

**CONFIRMED MINUTES OF THE WAITAKI DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THIRD FLOOR,
OFFICE OF THE WAITAKI DISTRICT COUNCIL, 20 THAMES STREET, OAMARU
ON TUESDAY, 30 JUNE 2020 AT 9.00AM**

PRESENT: Mayor Gary Kircher (Chair), Deputy Mayor Melanie Tavendale (Associate Chair), Cr Hana Halalele, Cr Jeremy Holding, Cr Jim Hopkins, Cr Ross McRobie, Cr Bill Kingan, Cr Kelli Milmine, Cr Peter Newton, Cr Guy Percival, and Cr Colin Wollstein

IN ATTENDANCE: Fergus Power (Chief Executive)
Paul Hope (Finance and Corporate Development Group Manager)
Bill Chou (Information Services Group Manager)
Ainslee Hooper (Governance and Policy Advisor)

IN ATTENDANCE FOR SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEMS:

Gerard Quinn (Pandemic Economic Recovery Manager)
Mike Searle (Policy and Strategy Manager)
Ian Wells (Accounting Manager)

The Chair declared the meeting open at 9.00am and welcomed everyone present. He advised that the meeting was being livestreamed and welcomed members of the public who were watching, as well as the media representative in attendance in the Council Chamber.

1 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3 PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public present, so the Public Forum was not held.

4 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

4.1 PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16 JUNE 2020

RESOLVED WDC 2020/135

Moved: Cr Jim Hopkins
Seconded: Cr Colin Wollstein

That the Council confirms the Public minutes of the Council Meeting held on 16 June 2020, with minor grammatical changes, as a true and correct record of that meeting.

CARRIED

5 LEADERSHIP REPORTS

5.1 MAYOR'S REPORT - 30 JUNE 2020

The report, as circulated, provided comments to bring Councillors and the public up to date with issues that have arisen since the last Council Meeting on Tuesday, 16 June 2020.

The Chair took his report as read. He reported on the meeting with Ministers the previous day regarding the Mackenzie Alignment, and said it had been a 'good discussion'. Opportunities, challenges and the sharing of costs were key topics with a view to finding a way to look after an area of 'national treasure'. That meeting was also advised that Waitaki had been taking some cases of enforcement to court recently because of breaches to its district plan as well as enforcement options around biodiversity. The fund to help employ people in the environmental space was also discussed. It was noted too that Waitaki had been party to ECan's application in relation to getting rid of wilding pines. If initiatives like these can create jobs, then it is hoped that they will be viewed favourably, and funding granted for them.

Chief Executive Fergus Power added that he believed external funding to assist with enforcement of the district plan because of the importance of areas at a national level would mean costs not falling entirely on the local council or ratepayers. Given that there is recognition of the greater public good around roads, the same argument could be pursued with Ministers to see if there can be a change of approach and interest in the Crown investing in the protection of areas of national significance. Some Elected Members shared their support for this view.

The Chair advised that there had been a meeting the previous day with Tourism Waitaki and tourism stakeholders to discuss 'where to from here' and what would happen if TWL was successful in its application for central government funding. It had been a good opportunity for all parties to get onto the same page.

In response to questions, Mr Power advised that decisions on funding applications for regional tourism organisations (RTOs) (eg TWL) were expected in mid-July. Applications for tourism strategic funding (Waitaki had submitted one in relation to the Penguin Colony) were expected to be announced by the end of July or early August.

The suggested need for more messaging around staff of local businesses not parking in the free parks in town was discussed. More complaints had been received from members of the public who had been unable to find a park in order to 'shop local' and had simply returned home instead. That was working against the extra stimulus for local businesses that Council was supporting. One Elected Member believed there should be a stronger response.

Concerns were raised about not having the full details on costs when the free parking initiative was extended at the last meeting, and the need for them to be included when the report came to a future Council Meeting to review the initiative. This was agreed.

ACTION: Chief Executive, with Group Manager Lichelle Guyan and Regulatory Manager Andrew Bardsley

The WaiYou initiative was highlighted. It was suggested that a follow up action for Council would be to develop a Waitaki district youth employment strategy. The Chair agreed.

