamber, Waitaki District Council Headquarters,  
Third Floor, 20 Thames Street, Oamaru  
on Monday 14 May 2018 and Tuesday 15 May 2018**

<b>Present</b>	Mayor Gary Kircher (Chair), Deputy Mayor Melanie Tavendale, Cr Craig Dawson, Cr Peter Garvan, Cr Jeremy Holding, Cr Jim Hopkins, Cr Guy Percival, Cr Hugh Perkins, and Cr Jan Wheeler
<b>Apologies</b>	Cr Bill Kingan and Cr Colin Wollstein
<b>In Attendance</b>	Fergus Power (Chief Executive) Neil Jorgensen (Assets Group Manager / Deputy Chief Executive) Paul Hope (Finance and Corporate Development Group Manager) Lisa Baillie (People and Culture Group Manager) Lichelle Guyan (Heritage, Environment and Regulatory Group Manager) Mike Searle (Policy and Strategy Manager) Victoria van der Spek (LTP Consultant) Mandy Macintosh (Corporate Development Officer) Ainslee Hooper (Governance and Policy Advisor) Various managers in accordance with submission topics (part attendance)

## Day 2 – Tuesday 15 May 2018 (10.30am – 4.10pm)

At 10.30am, the Chair reconvened the Long Term Plan hearings for Day 2, and reconfirmed that Cr Bill Kingan and Cr Colin Wollstein were again apologies for the proceedings due to being absent on leave.

It was confirmed that a statement from Meridian representatives (whose flight was cancelled yesterday, preventing them from being able to present a verbal submission as intended) had been emailed through, and would be discussed sometime later in the day.

The Chair then directed the hearing to continue with the programme of verbal submissions.

### (a) Verbal Submissions

#### Ben Backhouse

- Roading – agrees with what is proposed; roading is a major responsibility, and it is correct to increase investment.
- Spraying the road edge is not a good idea; it could create its own problems eg erosion.
- Tourism vs key local services – agrees that tourism is important; but why is Council spending more than 25% of its income on tourism-related issues? Roading, beauty spots, toilets etc were being left unfunded to focus on tourism. There needed to be better consideration of other operations in the district – primary industries, manufacturing and other major revenue earners.
- Subdivision rules – review four hectare holding; develop a new plan that allows people to move to rural areas.
- Bureaucracy – this was a small district, but its Council has 134 FTE. Three posts had been created last year, and it seemed to be self-perpetuating. There was a need to keep a lid on this. He did not believe a large local government presence was required in an area of this size.

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It was noted that the current district plan review would be able to deal with the subdivision rules.

Question: Do you have any engineering back up for spraying road edge issue you have raised?

Answer: Evidence from our farm; if you spray the edges, then it damages the soil structure and water comes through; more susceptible to slips and erosion. Environmental issues were also a factor.

Question: What size of subdivision would you like to see?

Answer: There needs to be more judgment involved rather than a basic rule. If areas are not good farmland, then look at different options. We cannot afford four hectare lots being carved off the best agricultural land.

**Rosalie Goldworthy, Manager of Penguin Rescue at the Lighthouse**

- DOC is handing over management of the reserve to Ngai Tahu.
- Penguins are disappearing faster elsewhere; we are just maintaining our numbers.
- P13 LTP Consultation document – refer to commitment to sustainable resource management; please consider the natural heritage and work to make that sustainable, too.
- And commit to supporting the natural environment. One mechanism – protect significant areas of biodiversity – Moeraki peninsula is that – recognised internationally as significant for wildlife. She wants to ask Council to formally recognise it as that, too.
- Council's biodiversity officer was great to work with.
- Asked Council not to abandon the nature reserve at the end of the road. It was favoured by the penguins, but was in a terrible state; no chicks hatched at Bushy Beach this season had survived. Penguins have a high fecundity rate. Only one female to two males; males highly motivated to breed; steal neighbour's partners, which put chicks and eggs at risk.
- There was a lack of infrastructure and control placed on visitor behaviour; it was destroying Bushy Beach and Katiki Point.
- More tourists are coming to see the penguins; so why can't we look after them AND the cultural aspects?

It was noted that Council was involved in the matter of the management of the reserve, and had made a submission on Ngai Tahu's proposal. There were matters that Council wanted to see addressed, including about the sustainability of the site.

Question: How can we help? The work you and the volunteers do there is appreciated.

Answer: Don't seal the road until you have the infrastructure in place to support busloads of tourists.

Question: How many native species of birds are there in the area?

Answer: 11

**Janette McKenzie:**

- Recreation Centre – She had canvassed people in her area and not one person had supported it. She suggested the district pay off the Opera House and finish off other projects first.
- Congratulated Council on what it has done in the last four years with regards to the gardens and the Whitestone buildings.
- Council's computer upgrade – she supports the upgrades, but thinks it should be self-funded by Council – you should be making savings because of it, so pay for it through efficiencies.
- Archives – these are not particularly efficient; seconded staff are there each afternoon, but they are not very well trained. There is no computer facility there to assist; resource-wise, it was not good.
- Not in favour of new museum and archive proposal – she thinks there are some good items, but questions why some others are kept (eg why are WGHS yearbooks being kept?). Keep only what is relevant to the area.
- Dog pound – this is an utter disgrace. The public were not consulted about the location; it does not get any sun, and is dismal in the rain. Unpaid volunteer looks after the dogs when the dog control officer is absent, and that is not good. There should be more public consultation about how it is built; and it needs to be waterproofed. The SPCA and interested groups need to be consulted and involved. Does it run at a surplus, and can that contribute to the upgrade costs?

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Answer to Ms McKenzie's question: With regard to the dog pound – Yes, the dog control activity runs at a surplus, which has been used to pay for the upgrade. Council understood it was not adequate for the purpose, and wanted to do more in order to get the facility right.

**Hana Halalele:**

- President of the Oamaru Pacific Island (PI) group.
- Wants to form a partnership with Council – Pacific Island group – to create opportunities for Pasifika residents and build capacity for them to contribute more to the community.
- Suggests Council does a cultural audit – do your visitors know about the cultural diversity here?
- By 2026, the PI community is expected to make up 10% of New Zealand's population.
- Impressed by the diverse community section in the LTP consultation document, but not with the statement that the diversity is growing slowly; the Pacific Island group believes it is growing rapidly.
- Median age of PI in ten years will be 23; for Europeans, it will be 40.
- Is there an initiative we can do together to create opportunities for our young ones? For example, be part of a Pacific intern programme, perhaps?; in the library – is there an opportunity for the PI community to have space there to display items of importance; and in the museum – to acknowledge our presence?
- Issued an invitation to Council – use our PI community as a think-tank. It would be great to have some officers attend some of the PI group's meetings.
- Wants Council to be part of the PI community, and also wants to form part of the Council community; to make it a formal working relationship.
- What is the legacy that you want to leave your children and grandchildren re cultural diversity?
- Attended Education Summit in CHC; 3000 applied to attend; she received an invitation to attend. Any similar opportunities you have to include our community, please let us know about them.

Question: Is housing an issue for the PI community here?

Answer: Yes. Many are transitioning from Auckland, and it is difficult to find good quality, warm homes. We have large families. We need more opportunities to get onto the housing ladder, and into employment and education as well.

Question: You mentioned a Pacific intern programme – please expand on that idea.

Answer: We are aware that you do offer internships, and members of our younger community would be interested in opportunities, for example, to be on the Youth Council; or any member to get involved in any sort of learning initiatives.

Response: Youth Council could come and talk to you about that matter.

It was noted that the signpost at Lookout Point had been refurbished and now had an arrow pointing to Nuku'alofa. This was one way Council sought to recognise the district's Pacific Island community.

The Chair took the opportunity to thank the Pacific Island group for assisting its members to contribute to the recent Census, and for helping to get extended job offers at Alliance-Pukeuri so that members of the PI community could continue to work there, because their contribution was needed and appreciated.

**Harry Andrews, Oamaru Steam and Rail:**

- The railway line has been deluged with clay over the years, and wants Council's help to rectify the problem, which comes off two streets.
- Quite a lot of water was coming down now. Infrastructure has been damaged.
- Wants to partner with Council to deal with this.
- Bridge needs a lot of work on it. We have the manpower, but not always the money.
- We are always successful with grants; but struggle with the need to keep applying for them; a time-consuming process.
- We also want to work directly with the Harbour Area Committee.

Question: Do you get funding for the training you do?

Answer: No.

Question: How much are you asking for to assist with the bridge repairs?

Answer: \$5k – \$6k a year. There is a need to paint the bridge, put new sleepers in (66). Then more railcars could be brought in (including Kiwirail). Tracks would be additional to that – another \$10k for

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those. In addition, it costs about \$2k every year to be audited; it is a legislative requirement. The result of the recent audit was that it could take about six months to get all these things fixed. The problem was the SIP – we had all the paperwork but not specifically the books; the bookwork is a heavy workload nowadays.

**Trevor Norton:**

- My submission is about people; one of the major assets of Council is its people.
- They have provided infrastructure; up to us to look after it and provide for the future population.
- Boils down to maintenance; being done properly. Drains were not cleared; recent downpour generated flooding.
- Suggests Council has someone in the community who makes a note of these things; Rakaia does this. That person then hires street cleaners; people can approach them when things go wrong.
- Council has to see each community within the whole community.
- If volunteers stop volunteering, then either the job does not get done, or Council has to do it.
- Please look after the people.

Question: What would this person do? If you are not looking for money, then what do you want?

Answer: They would find out what assistance local groups need and help them get it.

Question: Are you aware of the Grants and Awards funds? There are some grants for sports and arts, but there is also funding available for community groups.

Answer: No. But I will look into it. You could advertise about that in the Hamraki Rag.

**(b) Non-verbal Submissions:**

As with proceedings on day 1 of the hearings, Councillors took opportunities to work through the non-verbal submissions as time permitted, to identify additional issues for officers to consider. On day 2, those additional issues included the following (in this section, and in others that follow which are headed "Non-verbal Submissions").

**Jude Blair**

Light at dog pound

**Noel Vallely – no additional issues**

**Sandra Tonkin (on behalf of Waitaki Multicultural Society)**

AGREED that issues raised in the submission could be referred to the community development workstream and did not need to go through the LTP process.

**Judith Stevenson**

Asking for gate to breakwater to be shut at night – it is, isn't it? Answer: Yes.

**Port Blakely**

Differential – already on list to be discussed. Good information included, which will feed into that discussion.

Noted – whatever is done with the differential, there needed to be a way to ring-fence it. AGREED.

**Toimata Foundation (runs Enviroschools):**

It was noted that a few submissions had asked whether Council was doing enough in the Enviroschools area; there were a number of schools on the waiting list, and education is something that has been requested.

AGREED – Ask Enviroschools to report back on demand and whether the programme is currently over-subscribed.

**(a) Verbal Submissions (continued) – from 11.30am:**

**Members of the Omarama Residents Association**

(Presented by Ian Paterson, Lorraine King, Jemma Gloag, Judy Piner, and Steven Grundy)

- Should have a town concept plan put in place ASAP; town is under pressure from growing tourism; there is a need to upgrade facilities, and that is a job for Council.



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- Main issues – parking, rubbish, toilets – need to be addressed urgently.
- Vehicle parking is hideous; there is nowhere for big vehicles to go (trucks, trailer units overnight in Omarama; park in dangerous places; coaches; car transporters park in township overnight – not good; parking around business areas is extremely dangerous – increased pedestrians; if there was an emergency in the business area, access would be a problem).
- Rubbish – detailed in submission. Not just in town, but outside it as well – people are fencing off their properties to try and prevent visitors from dumping rubbish on their properties.
- Current toilets – often there is three busloads of tourists in the town at once; the current facilities were not coping; the ventilation was not great; and the underfloor heating was not working.
- These issues would all work in together if a dedicated service area was in front of the town.
- Want toilets at the hall to cover the playground.
- Something needs to be done to enable Omarama to cope with these things.
- Omarama outdoor sports facility – the town lacks a decent one. Contrary to the assessment that had been done, there is demand for it. There is only one court at the school, which means there is no opportunity to hold competitions. There is high use during summer – the visitors at the holiday park over the road use it a lot; there is a growing population and needs will increase. There is a suggestion in the assessment that Omarama residents could drive to Twizel; that's a one-hour drive time to add to the activity time; and it's in another district and residents want somewhere to exercise and socialise within their own district.
- The Association has raised money itself to go towards this; it just wanted good support from the Council to further things along.
- Option is to put it beside the community hall, with the playground behind. There is a lack of toilets there, which needs to be addressed (as noted above).
- Walkways and seating and picnicking – a large number of people walk around town, and we need to make better use of our outdoor areas. They wander onto private properties; and traffic is also much more condensed in the business area. This is especially so between the school and town area – people have to negotiate a lot of traffic in the summer season.
- We need a safe passage for children from the village to the school, which involves Park Lane through private land there.
- We want this included in the concept plan – it is time for land to be rezoned to give us a firm concept plan going forward. Really is urgent for this small town.

Question: Do you want two new toilets?

Answer: The current one is in the CBD. Our preference is to have a service area with a toilet, and another for the playground/hall area.

The Chair noted that Council intended to have a bigger conversation with the Association and other stakeholders with regard to the town planning. The Ward Councillor had already raised the matter at Council level; and the Ahuriri Community Board has talked about it and done its visioning workshops with the communities. Council would be engaging with all stakeholders.

#### **Pauline Thwaites**

- Meetings – I do not like to be asked to leave because of commercial sensitivity matters.
- Businesses are hurting.
- Technology – no, do not support this. Far too many people working on computers at Council.
- The cost of living is going up and Council does not care less. Every year the rates go up to keep the rich pockets full.
- Could do with more toilets, because lots of people suffer from incontinence.

#### **Brittani Beavis, WellSouth**

- Adequate cycleways – use CCC design
- Public toilet plan – commend Council for this – ensure they are adequate for mothers (with stroller access) and the elderly (wheelchairs).
- Consider having a healthy food and beverage policy for any indoor sports centre – Council needs to show leadership – look at Ministry of Health policies for this; Wellsouth can support.
- Plant fruit and nut trees.
- Drinking fountains in all parks and reserves
- Build on smoke-free policies; follow efforts of Invercargill DC re CBD smoke-free area.

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Question: How much does SDHB provide to Wellsouth each year?

Answer: I do not know. That is a question better addressed to our Chief Executive.

Question: What is your role, and how does it fit in with Public Health South?

Answer: Wellsouth is a health promotion team. We work collaboratively with Public Health South to get a greater reach. We try to make sure public health issues are at the forefront of the community.

**Waihemo Community Board (Board Chair Kathy Dennison)**

- Thanks Council and Council staff who were involved with the community visioning – great initiative. The engagement of the facilitator was very much appreciated. The Board wants to keep working on the community visioning process, with the community and with Council.
- Now need to progress it and are requesting more help to develop a community plan by year's end. It may include similar activities to those done in Council, but be more community-based.
- Within that, our amenity rates projects have been planned out. We have a programme for the next five years about where that money will be spent.
- We are supporting existing facilities and services in the Waihemo ward. We want to make better use of our libraries in Hampden and Palmerston. We used to have holiday programmes for children and would like to look at that again.
- Re recreation review – most children have to travel to organised sport. What more could we be doing in this space?
- Cellphone coverage – can Council help with enhancing this?
- Coastal cycleway – extremely excited about this.
- Maintenance and upgrade of Palmerston town centre – need to ensure there will be money available for this.
- Tourism for the area – there are Geopark options in our area – Maori cultural aspect – through Waihemo up to Macraes. It would be great if something was developed at Moeraki; the penguins are there so there is an opportunity to enhance the offerings.
- Roading – is one of the biggest issues for the ward.
- We need more toilets – eg at the Moeraki boulder carpark (DOC carpark)
- Economic growth – we have discussed that in our submission.
- Support for East Otago Field Days – ongoing and increased – that would be great.
- Internship programme – it would be good to get access to that for projects in Waihemo.

It was noted that Council had given more support to East Otago Field Days this year. Ratepayer support had been organised jointly this year, and it would be good to be able to continue with that approach in future.

Question: Waihemo reduced its amenity rate a while ago; was that a good thing to do?

Answer: We were not spending it then, and so did not want to rate for it. But now we are spending it because there is work to do, so need to review the approach.

Question: Are you looking at each town individually for the community plan, or at the whole ward?

Answer: There will probably be sections for each town, because they all have their own identities.

