



Waitaki

DISTRICT COUNCIL

TE KAUNIHERA Ā ROHE O WAITAKI

Date: Tuesday, 15 December 2020
Time: 9.00am
Location: Council Chamber, Third Floor
Office of the Waitaki District Council
20 Thames Street, Oamaru

Agenda Addendum

Late Reports

Additional Meeting of the Waitaki District Council

15 December 2020

Fergus Power
Chief Executive

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L URGENT BUSINESS

L.1 PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8 DECEMBER 2020

Author: Ainslee Hooper, Governance and Policy Advisor

Authoriser: Lisa Baillie, People and Culture Group Manager

Attachments: 1. Public minutes of the Council Meeting held on 8 December 2020

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council confirms the Public minutes of the Council Meeting held on 8 December 2020, as circulated, as a true and correct record of that meeting.

UNCONFIRMED 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, 8 DECEMBER 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 Guy Percival, Cr Kelli Williams, and Cr Colin Wollstein

APOLOGY: Cr Peter Newton

IN ATTENDANCE: 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 – from 10.43am)
Lichelle Guyan (Heritage, Environment and Regulatory Group Manager)
Ainslee Hooper (Governance and Policy Advisor)

IN ATTENDANCE FOR SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEMS:

Gerard Quinn (Pandemic Economic Recovery Manager)

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

1 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED WDC 2020/254

Moved: Cr Ross McRobie

Seconded: Cr Colin Wollstein

That the apology for absence received from Cr Peter Newton be accepted.

CARRIED

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

The Chair moved the meeting forward to Agenda Item 4.

3 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

4.1 PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE ADDITIONAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 20 OCTOBER 2020

Amendments: Cr Jim Hopkins advised that he had emailed three minor grammatical changes to the Governance Advisor, for her consideration.

RESOLVED WDC 2020/255

Moved: Cr Kelli Milmine

Seconded: Cr Jim Hopkins

That the Council confirms the Public minutes of the Additional Council Meeting held on 20 October 2020, with minor grammatical amendments, as a true and correct record of that meeting.

CARRIED

4.2 PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE ADDITIONAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 27 OCTOBER 2020

The Chair reported that the minutes of the Additional Council Meeting held on 27 October 2020 would be referred to the Additional Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday 15 December 2020.

4.3 PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 1 DECEMBER 2020

RESOLVED WDC 2020/256

Moved: Cr Jim Hopkins

Seconded: Cr Ross McRobie

That the Council confirms the Public minutes of the Council Meeting held on 1 December 2020, as circulated, as a true and correct record of that meeting.

CARRIED

The Chair directed the meeting back to Agenda Item 3 for the Public Forum.

3 PUBLIC FORUM

Speaker 1: Mrs Debbie Familton and other representatives, including young children, from Barnardos. Mrs Familton noted that one of the group's favourite spots for outdoor adventures for the children is Queen's Reserve. However, there is a lot of rubbish lying around. As part of July's plastic waste week, Barnardos connected to the "Litterati" project app which enables rubbish to be tagged where it is located. She showed a diagram of Queen's Reserve and the numerous tags of rubbish that were found. Mrs Familton asked Council if something could be done to address this problem.

The Chair thanked Mrs Familton and the other Barnardos representatives including the little ones for their efforts. He and the Deputy Mayor had visited the group at Queen's Reserve and acknowledged that there was a need to encourage people to think and do more to stop littering.

It was suggested that a rubbish bin and a sign reminding people to use it could be provided. Mrs Familton was grateful for that suggestion, and, with regards to location, it was agreed that it would be better at the top of the reserve area.

Providing additional education for people was also raised, given that the recent waste survey had identified that people wanted to know more about how to dispose of types of rubbish more carefully.

The Chair thanked the Barnardos team for attending the meeting to bring the matter to the Council's attention.