Cr Ross McRobie expressed his concern that a reply had still not been received to the Mayor's letter to the Prime Minister; and there had been no responses either to shovel-ready projects, or RTO projects, or war memorials. He highlighted that extreme urgency had been assigned to submitting applications for this central government funding and yet there seemed to be no urgency coming back with the answers. He did not believe that was good enough and asked that his comments be recorded. He expressed disappointment in the situation, and that it had been very, very tough on staff who had had to prepare applications at very short notice, but with no responses.

The Chair agreed with Cr McRobie's comments. He congratulated staff on the way they had been able to develop and submit applications to meet the tight timelines. He also noted that plans had not always been as complete as perhaps they needed to be because Council did not have the resources. He highlighted Queenstown Lakes District Council's success in securing \$85m for its projects and noted that Waitaki was only seeking funding approval for \$15m for its projects.

When asked to comment, Mr Power reiterated that the timelines were impossibly short. Teams across Council were already dedicated to their own work programmes and projects but getting access to central government funding was something that had to be squeezed in too and it was putting an enormous amount of pressure on staff. The very, very slow response time from central government was adding to the strain.

RESOLVED WDC 2020/136

Moved: Deputy Mayor Melanie Tavendale

Seconded: Cr Bill Kingan

That the Council receives and notes the information.

CARRIED

6 DECISION REPORTS

6.1 ADOPTION OF THE 2020/21 ANNUAL PLAN

The report, as circulated, sought to enable Council to comply with key statutory requirements under the Local Government Act 2002 relating to planning, accountability and decision-making and adopt the Waitaki District Council 2020/21 Annual Plan. This enables the Council, via a separate and subsequent report, to set the rates from 1 July 2020 for the 2020/21 financial year.

Group Manager Paul Hope presented the report. He explained that this was the end of a nine-month process which had had a few very unexpected twists and turns leading to the resolution for this item and the supporting Annual Plan which is quite different from what was thought would be adopted back in January/February. Council's objective for officers was to have as low an impact on the community as possible and yet still deliver as many of the services indicated to the community and some additional ones discussed in December and February. That had been achieved. A small rate increase had been allowed based on growth in the database. However, the biggest part of the resolution relates to having an unbalanced budget. The Local Government Act 2002 (LGA02) requires that Council recognises this, and officers have put some details into the resolution about how that has been achieved and to make it clear how that impacts on the budget. "Financial prudence" is referred to in LGA02 but is not defined. It is proposed to defer some funding requirements that are very long-term because missing one year does not make a material or significant difference over long-term outcomes (eg deferring one year of loan repayments in relation to property assets). It is also proposed to use operating reserves which have been built up over time because they are there to fund operating expenditure at times when there is pressure on the budget, and this is that time. In the view of officers, using those reserves is appropriate, given what people the community are now facing and the fact that the longer term impacts of COVID-19 and the level of external funding to be made available were not yet known.

The Chair advised the meeting that, with the last rates invoice, a letter had been sent from him saying that Council was not going to have a penalty for rates not paid on the first instalment date; ie people had until the next rates instalment to make a payment. However, at the 16 June Additional Council Meeting, Council had adopted penalties including on arrears which would happen at the end of June, and a letter had gone out saying that there will be a penalty on that date. That was an error which now needed to be corrected to ensure that there is no penalty on that date. People who pay by 25 August will be fine. Such a correction was a slight alteration to

what was planned and had an unintended consequence that Council wanted to ensure was addressed.

Mr Hope advised that the correction would require slight changes to the wording both in the Annual Plan and in the rates resolution. Legal advice on this matter had stated that it was completely at Council's discretion when that penalty is applied. Therefore, once Council had made that decision to make the correction, a letter was waiting to go out to ratepayers acknowledging the conflict and how it will be sorted. It will clearly state that the penalty will not be incurred until 25 August.

For absolute clarity, it was confirmed that the penalty will still be charged on rates arrears, but there will be six more weeks (ie until 25 August) until it had to be paid.

With regard to fees and charges, differences in photocopying charges were queried; library rentals were suggested as new line items; and it was suggested that the fee for getting married in the park should be waived.

A workshop to discuss the fees and charges was suggested. In response, it was noted that it may not be possible within the next 6-8 weeks due to other work priorities. Policy and Strategy Manager Mike Searle acknowledged the interest from Elected Members in seeking more detail about the fees and charges and suggested they could be scheduled as a part of the Long Term Plan discussions later in the year. The Chair suggested an initial discussion that focused on the reasoning for increases would be helpful, although he expected that some would be simply inflationary changes. He noted that a comparison set of fees and charges would have been helpful, but it was not available. Accounting Manager Ian Wells advised that there had been little or no changes other than to building fees which Council had agreed to just recently and that was why a comparison schedule had not been produced.