**Ahuriri Community Board (Board Chair Graham Sullivan and Board Member Vicky Munro):**

- Agree with Waihemo Board Chair re visioning process; Otematata and Omarama very switched on with this.
- Managing growth – asking for Council help to give us a town plan in Otematata and Omarama too.
- Want Council to put money aside to help the community board with those plans.
- Maintenance of core services – need more checking on contractors in the town.
- Environment – need to look after areas.
- Mrs Munro – visioning meetings were awesome; communities are buzzing.
- Roading – in Otematata; 80km zone not being adhered to.
- Development of the hotel – 23 dwellings are in that complex now; another six coming on stream soon, the whole complex is 56 dwellings. 20 new sections on board in Otematata; 6-8 new houses in 6 months. Total – 82 new dwellings in Otematata alone.
- Need to consider safety islands; and signs. Omarama is horrendous now with a piece of land locked up; there needs to be a review for road safety; Otematata should follow on from that.

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- Waste management: We want holes in the wall for 24 hour recycling of bottles, and revised hours (10am – 4pm) on Saturdays and Sundays – to stop illegal dumping; so many more happenings up the valley rather than here.
- Alps 2 Ocean – at our visioning meetings, people were concerned about safety on the other side of the lake; we want it to go down through Otematata.
- Thanks to Omarama and Otematata people for their submissions and input to the process.

Question: How involved is NZTA in your state highway issues?

Answer: Ross McRobie has just commenced talking to NZTA.

Question: You have asked for two roads to be sealed – why those in particular?

Answer: Henburn Road – it has a lot of loose gravel; it is used a lot by cyclists but is difficult to ride on. It is also the route to the Clay Cliffs, and that means it gets a lot of traffic.

Settlement Road – this has been a contentious issue for a while; it has been unsealed for 10 years; children walking along it were getting showered with gravel as they are passed by cars.

Question: With regard to the Alps 2 Ocean, there has been no investment on the north side. Do you know where the trail could go down the south side?

Answer: There has been some initial discussions on this with Hamish Seaton (A2O project manager) and it is believed to be possible. But there is a lot more work to be done first. We think it should be done, because someone could get killed on the other side.

*The hearings were adjourned for lunch at 12.25pm, and reconvened at 1.00pm.*

#### **Mountain Bike North Otago (MBNO)**

Andrew Milne, President, and Rob and Mike

- In 2011, there were very few bike tracks in North Otago; the club started building tracks, with Council. Now there is 20km around the region, and the Club has developed a good working relationship with Parks team.
- The tracks are not just for our club members, they are a community asset. Walkers and dog-owners also use them, as well as recreational cyclists.
- Our submission includes requests that are in order of importance to the Club.
- Item 1 Funding of track maintenance – an increased grant to \$15k to allow us to use commercial contractors to do all of the spraying.
- Item 2 Jump track – there is an unmet need for a facility for our youth.
- Cape Wanbrow – Beach Road link – we support that happening.
- Also support the car park at the end of Test Street; that would be good for local users
- Bike Stands – we need more of these including ones able to accommodate the wider bike tyres that are used nowadays.

Question: Would it make more sense for Council to do the track spraying in-house?

Answer: We thought about that. But we don't want maintenance to get away like they have with Council's skyline tracks. If Council wants to do it, then we would need some guarantees that it will happen, which may not be possible to provide. For that reason, we would rather keep control over it ourselves. We are pretty confident that the costings in our submission are accurate.

Question: What number of non-members use the track?

Answer: That is difficult to assess without a track counter. But there is usually other people up there using the tracks, and a lot more visitors and children.

#### **Andrew Milne – individual submission**

The current waste management plan is out of step with the times; he does not believe that the draft does anything to address the holes.

Question: You have stated that we do not have kerbside recycling. Are you aware that there are several suppliers who do that if requested?

Answer: We are not really incentivising them to do it. If you ask people to pay for the opportunity to recycle, then they will not do it. The important thing is how to deal with the waste rather than who provides the service.



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**Adair Craik – “Onya Bike”**

- We have already raised some funding, and have received commitments from others to commit to \$6k; we are here to ask Council to fund the \$15k shortfall.
- A budget document and proposal have been provided.
- This is about ‘lighting up’ kids with visible vests, painting lines on pathways, and giving people more options to travel safer routes; working closer with the schools – there is a real drive to keep students away from traffic lights.
- Parents’ perception – they prefer scooters; we believe the children prefer to be on bikes.

Question: If this is a pilot programme and is mindful of safety, has the group gone to NZTA, the Minister or Associate Minister for funding?

Answer: We have gone to 63 local government entities; the response has been “if you can come up with the pilot, then we will help roll it out”.

A lot of other products are being prepared so that they can roll it out elsewhere.

We want Waitaki to be the first, the leader; we need to stop losing a potential generation of kids not knowing how to ride a bike.

**Felicity Butcher**

- Ardgowan Road is being dug up again. Whenever road works are being done, could you please factor in adding a shared pathway for walkers, bikers? That will provide safer roads for children.
- It is mentioned in Council’s RAM; is it factored in to road works during the next few years?

It was noted that a shared pathway is generally an extra cost. It is a funding matter, and dealing with the roadways is a priority. A list is being compiled of matters that require extra information and your request could be added to that.

Question: What specifically would you like to see?

Answer: Instead of just doing a sharp bank; turn it into a flat piece of land, put a line down it, and add a pathway. It needs to be a shared person pathway – a shingle path with a line to make it safer.

**Graeme Clark (handout provided)**

- I applaud what has been done at the harbour; it is a passion of mine – fantastic.
- Ask that you call in the stakeholders again to get on the same page with future developments.
- There needs to be a particular emphasis on style and design of any new build, or alterations to old buildings; retaining green space; open spaces; sight lines to harbour.
- After watching the Coast TV programme, suggest industrial heritage maintenance also be considered.
- Sumpter Wharf – is it time to look at it again, with another engineering report? Or do something temporarily – high seas could destroy it – if we are serious about heritage, then we need to do something to protect it. Yes, it will cost a lot of money, but it is a key part of the harbour.
- Entrance to the wharf to be upgraded – good.
- Grave’s Track – would love to see this investigated again; go all the way to Bushy Beach; it would be an amazing international walk.

It was noted that further discussions had already been held about Grave’s Track, and efforts were being made to progress work there.

Question: Do you have an engineer’s report to support your views on the Sumpter Wharf and high sea destruction?

Answer: Many locals who know about such things have said so.

**Environment Canterbury (Cr Peter Scott)**

- Hugely supportive of what Council is doing.
- Points of note: Waitaki straddles two regional councils (ECAN and ORC), and it is acknowledged that that must sometimes be difficult for you; but acknowledge that you are doing a good job of managing that situation.
- Thank you for the support of the Mayor and Chief Executive in the Canterbury Mayoral and Chief Executives forums.

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- Thank you for your meetings with Ngai Tahu, which have also helped ECAN with its relationship with them. The use of bilingual titles throughout Waitaki's LTP consultation documents is also very much appreciated.
- Thank you for your ongoing support for the Lower Waitaki Zone Committee; that is valued.
- Biodiversity – this is one of ECAN's lead strategies; we offer you our support in terms of planning for that in future.
- Mackenzie Basin – there are opportunities for agency alignment. We know that your Council is going through the District Plan progress, and we are working with your planning people on that. There is opportunity to do a multitude of things; and for the two of us to get in line with the Department of Conservation and Land Information New Zealand.
- It is out of respect for your Council and what you are doing that I am happy to be here.

Question: Alps 2 Ocean – how might ECAN get involved in it? Funding, perhaps?

Answer: Not sure; there has been some discussion from the Zone Committee about ECAN support for the Alps 2 Ocean.

Question: Biodiversity – is there an opportunity for ECAN to involve our biodiversity officer in the Upper Waitaki Zone Committee? [It was noted that the biodiversity officer already did some work for that Zone Committee, but extra funding from ECAN would be helpful.]

Answer: Your resources are valuable, but we have an opportunity to help you and I'm happy that we consider that. The Zone Committee does have the opportunity to help with such matters.

Question: Matagauri clearance – this is also a problem for some of our biodiversity habitats. Do you agree that we all have to get involved in the topic, and ensure that control remains with the three regional entities (ECAN, and Waitaki and Mackenzie District Councils) rather than it be considered a national issue?

Answer: Yes.

Question: Will ECAN do more in the mining area?

Answer: It remains on our radar but we will not be poking our nose into it. There is some pressure on us to do more, but we are not ready to take care of the infrastructure needs.

Question: What are you doing about the wallabies ending up in the Waitaki district?

Answer: We have a pest management strategy which now goes into four districts; that helps to concentrate funds to where they are needed. There is also pressure from ORC, but it will take a concerted effort to get on top of the wallaby population. The expert is based in Timaru, which is helpful.

The Chair thanked Cr Scott for coming, and advised that his support for what Council is doing was appreciated and the relationship with ECAN was valued.

## **(b) Non-Verbal Submissions (continued)**

**Neil Armstrong** – no additional issues

**Charlotte Cook**

- She makes some good points
- Re speeding and traffic in Omarama – a packaged approach to NZTA may be required

**Sarah Newton** – no additional issues

**Elfrida Ward**

- She wants replacement of the existing lights.
- It was noted that the existing ones are the replacements for the previous ones that were requested by residents a few years' back.

**Helen Jansen**

It was noted that there was something missing in part 2 of the submission.

ACTION: LTP Project Team to investigate

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Wants to know more about a 'learning district' status and also events.  
 AGREED that this was not an LTP matter, and better referred to a work programme.  
 ACTION: LTP Project Team

It was noted that this was also a UNESCO branding matter.  
 ACTION: Chief Executive to send information to Councillors  
 Communication with Pasifika community.

**Andrew Sutherland**

Henburn road – a traffic counter; add to list for sealing.  
 ACTION: LTP Project Team

**Jan Thomas, Hot Tubs Omarama**  
 Rubbish bin

**Margaretha Engels**

Support for the Mountain Bike North Otago submission.

**Waitaki Newcomers Network** (this had been presented as a verbal submission)

**Tourism Industry Aotearoa**

- Growth figures are staggering
- Tourism Waitaki has already been asked to sign up for the sustainable tourism goals, and is very positive about the idea.
- It would be helpful to have a breakdown of the \$174m generated in the Waitaki district, and where it is spent. It was suggested it was probably based on multipliers rather than actuals, and likely involved the use of big data.

AGREED: To find out from TIA the basis of its figures.

ACTION: LTP Project Team to refer to TIA

**(a) Verbal Submissions (continued)**

**Ron Sim**

- Believes that service and communication is lacking in Council
- Areas of his concern are detailed in his submission; a ratepayer badly disadvantaged during the floods deserved better support from Council, he felt. [The Chair responded to this point, by stating that Council had supported the person, providing accommodation and financial assistance during the immediate time of emergency and afterwards until social services were able to step in.]
- Harbour – Mr Sim wants to put his boat up on a slip, but he has not been able to get access to it or a reply from Council for many months. ORC had the relevant gear and capability to do it professionally and safely, and their experts should be brought in here to get things done.
- Mr Sim asked for someone to be made available to be able to discuss what goes on and is needed in the harbour; it was very important to the district and needed to be serviced properly.
- He also wanted to see Councillors in the harbour area more often.
- Craig Fountain – JW McCone's legacy was not mentioned, and public recognition needed to be given to that. [The Chair responded to this point, by stating that the project had been substantially funded by the Mulligan bequest, with Council then funding the rest. Council believed it had done the best it could.]
- Wants to know what Council is doing about the urgency of the cradle matter. There was a considerable amount of electrolysis down there and the zincs were breaking down, causing expensive damage to boats that then needed to be repaired. Mr Sim wanted Council to do something about that; it was also a safety issue.

It was noted that most Councillors were in the harbour area on a regular basis; some of them were there daily.

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**Paul Mutch and Maria Barton, Palmerston and Waihemo A&P Association**

- Mr Mutch noted that he would be talking to three submissions.
- First, the Association's grounds were not up to scratch; a drain was needed and process for aeration.
- Re the ground that Council manages – should be taking an interest in it; they were sloping and maintenance activities like weed-eating were dangerous because of it. Any grounds with more than a 25 degree slope should be planted out rather than being left in grass that required a mower. It could be made into a biodiversity habitat, which would cut maintenance costs.
- Environmental protection and education was required; this could be as simple as a phone app that noted what was important about the environment and how to protect it.
- The Association had run a schools competition, which had enabled children from Strath Taieri and Maniototo to compete. It had been a very successful day. They wanted to continue that.

Question: How do you think these things could be achieved? Should Council allocate the money to you to manage, or do you believe you would take on the maintenance instead of Council?

Answer: We have talked about the latter, but would require some initial funding to set up first.

**Paul Mutch (private submission)**

- I came to Oamaru to hear opera in the Opera House; it is a real asset, real part of history.
- I have talked to a few people, and acknowledge that it is not an easy thing to do. However, I would like to help in any way I can.
- Suggest Council commissions a small opera – perhaps Steampunk (one hour) held in conjunction with another production – La Traviata? There could be an intern singer from overseas who wants to make a debut in Oamaru.
- Please consider producing a proper opera.

It was suggested that Mr Mutch have a discussion with the Director of the Opera House, to see if something could be added into the Festival of Arts. Mr Mutch said he would be happy to do that.

ACTION: People and Culture Group Manager to email Director's contact details to Mr Mutch so that he could follow up [completed 15 May 2018]

**Mark Smith, Oamaru Whitestone Civic Trust**

- Provide more direct support to OWCT
- Support heritage in the district in general – refer submission.
- Offer of Loan and Mercantile building for any future cultural facilities project building
- Sealing of Harbour Street – wants the roading team to investigate changes to rain water which is now getting between the seal and our beautiful buildings, causing the foundation stone to become saturated, giving the buildings 'wet feet'.

Question: How do you imagine working with a Council Heritage Advisor?

Answer: We envisage liaising with them a lot; I would be giving them my time, contacts and material support to help.

Question: You are undercapitalised. If we gave you \$500k, would you be able to pay it back?

Answer: Yes, I think I could plan to do that given the opportunity; I could work up a business case to pay the current loan and more capital.

Question: If we had a Heritage Advisor, would it be worthwhile them being employed by you (and funded by us)?

Answer: Would we be supervising them, or employing them? It is a good question. We thought it would be a Council person, and that they would be able to help guide the public, developers and builders through the heritage regulatory framework. That is what Glen Hazelton did in Dunedin; some of his biggest fans were the developers. A benefit from him being employed by Council was that he had better access to different departments and people within it.

Question: We need to consider how best to help you. If we wrote off the loan, would that help with the capital requirement?

Answer: That would be a theoretical gain, but realistically, if we wanted to get more done, a capital infusion would be more effective.

Question: If there was a staged write-off of the loan, would it be better if we paid more into the heritage fund? Would that help or not?



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Answer: The heritage fund helps the whole district, not just the Trust. If some was tagged for the Trust, then yes, it would help.

**Inday Bungard**

- She had written a letter instead of presenting verbally; a copy of the letter had been tabled for all.
- This would be considered later in the day.

**Gregory Nikoloff**

- The three-yearly review of the LTP was using Census data that is five years old; you cannot see just how quickly things are moving.
- Suggest you look at net migration data, which comes out separately every month.
- A big ticket item in every rates bill is roading. There were subsidies from NZTA; typically, of a 50% ratio. Still, in some cases, we cannot afford to fix the roads.
- There is a big need for rates reform in this district; I am not suggesting we look at a poll tax, but there is a need for something in the middle.
- LGNZ is pushing this, so it is hoped that something will get sorted in the next three years.
- Aging population – they are asset rich but have no cash to pay rates.
- Suggestions: Students stay here but pay in long-term through rates.
- Options for the elderly to stay in houses with rates paid.
- Council needs to keep lobbying central government to do something about rates reform.
- There needs to be something concrete in place, not just consultation.

**Mr Nikoloff's other submission (in handouts from yesterday) – on waste management**

- Rubbish situation will get worse, now that China is no longer accepting recyclable waste.
- Onus is back on councils to take more of an active role in recycling and rubbish in general.
- Recycling – reduce, reuse and recycle; everybody forgets about the first two.
- Council needs to think differently; you have a hands-off approach now, and you need to get back into it or risk having a huge waste dumping situation. Ardgowan way – already complaints about illegal dumping.
- Hampden landfill – has to be moved; do it sooner rather than later.
- We need a centralised approach; waste is huge in emissions; we are heading into a low carbon economy and that will have a huge part to play.
- There is a need to look at the bigger picture – this is central government business; needs to be tackled at source (eg talk to businesses about minimising consumer goods packaging).
- Get councils together to put pressure on retailers – maybe introduce a waste levy on them? Coordinated approach is required nationally.