Speaker 2: Mr Dugald McTavish, on behalf of the Hampden Community Energy Group Committee. Mr McTavish shared the Committee's concerns about the proposed rates for land they were seeking to lease in Hampden for a community hub project. He noted that the Council had

recently approved a set of principles for conditions for the Hampden Community project which included a \$1 per year lease agreement and room for further negotiation of one of the clauses with the Chief Executive. Subsequently, the proposed draft set of conditions was issued, and the Committee was happy with that except the requirement to pay rates over the top of the lease. The Committee did not believe that was appropriate, given that there were other community groups which, by virtue of their location, did not pay rates. It happens that the community hub project was situated on land that does not happen to be in that category. Mr McTavish circulated a document proposing an alternate arrangement and invited the Council to consider it during a proposed workshop. The new approach was that the rating matter would go into the long-term plan process, which HCEG was happy with. However, the group still believed that, as a local organisation providing benefit to the community, there is a principle of consistency that should be applied here.

The Chair thanked Mr McTavish for attending the meeting and for the good work that the Group was doing. He said the matter would be considered, with consistency being the key.

4 LEADERSHIP REPORTS

5.1 MAYOR'S REPORT - 8 DECEMBER 2020

The report, as circulated, provided comments from Mayor Gary Kircher to bring Councillors and the public up to date with issues that have arisen since the last full Council Meeting on Tuesday, 1 December 2020.

The Chair took his report as read and acknowledged the accompanying reports on their attendance at the Rural and Provincial Meeting provided by Deputy Mayor Melanie Tavendale and Cr Kelli Williams.

There was brief discussions on the Mayor's meeting with Robert Roodnat on 25 November; the favourable feedback on the Christmas trees; and the presentation to the Rural and Provincial Meeting of the "Dot Loves Data" service (a collection of interactive and dynamic dashboards provide up to date and aggregated data on how communities across New Zealand are performing and changing over time). With regard to the last item, the Chief Executive updated the meeting that Council officers had purchased the "Dot Loves Data" product and hoped to have it uploaded to the iPads of Elected Members as soon as practicable. The Chair added that that data set was very good at pinpointing where there was deprivation in communities arising from unemployment and that would enable good comparisons to be made and to facilitate better prioritisation of resources.

Elected Members also shared views about whether it would be beneficial to speak autonomously at national level in order to advance specific matters, or to work with others to have a combined voice. The advantages of the latter were that central government would look at only one combined body of local government authorities rather than hearing different messages from different councils which may not help the wider cause.

One Elected Member shared their 'sadness' at reading the reference to occurrences of staff abuse in the Mayor's report. The Chair acknowledged this and said it had risen to 'a ridiculous extreme'. Whether it is Elected Members or staff, all are trying to make the district a better place and to have to put up with some of the abuse by members of the public was not good enough. 2020 had been a difficult year for all and there was a need to regain humility again, he said. Other Elected Members shared their endorsements of these remarks.

RESOLVED WDC 2020/257

Moved: Cr Bill Kingan

Seconded: Cr Colin Wollstein

That the Council receives and notes the information.

CARRIED

5.2 CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING 8 DECEMBER 2020

The report, as circulated, provided information from the Chief Executive to bring the Mayor and Councillors up to date with issues that had arisen since the last full Council Meeting on Tuesday, 6 October 2020.

Chief Executive Fergus Power took the report as read and responded to questions from Elected Members. There was brief discussion on climate change and migration statistics.

Following a suggestion, Mr Power undertook to invite the Minister for Regional Economic Development, the Hon Stuart Nash, to visit the Waitaki district.

ACTION: Chief Executive Fergus Power

RESOLVED WDC 2020/258

Moved: Deputy Mayor Melanie Tavendale

Seconded: Cr Jeremy Holding

That the Council receives and notes the information.

CARRIED

The Chair directed the meeting forward to Agenda Item 7.6.

7.6 WAITAKI RESOURCE RECOVERY TRUST COUNCIL GRANT

The report, as circulated, sought Council's decision to allocate or not additional funding to Waitaki Resource Recovery Trust (WRRT) to cover funding shortfalls for 2020/21.