On that basis, the Chair suggested that the need to review the fees and charges was not urgent and understanding the rationale for them could be done as part of the LTP process. If a workshop could be scheduled earlier, then it would be, but it may not be within the next six weeks as this was a busy time for everyone as other work is progressed, including CouncilMARK.

It was suggested that the reasons for the building warrant of fitness fee would be helpful to explain, since there was still a perception from commercial property owners who have paid an external contractor to get that because they felt it was almost a double charge. It was AGREED that this would be part of the fees and charges discussion when it could be scheduled.

In relation to the **Annual Plan document**, content matters were discussed briefly. When asked if the rates postponements would have any impact on Council's post-COVID-19 relief packages, Mr Hope clarified that he understood Council would develop a postponement policy for the next 3-4 months and it could be adopted at any time. He noted that advice received had recommended that that policy work could be undertaken later and, in the meantime, delegations to the Chief Executive and himself had been included so that they could be more generous with penalties and payment arrangements to support ratepayers. This explanation was acknowledged.

Cr Jim Hopkins said he would move the report's recommendations with one minor change to 3(a) to read that "operating revenues *will not be* at a level ..." (additional words italicised). Cr Kelli Milmine agreed to second the motion.

RESOLVED WDC 2020/137

Moved: Cr Jim Hopkins

Seconded: Cr Kelli Milmine

That Council:

1. **Notes** the following steps for completing the 2020/21 Annual Plan process:
 - a) before adopting the 2020/21 Annual Plan, formally resolve that Council recognises that the budget being adopted is not a balanced budget; and
 - b) adopt the 2020/21 Annual Plan; and
 - c) receive and note the 2020/21 fees and charges; and
 - d) set the rates by resolution for the 2020/21 financial year; and
2. **Notes** that the increase in total rates required from \$32.155m to \$32.252m represents the anticipated growth in rates income from development and that the objective of a zero average rate increase has been achieved; and
3. **Resolves** that the budget for the 2020/21 financial year is not a balanced budget in that:
 - a) operating revenues will not be at a level sufficient to meet 2020/21 operating expenses primarily due to the use of operating reserves to fund operating expenditure and the decision to not fully fund the depreciation cost on some additional property assets, however Council believes that it will still deliver the levels of service indicated in the Long Term Plan and equitably fund and maintain the service capacity of assets through their useful lives; and
 - b) Council has had full regard to the considerations contained in s100, s101(1) and (2) of the Local Government Act 2002, in particular the requirements to manage its revenues and expenses, assets, liabilities, investments, and general financial dealings prudently and in a manner that promotes the current and future needs of the community; and
 - c) given the current COVID-19 pandemic and its effects, both known and potential, on the local economy and its ratepayers, the Council believes it is acting prudently in adopting an unbalanced budget; and
4. **Adopts** the attached Waitaki District Council 2020/21 Annual Plan; and
5. **Delegates** authority to the Council's Chief Executive, in consultation with the Mayor, to make any necessary final corrections to the 2020/21 Annual Plan prior to legal deposit.

CARRIED

6.2 RESOLUTION TO SET THE RATES FOR THE 2020/21 RATING YEAR

The report, as circulated, sought to set the rates for the 2020/21 financial year in accordance with the Local Government Act 2002, the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 and the 2020/21 Annual Plan.

Group Manager Paul Hope and Accounting Manager Ian Wells were present for this agenda item and responded to questions from Elected Members.

Mr Hope explained that the long resolution was required by legislation in order to set the rates. Further to the discussion in the previous agenda item, Mr Hope provided new wording for the second paragraph of the penalty regime to change the date to 25 August 2020.

The new wording was as follows: *"As authorised under section 58(1)(ab) the Local Government Rating Act 2002, a further charge of 10% of any amount of rates or metered water charges that remain unpaid from the previous financial years on [the later of 1 July or 5 working days after the resolution is made] will be added on 25 August 2020. In addition, a further charge of 10% on any amount of rates or metered water charges to which a penalty is added on 25 August 2020 that remain unpaid from the previous financial years will be added on 1 March 2021."*

A question was raised about whether there had been any consideration of the concerns raised by the small number of ratepayers who had been adversely impacted in relation to rates payments by the boundary change between Ahuriri and Corriedale Wards as part of the 2018 Representation Review. Mr Hope advised that there was nothing that could be included in the resolution to address those concerns. However, when asked to do so, he agreed to see if there was some other way that Council could address their concerns.

