



Council

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of Council held in the Council Chamber, Level 2, Council Chamber, Level 2, 20 Don Street, Invercargill on Wednesday, 19 May 2021 at 9am. (9am – 11am, 11.17am – 11.44am (PE)10.59am – 11am, 11.17am – 11.44am).

PRESENT

Mayor	Mayor Gary Tong
Deputy Mayor	Ebel Kremer (9am – 10.57am, 11.17am – 11.44am)
Councillors	Don Byars (9am – 10.21am, 10.27am - 11am, 11.17am – 11.44am)
	John Douglas
	Paul Duffy
	Bruce Ford
	Darren Frazer
	George Harpur
	Julie Keast
	Christine Menzies (9am – 10.58am, 10.59am - 11am, 11.17am – 11.44am)
	Karyn Owen
	Margie Ruddenklau
	Rob Scott

IN ATTENDANCE

Chief Executive	Cameron McIntosh
Committee Advisor	Fiona Dunlop

1 Apologies

There were no apologies.

2 Leave of absence

Councillor Menzies requested a leave of absence from 17 to 23 June 2021.

Councillor Duffy requested a leave of absence from 4 to 9 June 2021.

Councillor Harpur had previously requested a leave of absence from 15 June 2021 to 12 July 2021 and now is requesting an extension to 25 July 2021.

Moved Mayor Tong, seconded Cr Ruddenklau and resolved:

That the Council grants the leave of absence requests for Councillor Menzies from 17 to 23 June 2021, Councillor Duffy from 4 to 9 June 2021 and extends the request from Councillor Harpur from 15 June 2021 to 12 July 2021 out to 25 July 2021.

3 Conflict of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

4 Public Forum

1. Jenny Campbell representing Coal Action Murihiku addressed the meeting in relation to the proposed Bathurst coal mine extension at Ohai.
2. Dave Kennedy representing Coal Action Murihiku addressed the meeting in relation to the proposed Bathurst coal mine extension at Ohai.
3. Alanna Barrett addressed the meeting on the issue of bringing in a district plan rule for a carbon farming targeted rate.
4. Ron Baxter addressed the meeting on the issue of roading damage caused by trucks.

5 Extraordinary/Urgent Items

There were no Extraordinary/Urgent items.

6 Confirmation of Council Minutes

Resolution

Moved Mayor Tong, seconded Cr Frazer and resolved:

That Council confirms the minutes of the meetings held on 27 April 2021 and 5 May 2021 as a true and correct record of those meetings.

Reports - Operational Matters

8.1 Building Code Update - Consultation Submission 2021

Record No: R/21/4/20060

Manager Building Solutions – Julie Conradi was in attendance for this item.

Mrs Conradi advised that the purpose of the report was to present the draft submission regarding the building code update **for Council's consideration**.

Council noted that submissions on the building code update were due to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment by 28 May 2021.

Resolution

Moved Cr Frazer, seconded Cr Duffy and resolved:

That the Council:

- a) **Receives the report titled "Building Code Update - Consultation Submission 2021" dated 10 May 2021.**
- b) Determines that this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of Section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002.
- c) Determines that it has complied with the decision-making provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 to the extent necessary in relation to this decision; and in accordance with Section 79 of the act determines that it does not require further information, further assessment of options or further analysis of costs and benefits or advantages and disadvantages prior to making a decision on this matter.
- d) Agrees to authorise that the Manager Building Solutions forward the submission (attachment A of the report).

8.2 Bridge Weight Restriction Postings 2020/2021

Record No: R/21/5/20724

Roading Engineer – Rob Hayes, Strategic Manager Transport – Hartley Hare and Ian Sutherland – Senior Structural Engineer with WSP were in attendance for this item.

Mr Hayes advised that the purpose of the report was to comply with the Transport Act 1962 and Heavy Motor Vehicle Regulations 1974, that the road controlling authority for any territorial area is required to confirm, at a minimum annually, any posting weight limit necessary for bridges on the roading network and to revoke any restrictions which no longer apply.

Council noted that the report provides the information to be able to fulfil this requirement and that the last confirmed bridge postings was on 23 June 2020.

The officers also advised that the evaluations of bridges is deemed necessary due to their condition, non-standard beam layout, large beam span to depth ration, or inadequate bracing systems. Currently there are six bridges without load restrictions to be posted and 16 bridges which require changes to their posting weight limits.

The Council also noted that in attachment d of the report the Lang Road 2 bridge should be 50% of the axle weight/% class 1 not 100%.