Representatives from WRRT were in attendance for this Agenda Item. Trust Chairman Mr Neville Langrish briefed the meeting on the Trust's achievements this year, including that the redevelopment of the yard had been completed at a lesser cost (\$60k) of the \$100k originally estimated, and that a recovery was now underway in the recycling global market. The cardboard price had rebounded and opportunities in the Indonesian market had returned. It was hoped that price improvements would be here to stay but the current challenge was to have assurance that the organisation could cover its costs until the new markets and rising prices could be shored up. The Trust was asking Council if it could pay WRRT's payments through to June 2021 to provide some confidence in the interim. Mr Langrish noted that, if the Trust believed it was tracking well in March or April next year, then it would not invoice Council for any future payments. There were a lot of new initiatives in the pipeline and the team was working with the Oamaru construction industry to receive its recycling.

It was clarified that the figures in the documents attached to the agenda report had been prepared based on the updates on pricing provided by the Chairman at this meeting.

It was also noted that the waste levy was a different account and was not available for wage subsidy purposes. It would be the (separate) task for new Waste Manager Steve Clark to maximisation the waste levy.

Group Manager Neil Jorgensen provided further explanation about WRRT's budgets and costs.

There was some confusion among members about the total amount of money being sought. When asked by the Chair, Mr Langrish clarified that the Trust was requesting an annual grant of \$300k in round figures. The Chair confirmed that that was \$60k over and above what it was receiving now. It was noted that that figure was different to the one stated in the report recommendation.

It was further clarified that WRRT would make the decision whether it needed to invoice Council for the additional payment at the relevant time.

Support for the assistance being granted to WRRT was raised by several Elected Members, given that it was providing a benefit to the community with its recycling services and that the volunteers were doing a great job. It was also noted that WRRT had gone through some difficult times with the downturn in the global recycling market and the whole team had done well to stay in business during that and the COVID response.

RESOLVED WDC 2020/259

Moved: Cr Jim Hopkins

Seconded: Cr Ross McRobie

That Council:

1. Agrees to fund Waitaki Resource Recovery Trust (WRRT) up to an additional \$60,00 for the remainder of the 2020/21 financial year for operations at the Chelmer Street, Oamaru site to address funding shortfalls due to fluctuating markets; and
2. Notes that, should WRRT's income improve sufficiently during the 2020/21 period to cover operational costs at the Chelmer Street Oamaru site, there will be no need to invoice Council for some or all of the proposed additional funding.

CARRIED

The Chair directed the meeting back to Agenda Item 6.1.

5 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES REPORTS

6.1 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE HARBOUR AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 10 NOVEMBER 2020

The Chair reminded the meeting that the Harbour Plan had been before the Harbour Area Committee and Council several times now. Increasingly, the version before the Council for adoption today provided for important recreational space to continue into the future.

During the ensuing discussion, the following clarifications / suggestions were made:

- The intention to make Cape Wanbrow a reserve would provide the legal status required to keep it protected. It was suggested that there be a “see map” reference included in the text.
- Additional wording on page 61 required some amendment as it currently did not make sense, and final edit of the text was suggested.
- The traffic management report referred to on page 61 was the Abley Report which had been tabled at previous meetings and was already available on Council’s website.

MOTION

Cr Colin Wollstein moved the report’s recommendations and Deputy Mayor Melanie Tavendale seconded the motion.

Discussion on the motion:

The Chair acknowledged the work of staff and the Harbour Area Committee including the four community members for their excellent work on the Harbour Plan. He acknowledged that it had not always been an easy task, and there had been a few challenges. He believed that the final result being tabled today was something that would meet the aspirations of the community and would continue to ensure that the harbour is a special place.

The Chair thanked Group Manager Neil Jorgensen and Assets Business Advisor Andries du Plooy for their management and facilitation of the harbour plan project and asked that they pass on the Council’s thanks and congratulations to all other staff involved.