ACTION: Group Manager Paul Hope and Accounting Manager Ian Wells

RESOLVED WDC 2020/138

Moved: Deputy Mayor Melanie Tavendale

Seconded: Cr Ross McRobie

That Council agrees to set the rates and due dates for payments, and to authorise the penalty regime for the 2020/21 year commencing 1 July 2020 and ending 30 June 2021, in accordance with the information contained in the 2020/21 Annual 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	Local Government Rating Act Ref	Rate Set (GST inclusive)	Required Revenue (GST inclusive)
	(To be read in conjunction with the Funding Impact Statement.)			
General Rate	A uniform rate in the dollar based on the land value of each rating unit in the District.	s13(2)(a)	\$0.0573	\$2,435,794
Uniform Annual General Charge	Charged on each Separately Used or Inhabited Part (SUIP)	s15(1)(b)	\$348.00	\$4,786,814

	of a rating unit in the District.			
District Services Rate	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)	\$0.0274	\$2,314,234
Ward Services Charges	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			\$119.00	\$240,250
Corriedale Ward Services Charge			\$324.00	\$836,229
Oamaru Ward Services Charge			\$521.00	\$3,751,217
Waihemo Ward Services Charge			\$119.00	\$235,519
Ward Services Rates	A targeted rate 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			\$0.0213	\$474,392
Corriedale Ward Services Rate			\$0.0104	\$289,189
Oamaru Ward Services Rate			\$0.0476	\$1,150,354
Waihemo Ward Services Rate			\$0.0467	\$470,971
Community Board Rates	A targeted rate 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			\$0.0062	\$39,405
Waihemo Community Board Rate			\$0.0205	\$128,370
Targeted Rates by Locality	Targeted rates 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	\$0.3713	\$560,792
Oamaru Business Area Rate B	\$0.1857	\$106,821
Oamaru Urban Area	\$0.0229	\$429,501

Township Amenity Rates	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			\$0.0421	\$1,725
Hampden			\$0.1423	\$34,500
Herbert			\$0.0383	\$1,725
Kakanui			\$0.0111	\$5,750
Kurow			\$0.1200	\$20,747
Lake Ohau			\$0.0128	\$3,807
Maheno			\$0.0496	\$1,725
Moeraki			\$0.0275	\$7,086
Oamaru			\$0.1217	\$662,397
Omarama			\$0.0582	\$23,723
Otematata			\$0.1307	\$70,402
Palmerston			\$0.2338	\$53,621
Shag Point			\$0.0157	\$1,725
Weston			\$0.1045	\$45,301

Roading Rate	A differentiated targeted rate based on the capital value of each rating unit in the District.	s16(3)(a)		
Electrical Generation			\$0.0661	\$506,575
Mineral Extraction			\$2.6659	\$381,355
Forestry			\$0.3444	\$181,591
General			\$0.0861	\$6,557,571

Public Hall Rates	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	\$540
Ardgowan Public Hall Rate			\$20.00	\$2,760
Awamoko Public Hall Rate			\$30.00	\$2,550

Dunback Public Hall Rate	\$30.00	\$3,900
Duntroon Public Hall Rate	\$20.00	\$3,020
Enfield Public Hall Rate	\$20.00	\$2,760
Five Forks Public Hall Rate	\$20.00	\$1,600
Hampden Public Hall Rate	\$30.00	\$8,370
Kakanui Public Hall Rate	\$20.00	\$7,560
Kurow Public Hall Rate	\$50.00	\$15,800
Lower Waitaki Public Hall Rate	\$80.00	\$15,360
Macraes Public Hall Rate	\$60.00	\$3,180
Maheno Public Hall Rate	\$30.00	\$5,880
Moeraki Public Hall Rate	\$40.00	\$9,040
Ngapara Public Hall Rate	\$20.00	\$1,720
Omarama Public Hall Rate	\$50.00	\$18,550
Otekaieke Public Hall Rate	\$20.00	\$1,700
Otematata Public Hall Rate	\$40.00	\$20,640
Otepopo Public Hall Rate	\$30.00	\$5,400
Palmerston Public Hall Rate	\$40.00	\$27,840
Pukeuri Public Hall Rate	\$20.00	\$2,060
Tokarahi Public Hall Rate	\$30.00	\$3,210
Totara Public Hall Rate	\$40.00	\$8,880
Waianakarua Public Hall Rate	\$30.00	\$1,800
Waitaki Bridge Public Hall Rate	\$20.00	\$3,100
Weston Public Hall Rate	\$40.00	\$23,680
Windsor Public Hall Rate	\$50.00	\$3,300