The Chair congratulated Mr Nikoloff on his well thought out submission.

**Kenneth Wheeler**

- On behalf of farmers, Mr Wheeler said he was appalled that Councillors wanted to lift rates over 30% over the next ten years.
- He was critical of Council's communication with ratepayers over the LTP, and suggested Councillors needed to be going into the communities to explain what they were doing and why, and how it will affect rates.
- Roading – he would like to see Council be more proactive than reactive especially with work on rural roads which are a lifeline to farmers; more needed to be done in areas of gravelling and cleaning culverts.
- Concerned that small rural townships have been neglected rather than maintained.
- Believed the community board in Waihemo was "dysfunctional"
- Indoor Recreation Centre – why are we being asked to support this? How many submissions has Council received about upgrades for sports clubs in Waitaki?
- Toilet rate – Instead of the proposed \$10 increase to general rate on all ratepayers, let the local business people pay for it.

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- Lakes camping grounds in Kurow, Otematata, and Omarama are privately owned. They should be user pays or closed. Where does the money go from these grounds? [The Chair responded to this point, by stating that the money stayed within the activity.]

Question: You have suggested that the community board is "dysfunctional" and yet we received a very good submission from it today. On what basis are you making your suggestion?

Answer: The locals do not think it is operating properly.

Question: Do members of the public attend Board meetings?

Answer: Yes, he believed they did attend sometimes.

**On behalf of David McFarlane, Oamaru Farmers Market (Chris and Jane)**

- The Oamaru Farmers' Market needs to be integrated into the Heritage precinct and harbour area strategy.
- Supports the development of an urban park in the area; it would be important for events.
- If the urban park goes ahead, the Market Committee needs to be involved in the planning of it.
- Foot traffic moves through the Farmers Market to Harbour Street.

It was noted that there was a lot of new information in his presentation that was not mentioned in his submission. A copy of the presentation was provided.

ACTION: LTP Project Team to circulate the additional information

**Alan Matchett**

- Greenspace – he wants to ensure that the whole district is benefitting from the geopark proposal.
- Night sky / dark sky accreditation – this was a brilliant opportunity for Palmerston
- Coastal walkway improvements – there had been a number of issues over the years; private access; contention over legal road status; the alternative put in place was not fit for purpose; it needed to be opened up more, and made more user-friendly so that more people could use it.
- Wants to ensure that widespread consultation is undertaken.
- Indoor Recreation Centre – if he lived in Oamaru, he would support it; but he wanted to see the benefits increased across the community.
- Identify community assets in public and private ownership; give them protection in the district plan. Protect opportunities for the public in the future.

Question: Is the Gold Mine still running tours?

Answer: I think they are doing less of them.

Question: Could it be connected to Geopark?

Answer: Yes, but their buy-in to the idea would be required.

It was noted that there was an interesting story around the mine, and updated information had been received that Macraes could be involved in the Geopark (previously, it was believed that mining was not allowed to be a feature of a Geopark). Council would be looking into this, and would likely be wanting to engage with the mine a lot more to see what could be done.

**Damian McNamara**

- He tabled and circulated a folder containing a Starlight Stellar Park proposal.
- He had done some dark-sky readings and, even without the planned LED lighting, it is possible to adhere to Dark-sky requirements.
- The proposed area was around Oamaru Creek – over hill – Tyne Street.
- As an astronomer, it made sense to look at something like this. Mackenzie is bursting at the seams with visitors wanting to visit night/dark sky venues; both districts could help each other out.
- Old landfill area – he suggested a Stonehenge type site be built there because it was an even darker site and could offer other learning opportunities (eg around the limestone that could be used to construct it).
- Council needs a dark-sky policy before proceeding any further with these ideas.
- LED lights – 3000 cal or lower was required.
- The Association could help to fund lighting.
- Lots of people are looking at dark sky accreditation; Steve Butler has helped put proposal together, and this is one of the nine. Lighting in the harbour area would need to be redone.

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- There is some private land included in the proposal; some guidelines could be provided to land owners about their outside lighting to facilitate the dark-sky requirement.

Question: Would a Waitaki dark-sky venture take away from Mackenzie's (some unease about that)?

Answer: There are different things that Waitaki can do.

Question: Is there an opportunity to work with Mackenzie?

Answer: Yes, it was something that could easily be progressed together.

Question: Can there be a bigger discussion about how Council approaches the dark-sky accreditation? Ohau is interested in pursuing it, too.

Answer: Yes.

Question: Could it be incorporated into the Geopark?

Answer: Yes, that's the major reason I looked into it.

ACTION: LTP Project Team was provided with a copy of Mr McNamara's proposal

#### **Dr Greg Clydesdale**

- His expertise is in economic growth; to benefit from that, you needed to look at history.
- He gave a Powerpoint presentation that suggested ways to facilitate economic growth.
- Use horse troughs to beautify Harbour Street. Do it now.
- Direct attention to old buildings; use trees to screen out less beautiful ones.
- Proposal 3: Town Square / Village Green
- Brand Oamaru.
- Consistent with UNESCO sites.
- That's the postcard photo – right there.
- Also serve as a growth pole - go from Oamaru to elsewhere in district.
- Need to visit Colonia in Uruguay to check it out.
- Rainy day – everyone has rainy days.
- Don't do roof; green town square is unique; different to European ones.
- You do have a lot of grey cloud; so use colour.
- If you increase the value of the Victorian precinct, then be ambitious.
- Personally recommend that you look at mobilising capital for a new hotel in the precinct.

The Chair thanked Dr Clydesdale for sharing his ideas and vision, and noted that it was certainly a topic for further discussion. He advised that the Roading Manager had already done some work on similar issues, and a number of Dr Clydesdale's ideas were already being incorporated.

*The hearings were adjourned for afternoon tea at 3.45pm, and reconvened at 4.00pm.*

### **(c) Non-Verbal Submissions (continued)**

#### **Darryl Bond:**

It was AGREED that this was a CRM issue.

ACTION: LTP Project Team to refer it to the CRM process

#### **Catriona Prunty:**

Wants traffic calming in Humber Street

It was noted that this was not in the work programme, and there were no plans for it to happen.

There were no additional issues raised in submissions from:

- Verna Chambers
- Steven Darnold
- Dorothy Hunter
- Eve Francis
- Stefanie Backhouse
- Eion Ross
- Helen Angus
- Ian Stewart
- Bernard Wilkinson
- Bruce Walker
- Timothy Walton

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**Neville Bartrum**

Suggests tourists be levied to fund costs

**Social Media responses**

The Chair recommended that Councillors take the social media comments as useful information, and accord them that status rather than a vote for or against something. Most people had used their real names but there were no guarantees.

This approach was AGREED.

The Chair then directed Councillors to verbal submitters who had not been able (for whatever reason) to attend and speak to their submissions as intended.

**Helen Brookes** – no additional issues raised

**Meridian** – an email had been received.

It was noted that no further information was required – Meridian's view is that what Council is proposing is unfair because its rates would go up.

Council needs to make a call on that.

Everyone else is charged on capital value; Meridian has had a special situation. As the rest of the district has increased in value, Meridian has reduced its proportion.

It was noted that the merits of the rating policy would be determined at the LTP deliberations workshop on 22 May.

**Pat Shannon** – supports Council doing more in the area of waste

**Inday Bungard**

Wants another toilet in Kakanui

It was noted that this could already be in the toilet strategy.

ACTION: LTP Project Team to check with Recreation Manager

**CCS**

Requested that Council do a stocktake of wheelchair accessibility, footpaths etc.

It was noted that Council did have a general work programme to look at those things, and improve them over time. The key question was how district-wide the issue is. Officers advised that it may not be as prevalent in other areas (eg Duntroon); that would need to be investigated.

It was suggested that this might be better referred to the Community Development Officer, to identify what is being done, and whether it fits within the Safer Waitaki umbrella?

ACTION: LTP Project Team to add to the "more information" list.

A comment was made that perhaps Council needed a long-term strategy on footpaths that included an access standard for accessibility for wheelchairs. Officers advised that the Canterbury engineering group was working on these matters. The rise in numbers of mobility scooters would change the scope of work that Councils did.

It was AGREED that this was a work programme, not an LTP, matter.

At 4.15pm, the Chair declared closed Day 2 of the public hearings of submissions on the Long Term Plan 2018-28.

The Chair then signalled his intention to direct the meeting into a public excluded session, during which Councillors would finalise the list of issues for which officers would be requested to provide more information in order to facilitate and inform the LTP deliberations scheduled for 22 May 2018.

**Public Excluded Minutes apply**



**Waitaki District Council****Council**

**UNCONFIRMED MINUTES of a meeting of the Waitaki District Council  
held in the Council Chamber, Waitaki District Council Building, Third Floor,  
20 Thames Street, Oamaru  
on Tuesday 29 May 2018 beginning at 10.20am**

<b>Present</b>	Mayor Gary Kircher (Chair), Deputy Mayor Melanie Tavendale, Cr Craig Dawson, Cr Peter Garvan, Cr Jeremy Holding, Cr Jim Hopkins, Cr Guy Percival, Cr Hugh Perkins, Cr Jan Wheeler, and Cr Colin Wollstein
<b>Apology</b>	Cr Bill Kingan
<b>In Attendance</b>	Fergus Power (Chief Executive) Paul Hope (Finance and Corporate Development Group Manager) Lichelle Guyan (Heritage, Environment and Regulatory Group Manager) Lisa Baillie (People and Culture Group Manager) Ian Wells (Accounting Manager) Mike Searle (Policy and Strategy Manager) Erik van der Spek (Recreation Manager) Martin Pacey (Water Services and Waste Manager) Richard Maher (Programme Manager) Victoria van der Spek (Consultant – LTP) Ainslee Hooper (Governance and Policy Advisor)

The Chair declared the meeting open at 10.20am, and welcomed everyone present. He also welcomed back Cr Colin Wollstein after his period of absence on leave.

**1. Apologies**

RESOLVED  
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Deputy Mayor Melanie Tavendale / Cr Jim Hopkins  
That Council accepts an apology for absence on leave from Cr Bill Kingan.

CARRIED

**2. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. Public Forum**

There was no member of the public present who wished to address Council in the Public Forum.

**4. Key Directions for the 2018-28 Long Term Plan**

The report, as circulated, summarised that today's Council meeting brought together almost eighteen months' work on the 2018-28 Long Term Plan and associated policies and strategies. It stated that the meeting was critical in the development of the Plan. While the final version of the Long Term Plan would not be adopted until 26 June 2018, Council needed to make any final decisions on operating budgets, proposals and any other matters at this 29 May 2018 meeting. The report included officer advice (which also took account of submissions) prepared in response to issues raised by Councillors at the hearings on 14 and 15 May and considered at the deliberations workshop on 22 May. That officer advice was intended to help Council decide whether to progress, stop, or defer any proposal. A number of matters and recommendations were set in out in the tables of the report.

Group Manager Paul Hope addressed the meeting, and confirmed that this was the last day that any changes could be made to the information that feeds into the Long Term Plan. The Plan itself would need to be formally adopted on 26 June, after it had been accumulated and audited earlier in June, so that it could come into effect on 1 July 2018. Immediately after its formal adoption, the rates for the 2018/19 year would be set at the same 26 June Council Meeting. In order to meet those deadlines, today had to be the last decision day for LTP-related information.

Mr Hope advised that, over the last few weeks,

- Council had received 153 submissions related to the Long Term Plan
- 16 had been received on other matters that were being consulted on in parallel
- 58 submitters had been heard during the LTP Hearings on 14 and 15 May 2018
- All matters raised in the submissions had been considered.

There were four potential outcomes for the issues that had been raised, namely:

- (a) Some had been treated as CRMs and recorded and actioned accordingly.
- (b) Some had been considered for inclusion in other workstreams and will be addressed there.
- (c) Some had been considered, and there was no need for further information.
- (d) The fourth group of issues were those covered by this report. Further information had been requested from officers so that they could be considered further, and that additional information is included on pages 7 – 25 of the agenda report.

As a final item, officers have continued to review budgets and the underlying information that was proposed in the consultation documents, and adjustments and amendments had been made. The most significant of these was the exact calculation relating to the roading depreciation. To that end, the starting position for today's meeting was a slightly smaller rate requirement than was initially thought.

By way of a suggested process for this agenda item, Mr Hope proposed that Councillors go through the items in table four and make a decision about whether each should proceed, stop or be deferred. Table three was simply a reference document. The next step would be to consider the two additional items – the Revenue and Financing Policy and the Development Contributions Policy – because they needed to be finalised before the Long Term Plan could be adopted.

It was AGREED to follow the process suggested above.

For ease of reference, an appended version of Table Four from the agenda report has been copied below, and the decisions at this meeting for each line item recorded in the additional column on the right-hand side. Discussion points which culminated in the decisions on Table Four items then follows, to complete the meeting record.

**Table Four: Recommended new proposals as raised by submitters for inclusion in the 2018-28 Long Term Plan**

Special Note: All items except 3, 9 and 11 had one or more discussion points (which are recorded at the end of the table).

Topic	#	Recommended new proposals to include in the 2018-28 Long Term Plan	Decisions in 29 May Council Meeting
<b>Waste</b>	<b>1</b>	Develop a community waste survey at a cost of \$10,000, with the content of the survey to be approved by Council to be funded from the Ministry for the Environment waste levy.	AGREED
	<b>2</b>	That current operating hours are retained to enable increased cost recovery of up to 27% (noting that Council's current policy is 40-60% cost recovery from user charges).	AGREED to retain current hours)
	<b>3</b>	Increase the number of litter bin servicing collections (Waihemo, Ahuriri and Oamaru), to be funded from the individual ward reserve accounts.	AGREED



Topic	#	Recommended new proposals to include in the 2018-28 Long Term Plan	Decisions in 29 May Council Meeting
	4	<p>Include a budget of \$10,000 from year 1, to undertake a three-yearly SWAP analysis of the waste stream to support more targeted waste minimisation education and initiatives, to be funded from general rates.</p> <p>Include an additional annual budget of \$10,000 (in addition to available Ministry for the Environment levy funding) to increase education and initiatives, and increase support to community providers, to be funded from general rates.</p>	<p>AGREED</p> <p>AGREED</p>
<b>Roading</b>	5	Fund \$150,000 per annum towards road seal extensions, to be funded from a separate roading reserve for years 1 and 2, and roading rate from year 3.	AGREED
<b>Planning for growth and increased tourism - integrated infrastructure and planning</b>	6	<p>Allocate \$50,000 for the development of a Masterplan for Oamaru Harbour and historic area (including lower Thames Street), to be funded from ward service rates reserve.</p> <p>Allocate \$20,000 each for Otematata and Omarama for the development of a Masterplan (including confirming and the deliverability of existing zoned land over the Plan period and exploring possibilities for its release / disposal) to be funded from ward service rates.</p>	<p>AGREED</p> <p>AGREED</p>
<b>Alps to Ocean</b>	7	Increase the annual maintenance budget to \$150,000 for years 1 to 3 of the Long Term Plan, to be funded by district rate.	AGREED
<b>Mountain biking</b>	8	Increase the grant to Mountain Bike North Otago to \$15,000 per annum for spraying of Cape Wanbrow tracks, to be funded by the ward services rate.	AGREED (grant is currently \$5k, so the increase is \$10k)
	9	Allocate \$20,000 towards jump / pump infrastructure in year 2 of the Long Term Plan, funded from RMA Financial Contribution Reserve.	AGREED
<b>Cycle safety</b>	10	Add \$6,750 to the current road safety programme over three years for the Onya Bike safety pilot programme, to be funded by rates.	AGREED
<b>Walkways</b>	11	Allocate up to \$10,000 for each ward towards establishing an improved pathway network, to be funded from ward reserves.	AGREED
<b>Recreation centre</b>	12	Provide a \$70,000 ten-year loan to fund 50% of the repair costs to the Waitaki Community Recreation Centre.	AGREED
<b>Palmerston amenity</b>	13	Increase Palmerston amenity rate to \$30,000 per annum.	AGREED
<b>Heritage</b>	14	That Council funds a three-year fixed term heritage advisor position with a review of the ongoing value of this role within 18 months of the appointment, to be funded from surplus for year 1 and general rates from year 2.	<p>PARTIAL AMENDMENT; now to be a <b>permanent role</b> (not fixed term); review period and funding formulae to remain the same (with extra funding options to be investigated)</p>

Topic	#	Recommended new proposals to include in the 2018-28 Long Term Plan	Decisions in 29 May Council Meeting
<b>Geopark</b>	<b>15</b>	Allocate \$10,000 per annum for three years to meet UNESCO Global Geopark membership obligations, to be funded from rates.	AGREED
<b>Harbour dredging</b>	<b>16</b>	That the initial dredge in Year 1 of the Long Term Plan be increased to \$500,000, with the additional \$300,000 funded by a loan to be repaid over 10 years.  Reduce the dredging budget to \$150,000 every second year from Year 3 of the Long Term Plan.	AGREED, but <b>AMEND to state that survey costs are included in the budget allocations</b>
<b>Oamaru Steam and Rail</b>	<b>17</b>	Grant Oamaru Steam and Rail \$6,000 per annum towards maintenance costs <b>of the railway, to be funded from rates.</b>	AGREED, but <b>ADD at the end “of the railway, to be funded from rates”</b>
<b>St Luke’s Church Oamaru garden maintenance</b>	<b>18</b>	Add \$1,500 to the Oamaru township maintenance budget for the maintenance of St Luke’s gardens at the intersection of Itchen and Thames Streets, Oamaru.	AGREED

- **plus additions to Table Four (as agreed – refer bottom of this page for summary)**

Key discussion points on Table Four items were as follows:

**Item 1 – Waste (community waste survey)**

- The survey in this item would be a survey of residents. It differed from the survey in item 4, which was a SWAP analysis on rubbish.