When asked about the reserves issue, Mr Jorgensen advised that there was a separate project underway on how land swap arrangements would work. It was being tied in with the RSA project as there were some synergies. The aim was to cover all the issues in various land areas at once.

The Chair acknowledged the update and said it was good that that work was being undertaken and that the public had this opportunity to know that it was happening.

RESOLVED WDC 2020/260

Moved: Cr Colin Wollstein

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Melanie Tavendale

That the Council:

1. Approves the amendments to be made to the Draft Ōamaru Harbour Plan 2020 and Beyond, in response to the outcomes of the deliberations of the Harbour Area Committee’s hearings of the submissions on the Plan, held on Monday 14 September 2020 (Attachment 1) and including those agreed at this meeting.
2. Approves the framework for responding to those who made submissions on the Draft Ōamaru Harbour Plan 2020 and Beyond (Attachment 2).
3. Takes note of the submissions regarding Lower Thames Street and includes them in Council’s considerations in the future.
4. Confirms that the Harbour Area Committee has responsibility to consider any matters relating to the sale and leases of properties in the harbour area.

CARRIED

6.2 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ASSETS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 10 NOVEMBER 2020

6.2.1 DRAFT POLICY ON DRINKING WATER QUALITY

Cr Jim Hopkins requested an amendment to the Policy document – in the Introduction, the paragraph after the three bulletpoints commencing “Providing safe, ...”, to add the word “water” after “drinking”, so that it reads “Providing safe, reliable drinking water also aligns with Council’s strategic priorities”.

ACTION: Group Manager Neil Jorgensen

RESOLVED WDC 2020/261

Moved: Deputy Mayor Melanie Tavendale

Seconded: Cr Hana Halalele

That the Council:

1. Having regard to the Ministry of Health’s framework and guidance for Water Safety Plans, approves the appended draft Policy on Drinking-Water Quality.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 10.17am and reconvened at 10.43am.

7 DECISION REPORTS

7.1 PERFORMANCE, AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE INDEPENDENT MEMBER

The report, as circulated, sought Council’s formalisation of its decision to add an independent member to the Performance, Audit and Risk Committee and agree to a process to select this new member.

Group Manager Paul Hope introduced the report and added that he preferred the third sample advertisement because it had a broader scope than the other two samples and was better suited to this Council’s requirements for the position which were more focused on securing governance and risk-related skills than accounting skills, given that the latter were already well covered by existing members of the Committee.

The Chair reminded the meeting that Audit had identified the need for the Council to have at least an independent member on the PAR Committee, and the draft report from CouncilMARK had also recommended it. 41 other councils have independent chairs of their Audit and Risk Committees, which were not necessarily undertaking all of the responsibilities of Waitaki District Council’s PAR Committee which looked after finances and performance as well as audit and risk functions. To date, the Council had agreed in principle to add an independent member to the PAR Committee and this report was seeking to formalise that agreement with a decision by Council resolution.

A suggestion was made that the Council needed to spend more time considering the specific skill set required for the position, and whether two positions may be more appropriate – one to focus on investments (and getting better results and returns) and another on risk. In reply, the Chair noted that the position was not an advisory one; it would be a governance role that would focus more on monitoring and assessing risk management and mitigation. Specialist investment advice could be sought if and when it was required. Council had previously taken a conservative track with investments and it had not shown any real indication of going too much further except to provide loans within the local community and getting a slightly higher rate of return than what was

being offered by the banks. Another Elected Member reminded the meeting that Council currently had no money to invest at the moment. They also agreed with the skill sets suggested by Mr Hope, and it was noted that they would be defined by the Executive Committee which was being tasked with developing the expressions of interest notice for the role.

The Chair added that it was important to ensure that the Council secured the right skills to give scrutiny to the core functions of the PAR Committee.