**Sewerage Rates and
Charges**

Targeted rates based
on a fixed amount
per water closet. s16(3)(b)
Some targeted rates
will be differentiated.

Oamaru	\$187.00	\$1,498,342
Duntroon	\$93.00	\$1,020
Kakanui	\$187.00	\$62,236
Kurow	\$239.00	\$71,905
Lake Ohau Village	\$312.00	\$22,183
Lake Ohau Village – connection availability	\$156.00	\$8,905
Moeraki	\$896.00	\$172,897
Moeraki – connection availability	\$449.00	\$20,201
Omarama	\$332.00	\$180,471

Otematata	\$284.00	\$155,922
Palmerston	\$365.00	\$224,548

Water Rates - Urban	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	\$240.00	\$1,601,837
Oamaru Water – Reticulation	\$227.00	\$1,426,221
Kurow	\$594.00	\$177,215
Lake Ohau Village	\$320.00	\$23,987
Lake Ohau Village - connection availability	\$160.00	\$8,795
Omarama	\$624.00	\$203,786
Otematata	\$482.00	\$253,899
Palmerston Zone – Waihemo Water	\$824.00	\$438,560

Rural Water	Uniform targeted rates based on the type of connection.	s16(3)(b)
Awamoko	\$530.00	\$134,095
Bushy Creek	\$186.00	\$18,186
Dunback Zone – Waihemo Water	\$824.00	\$171,323
Duntroon	\$627.00	\$51,744
Enfield Zone – Oamaru Water	\$559.00	\$150,060
Goodwood Zone – Waihemo Water	\$824.00	\$198,929
Hampden/Moeraki zone – Oamaru Water – domestic supply	\$439.00	\$217,343
Hampden/Moeraki zone – Oamaru Water – rural supply	\$559.00	\$77,819
Herbert/Waianakarua zone – Oamaru Water	\$559.00	\$338,214
Kakanui Zone Oamaru Water – ordinary supply	\$559.00	\$246,249
Kakanui Zone Oamaru Water – crib unit supply	\$439.00	\$21,054
Kauru Hill	\$445.00	\$86,942
Lower Waitaki	\$595.00	\$248,251
Stoneburn	\$352.00	\$116,188
Tokarahi	\$421.00	\$292,069
Weston Zone – Oamaru Water	\$559.00	\$562,236
Windsor	\$416.00	\$78,194

Metered Water Rates	Targeted rates per cubic metre, based on the volume of water supplied.	s19(2)(a)		
Oamaru Water – All zones – metered supply			\$1.19	
Waihemo Water – All zones – metered supply			\$1.19	
Kurow – metered supply			\$0.52	
Omarama – metered supply			\$0.96	
Otematata – metered supply			\$0.52	
Construction Loan Rates	See full description in the Funding Impact Statement.			
Oamaru Water Treatment Loan Rate (excludes businesses with water meters)			\$92.00	\$513,358

Instalments

Rates, except metered water 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 2020
Two	25 November 2020
Three	25 February 2021
Four	25 May 2021

Metered Water Rates

Actual consumption of water by meter will be billed based on meter readings undertaken quarterly and will be due for payment on the following dates, or the first working day after this date. Payments will be applied to the oldest debt first.

Water usage invoiced for	Due Date
Period ended 30 June 2020	25 August 2020 (billed at the 2019/20 rate)
Period ended 30 September 2020	25 November 2020
Period ended 31 December 2020	25 February 2021
Period ended 31 March 2021	25 May 2021
Period ended 30 June 2021	25 August 2021

Penalty Regime

As authorised under section 58(1)(a) the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, an additional charge of 5% of any amount of an instalment or metered water charge that remains unpaid after the due date for that instalment or metered water charge will be added on or after the 25 August 2020, 25 November 2020, 25 February 2021, 25 May 2021 and 25 August 2021 respectively for each instalment or metered water charge.