**Item 2 – Waste (operating hours)**

- Weekend opening hours seem to be the key and that is not being addressed at all by this proposed response. Is there a mid-point to be found?
- The difficulty is the logistics involved in having the same operators drive to these smaller towns one after the other and collect the waste; that is different to a local person going round the road to open up premises. Resource consents require weekly collection of waste. It might be possible to modify some of these processes, but the overall problem will not be easily fixed without more investment of capital and resources.
- The current hours are where the community boards wanted them originally. Their submissions are now asking for different hours. Extending hours could not easily be done, given the staffing and location logistics and consents issues raised above. But the hours could be moved around if that is what the boards want. That too could create issues – for example, a swap of hours between Otematata and Omarama could be possible, but whilst it may help one town, it might detrimentally affect the other.
- Given the complexity of these issues, there is unlikely to be a solution found today. Therefore, a decision to stay with the current operating hours will need to be taken. This was AGREED.

**Item 4 – Waste (SWAP analysis and education and initiatives)**

- There was a suggestion to postpone the \$10k spend until the second year so that the survey results in the first year could be incorporated into the education programme. This raised the question of whether the survey was needed first to know what was required for the education component. The idea of allocating \$10k for education and initiatives was mooted, with the question asked if it would be possible to spend that well from year 1?
- In response, officers advised that the expectation was to include the survey itself as part of the education component, hence the way the items had been proposed.



**Item 5 – Roading**

- Clarification: This is about sealing unsealed roads, not about widening roads.

**Item 6 – Planning for growth and increased tourism-integrated infrastructure and planning**

- A correction was required to this item in Table Four – the first initiative should read “to be funded from ward services rates *reserve*” [addition of the word “reserve”]
- These were at the core of the community boards’ submissions and would enable the communities to be involved in their future.

**Item 7 – Alps 2 Ocean**

- Clarification: This was not about adding \$150k; it was about adding \$50k for regular maintenance.
- A \$100k budget was set initially, before there was a good understanding of how much track maintenance would be required. In addition, the length of the track keeps increasing, and the more it goes off-road, then the more it will cost to maintain it.
- MBIE has signalled its intention to consider funding money for repairs of tracks like these through provision of a business case. But it will be instead of funding capital.

**Item 8 – Mountain biking**

- Council currently provided \$5k to this project, so this was an increase of \$10k to reach the total of \$15k.
- There were views for and against this allocation, and the Chair called for an indication via a show of hands.
- The Chair declared the vote for the item as proposed as AGREED. Cr Jan Wheeler asked for her vote against to be recorded.

**Item 10 – Cycle safety**

- Some Councillors were of the view that this item should be incorporated into existing budgets.
- From a different perspective, it was noted that the existing road safety budget covered personnel costs, and a lot of the costs in this item were for materials. If they were not covered through funding, then the level of service could be cut.
- It was also argued that the item should be supported because road safety is a growing problem.
- The Chair called for an indication via a show of hands, and declared the vote for the item as proposed as AGREED. Cr Jan Wheeler asked for her vote against to be recorded.

**Item 12 – Recreation Centre maintenance**

- The proposal is to provide a grant, which Council will loan fund over ten years. The repayments will be a cost to Council, with no interest payable.
- There may be some questions about why Council is funding this when there is also a proposal to have a new Recreation Centre. To clarify – we are not saying yes or no to the recreation centre yet; it is too early. If it does go ahead, it would not be for another five years, and this centre would still be needed.

**Item 13 – Palmerston amenity rate**

- There was a lesson in this situation, in that it is better to keep rates even over time, as there will always be work to do. This is returning the rate to \$30k where it used to be.

**Item 14 – Heritage**

- Some Councillors expressed concern that his proposal had originally been for a permanent position, and had then become a fixed-term role. In their view, because Oamaru is a heritage town, looking for World Heritage status, it was time to have faith in such a position and just get on with it. To get someone with the right calibre of expertise and the ability to deal with people constructively and make a real difference to the heritage sector, it will be important to offer a length of service that would entice such a person to move here and ‘hit the ground running’.
- One Councillor felt that there should be caution until a detailed report was provided on the role, and a position description that stated its responsibilities and benefits to the community.
- Another view expressed was that it was time to change attitudes – Waitaki is a heritage region and it was time that it was seen to be doing all it can to protect and preserve it. If Waitaki became a landmark area in the next six months, there could be significant funding options opened up as a result and a qualified person would be needed to advocate for them.

- Those who did not support the suggestion of a return to a permanent position shared the view that existing planning staff should be able to provide heritage advice and there were better ways to spend heritage money.
- The opportunity for a permanent position to bring in external funding was considered by one Councillor to be the “core principle” for this argument, because ultimately that would save ratepayers money.
- When asked, Planning Manager Hamish Barrell confirmed that consultants were currently used in the planning department to establish the right systems and to look more broadly at funding sources and working with owners of heritage buildings. There would be some displacement of consultants if this position was approved, but the consultancy budget was not huge and was currently needed for the district plan review. There were also other aspects (including but not limited to heritage) that needed to be covered from the district plan budget. Group Manager Lichelle Guyan added that the focus of this role would be to bring specialist heritage advice into the team. People were seeking help with the very complex heritage process, and this role would help Council promote and provide a better customer service experience to those dealing with heritage issues.

The Chair then called for an indication on three options, as follows:

Option 1 – to have no heritage advisor at all.

Vote FOR: Two Councillors

DECLARED LOST

The Chair noted that those who had voted for Option 1 could now also vote for Option 2 (permanent position) or 3 (fixed term role).

Option 2 – to have the Heritage Advisor as a permanent position

Vote FOR: Four Councillors

Option 3 – to have the Heritage Advisor as a fixed-term role for three years

Vote FOR: Three Councillors

The Chair declared the vote **AGREED FOR A PERMANENT POSITION**, and asked that officers come back with more information about whether the role would be part subsidised for a particular term or forever via contributions from other budgets which may include the consultants' budget. Table Four would reflect that the funding formula proposed would not change, but that additional extra funding options would be investigated.

*The Chair left the meeting at 11.42am, and the Deputy Mayor assumed the role of Chair.*

#### **Item 15 – Geopark**

- Next steps in the process included the need to submit a Letter of Intent by 1 July, and a full dossier by 30 November if the bid was successful. A decision by the Secretariat would be made after that. Indications are very favourable that future funding will be considered.

*Mayor Gary Kircher returned to the meeting at 11.45am, and resumed the role of Chair.*

- A comment was made that, although indications seemed to be good, Waitaki ratepayers would still need to pay for United Nations officials to come to Waitaki to assess the Geopark site. It was imperative that the business case for it stacked up.
- Other Councillors noted that they did not have a problem with that view, but Council still needed to plan for the next ten years and so the opportunity for a Geopark needed to be included. The production of a business case was something that would follow if the bid was successful.

#### **Item 16 – Harbour dredging**

- It was clarified that the dredging would be a two-step process, with details to be confirmed.
- The request was made that the cost of the hydrostatic survey be added into the proposed budget. This was **AGREED**.

**ACTION POINT:** LTP Project Team (to amend the Table Four entry to include the survey in the project cost)

**Item 17 – Oamaru Steam and Rail**

It was AGREED that this item should be funded from rates.

ACTION POINT: LTP Project Team (to add the funding source to Table Four)

**Item 18 – St Luke's Church Oamaru garden maintenance**

- It was clarified that this was about work on the Garden and Itchen Street walls.
- It was noted that this is a specific garden that was very public, and would provide a public benefit. There was also support for the proposal because the church opened up for visitors at certain times of the year, and had done so for about 10 years. In this way, it made a contribution to tourism, and this was a way to acknowledge that by helping them.
- The Chair called for an indication, and declared the vote for the item as proposed as AGREED.

Group Manager Paul Hope advised that a couple of Water and Hall Committees had asked about changes to their water rates, and these were currently missing from the list in Table Four. He sought decisions from Councillors in response to the Committees' requests.

After brief discussion, it was AGREED to comply with the requests of the committees.

ACTION POINT: LTP Project team to add to Table Four with AGREED as the decision taken

**Other points of clarification:**

- With regard to Henburn, there were a number of options, and these were just "on the list"; no decision had been taken about whether they would go ahead or not. If a decision was taken to proceed, then funding would need to be worked out, and there were good possibilities because of its association with the Geopark bid and the huge public use component.
- The balance of reserve was available for any projects that came up within the ten year plan.

**Discussion then moved on to the spreadsheets (pages 30 – 32 of the agenda papers).**

The Chair proposed that Council AGREES to allocate \$150k from **unneeded** property depreciation and/or cash surpluses to go towards rates in years 2 and 3. Cr Jim Hopkins said he was happy to second the proposal but with the word "unneeded" removed. When asked, Group Manager Paul Hope advised that he was comfortable with the proposal, and it was appropriate to make the allocations in years 2 and 3. The Chair's proposal, without the word "unneeded" was AGREED.

*At 12.13pm, Cr Hugh Perkins excused himself from the meeting, and submitted an apology for the rest of the day. He advised that he was very happy with the work of the meeting thus far.*

Accounting Manager Ian Wells displayed the spreadsheet on the large screen, and highlighted the indicative impact of the decisions at this meeting on the increase in the total rate required in Years 1 – 3, namely:

- Year 1 – 3.23%
- Year 2 – 4.03%
- Year 3 – 4.30%.

Mr Wells also clarified that the tables on page 32 had not been updated with some of the newer information, but what was displayed on the large screen at the meeting was correct and included all of the changes agreed to date. In addition, Group Manager Paul Hope advised that any changes made to the Revenue and Financing Policy in the next agenda item (item 5) would also impact on the final rate figures.

**Summary of AGREED additions to Table Four:**

- Allocation of \$150k for years 2 and 3 funded from unneeded property depreciation funds, or general surpluses.
- Kauru Hill water scheme is reduced by \$30 including GST per unit
- Totara Hall rate remains the same



**Other related matters:**

The meeting heard that responses to individual submissions were now being drafted by the LTP Project Team. Each one was being produced to ensure all issues raised in them were addressed in the responses. The Mayor would be signing the letters, and he confirmed that he too would be making sure that individual issues were responded to as appropriately as possible given time constraints.

The Chair advised that he now proposed to call for movers and seconders of the recommendations in the agenda report.

RESOLVED  
WDC 2018/086

Cr Jim Hopkins / Deputy Mayor Melanie Tavendale  
That Council:

1. Notes the starting position for the proposed rate requirement for the 2018-28 Long Term Plan as adopted on 27 March 2018, and as consulted with the community, in **Table One**.
2. Confirms the revised proposed rate requirement for the 2018-28 Long Term Plan as at 22 May 2018, as disclosed in **Table Two**, and notes officer feedback on issues raised by submitters through the hearing of submissions in **Table Three**.

CARRIED

RESOLVED  
WDC 2018/087

Deputy Mayor Melanie Tavendale / Cr Craig Dawson  
That Council:

3. Confirms, amends or removes new proposals raised by submitters through consultation on the contents of the 2018-28 Long Term Plan in **Table Four**, including the additions and changes made at this meeting as recorded above.

CARRIED

AGAINST: Cr Jim Hopkins

RESOLVED  
WDC 2018/088

Cr Jim Hopkins / Cr Colin Wollstein  
That Council:

4. Confirms proposals previously agreed by Council on 27 March 2018 and consulted with the community in **Table Five**.
5. Agrees any final changes to the 2018-28 Long Term Plan in advance of its adoption on 26 June 2018.
6. Instructs officers to make final changes to the 2018-28 Long Term Plan based on the resolution of recommendations 1-5 above.
7. Notes that:
  - a. Officers will prepare the 2018-28 Long Term Plan for Audit New Zealand review between 13 and 22 June 2018.
  - b. Once the Audit New Zealand review has been completed, Council will be unable to make any further changes without missing legislative timeframes.
  - c. The 2018 Development and Financial Contributions Policy will be presented to Council for adoption under cover of a separate report to the 29 May 2018 meeting.
  - d. The Revenue and Financing Policy 2018 will be presented to Council for adoption in a separate report to the Council Meeting to be held on 26 June 2018.
  - e. The 2018-28 Long Term Plan will be presented to Council for adoption on 26 June 2018.

CARRIED



## 5. Consideration of Matters in Relation to the Revenue and Financing Policy

The report, as circulated, considered the matters that arose during the consultation on the Draft Revenue and Financing Policy 2018 which occurred during April 2018 in parallel with the Long Term Plan consultation process.

Group Manager Paul Hope advised that Council had considered the seven submissions received on the Revenue and Financing Policy during the hearings on 14 and 15 May 2018. They were further discussed at the LTP deliberations workshop on 22 May 2018.

### RESOLVED

WDC 2018/089

Cr Jim Hopkins / Deputy Mayor Melanie Tavendale

That Council amends the Revenue and Financing Policy 2018 and any related Policies and Information based on the feedback received on the material consulted on, as set out below:

1. Confirms the funding of the rates share of the Waitaki Lakes Camping activity through the District Services Rate and confirms the decision to cease the use of the Lakes Camping Rate as a funding tool.
2. Confirms the funding of 100% of rates share of the Civil Defense activity through the Uniform Annual General Charge and confirms the removal of Civil Defense from the Roding and Civil Defense Rate and renames this rate the Roding Rate.
3. Confirms the funding of the rates share of the District Libraries activity on the same basis as other similar services, being
  - a. Ward Services Rates 90% on the ratio of
    - i. Oamaru a factor of 5
    - ii. Corriedale a factor of 3
    - iii. Waihemo a factor of 1
    - iv. Ahuriri a factor of 1
  - b. Oamaru Business Area Rate 10%.

CARRIED

### RESOLVED

WDC 2018/090

Deputy Mayor Melanie Tavendale / Cr Craig Dawson

That Council amends the Revenue and Financing Policy 2018 and any related Policies and Information based on the feedback received on the material consulted on, as set out below:

4. Confirms the funding of 100% of rates share of the Public Toilet activity through the Uniform Annual General Charge.

CARRIED

### RESOLVED

WDC 2018/091

Cr Jim Hopkins / Mayor Gary Kircher

That Council amends the Revenue and Financing Policy 2018 and any related Policies and Information based on the feedback received on the material consulted on, as set out below:

5. Confirms the creation of a Roding – Forestry differential for rating units used predominately or exclusively for commercial forestry purposes and sets the differential as a four times the Roding – Other rate.

CARRIED

### RESOLVED

WDC 2018/092

Cr Jim Hopkins / Cr Jan Wheeler

That Council amends the Revenue and Financing Policy 2018 and any related Policies and Information based on the feedback received on the material consulted on, as set out below:

6. Confirms the changes to the Roding – Electrical Generation differential percentage to be collected of 6% in 2018/19, 7% in 2019/20 and 8% in 2020/21, with a further review following the next District revaluation.

CARRIED

Cr Jim Hopkins sought to move an amended motion in relation to the report's recommendation 7, by adding the words "for one year" after "postpones".

The Chair called for a seconder, and no one spoke.

The Chair declared the amended motion LAPSED for lack of a seconder.

Another revised recommendation 7 was then put to the meeting, which removed the previously suggested inclusion of "for one year" and instead added the words "regarding consent conditions around road maintenance obligations" to the end. It was RESOLVED as follows:

RESOLVED

WDC 2018/093

Mayor Gary Kircher / Cr Jan Wheeler

That Council amends the Revenue and Financing Policy 2018 and any related Policies and Information based on the feedback received on the material consulted on, as set out below:

7. Postpones any change to the Roding – Mineral Extraction differential until further information can be obtained regarding consent conditions around road maintenance obligations.