It was noted that the question of whether the membership of the PAR Committee would be increased by one with the independent member, or whether it would have one current member step down to be replaced by the independent member and therefore stay at the same level of eight members had yet to be discussed. It was proposed that the Executive Committee should consider that point as part of the appointment process for the independent member and include a recommendation on that to Council alongside the appointment recommendation it would make at the relevant time. There was general support for this approach.

MOTION

Cr Ross McRobie moved the report's recommendations, and Deputy Mayor Melanie Tavendale seconded the motion.

Discussion on the motion:

One Elected Member shared their view that the appointment should only be for an independent member at this time, and not an independent chair. The latter may happen in due course, but this was not the time. This view was echoed by several members.

RESOLVED WDC 2020/262

Moved: Cr Ross McRobie

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Melanie Tavendale

That the Council:

1. Confirms the addition of an independent member to the Performance Audit and Risk Committee with full voting rights; and
2. Agrees that the independent member will be selected following an expression of interest recruitment process led by the Executive Committee.

CARRIED

7.2 ROAD NAMING - OBSERVATORY VILLAGE

The report, as circulated, sought the Council's approval to the naming of the section of road created by the Stage 2 developments at 21 Stoke Street, Oamaru 9401.

MOTION

Cr Jim Hopkins said he would move the report's recommendation and Cr Hana Halalele seconded the motion.

Discussion on the motion:

Cr Hana Halalele thanked Council staff for undertaking due diligence with iwi about the proposed road name following her request that they do so at the last meeting. Another Elected Member echoed those remarks and added that they hoped the iwi consultation would become a standard part of the road naming process in future.

RESOLVED WDC 2020/263

Moved: Cr Jim Hopkins
Seconded: Cr Hana Halalele

That Council approves the recommended road name for the section of the road created by the Stage 2 developments at the Observatory Village (21 Stoke Street, Oamaru 9401), being Kauri Crescent.

CARRIED

7.3 ROAD NAMING - HOLMES HILL ESTATE

The report, as circulated, sought the Council's approval to the naming of the section of the road created by the subdivision at 95A Wansbeck Street, Oamaru 9401.

RESOLVED WDC 2020/264

Moved: Cr Bill Kingan
Seconded: Cr Ross McRobie

That Council approves the recommended road name for the section of road created by the subdivision at 95A Wansbeck Street, Oamaru 9401, being Clydesdale Drive.

CARRIED

7.4 OAMARU OPERA HOUSE HEATING UPGRADE

The report, as circulated, sought Council's approval for the replacement of a failing boiler unit nearing the end of its serviceable life, with a cost-effective, reliable and fit for purpose boiler system that can easily be scaled up if required.

Property Manager Renee Julius spoke to the report. The author of the report was commended for excellent writing. With regard to depreciation, it was noted that the savings in operational costs from the new boiler would help support the overall cost.

RESOLVED WDC 2020/265

Moved: Cr Colin Wollstein
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Melanie Tavendale

That the Council approves \$196,000 of depreciation funding to replace the boiler at the Oamaru Opera House.

CARRIED

**7.5 NEW ZEALAND GEOGRAPHIC BOARD NGĀ POU TAUNAHA O AOTEAROA
PROPOSAL TO ALTER THE EXISTING OFFICIAL NAME SHAG RIVER (WAIHEMO)
TO WAIHEMO/SHAG RIVER**

The report, as circulated, noted that the New Zealand Geographic Board Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa had invited submissions on a proposal to swap the order of the existing official dual place name Shag River (Waihemo) to Waihemo / Shag River and recommended that Council submit in the affirmative.

Chief Executive Fergus Power took the report as read and noted that the proposal had been put to the New Zealand Geographic Board by the local runanga and he recommended that Council support it.

It was clarified that the responsibility for advertising the proposal was a function of the New Zealand Geographic Board, not of Council.