As authorised under section 58(1)(ab) the Local Government Rating Act 2002, a further charge of 10% of any amount of rates or metered water charges that remain unpaid from the previous financial years on [the later of 1 July or five working days after the resolution is made] will be added on 25 August 2020. In addition, a further charge of 10% on any amount of rates or metered water charges to which a penalty is added on 25 August 2020 that remains unpaid from the previous financial years will be added on 1 March 2021.

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.

CARRIED

6.3 COUNCIL CONTROLLED ORGANISATIONS - FINAL STATEMENTS OF INTENT 2020/2021

The report, as circulated, covered the available Statements of Intent for 2020 – 2021 for Council Controlled Organisations (CCO), and sought an extension of one month for the remaining CCO.

Group Manager Paul Hope presented the report, and responded to questions from Elected Members. He noted that the Statement of Intent for Tourism Waitaki Limited had been received after the close-off time for receipt of agenda items, which now required the resolution to extend the timeframe to receive it until the 21 July Additional Council Meeting. Mr Hope also reminded Elected Members that any revised Statement of Intent could be received at any time.

RESOLVED WDC 2020/139

Moved: Cr Colin Wollstein

Seconded: Cr Jim Hopkins

That Council:

1. receives and notes the attached Statements of Intent for three of the four Council Controlled Organisations, namely:
 - Omarama Airfield Limited;
 - Whitestone Contracting Limited;
 - Waitaki District Health Services Limited; and
2. Extends the time for Tourism Waitaki Limited to produce a Statement of Intent by one month.

CARRIED

6.4 ROAD STOPPING (NEN STREET)

The report, as circulated, sought to stop and dispose of an unformed road in the Waitaki District.

Group Manager Paul Hope presented this agenda item on behalf of Group Manager Neil Jorgensen. He explained the technical term of “closing the road” – that the road had never been formed and could never be formed.

Cr Ross McRobie said he would move the report’s recommendations and Cr Jeremy Holding agreed to second the motion.

Discussion on the motion:

When asked if any other landowners had been advised, Mr Hope explained that formally closing the road was the first step in a process. Once that decision had been made by Council, then marketing would occur, and all adjoining properties would be advised as part of the rating process. The property would be sold on the open market. Knowing that there was at least one interested purchase was all that was required to commence the process.

RESOLVED WDC 2020/140

Moved: Cr Ross McRobie

Seconded: Cr Jeremy Holding

That Council:

1. Proceeds with the steps necessary to stop part Nen Street (Oamaru) as outlined in Schedule “A”; and
2. Delegates authority to the Chief Executive to negotiate the disposal of the associated land.

CARRIED

The Chair directed discussion forward to Agenda Item 7.2.

7.2 PANDEMIC ECONOMIC RECOVERY MANAGER'S REPORT

The report, as circulated, sought to inform Council of the current economic situation in the Waitaki during the COVID-19 pandemic period.

Pandemic Economic Recovery Manager (PERM) Gerard Quinn was present for this agenda item and responded to questions from Elected Members. There was brief discussion about Paymark figures; mobile telephone hot spots; rural broadband and safety on farms aspects that some saw as a driver for better coverage across the whole district; data access and future dashboard data items; PGF applications; and the postponement by the Dunedin City Council of the Dunedin – Oamaru cycleway and the view of some Elected members that Waitaki District Council also needed to prioritise its Alps 2 Ocean trail extensions.

RESOLVED WDC 2020/141

Moved: Cr Peter Newton

Seconded: Cr Bill Kingan

That the Council receives and notes the information.

CARRIED

At 10.05am, the Chair directed discussion back to Agenda Item 7.1 and welcomed North Otago Irrigation Company Limited (NOICL) representatives to the meeting.

7 MEMORANDUM REPORTS

7.1 UPDATE FROM NORTH OTAGO IRRIGATION COMPANY LIMITED

The report, as circulated, provided an update to Council on the activities and performance of the North Otago Irrigation Company Limited (NOICL) over the first half of the 2019 / 20 year. This is a requirement of the loan agreement between Council and NOICL.

Board Chairperson Matt Ross, Chief Executive Andrew Rodwell and Commercial Manager Stephen Craig-Pearson were present for this agenda item to speak to the information provided and to answer questions from Elected Members.