CARRIED

RESOLVED

WDC 2018/094

Cr Jim Hopkins / Deputy Mayor Melanie Tavendale

That Council amends the Revenue and Financing Policy 2018 and any related Policies and Information based on the feedback received on the material consulted on, as set out below:

8. Changes the funding of the rates share of the Economic Development Services from the General Rate to the District Services Rate, based on a funding analysis of the revised scope of this function.
9. Confirms the changes to the funding mixes for Roding and Waste Management activities and the removal of the Rural Fire analysis.
10. Instructs officers to update the Revenue and Financing Policy 2018 for adoption.

CARRIED

## 6. Adoption of 2018 Development and Financial Contributions Policy

The report, as circulated, sought to confirm the changes proposed in the Draft 2018 Development and Financial Contributions Policy following consideration of submitter feedback, and Council's decision to adopt the policy so that it is in place prior to the adoption of the Long Term Plan on 26 June 2018.

Group Manager Paul Hope advised that only two submissions had been received on this policy. After considering the issues raised, officers were proposing that Council adopt the policy with only minor amendments to meet legal requirements.

Cr Jim Hopkins said he was happy to move the report's recommendations but also wanted to speak to it. Cr Craig Dawson seconded the motion, which was then opened up for discussion.

### ***Discussion on the motion:***

Cr Jim Hopkins asked that, before the policy came back to Council for adoption on 26 June, an explicit reference be included in the policy of a targeted rate of the DC as an option; he suggested it could be added on page 52.

In response, Group Manager Paul Hope advised that this policy was being adopted today, and would not be brought back to the 26 June Council Meeting. He suggested that a minor amendment could be made without affecting the proposed resolution. This approach was AGREED, and the motion was then put to the meeting and resolved as follows:

RESOLVED  
WDC 2018/095

Cr Jim Hopkins / Cr Craig Dawson  
That Council:

1. Confirms the changes proposed in the Draft 2018 Development and Financial Contributions Policy following consideration of submitter feedback.
2. Adopts the 2018 Development and Financial Contributions Policy with any minor corrections and changes made in accordance with legal advice.
3. Instructs officers to communicate the outcome of the process to submitters.

CARRIED

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 12.45pm.

TO BE CONFIRMED at the next Council Meeting, scheduled to be held on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of June 2018 in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, Waitaki District Council Headquarters, 20 Thames Street, Oamaru.

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Chairperson

# Waitaki District Council Memorandum

**From** Mayor Gary Kircher

**Date** 26 June 2018

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## Mayor's Report

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### Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the information.

### Purpose

The following comments are provided to bring Councillors and the public up-to-date with a number of issues and happenings that have arisen since the last Council meeting.

### What's been happening?

The end is nigh... in this case, it is the end of the development of our Long Term Plan. It's been over a year, but today we get to sign off the plan. It is a reasonable mix of prudence, complying with government requirements, and our desire to progress the district. Thank you to all who have worked so hard to get us to this point, including staff and Councillors, and most importantly, our ratepayers who fed into the process.

The latest Rural and Provincial Councils' sector meeting in Wellington was an interesting one, with a number of Government Ministers and ministry officials coming along to talk to us on issues such as climate change, the three waters, Mycoplasma Bovis, and social housing.

### Otago Mayoral Forum and OREDS

It is fair to say that the Otago Mayoral Forum is behind the eight-ball in getting its regional economic development strategy completed. We are part of the Canterbury Mayoral Forum of course, and as Councillors know, we completed that region's strategy several years ago. The delay in Otago completing its plan has come home to roost, with the provincial growth fund requesting strong regional support for applications. The lack of support could mean applications are declined.

The Otago Strategy, otherwise known as OREDS, has been developed in relative isolation from the Otago Mayors, which I was critical about at our recent meeting. This has resulted in a combined meeting being planned, which will include the Mayors, their CEOs, and the economic development (ED) agencies that have been involved so far. It is easy to create a token strategy, but I want to make sure this is not just another ED strategy which will be adopted and then sit on the shelf.

Rather than identify actual physical projects that might benefit one or two districts, I want to see a focus that works for the whole region, or the great majority of it. I expect it will focus on infrastructure, cooperative initiatives, and common interests such as education and employment issues. I am certainly hoping to see some solid progress soon.

### Three Waters

One of the issues raised at the Rural and Provincial meeting two weeks ago was the topic of three waters – that is, water supplies, storm water, and waste water. The Government is increasingly making comments about the possible aggregation of water into a small number of giant water entities spread across New Zealand. As the ministry official said, in a simplified cost analysis of what would be required to get all drinking water supplies up to standard, it could all be done if every household in New Zealand paid 70 cents per week.

However, that does not take into account districts like ours. Arguably, we have one of the tougher jobs in the country with a large area and many rural water schemes, and a small population. But we have done pretty well getting almost all of our schemes compliant over the past decade. Through a variety of solutions, we have achieved excellent progress which is a real credit to staff, and Councillors who have bitten the bullet to make this happen. We have higher than average rates, but we have paid our



way. It would disadvantage our ratepayers if they now had to pay not only for our own scheme upgrades but also for all those schemes across the country who had not dealt with the issue. There are no easy answers but adding even more to our ratepayers' bills is not an answer.

I spoke against the concept, citing our situation as a reason why it was not as simple as it was painted. I have been asked by Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) to provide our data as an argument against aggregation of water supplies. It may not stop aggregation, but hopefully it will help alleviate the burden that might otherwise fall onto our ratepayers.



Ministers Grant Robertson and Eugenie Sage as they spoke to us at our Rural and Provincial meeting.

### Cultural diversity

On 18 June, we held another Citizenship Ceremony, where another 18 immigrants swore their allegiance to the Queen and New Zealand and became Kiwis. This follows a reasonably significant increase in new citizens being sworn in in Waitaki, and it is a sign of the times that we are doing well attracting people who want to live in our district.

With that increase has been a broadening of the diversity of ethnicities and cultures that we have here. Diversity is not always good, if it causes tensions in the community that can be difficult to deal with. However, it appears we are doing quite well, with an enriching of what we share and enjoy across the community. An example of this was the recent Filipino community show at our Opera House. It was a most enjoyable evening of dance and music that impressed and entertained all who attended.

It was a great example of people adding to our melting pot, not only coming to fill the jobs we need done, but to bring their cultures to add even more.



Two of the excellent performances at the Filipino Concert

### ***Mycoplasma bovis* [*M.bovis*]**

With the increasing number of identified *M.bovis* cases, it appears the disease is spread around a lot of New Zealand. It is affecting farmers everywhere that it has been found, and even where it is only suspected to be. It has devastated businesses and brought financial ruin to farmers and their families.

There has been a decision to continue with the attempt to eradicate the disease because, even though farming can successfully continue with *M.bovis*, it is far better if we can get rid of it.

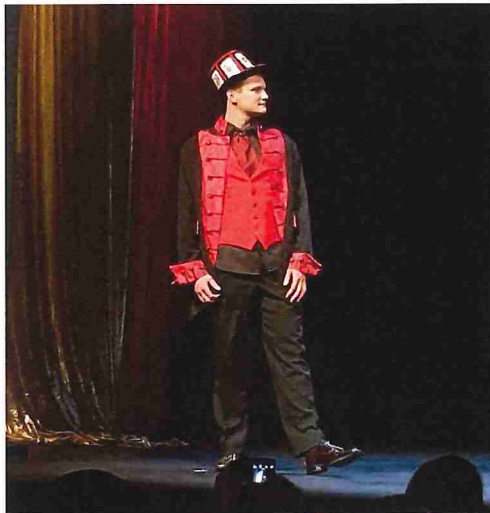
It was at our Rural and Provincial meeting that the head of biosecurity for the Ministry of Primary Industries (MPI) Roger Smith gave us an update on the disease and the actions they were taking to successfully eradicate it. There is no doubt that it is a major battle that they are fighting, and I do hope they achieve their goal. In the meantime, we all should be mindful to look out for our dairy and beef farming friends; all too many are doing it pretty tough at the moment. As I write this, I will be attending the MPI meeting at Papakaio which will update the industry on the latest information. I expect that I can give an update on this report at our Council meeting on 26 June.



MPI's Biosecurity head Roger Smith as he addresses the Rural and Provincial sector meeting

### The importance of Steampunk

Following the latest success for Steampunk in Oamaru, it is time that we took Steampunk and the opportunities it brings to the next level. The town was packed with a number of events over the long weekend, and the Steampunkers were obvious everywhere around town as they came and enjoyed our place. The quality of the event has lifted and there is an opportunity to make even more of it. Several of us are working with the key proponents of Steampunk in Oamaru to see how we can help them grow our reputation as the Steampunk Capital of New Zealand!

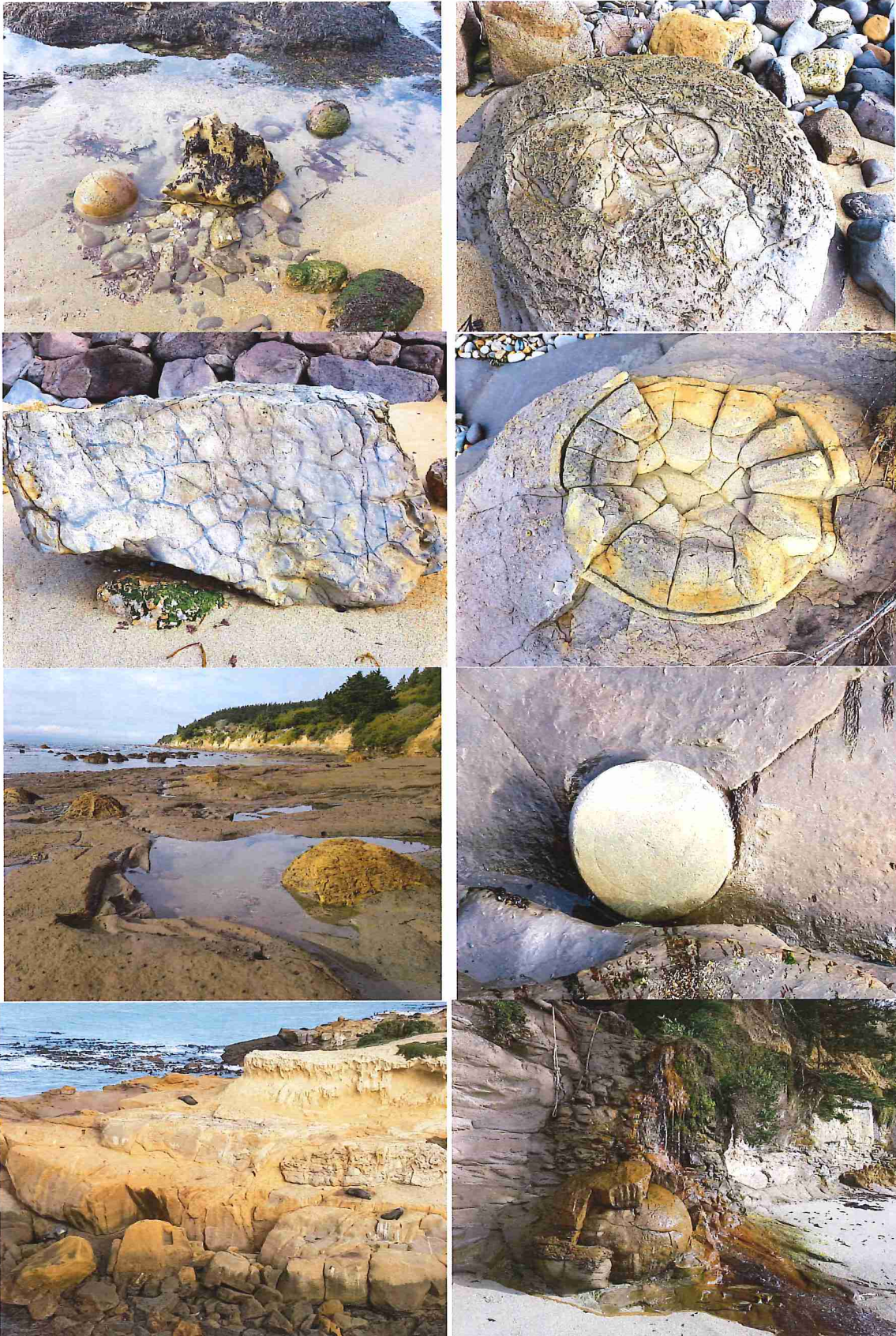


Just a few photos from another amazing Steampunk Festival, held in the Steampunk Capital of New Zealand over Queens Birthday Weekend. And a special guest appearance from one of our interns, Niek Broekman as he graced the stage at the Steampunk Fashion Show



## The Geopark

If you were in any doubt about the wealth of treasures that will make up the geosites around Waitaki, here is a number of photographs within 500m of Shag Point, taken on a Sunday walk with Kerry. It is a truly amazing range of geological examples that even a lay person such as myself can be impressed with, without knowing much about them!







Some examples of why Waitaki is a fantastic candidate for UNESCO Global Geopark status

### Waitaki Youth

As the saying goes, the youth are our future. And we know there are many pressures on today's young people, and all too many have not built up their resilience in the same way as previous generations. Whatever the reasons, a proportion are more likely than ever to need support to make them stronger and help them through their tough times. That is where organisations like Youthline, and programmes like their Good2Great come in, helping our young people learn more about themselves and how to deal with life's challenges. It was a pleasure to welcome the participants to this latest session in Oamaru as they began their day, and to introduce New Zealand musician Stan Walker to them as the ambassador for the programme. Stan had an amazing story to tell them. He really did have a tough upbringing, and it went a lot like the storyline of *Once Were Warriors*... truly heartbreaking. But he had talent and, more importantly, he worked very hard to make it in a difficult industry. It did not make easy listening, but it was a good lesson to the 30 or so of our young people who attended. Thanks very much to Youthline for their important work in our community,



Good 2Great ambassador, Stan Walker speaks to programme participants

### Waitaki Events

We are at a crossroads when it comes to events. Council has traditionally contracted Tourism Waitaki (TW) to provide an events coordination service, but the details have been lost over time, to the extent that the activity is not mentioned in its current contract. It was always intended – when events was added to their scope of activities (and funding was added to their budget) – that Tourism Waitaki's focus would be on events that had an appreciable visitor component – that is, events which encouraged people to come to Waitaki and stay here longer.

With the fallout from the Oamaru Fire and Steam event, which TW cancelled but which the community picked up and made happen, it was timely to review what TW was capable of doing and what we want them to do in this area. That discussion is still happening but it has become clear there is still a role for Council as an ongoing funder of the costs of events. We are undertaking a stocktake of our events



– what we organise, what we support in various ways, and what we spend on events. Between Council and Tourism Waitaki, I expect that it will be a reasonably large figure which underlines just how importantly we consider events to be. They need to continue; the question is how that will happen...



Photos from the Irishman Vintage Car Rally held in Oamaru at Queen's Birthday Weekend

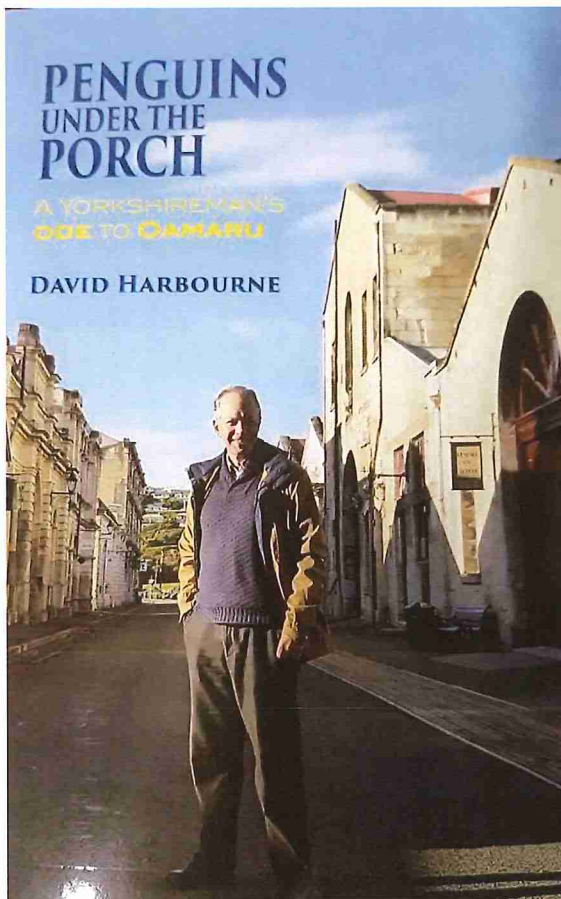


The successful Fire and Steam event

### Penguins Under The Porch

The latest book on Oamaru is written by a Yorkshireman who lives on the other side of the world, but it is one of the most interesting books of our place that I have read! David Harbourne fell in love with Oamaru when he accidentally found himself here, and has now visited several times. He decided to give up his job and focus on writing about Oamaru from his perspective, and the result is a very readable, very informative book which ranges from historical facts to modern day characters, all interwoven with David's own life experiences.