RESOLVED WDC 2020/266

Moved: Cr Hana Halalele

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Melanie Tavendale

That Council submits in the affirmative on the New Zealand Geographic Board Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa's proposal to alter the existing official name of the Shag River (Waihemo) to Waihemo / Shag River.

CARRIED

The Chair advised that representatives from the New Zealand Geographic Board had attended a recent National Council Meeting and advised that the Board was embarking on an exercise across the country to give greater recognition to original te reo names of geographic locations and features. It would be a major project and would occur over a long period of time.

The Chair directed the meeting forward to Agenda Item 7.7.

7.7 NORTH OTAGO RUGBY LEASE - CENTENNIAL PARK

The report, as circulated, requested agreement in principle from Council to the lease of part of Centennial Park (see Attachment 1) for the North Otago Rugby Football Union Inc. (NORFU) administrative office.

Recreation Manager Erik van der Spek introduced the report and noted that the request would need to be publicly notified and that neither of the other entities involved had problems with the request.

It was clarified that a 15-year lease only was being proposed, with no right of renewal, to maintain options for Council in the future.

RESOLVED WDC 2020/267

Moved: Deputy Mayor Melanie Tavendale

Seconded: Cr Colin Wollstein

That the Council:

1. Approves in principle the lease of part of Whitestone Contracting Centennial Park (Centennial Park) to the North Otago Rugby Football Union Inc. (NORFU) for the construction of an office space for North Otago Rugby, subject to agreement on lease terms and conditions and public notification.
2. Considers any submissions from the public notification process before giving final approval.

CARRIED

7 MEMORANDUM REPORTS

8.1 OTAGO MUSEUM UPDATE

The report, as circulated, advised Elected Members that Dr Ian Griffin, Director of the Otago Museum, has been invited to present an update on the Museum's activities to this Council Meeting.

The Chair explained that Dr Ian Griffin had had to cancel his proposed attendance at this meeting at short notice yesterday. He also explained that it is an act of Central Government that Otago local government entities are required to contribute to the Otago Museum, and that is why updates are provided to the Council from time to time. It had been a while since the last one. The Governance Advisor, through the Chair, noted that a replacement visit by Dr Griffin had been pencilled in for Council's first meeting in 2021, on 16 February.

The Chair directed the meeting forward to Agenda Item 8.5.

8.5 SUPPORT AND STIMULUS FUND QUARTERLY RECONCILIATION REPORT

The report, as circulated, provided a summary of the overall allocations, awards and funds remaining in the Support and Stimulus Fund (SSF). Pandemic Economic Recovery Manager Gerard Quinn was present for this agenda item.

The meeting was reminded that all Support and Stimulus Fund (SSF) decisions were taken in public excluded, and then the decisions on the allocation of SSF grants were recorded in the public minutes of the relevant meeting.

A question was raised about whether the size of the amount in the SSF grants funds, especially for the Economic Resilience Fund (ERF), needed to be increased, given that the applications had more than doubled since they were established.

In response, the Chair noted that people were ambitious and aspirational and there was a need to ensure that there was good benefit for the community from the projects being awarded SSF grants. Additional comments included that the full amount applied for was not necessarily being awarded; it was reasonable to expect that there were some contributions made by the applicant organisations. It was also highlighted that it was a condition of applications to SSF that they needed to have been impacted by COVID in some way or another. Some businesses had put forward an idea, but the SSF is not able to subsidise individual benefits for their specific benefit. SSF projects needed to be able to add to the overall economy and community.

The Chair emphasised how important it is for both committees considering SSF applications to award the funding very carefully. It has helped events in the community; it has supported initiatives to be undertaken to take care of issues caused by COVID; and it had helped some events take place that may not have been able to because of disruptions from COVID. He thanked all Elected Members for their participation in considering and awarding SSF funds to date.

RESOLVED WDC 2020/268

Moved: Deputy Mayor Melanie Tavendale

Seconded: Cr Ross McRobie

That the Council receives and notes the information.

CARRIED

The Chair directed the meeting back to Agenda Item 8.2.