Mr Ross thanked Council for its ongoing support of NOICL and advised that the Board had had a good year. He believed it was a strong board, which had engaged in 'robust conversation and thought'. There had been one recent change – Independent Director John Wright had retired during this rotation after six years on the Board, and Ms Sina Cotter Tait had just been appointed. She was a qualified engineer from Christchurch, and he was looking forward to her contribution.

Mr Craig-Pearson delivered the presentation on the company's highlights for the year, which included: (i) high scheme reliability across the season; strong environmental performance as illustrated by the very high pass rate in audits of the Farm Environment Plans; and (iii) a strong financial performance.

Discussion topics included operating profit, assets, policies and farming practices; and 'intelligent irrigation' (which measures what is done on a farm each day and irrigates accordingly). Mr Rodwell advised the meeting that those using this new tool were the ones who are trying to move the curve forward. It was highlighted that the company's focus going forward would be on the sale of shares.

Elected Members congratulated the company on how far it had come and the good results it had achieved for the year.

RESOLVED WDC 2020/142

Moved: Cr Colin Wollstein

Seconded: Cr Jeremy Holding

That the Council receives and notes the information.

CARRIED

The Chair thanked Mr Ross, Mr Rodwell and Mr Craig-Pearson for their report and presentation update and said that Council appreciated all that the company was doing for the Waitaki economy. He highlighted the graph of water usage in the presentation as demonstrating the very positive impact the company's irrigation was having in the district. Mr Ross thanked Council for the opportunity to meet with them, and then the NOICL representatives left the meeting.

At 10.29am, the Chair advised that, with all public agenda items now discussed, the public session would be closed, and the livestream broadcast would also conclude at this time. The meeting would be reconvened after morning tea and move straight into the public excluded session.

The meeting was adjourned at 10.30am and reconvened at 10.45am.

The Chair directed discussion straight to Agenda Item 8.

8 RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED WDC 2020/143

Moved: Cr Bill Kingan

Seconded: Cr Colin Wollstein

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

The general subject matter of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48 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	Ground(s) under section 48 for the passing of this resolution
9.1 - Public Excluded minutes of the Council Meeting held on 16 June 2020	s7(2)(a) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons s7(2)(c)(ii) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information would be likely otherwise to damage the public interest s7(2)(i) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)	s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7
9.2 - Recommendations from Development Contributions Committee PE	s7(2)(a) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons s7(2)(b)(ii) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information	s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7

	s7(2)(i) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)	
9.3 - Pandemic Economic Recovery Manager's Report - Public Excluded	<p>s7(2)(c)(i) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied</p> <p>s7(2)(c)(ii) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information would be likely otherwise to damage the public interest</p> <p>s7(2)(e) - the withholding of the information is necessary to avoid prejudice to measures that prevent or mitigate material loss to members of the public</p>	s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7

CARRIED

9 PUBLIC EXCLUDED SECTION

The public excluded minutes apply to this section.

10 RESOLUTION TO RETURN TO THE PUBLIC MEETING

RESOLVED WDC 2020/147

Moved: Cr Colin Wollstein

Seconded: Cr Ross McRobie

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

CARRIED

11 RELEASE OF PUBLIC EXCLUDED INFORMATION

In accordance with Waitaki District Council Standing Orders, and pursuant to resolutions in the public excluded session of this meeting, Council decided to release previously public excluded information in the public minutes of this meeting, as recorded below.

9.1 PUBLIC EXCLUDED MINUTES OF THE ADDITIONAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16 JUNE 2020 PE

RESOLVED WDC 2020/144

Moved: Cr Jim Hopkins

Seconded: Cr Kelli Milmine

That the Council:

1. Confirms the Public Excluded minutes of the Council Meeting held on 16 June 2020, with amendments agreed at this meeting, as a true and correct record of that meeting.

CARRIED

9.3 PANDEMIC ECONOMIC RECOVERY MANAGER'S REPORT – PUBLIC EXCLUDED

RESOLVED WDC 2020/146

Moved: Cr Peter Newton

Seconded: Cr Kelli Milmine

That the Council receives and notes the information.

CARRIED

12 MEETING CLOSE

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed, at 11.15am.

CONFIRMED at the Additional Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 21 July 2020.

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CHAIRPERSON