I was pleased to be at the launch of the book held in the Oamaru Public Library, where I presented David with two of John Baster's models of Oamaru building frontages. One is for him, and recognises the title I have given him of Honorary Oamaruvian. The other is for the people of Devizes, our twin town in the United Kingdom, where David is heading next to have another launch of his book. If you have not had a chance to read it, I recommend that you get a copy and get into it!



David Harbourne with me and the model he is taking to Devizes as a gift on our behalf.

#### Meetings Attended:

26 April	Meeting with Mark Smith OWCT
27 April	Photos: Harbour St, Phoenix Water Wheel, Cover for Geopark bid
27 April	Meeting with Kate Proctor
27 April	Roxburgh Children's Village Meeting
27 April	Meeting Helen Wyn and Abby Cheeseman
7 May	Mayor and CEO catch-up
7 May	Draft Agenda Meeting for Committees Day
7 May	Meeting with Cricket Hop Productions
7 May	Economic Development Manager Shortlisting
7 May	Meeting Dougal McGowan Otago Chamber of Commerce
8 May	Council Meeting and workshops
8 May	Councillor Briefing
8 May	District Plan Review Committee workshop
8 May	Harbour Area Committee Meeting
8 May	Federation Farmers AGM – Guest Speaker
9 May	Coordination Group Meeting
9 May	Meeting with Community Gardens
9 May	Meeting Councillor Peter Garvan Mid-Term catch-up
9 May	Corporate Planning Meeting
9 May	Site Visit Gordon Johnston, 1 Regina Lane
9 May	Meeting with Jane McKnight
9 May	Meeting with Helen Jansen Fire & Steam
10 May	TRENZ 2018 Edger Centre
10 May	Dinner with Interns Redcastle
11 May	Meeting with Graham Clark
11 May	Meeting Site visit with Bryce Kayne
11 May	Meeting regarding Woolstore building
11 May	Interviews for Economic Development Manager
11 May	St John South Island Region Awards, Loan & Merc



14 May	Mayor and CEO Catch-up
14 May	Long Term Plan Hearings – Verbal Submissions
14 May	Meeting with Kate Proctor
15 May	FAR Committee Meeting
15 May	Long Term Plan Hearings – Verbal Submissions
15 May	Meeting Oamaru Whitestone Civic Trust
16 May	Meeting with Phil and Tyla Scott – Scotts Brewery
16 May	Update Meeting Deputy Mayor Melanie Tavendale and submission debrief
16 May	Meeting Renee Julius
16 May	Lunch Meeting with Chief Executive and Margaret Munro GM Tourism Waitaki
16 May	Meeting Cameron Schultz
16 May	Meeting Councillor Hugh Perkins – Mid-Term catch-up
16 May	Mayor and CEO Catch-up
17 May	Clay Cliffs and Glide Omarama Visit
18 May	Economic Development Manager Interviews
18 May	Meeting with Councillor Jeremy Holding – Mid Term catch-up
18 May	Youth Council Movie Night, Takaro Park
18 May	Oamaru Performing Arts Festival Competition – Presentation of Winners
21 May	Mayor and CEO Catch-up
21 May	Phoenix Mill Water Wheel Trust Meeting
21 May	Meeting with Ralph Davies
21 May	Meeting Councillor Jim Hopkins Mid-Term catch-up
21 May	Meeting Rod Philip – Gateway to Gold
21 May	Waihemo Community Board Meeting
22 May	Long Term Plan Deliberations Workshop
22 May	Councillor Briefing
22 May	Oamaru Victorian Heritage Committee Meeting
23 May	Coordination Group Meeting
23 May	Roseanne Sheridan – Children's Cemetery Garden
23 May	Corporate Planning Meeting
23 May	Meeting with Anton Roswell
24 May	Meeting with Greg Wylie
24 May	Otago Mayoral Forum Dinner Balclutha
25 May	Otago Mayoral Forum Balclutha
28 May	Mayor & CEO Catch-up
28 May	Draft Agenda Meeting for Committee Days
28 May	Meeting with Deputy Mayor Melanie Tavendale Mid-Term catch-up
28 May	Meeting NOSLAM
28 May	Meeting with Councillor Craig Dawson Mid-Term catch-Up
28 May	Ahuriri Community Board Meeting
29 May	Workshop Regulatory Compliance Strategy
29 May	Council Meeting Additional
29 May	Tourism Waitaki Shareholder Meeting
29 May	LTP discussions and workshop
29 May	Creative Communities Meeting
29 May	Councillor Briefing
30 May	Interview Real Radio
30 May	Meeting with Bill Re Harbour St
30 May	Meeting Councillor Colin Wollstein Mid-Term catch-up
30 May	Meeting with Councillor Jan Wheeler Mid-Term catch-up
30 May	Lunch Meeting Tee St Café
30 May	Mediaworks Interview
30 May	Meeting re KPIs
30 May	Corporate Planning Meeting
30 May	Meeting Margaret Munro and Allan Dick
30 May	Meeting Councillor Guy Percival Mid-Term catch-up
30 May	Zonta 10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Changeover Dinner
31 May	Economic Development Manager Interviews
31 May	Book Launch – Penguins under the Porch
1 June	Meeting with Kelly Harvey Tutu Hill Cakes
1 June	Irishman's Vintage Car Rally Day Tour
1 June	Meeting with Lisa Bailie
1 June	Meeting Rainbow Confectionery
1 June	Fire & Steam event
2 June	Irishman's Rally – Flag Starter of Rally

2 June	Workshop with Tourism Waitaki Board
3 June	Friendly Bay Boat Club open day
3 June	Steampunk Fashion Show
5 June	Mayor and CEO catch-up
5 June	Committees Day and Harbour Area Committee Meetings
5 June	Meeting with Russ Dixon MTO
5 June	Council Workshop – Representation Review
5 June	Executive Committee Meeting
5 June	Councillor Briefing
5 June	Business after 5pm
5 June	Alzheimer's Society North Otago Presentation Yoram
5 June	Meeting Dougal McGowan, Otago Chamber of Commerce
5 June	Meeting Victoria Heritage Committee
6 June	Meeting with Michael de Buyzer
6 June	Coordination Group Meeting
6 June	Harbour Build Progress Meeting
6 June	Opening Oamaru North School new block
6 June	Lunch Meeting Hon Dr David Clark
6 June	Corporate Planning Meeting
6 June	Meeting Councillor Bill Kingan – Mid-Term catch-up
6 June	Meeting LTP Project Team – LTP document
6 June	Travel to Dunedin – Wellington
7 June	Biodiversity Forum
7 June	LGNZ Rural & Provincial Meeting
8 June	LGNZ Rural & Provincial Meeting
8 June	Meeting with Sarah Bagnall and Danica Stent – DOC
9 June	Youthline Coca-Cola Good 2 Great Workshop
9 June	Variety Concert – Filipino Waitaki Inc
10 June	Otago Masonic Charitable Trust, Presentation Grants



**Mayor Gary Kircher**



# Waitaki District Council Memorandum

From Chief Executive

Date 26 June 2018

## Chief Executive's Report

### Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the information.

### Purpose

The following comments are provided to bring Councillors up-to-date with issues that have arisen since the last Council meeting on 8 May 2018.

#### 1. Waitaki Whitestone UNESCO Global Geopark

The Waitaki Whitestone Geopark has been successful in being selected (as the sole selectee) to represent New Zealand as this nation's first Aspiring UNESCO Global Geopark. If successful in acquiring UNESCO accreditation, this will be the only UNESCO Global Geopark in Australasia.

Margaret Munro, General Manager of Tourism Waitaki, is currently completing a UNESCO Global Geoparks Intensive Course in Greece. She is accompanied in Greece by Dr Geoff Hicks, Chair of the Expert Advisory Panel assisting the New Zealand National Commission for UNESCO to establish New Zealand's first Global Geopark. Ms Munro will then visit Global Geoparks in China while on a trade mission in that country.

Discussions have commenced with GNS Science regarding participation of GNS Science in the process of establishment and maintenance of the Waitaki Whitestone Aspiring UNESCO Global Geopark.

Steps are now under way to prepare an application to the Provincial Growth Fund for funding to prepare a Business Case (based on Treasury guidelines) for the Global Geopark, and for support of an establishment team to help progress geopark establishment, and related marketing.



Professor Richard Walter of the University of Otago (and Member of the Waitaki Whitestone Geopark Advisory Group) giving a public lecture on Māori adzes at the Forrester Gallery



Council's first departing International Intern (Amelia Guibbal) of the Reunion Islands, France (a specialist in International Business Relations and Translation) receiving a Certificate of Completion of Internship from Mayor Gary Kircher

## 2. Zero Carbon Bill

Consultation on the [Zero Carbon Bill](#) [\*] is now open. Submissions close on 19 July 2018.

The Zero Carbon Bill is intended to provide a long-term and stable policy environment, with a clear emissions target and a guided pathway to get there. The Bill:

- sets in law the target for 2050
- puts in place the stepping stones along the way – ‘emissions budgets’
- establishes the institutions that New Zealand needs to get there, particularly a politically independent Climate Change Commission
- ensures the country has a plan for how to adapt to the effects of climate change.

The [consultation document](#) [\*] asks for views on three net zero target options for New Zealand, including what target should be set, how New Zealand should meet its emissions reduction targets, and whether the target should be able to change.

[\*] The Zero Carbon Bill and consultation document can be accessed here:  
<http://www.mfe.govt.nz/have-your-say-zero-carbon>

The three target options, and economic and emissions outcomes of the options for the 2050 targets, are outlined in the table below:

TARGETS	Net Zero Carbon	Net Zero Long-lived Gases and Stabilised Short-lived Gases	Net Zero Emissions
EMISSIONS	Net zero carbon dioxide emissions by 2050	Net zero long-lived gases by 2050, while also stabilising flow rate of short-lived gases	Net zero emissions (all gases) by 2050
LAND SECTOR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Land-use outcomes more uncertain because targets not prescriptive for methane</li> <li>• Expanded forestry estate needed to offset CO<sub>2</sub>/N<sub>2</sub>O</li> <li>• Main driver of land-use change will be the level of ambition for methane reductions</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Major land use change needed to reduce or offset methane and CO<sub>2</sub>/N<sub>2</sub>O</li> <li>• Up to 10 per cent of New Zealand given over to new forest planting</li> </ul>
ENERGY/TRANSPORT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Major changes in energy and transport sectors</li> <li>• EVs likely to make up to 95 per cent of the light vehicle fleet in 2050</li> <li>• Industrial heat switches from fossil fuel to electricity and biomass</li> <li>• Any CO<sub>2</sub> emissions remaining in 2050 would need to be offset by new forest planting</li> </ul>		
TECHNOLOGY OPTIONS	Target is focussed on CO <sub>2</sub> , with many of the technologies that we will need already available	Technologies needed for both long-lived and short-lived gas emissions reductions, with limited ability to make trade-offs between progress on both of them	The high target ambition means that most, if not all, current and future technology options for emissions reductions will need to be adopted

James Shaw, Minister for Climate Change, has acknowledged that “The transition will affect every sector of the economy, but the change will be more far-reaching in some than others”.

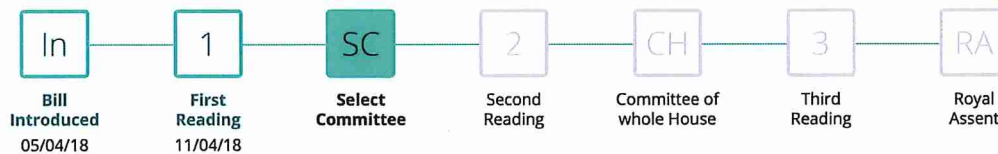
### 3. Local Government (Community Well-being) Amendment Bill

The Bill can be accessed here:

<http://www.legislation.govt.nz/bill/government/2018/0048/latest/LMS30972.html>

#### Progress of the bill

What do the symbols mean?



The main objectives of this Bill are to restore the purpose of local government "to promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities"; to restore territorial authorities' power to collect development contributions for any public amenities needed as a consequence of development; and to make a minor modification to the development contributions power".

Of particular note is the reinstatement of 4 aspects of community well-being, as set out in Clause 4:

### Part 1

#### Reinstatement of 4 aspects of community well-being

##### 4 Section 3 amended (Purpose)

Replace section 3(d) with:

- (d) provides for local authorities to play a broad role in promoting the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of their communities, taking a sustainable development approach.

#### 4. Business and Site Visits

10 May	TRENZ Media and TIA Stakeholder Function
11 May	Onsite meeting with the Mayor, Cr Holding and Bryce Kayne, Bushy Beach
17 May	Meeting with Clay Cliffs owners – Clay Cliffs
17 May	Meeting with Glide Ōmārama, Ōmārama
17 May	Meeting with Ōmārama Hot Tubs, Ōmārama
17 May	Meeting with Wrinkly Rams, Ōmārama
1 June	Waitaki Valley meetings with vineyard operators and Tourism Waitaki General Manager Margaret Munro
9 June	Invitation to attend a Waitaki Whitestone Geopark community meeting – Duntroon
10 June	Invitation to address the Friendly Bay Boat Society – Oamaru



## 5. Meetings Attended

7 May	Meeting with Cricket Hop Productions
7 May	Skype Meeting with Otago Regional Economic Development Managers
9 May	Meeting with Community Gardens
9 May	Guest Speaker at North Otago Rock and Mineral Club – Ōamaru
11 May	Meeting with Global Adventure and Albatross Travel Service
16 May	Meeting with Jan Kennedy, Steampunk General Manager
16 May	Meeting with Margaret Munro, Tourism Waitaki General Manager
21 May	Meeting with Mark Rafills, Dry Crust
21 May	Meeting with Ralph Davies, Head First Travel
21 May	Meeting with Michelle Hewitt, Morrison Low
22 May	Mackenzie Chief Executive's Skype Meeting
22 May	Teleconference with Kevin O'Sullivan, CEO NZ Cruise Association
23 May	Meeting with Derek Golding, Golding Arts
23 May	Otago Regional Economic Development Managers' 'Regional Priorities Workshop' and Working Dinner
24 May	Mayoral Forum Working Dinner, Christchurch
25 May	Canterbury Mayoral Forum, Christchurch
28 May	Meeting with Lucianne White, Tourism Waitaki
28 May	Ahuriri Community Board Meeting
29 May	Teleconference with Andrew Crisp, LINZ CEO
29 May	Teleconference with Dr Helen Brookes, Waitaki Power Trust
30 May	Interview with Bill Campbell
30 May	Meeting with Mike McElhinney (Chair, Tourism Waitaki), Margaret Munro (GM, Tourism Waitaki), Mayor and Erik van der Spek (Recreation Manager, WDC)
2 June	Workshop with Tourism Waitaki Board
5 June	Otago Chamber of Commerce Business After 5 function, Whitestone City
7-8 June	LGNZ Rural and Provincial Meeting, Wellington
7 June	Biodiversity Forum, Wellington
8 June	Meeting with Sarah Bagnall and Danica Stent, Department of Conservation
14 June	Meeting with Maddy Maxwell, A Stone's Throw Production
14 June	Skype videoconference with Ian Simpson, Chief Executive GNS Science
15 June	Meeting with Moeraki Ltd and David Higgins
15 June	Teleconference with John Morgan, Chief Executive, National Institute for Water and Atmospheric Research
15 June	Teleconference with Professor Ewan Fordyce, University of Otago
18 June	Meeting with Helen Jansen
20 June	Mackenzie Basin Tourism Strategy Meeting – Tekapo
21 June	Meeting with Community Gardens
21 June	Meeting with Heliventures NZ Ltd
22 June	Ngāi Tahu Tourism Winter Festival Business Lunch and Otago Regional Economic Development Managers' (OREDs) Meeting, Queenstown
25 June	Meeting with Jane Watson, Canterbury Today



Fergus Power  
Chief Executive Officer



# Waitaki District Council Report

**From** Finance and Corporate Development Group Manager **Date** 26 June 2018

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## Recommendation from Finance, Audit and Risk Committee Meeting – 15 May 2018

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### Rating Adjustment – Davids Street, Moeraki

The report to the Committee was circulated as a Public Excluded agenda item to the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee Meeting of 15 May 2018. It sought Council's resolution of matters in relation to a longstanding rates issue by writing off the rates outstanding and declaring the land non-rateable because of land stability issues, for a property on the corner of Haven and Davids Streets in Moeraki.