8.2 WAITAKI COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTRE ANNUAL REPORT

The report, as circulated, provided Council with the Waitaki Community Recreation Centre's Annual Report for 2019/20. Centre Manager Diane Talanoa was in attendance for this item and gave a presentation on the year's achievements. Ms Talanoa informed the meeting that the Centre had been closed during the lockdown period and had taken the time to have a clean-up, like many others. There was lost hire revenue over that time, and some people did not want to come back when the Centre reopened, but new groups were starting to use the facilities. The Centre did qualify for the wages subsidy, which had been helpful. Ms Talanoa thanked Council for its support and said the team at the Centre were looking forward to a positive year in 2021. They were excited that the new stadium was being discussed again.

As Council's representative on the Trust, Cr Jeremy Holding said he had been encouraged to see how many sports were using the Centre and commended the Centre's annual report to the Council as recording a positive year despite the disruptions.

There was a brief question and answer session with Elected Members.

The difference between the revenue received and receipts from providing goods and services was clarified as being related to GST (the receipts included GST whereas the revenue received did not).

Several Elected Members thanked Ms Talanoa for her report and all the good work that the Centre did to achieve good outcomes for the wider community. Congratulations were offered to her and to all staff at the Centre. The Chair also endorsed these remarks.

RESOLVED WDC 2020/269

Moved: Cr Jeremy Holding

Seconded: Cr Hana Halalele

That the Council receives and notes the information.

CARRIED

8.3 KUROW DUNTROON IRRIGATION COMPANY UPDATE

The report, as circulated, provided Council with the Annual Report and an update on activities from the Kurow Duntroon Irrigation Company (KDIC). This is a requirement of the loan agreement between Council and KDIC. Former Chairman Geoff Keeling and Director Jock Webster were in attendance for this item.

Mr Keeling introduced the Annual Report and thanked Council for its financial support by way of the loan to the KDIC scheme. It noted it was now completely operational and had been since March. This season, irrigation had been provided through the new infrastructure which had been turned on in August. Contractually, there were still a few different things to sign off which the company was working through. One of them was the issue of the pipeline above ground. That was planned to be remedied in the winter, and contractors were working with NZTA to get those plans formally approved and to engage contractors. There was a bit more work to do at Waitaki Dam that contractors needed to undertake to Meridian's standards.

Other highlights raised by Mr Keeling including the closing out of on-farm issues with shareholders; and the positivity of farmers from being able to turn on their irrigation how and when they wanted it. The efficiency has been great. With regard to share sales, only 37 shares had been issued. Conversions were taking place with two new enquiries from farmers regarding the availability of shares received recently.

On the financial front, Mr Keeling confirmed that KDIC had fully drawn down the Council loan of \$3m, and payments back to Council would commence in February/March next year.

Moving forward, the company wants to close out issues with contractors, and get the pipeline sorted. Mr Keeling thanked Council again for its support and acknowledged that it was unfortunate the contractor had placed Council staff in a difficult position regarding the pipeline.

The Chair said he appreciated the last comment in particular, as it had been a difficult time for staff and for Council in the public arena. A good solution had been found, but it had been delayed due to COVID restrictions.

A tour of the scheme was requested, and Mr Keeling and Mr Webster said they would be very happy to arrange for one in the new year.

When asked, Mr Keeling confirmed that KDIC required all farmers to have environmental plans in place as a condition of shareholding and had done so for about seven years. They also had water supply agreements and consent conditions to address environmental matters.

One Elected Member congratulated the company for providing reliability of water supply, which was so important to the district. On that issue, Mr Keeling advised that the scheme was now well positioned, and its environmental outcomes were so strong that the company was very well placed to cope with the new regulations as they came through.

On the importance of the Waitaki river regarding reliability of water supply, Mr Webster briefed Council on the flow-sharing agreement that had been worked on with ECan to ensure that reliability and the renewal discussions that would come around in 2025 with Meridian. The Chair thanked Mr Webster for bringing the matters to Council's attention.