After considering the report in the Public Excluded section of the Committee Meeting, it was resolved to release the final resolution for the agenda item in the public minutes of that meeting and in a Recommendations from Committee Report in the public agenda for the 26 June 2018 Council Meeting for final approval by Council.

RESOLVED  
FAR 2018/034

Cr Jim Hopkins / Cr Peter Garvan  
That the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee recommends:  
That Council writes off all outstanding rates on sections 9 and 10, block IV,  
Davids Street, Moeraki and make the land non-rateable.

CARRIED



Paul Hope  
**Finance and Corporate Development Group Manager**

# Waitaki District Council Report

**From** Assets Group Manager

**Date** 26 June 2018

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## Recommendations from Harbour Area Committee Meeting, 5 June 2018

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### 1. Harbour Projects

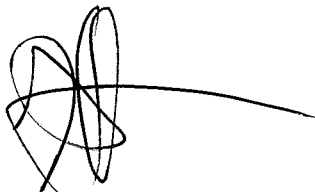
The report, as circulated to the Committee, sought to obtain the Committee's instructions for officers to undertake specific project work, and to make recommendations to Council about signage-related projects.

RESOLVED  
HAC 2018/013

Cr Jim Hopkins / Deputy Mayor Melanie Tavendale  
That the Harbour Area Committee recommends:  
That Council:

1. Instructs officers to complete the following projects with funds from the Harbour operational budgets:
  - a. Interpretive signage regarding the Shags on Sumpter Wharf
  - b. Sumpter Wharf Signage
  - c. Renovation of interpretive signage (rusty pipe signage)
2. Receives and notes the information on the other projects

CARRIED



Neil Jorgensen  
Assets Group Manager

# Waitaki District Council Report

**From** Assets Group Manager

**Date** 26 June 2018

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## Recommendations from Assets Committee Meeting, 5 June 2018

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### 1. Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2018-24 – Summary of submissions and resulting proposals for final plan

The report, as circulated to the Assets Committee, sought to make recommendations to the Committee for referral to Council on the content of the final Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2018-24 following consideration of public submissions.

#### RESOLVED

AC 2018/022

Mayor Gary Kircher / Deputy Mayor Melanie Tavendale:

The Assets Committee recommends:

That Council:

1. Notes the public submissions received on the Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2018-24 (WMMP) included as Appendix 1 of this report.
2. Notes the officer comments included in Appendix 1 of this report.
3. Confirms its proposal in the Draft WMMP to increase charges for rubbish disposal at the Rural Resource Recovery Parks to \$120 per m<sup>3</sup>.
4. Confirms its proposal in the Draft WMMP to increase charges for green waste disposal at the Rural Resource Recovery Parks to \$50 per m<sup>3</sup> and that the chipped green waste is available for use by the community free of charge.
5. Confirms its proposal in the Draft WMMP to investigate ways of maximising use of capacity and increasing revenue at Palmerston Landfill, with the intention of closing it earlier than 2027.
6. Confirms its proposal in the Draft WMMP to remove the contents of the Hampden Closed Landfill for transfer to the Palmerston Landfill if further investigation confirms this is the most cost-effective option and the required consents can be obtained.
7. Amends its proposed budget in the Draft WMMP to \$21k per annum from Ministry for the Environment (MfE) levy funding to engage an education resource/s and to implement waste minimisation initiatives, and increases the total to \$31k per annum by an additional \$10k per annum funded from rates.
8. Confirms its proposal in the Draft WMMP to continue its current financial support for WRRT and considers additional support on a case-by-case basis.
9. Confirms its proposal in the Draft WMMP to provide Waitaki Resource Recovery Trust (WRRT) with MfE levy funding to distribute to other community providers, subject to specific criteria and conditions, and increases the proposed funding from \$25k to \$30k per annum.
10. Confirms its proposal in the Draft WMMP to continue providing the township recycling bins, to review how these are operating in order to make the service more consistent across the centres, and to consider providing them in other townships, if appropriate.

CARRIED

RESOLVED  
AC 2018/023

Mayor Gary Kircher / Deputy Mayor Melanie Tavendale  
The Assets Committee recommends:  
That Council:

11. Confirms its proposal in the Draft WMMP to continue collaborating with WRRT to develop a phased programme for replacing existing litter bins in key public locations around the district with bins that provide for a combination of waste disposal and recycling.
12. Confirms its proposal in the Draft WMMP to continue collaborating with the WRRT and Waste Management NZ Ltd in accordance with the current Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) while also seeking opportunities for collaboration and service provision through other organisations or agencies in accordance with the Local Government Act (LGA) and as appropriate under the MoU. Council will also pursue opportunities for collaboration and shared services with other local authorities through the Otago Regional Solid Waste Section 17A Review Group, where appropriate.
13. Confirms its proposal in the Draft WMMP to:
  - continue to leave kerbside collection of residual waste, recycling and green waste to the private market, and
  - more proactively inform and educate the community on options for kerbside collection during the first year of the plan, and
  - undertake a community survey on kerbside collection.
14. Notes that, before proceeding with this survey, officers will bring a report to Council to review and confirm the scope of the survey questions and content.
15. Confirms its proposal in the Draft WMMP to amend the Solid Waste Bylaw in 2018/19 following adoption of the WMMP.

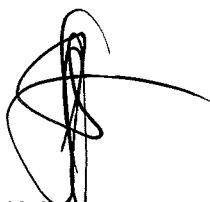
CARRIED

RESOLVED  
AC 2018/024

Mayor Gary Kircher / Deputy Mayor Melanie Tavendale

16. Retains current opening hours at the Rural Recovery Parks, with flexibility around how these are configured.
17. Investigates options for a 24-hour recycling drop-off in Omarama and trials a preferred option in consultation with the Ahuriri Community Board at an estimated cost of \$5k, to be funded through revenue from increased refuse disposal charges at the rural recovery parks.
18. Increases the number of litter bin servicing collections (Waihemo, Ahuriri and Oamaru), to be funded from the individual ward accounts.
19. Does not include the term 'zero waste' in its WMMP vision, goals or objectives *but recognises that the steps in the plan will lead us towards the goal of 'zero waste'*.
20. Proceeds with all other matters included in the Draft WMMP, including the proposed Action Plan.
21. Notes and agrees the proposed WMMP funding included in Appendix 2 of this report.

CARRIED



Neil Jorgensen  
Assets Group Manager



# Waitaki District Council Report

**From** Assets Group Manager

**Date** 26 June 2018

## Adoption of Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2018-24

### Recommendations

That Council:

1. Adopts the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2018-24, with any minor corrections.
2. Instructs officers to communicate the outcome of the process to submitters.

### Objective of the Decision

To adopt the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2018-24.

### Summary

Council has prepared and consulted on the Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2018-24. Following consideration of submissions and items for inclusion in the plan by Council's Assets Committee, the final plan has been prepared and is ready for adoption.

### Summary of Decision Making Criteria

	No/Moderate/Key		No/Moderate/Key
Policy/Plan	Moderate	Environmental Considerations	No
Legal	No	Cultural Considerations	No
Significance	No	Social Considerations	No
Financial Criteria	No	Economic Considerations	No
Community Views	No	Community Board Views	No
Consultation	No	Publicity and Communication	No

### Background

Under the Waste Minimisation Act 2008, Council must prepare and consult on a Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (WMMP) every six years. The last WMMP was adopted in 2012.

The Waste Minimisation Act requires councils to undertake a Draft Waste Assessment before reviewing and preparing the WMMP, and to have regard to it in the preparation of the plan.

The purpose of the Waste Assessment is to provide the necessary background information on waste and diverted materials that will enable Council to determine a logical set of priorities and activities.

The Waste Assessment was prepared in discussion with Council's Solid Waste Working Group, which comprises of six elected members, including representatives for both the Waihemo and Ahuriri Wards, and the Manager of the Waitaki Resource Recovery Park.

Prior to developing the draft WMMP, the Waste Assessment was forwarded to key stakeholders for their review and comment. The Medical Officer of Health was consulted on the Draft Waste Assessment in accordance with Section 51, Clause 5 of the Waste Minimisation Act. Feedback from key stakeholders on the Waste Assessment was taken into account when preparing the draft WMMP for public consultation and will also be considered as implementation of the plan is undertaken.

Council must undertake a Special Consultative Procedure in accordance with the Local Government Act, and the plan must be adopted by Council by 30 June 2018.

The Draft WMMP consultation process ran concurrently to the Long Term Plan (LTP) process, which commenced on 29 March 2018 and closed at 5.00pm on 30 April 2018. The WMMP consultation process included public notification of the consultation process; and a four-page summary document which was made available on the Council website, at various locations throughout the district, advertisements in local community newsletters (including the East Otago Review), and Facebook posts.

Submissions were made to the WMMP using the submission form included with the summary or by completing the online submission form via Council's website. In total, 15 submissions were made directly to the Draft WMMP. Of these 15 submissions, eight (53%) were received via the website.

Some submitters to the Long Term Plan 2018-28 consultation process included comments on waste management in their submissions, and these were considered as part of the WMMP decision-making process.

### **Discussion**

Submissions to the draft WMMP were considered as part of the Long Term Plan submission process. They were considered again by the Assets Committee at its meeting on 5 June 2018, which then resolved a number of recommendations to Council on matters to be included in the final WMMP for adoption.

The WMMP is, for the most part, business as usual. The actions included within the plan seek to improve on the current system, rather than make significant changes to service and facility configuration or delivery. The most notable change is a greater focus on and investment in waste minimisation education and initiatives.

### **Summary of Options Considered**

**Option 1** – Adopt the attached Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2018-24 (**recommended**)

**Option 2** – Adopt the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2018-24 with further amendments.

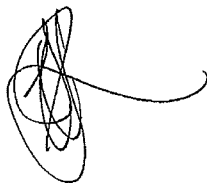
**Option 3** – Refer the matter back for further consideration.

### **Assessment of Preferred Option**

Option 1 is preferred. The attached WMMP is consistent with the Asset Committee recommendations based on consideration of submissions, and allows some flexibility in Council's approach to waste management and minimisation over the coming six years. In addition, any matters of significance, including the content of the community survey on kerbside collection and decision on the Hampden Closed Landfill, will be brought back to Council for further consideration in due course.

Option 2 is available to Council if other matters are identified warranting amendment, such as minor edits or corrections to the WMMP text, which can be addressed and resolved on the day.

Option 3 means that the WMMP will not be adopted within the statutory timeframes under the Waste Minimisation Act.



Neil Jorgensen  
**Assets Group Manager**

### **Attachments**

1. Additional decision making considerations
2. Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2018-24 (circulated as a separate PDF document)

**Additional Decision Making Considerations**

The following matters have been considered in making the decisions.

**Outcomes**

We keep our district affordable.

We provide and enable services and facilities so people want to stay here and move here.

We understand the diverse needs of the community.

Waitaki's distinctive environment is valued and protected.



# Waitaki District Council Report

**From** Finance and Corporate Development Group Manager **Date** 26 June 2018

## Adoption of the Revenue and Financing Policy

### Recommendation

That Council adopts the Revenue and Financing Policy.

### Objective of the Decision

To adopt a Revenue and Financing Policy for inclusion in the Long Term Plan and meet a key requirement for the rate setting process.

### Summary

Parallel with the Long Term Plan process, the Draft Revenue and Financing Policy was consulted on during April 2018. This report considers the matters that arose during that process. Council considered the seven submissions received, at hearings conducted on 14 and 15 May 2018. The submissions were further discussed at a deliberations workshop held on 22 May 2018, and officers were provided with Council direction on the amended policy at the 29 May 2018 Council meeting.

### Summary of Decision Making Criteria

	No/Moderate/Key		No/Moderate/Key
Policy/Plan	Key	Environmental Considerations	No
Legal	No	Cultural Considerations	No
Significance	No	Social Considerations	No
Financial Criteria	Key	Economic Considerations	No
Community Views	No	Community Board Views	No
Consultation	No	Publicity and Communication	No

The Revenue and Financing Policy and other related information is a key policy for Council. As such, any amendments are required to be made through a consultation process. This report is the final part of that process.

### Background

The Local Government Act 2002 requires Council to adopt a Revenue and Financing Policy that provides detail on the funding of operational and capital expenditure. The Revenue and Financing Policy sets out Council's decision about how each activity is to be funded, and the thinking behind that decision. The policy outlines:

- Available funding mechanisms (eg rates, fees, borrowing, etc);
- Council's funding considerations (ie the decision about how each Council activity is to be funded and the process followed to reach that decision), including:
  - funding of operating, and
  - funding of capital costs.

The application of this policy is set out elsewhere:

- Rates charges and definitions are set out in the Funding Impact Statement;
- Fees and charges for all activities are set out in the Fees and Charges Schedule;
- Development Contributions are set out in the Development and Financial Contributions Policy;
- Projected dollar revenues and costs for each activity (and Council as a whole) are set out in the Funding Impact Statement.

Council considered and put out for consultation, an amended Revenue and Financing Policy and other related information on 10 April 2018. Council received seven submissions on the Revenue and Financing Policy, with the proposed Rooding – Forestry differential attracting the most comment. Council considered these matters on 22 May 2018.

At its 29 May 2018 meeting, Council confirmed and directed officers to amend the Revenue and Financing Policy 2018 and related policies and information based on the feedback received on the material consulted on, as set out below:

- Confirms the funding of the rates share of the Waitaki Lakes Camping activity through the District Services Rate;
- Confirms the decision to cease the use of the Lakes Camping Rate as a funding tool;
- Confirms the funding of 100% of rates share of the Civil Defence activity through the Uniform Annual General Charge and confirms the removal of Civil Defence from the Roding and Civil Defence Rate and renames this rate the Roding Rate;
- Confirms the funding of the rates share of the District Libraries activity on the same basis as other similar services, being:
  - a. Ward Services Rates 90% on the ratio of:
    - i. Oamaru a factor of 5
    - ii. Corriedale a factor of 3
    - iii. Waihemo a factor of 1
    - iv. Ahuriri a factor of 1
    - v. Oamaru Business Area Rate 10%.
- Confirms the funding of 100% of rates share of the Public Toilet activity through the Uniform Annual General Charge;
- Confirms the creation of a Roding – Forestry differential for rating units used predominately or exclusively for commercial forestry purposes and sets the differential as a four times the Roding – Other rate;
- Confirms the changes to the Roding – Electrical Generation differential percentage to be collected of 6% in 2018/19, 7% in 2019/20 and 8% in 2020/21, with a further review following the next District revaluation;
- Postpones any change to the Roding – Mineral Extraction differential until further information can be obtained regarding consent conditions around road maintenance obligations;
- Changes the funding of the rates share of the Economic Development Services from the General Rate to the District Services Rate, based on a funding analysis of the revised scope of this function;
- Confirms the changes to the funding mixes for Roding and Waste Management activities and the removal of the Rural Fire analysis.

This policy is included in the Long Term Plan that has been prepared, audited, and being considered at the meeting.

## Discussion Options

**Option 1 – Adopt the amended policy as received and confirm the supporting information**

**Option 2 – Amend and then adopt the policy and supporting information**

### Assessment of Options

Option 1 is the preferred option. Council has considered the submissions and provided officers with key direction to finalise the policy. The Revenue and Financing Policy and supporting information must be adopted prior to the 2018-28 Long Term being adopted, otherwise statutory requirements will not be able to be met.

Option 2 is not recommended. The Revenue and Financing Policy is critical to the way rates are calculated. Any changes at this stage will mean the Long Term Plan will be delayed and the rate setting process stopped.



Paul Hope  
Finance and Corporate Development Group Manager

**Attachment: Revenue and Financing Policy** (circulated as a separate PDF document)

# Waitaki District Council Report

**From** Finance and Corporate Development Group Manager

**Date** 26 June 2018

## Adoption of the 2018-28 Long Term Plan

### Recommendations

That Council:

1. Adopts the 2018-28 Long Term Plan pursuant to Section 93 of the Local Government Act 2002.
2. Notes that:
  - The Mayor and Chief Executive have signed the 2018-28 Long Term Plan letter of representation;
  - The Audit Opinion will be available once the 2018-28 Long Term Plan is adopted;
  - Officers may make final non-material, editorial changes and corrections to the 2018-28 Long Term Plan document prior to its printing and publication in July 2018.