RESOLVED WDC 2020/270

Moved: Cr Bill Kingan

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Melanie Tavendale

That Council receives and notes the information.

CARRIED

The Chair thanked all KDIC representatives for their attendance and extended a special thank you to Mr Geoff Keeling for his 15 years of service to the organisation. He also offered Mr Webster best wishes for his continuation with the company and noted that a date for the tour of the company would be arranged in the new year.

8.4 TRANSPower UPDATE ON CLUTHA UPPER WAITAKI PROJECT IN WAITAKI DISTRICT

The report, as circulated, informed Council that Transpower representatives have sought and received approval from the Chair to brief Council on the status of the Clutha Upper Waitaki project.

Stakeholder Engagement Manager for the Clutha Upper Waitaki Project, Julie Howard, thanked Council for the opportunity to present to the meeting, and handed out a copy of the presentation and map documents. She then handed over to Project Director Mr Roy Noble who gave the presentation to Council.

There was a brief question and answer session after the presentation, which clarified that three wires would be replaced with six to ultimately double power capacity and to assist with a more even power flow; the conductor past Naseby over Dansey's Pass and through to Livingstone would be replaced; towers would also be replaced. The aim of the project was to increase power sustainability.

The impact on the district was discussed. There would be more wires visible, but the biggest effect would be from more people and traffic, including trucks, on the road during the time when the foundations were being created (between January and April in 2021). Conversations were underway with NZTA how best to manage traffic flow during that time.

The Chair acknowledged that the update had been helpful to explain the status of the project. He acknowledged that both areas were reasonably sensitive as far as landscapes and the ability for landowners to get on and use their land and lines were concerned. He hoped that the Transpower team would have a discussion with the Roding team to ensure they were fully briefed on what would be happening.

The Chair thanked the Transpower representatives for attending and presenting to the meeting. They noted that they would also be giving a similar presentation to the Ahuriri Community Board meeting the following week.

RESOLVED WDC 2020/271

Moved: Cr Bill Kingan

Seconded: Cr Jeremy Holding

That Council receives and notes the information.

CARRIED

8 RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED WDC 2020/272

Moved: Cr Colin Wollstein

Seconded: Cr Jim Hopkins

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
10.1 - Public Excluded Recommendations of the Executive Committee Meeting held on 30 November 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)(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
10.2 - Sale and Purchase Agreement Amendment 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)(i) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, 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

	(including commercial and industrial negotiations) s7(2)(j) - the withholding of the information is necessary to prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage	
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CARRIED

9 PUBLIC EXCLUDED SECTION

The public excluded minutes apply to this section of the meeting.

10 RESOLUTION TO RETURN TO THE PUBLIC MEETING

RESOLVED WDC 2020/281

Moved: Cr Guy Percival

Seconded: Cr Kelli Milmine

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 the meeting, Council decided it would not be releasing any public excluded information in the public minutes of this meeting.

12 MEETING CLOSE

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed, at 3.05pm.

TO BE CONFIRMED at the Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday 15 December 2020.

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CHAIRPERSON

0 RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

RECOMMENDATION

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
1.1 - Public Excluded minutes of the Council Meeting held on 8 December 2020	<p>s7(2)(a) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons</p> <p>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)</p> <p>s7(2)(j) - the withholding of the information is necessary to prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage</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
1.2 - Public Excluded Recommendations of the Executive Committee Meeting held on 30 November 2020	<p>s7(2)(a) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons</p> <p>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)</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

1 PUBLIC EXCLUDED SECTION

2 RESOLUTION TO RETURN TO THE PUBLIC MEETING

This resolution will be considered under Agenda Item 7 in the main agenda for this meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

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

3 RELEASE OF PUBLIC EXCLUDED INFORMATION

The release of public excluded information will be considered under Agenda Item 8 in the main agenda for this meeting.