### Summary

Today's Council meeting represents the final stage in the preparation of the 2018-28 Long Term Plan. The attached document has been prepared over the last few weeks since the decisions made on 29 May 2018. It reflects the decisions made by Council on that day as well as those previously made as part of the Long Term Plan process. The document has been audited by Audit New Zealand on behalf of the Office of the Auditor General and no further changes are possible (with the exception of small editorial typographical errors) without restarting the audit process. Once the Long Term Plan has been adopted, Audit New Zealand will issue its final opinion.

The 2018-28 Long Term Plan document comprises four parts and is included in Attachment 2 (which is being circulated as a separate PDF document). A summary of the structure follows:

- Part 1 Introduction;
- Part 2 Our plan;
- Part 3 Council's work in detail and detailed financial statements; and
- Part 4 Our policies and strategies.

### Summary of Decision Making Criteria

	No/Moderate/Key		No/Moderate/Key
Policy/Plan	Key	Environmental Considerations	No
Legal	Moderate	Cultural Considerations	No
Significance and Outcomes	Key	Social Considerations	No
Financial Criteria	Key	Economic Considerations	No
Community Views	No	Community Board Views	No
Consultation	No	Publicity and Communication	No

The recommendations stated in this report are within the scope of the purpose of the Local Government Act 2002 to enable democratic local decision-making and action by, and on behalf of, communities; and to meet the current and future needs of communities for good quality local infrastructure, local public services, and performance of regulatory functions in a way that is most cost-effective for households and businesses.



## Background

Council has spent the last eighteen months working on the preparation of the 2018-28 Long Term Plan. As part of this process, Council has reviewed its vision, outcomes and strategic priorities, considered operating budgets and proposals, and consulted on draft key components of the Long Term Plan and through the Consultation Document. Council is required to develop a significance and engagement policy, 30 year infrastructure strategy, changes to development contributions policy and audit review. Council undertook consultation on the Long Term Plan between 29 March and 30 April 2018. 158 submissions were received, with 60 submitters requesting to present verbally to Council. Council undertook decision-making on 29 May 2018 which has been reflected in the Long Term Plan.

## Significance and outcomes

The Long Term Plan represents one of, if not the, most important documents produced by Council. It provides a framework for integrated decision-making and coordination of resources within a local authority, a long-term focus for the decisions and activities, and a basis for accountability of the local authority to the community and opportunity for participation by the public in decision-making. The Long Term Plan describes all of the local authority's community outcomes which inform all Council activities and budgets.

## Summary of options considered

### 1. Option One (recommended option)

Adopts the 2018-28 Long Term Plan reviewed by Audit New Zealand between 13 and 22 June 2018. Under the Local Government Act (2002), Council is required to have a Long Term Plan. The Act stipulates Council is required to adopt a Long Term Plan before 1 July 2018. Option one still provides for officers to make any final non-material, editorial changes to the document.

### 2. Option Two

Not resolve/or change the attached 2018-28 Long Term Plan. This option is not preferred as it would require further changes to the document and a further review by Audit New Zealand. This would result in additional cost, and more importantly mean that Council would fail to meet statutory requirements under the Local Government Act (2002).

## Implementation of the recommended option

Subject to Council's agreement to the preferred option, officers will proceed to publish the final 2018-28 Long Term Plan during July 2018. Copies of the Long Term Plan will be made available to elected members (Council and Community Board members) as well as be available on the website, and at Council service centres and libraries. Electronic copies of the Long Term Plan will also be made available to members of the public and responses to submitters will be prepared. Officers will implement and apply the rates increases contained, changes in levels of service, projects and fees and charges from 1 July 2018 onwards.



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## Attachments

1. Additional decision making considerations
2. 2018-28 Long Term Plan (circulated as a separate PDF document)

## **Attachment 1: Additional decision-making considerations**

### **Legal Considerations**

Section 93 of the Local Government Act (2002) notes:

- (1) A local authority must, at all times, have a long-term plan.
- (2) A local authority must use the special consultative procedure in adopting a long-term plan
- (3) A long-term plan must be adopted before the commencement of the first year to which it relates, and continues in force until the close of the third consecutive year to which it relates.
- (4) A local authority may amend a long-term plan at any time
- (5) A local authority must use the special consultative procedure in making any amendment to a long term plan
- (6) The purpose of the long-term plan is to:
  - a) Describe the activities of the local authority; and
  - b) Describe the community outcomes of the local authority's district or region; and
  - c) Provide integrated decision-making and coordination of the resources of the local authority; and
  - d) Provide a long-term focus for the decisions and activities of the local authority; and
  - e) Provide a basis for accountability of the local authority to the community; and
  - f) Provide an opportunity for participation by the public in decision-making processes on activities undertaken by the local authority.

### **Significance, Policy and Plan Considerations**

The adoption of the Long Term Plan is a significant decision as it provides a formal and public statement of Council's intentions in relation to the many matters covered in the Plan. The Act records numerous matters / decisions that are subject to being explicitly provided for in the Long Term Plan, and making decisions on such matters outside of the Long Term Plan process entails a variation to the Long Term Plan.

**Attachment 2:** 2018-28 Long Term Plan (circulated as a separate PDF document)



# Waitaki District Council Report

**From** Finance and Corporate Development Group Manager

**Date** 26 June 2018

## Resolution to Set the Rates for the 2018 – 2019 Rating Year

### Recommendation

That Council agrees to set the rates and due dates for payments, and authorise the penalty regime for the 2018/19 year commencing 1 July 2018 and ending 30 June 2019, in accordance with the information contained in the 2018/19 Annual Plan (year 1 of the 2018-28 Long Term Plan) as set out below. All amounts are GST inclusive and the rates in the dollar are shown per \$100 of value.

Name of Rate	Summary Narrative (Must be read in conjunction with the Funding Impact Statement).	LGRA Ref	Rate Set (GST Inclusive)	Required Revenue (GST Inclusive)
<b>General Rate</b>	A uniform rate in the dollar rate based on the land value of each rating unit in the District.	s13(2)(a)	\$0.0565	\$2,387,653
<b>Uniform Annual General Charge</b>	Charged on each Separately Used or Inhabited Part (SUIP) of a rating unit in the District.	s15(1)(b)	\$414.00	\$5,534,070
<b>District Services Rate</b>	A targeted rate be set at a uniform rate in the dollar, based on the capital value of each rating unit in the District.	s16(3)(a)	\$0.0300	\$2,465,119
<b>Ward Services Charges</b>	Charged on each Separately Used or Inhabited Part (SUIP) of a rating unit in the District differentiated by Ward.	s16(3)(b)		
Ahuriri Ward Services Charge			\$118.00	\$191,290
Corriedale Ward Services Charge			\$326.00	\$903,768
Oamaru Ward Services Charge			\$526.00	\$3,688,604
Waihemo Ward Services Charge			\$118.00	\$232,338
<b>Ward Services Rates</b>	A targeted rate be set at a uniform rate in the dollar, based on the capital value of each rating unit in each Ward.	s16(3)(b)		
Ahuriri Ward Services Rate			\$0.0241	\$396,290
Corriedale Ward Services Rate			\$0.0108	\$312,197
Oamaru Ward Services Rate			\$0.0563	\$1,067,360
Waihemo Ward Services Rate			\$0.0559	\$479,966
<b>Community Board Rates</b>	A targeted rate be set at a uniform rate in the dollar, based on the land value of each rating unit in each Ward.	s16(3)(b)		
Ahuriri Community Board Rate			\$0.0072	\$40,996
Waihemo Community Board Rate			\$0.0240	\$129,369

Name of Rate	Summary Narrative	LGRA	Rate	Required
<b>Targeted Rates by Locality</b>	Targeted rates be set at a uniform rate in the dollar, based on the capital value of each rating unit in the defined area.	s16(3)(b)		
Oamaru Business Area Rate A			\$0.4302	\$534,777
Oamaru Business Area Rate B			\$0.2151	\$102,292
Oamaru Urban Area			\$0.0269	\$399,864
<b>Township Amenity Rates</b>	Targeted rates set at a uniform rate in the dollar, based on the land value of each rating unit in the defined area.	s16(3)(b)		
Duntroon			\$0.0601	\$1,725
Hampden			\$0.2152	\$34,500
Herbert			\$0.0564	\$1,725
Kakanui			\$0.0121	\$5,750
Kurow			\$0.1409	\$20,656
Lake Ohau			\$0.0241	\$3,819
Maheno			\$0.0915	\$1,725
Moeraki			\$0.0222	\$6,876
Oamaru			\$0.1161	\$539,651
Omarama			\$0.0568	\$20,973
Otematata			\$0.1288	\$63,841
Palmerston			\$0.2602	\$47,548
Shag Point			\$0.0163	\$1,725
Weston			\$0.1140	\$41,559
<b>Roading Rate</b>	A differentiated targeted rate based on the capital value of each rating unit in the District.	s16(3)(a)		
Electrical Generation			\$0.0609	\$467,297
Mineral Extraction			\$2.7039	\$386,797
Forestry			\$0.3601	\$131,100
General			\$0.0906	\$6,750,737
<b>Public Hall Rates</b>	Charged on each Separately Used or Inhabited Part (SUIP) of a rating unit in the defined areas.	s16(3)(b)		
Airedale Public Hall Rate			\$20.00	\$560
Ardgowan Public Hall Rate			\$20.00	\$2,520
Awamoko Public Hall Rate			\$30.00	\$2,460
Dunback Public Hall Rate			\$30.00	\$3,930
Duntroon Public Hall Rate			\$20.00	\$2,880
Enfield Public Hall Rate			\$20.00	\$2,700
Five Forks Public Hall Rate			\$20.00	\$1,460
Hampden Public Hall Rate			\$30.00	\$8,310
Kakanui Public Hall Rate			\$20.00	\$7,360
Kurow Public Hall Rate			\$50.00	\$15,300

Name of Rate	Summary Narrative	LGRA	Rate	Required
Lower Waitaki Public Hall Rate			\$60.00	\$11,100
Macraes Public Hall Rate			\$60.00	\$3,180
Maheno Public Hall Rate			\$30.00	\$5,580
Moeraki Public Hall Rate			\$40.00	\$8,680
Ngapara Public Hall Rate			\$20.00	\$1,640
Omarama Public Hall Rate			\$50.00	\$17,150
Otekaieke Public Hall Rate			\$20.00	\$1,040
Otematata Public Hall Rate			\$40.00	\$19,320
Otepopo Public Hall Rate			\$20.00	\$3,460
Palmerston Public Hall Rate			\$30.00	\$20,580
Pukeuri Public Hall Rate			\$20.00	\$2,000
Tokarahi Public Hall Rate			\$30.00	\$3,180
Totara Public Hall Rate			\$40.00	\$8,720
Waianakarua Public Hall Rate			\$30.00	\$1,770
Waitaki Bridge Public Hall Rate			\$20.00	\$3,000
Weston Public Hall Rate			\$40.00	\$21,800
Windsor Public Hall Rate			\$30.00	\$1,920
<b>Sewerage Rates and Charges</b>	Targeted rates based on a fixed amount per water closet. Some targeted rates will be differentiated.	s16(3)(b)		
Oamaru			\$156.00	\$1,218,101
Duntroon			\$84.00	\$840
Kakanui			\$156.00	\$50,008
Kurow			\$190.00	\$55,290
Lake Ohau Village			\$240.00	\$14,874
Lake Ohau Village - connection availability			\$120.00	\$7,917
Moeraki			\$719.00	\$130,072
Moeraki - connection availability			\$359.00	\$17,606
Omarama			\$274.00	\$142,945
Otematata			\$231.00	\$123,584
Palmerston			\$327.00	\$198,020
<b>Water Rates - Urban</b>	Targeted rates based on a fixed amount per rating unit or nature of connections. Some targeted rates will be differentiated.	s16(3)(b)		
Oamaru Water - Supply			\$190.00	\$1,246,059
Oamaru Water - Reticulation			\$186.00	\$1,149,367
Kurow			\$497.00	\$144,414
Lake Ohau Village			\$245.00	\$16,692
Lake Ohau Village - connection availability			\$123.00	\$7,732
Omarama			\$522.00	\$162,904
Otematata			\$393.00	\$204,138
Palmerston Zone - Waihemo Water			\$698.00	\$367,289

Name of Rate	Summary Narrative	LGRA	Rate	Required
<b>Rural Water</b>	Uniform targeted rates based on the type of connection.	s16(3)(b)		
Awamoko			\$449.00	\$113,653
Bushy Creek			\$129.00	\$12,681
Dunback Zone – Waihemo Water			\$698.00	\$141,763
Duntroon			\$466.00	\$37,996
Enfield Zone – Oamaru Water			\$472.00	\$126,334
Goodwood Zone – Waihemo Water			\$698.00	\$163,074
Hampden/Moeraki zone – Oamaru Water – domestic supply			\$377.00	\$185,341
Hampden/Moeraki zone – Oamaru Water – rural supply			\$472.00	\$57,548
Herbert/Waianakarua zone – Oamaru Water			\$472.00	\$279,899
Kakanui Zone Oamaru Water – ordinary supply			\$472.00	\$198,696
Kakanui Zone Oamaru Water – crib unit supply			\$377.00	\$18,100
Kauru Hill			\$392.00	\$72,332
Lower Waitaki			\$483.00	\$200,363
Stoneburn			\$280.00	\$92,212
Tokarahi			\$370.00	\$256,322
Weston Zone – Oamaru Water			\$472.00	\$460,941
Windsor			\$346.00	\$63,734
<b>Metered Water Rates</b>	Targeted rates per cubic metre, based on the volume of water supplied.	s19(2)(a)		
Oamaru Water – All zones – metered supply			\$0.98	
Kurow – metered supply			\$0.47	
Omarama – metered supply			\$0.87	
Otematata – metered supply			\$0.47	
Waihemo Water – All Zones – metered supply			\$0.98	
<b>Construction Loan Rates</b>	See full description in the Funding Impact Statement.			
Moeraki Reticulation Construction Loan Rate			\$314.00	\$32,345
Moeraki Treatment Construction Loan Rate			\$201.00	\$19,336
Oamaru Water Treatment Loan Rate (excludes businesses with water meters)			\$96.00	\$538,542
Omarama Upgrade Loan rate			\$95.00	\$14,985

### Instalments

Rates will be collected by four equal quarterly instalments due on the following dates or the first working day after this date. Payments will be applied to the oldest debt first.

Instalment Number	Due Date
One	25 August 2018
Two	25 November 2018
Three	25 February 2019
Four	25 May 2019



### Penalty Regime

As authorised under section 58(1)(a) the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, an additional charge of 10% of any amount of an instalment that remains unpaid after the due date for that instalment will be added on or after the 25 August 2018, 25 November 2018, 25 February 2019 and 25 May 2019 respectively for each instalment.

As authorised under section 58(1)(b) the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, a further additional charge of 10% of any amount of rates that remain unpaid from previous financial years will be added on 3 July 2018. In addition, as authorised under section 58(1)(c) the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, a further charge of 10% on any amount of rates that remain unpaid from previous financial years will be added on 3 January 2019.

### Delegations

Council confirms that all matters that can be delegated under section 132 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 are delegated to the Chief Executive, Finance and Corporate Development Group Manager, and Rates Supervisor.

*(end of Recommendation)*

### Objective of the Decision

To set the rates for the 2018/19 financial year in accordance with the Local Government Act 2002, Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, and 2018/19 Annual Plan.

### Background

Council has developed, consulted on, and adopted the 2018/28 Long Term Plan, the first year of which represents the Annual Plan for 2018/19. The next stage of the process is to set the rates for the 2018/19 rating year by resolution. Council is also required to set instalment dates and the penalty regime that will apply for the year. In addition, it is prudent to confirm the delegation to specific officers in relation to rating matters.

### Summary of Decision Making Criteria

	No/Moderate/Key		No/Moderate/Key
Policy/Plan	Key	Environmental Considerations	No
Legal	Key	Cultural Considerations	No
Significance	Key	Social Considerations	No
Financial Criteria	Key	Economic Considerations	No
Community Views	No	Community Board Views	No
Consultation	No	Publicity and Communication	No

### Summary of Options Considered

#### Option 1 – Officers' preferred option

Council to agree and set the 2018/19 rates in accordance with the the Local Government Act 2002 and Local Government (Rating) Act 2002.

**Option 2** – Council does not agree to set the 2018/19 rates. This option is not recommended as Council would be in breach of legislation and unable to collect rates income for the 2018/19 year.

#### Assessment of Preferred Option

Option 1 is the preferred option and, in officers' opinion, the only option available to Council.



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