Resolution

Moved Cr Kremer, seconded Cr Douglas recommendations a to c, d with an amendment as indicated (~~striketrough~~ and underline) and e to l and resolved:

That Council:

- a) **Receives the report titled “Bridge Weight Restriction Postings 2020/2021” dated 11 May 2021.**
- b) Determines that this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of Section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002.
- c) Determines that it has complied with the decision-making provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 to the extent necessary in relation to this decision; and in accordance with Section 79 of the act determines that it does not require further information, further assessment of options or further analysis of costs and benefits or advantages and disadvantages prior to making a decision on this matter.
- d) Agrees to confirm that in accordance with the Transport Act 1962 and Heavy Motor Vehicle Regulations 1974, the maximum weight and speed limits for heavy motor vehicles on bridges as listed on the attached schedule (Attachment A) be imposed with the following amendment:

NO	STRUCTURE NUMBER	NAME OF ROAD	WEIGHT LIMITS MAX WT ON ANY AXLE (KG) POSITION ON BRIDGE	AXLE WEIGHT/% CLASS 1	MAX SPEED LIMIT (KM/HR)
33	3004 002	Lang Rd 2	Central on bridge	100% <u>50%</u>	10

- e) Agrees to continue to rely on the central on bridge restriction to limit posting restrictions and continues to mitigate this risk through ongoing promotion of posting compliance, particularly in the following areas:
- for those restrictions which have curved approaches; and
 - where the posting restriction difference between the central on bridge and eccentrically loaded calculation exceeds 20% and the bridge carries more than two heavy vehicles a day.
- f) Agrees to confirm there is a commitment to further mitigate the risk associated with the inspection process by continuing to incorporate invasive annual testing across all posted bridges which have areas of concern.
- g) Agrees to notify the weight limits to the New Zealand Police, New Zealand Transport Agency, Road Transport Forum New Zealand (Inc) and by public notice in daily newspapers.
- h) Agrees to strengthen the following bridges within the next six months to mitigate the need for a change in restriction:
- 2623.001 Mandeville Road
 - 2865.004 Benmore Otapiri Road
 - 3626.003 Hillas Road.
- i) Agrees to confirm the current closure of bridge 2475.001 Nelson Road.

8.3 Proposed Right of Way in favour of the South Coast Environment Society Incorporated at Riverton

Record No: R/21/5/21996

Property Services Manager – Kevin McNaught was in attendance for this item.

Mr McNaught advised that the purpose of the report was to agree under delegated authority from the Minister of Conservation, whether to grant a right of way easement to the South Coast Environment Society Incorporated over a Council owned recreation reserve in Riverton.

Council noted that as part of the planning for a significant development of the site of the Hammer Hardware store at 152 Palmerston Street Riverton, right of way and drainage easements were discovered running through the middle of the property, that if remained were going to halt the development.

Resolution

Moved Cr Owen, seconded Cr Kremer and resolved:

That the Council:

- a) **Receives the report titled “Proposed Right of Way in favour of the South Coast Environment Society Incorporated at Riverton” dated 11 May 2021.**
- b) Determines that this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of Section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002.
- c) Determines that it has complied with the decision-making provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 to the extent necessary in relation to this decision; and in accordance with Section 79 of the act determines that it does not require further information, further assessment of options or further analysis of costs and benefits or advantages and disadvantages prior to making a decision on this matter.
- d) Pursuant to Section 48(1) of the Reserves Act 1977 acting under delegated authority from the Minister of Conservation consent to the Southland District Council granting a right of Way easement over Section 5 SO 420004 in favour **of Lot 1 DP 5648 as shown area “A” on LT 560443.**

8.4 Monthly Financial Report - March 2021

Record No: R/21/4/20263

Management Accountant – Lesley Smith was in attendance for this item.

Mrs Smith advised that the purpose of the report was to provide Council with an overview of the financial results for the nine months to 31 March 2021 by the nine activity groups of Council, as well as the financial position, and the statement of cash flows as at 31 March 2021.

(Councillor Byars left the meeting at 10.21am.)

Resolution

Moved Cr Douglas, seconded Cr Keast and resolved:

That the Council:

- a) **Receives the report titled “Monthly Financial Report - March 2021” dated 12 May 2021.**

8.5 Extension of Westpac Bank Loan Facilities

Record No: R/21/5/22127

Chief Financial Officer – Anne Robson was in attendance for this item.

Miss Robson advised that the purpose of the report was to seek approval from Council to extend the Westpac bank loan facilities in the short term to enable Council to meet its cashflow needs.

Council noted that this is required to enable the staff to work through a borrowing strategy for the longer term and also to enable the membership with the Local Government Funding Agenda to be completed.

Resolution

Moved Cr Kremer, seconded Cr Douglas and resolved:

That the Council:

- a) **Receives the report titled “Extension of Westpac Bank Loan Facilities” dated 12 May 2021.**
- b) Determines that this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of Section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002.
- c) Determines that it has complied with the decision-making provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 to the extent necessary in relation to this decision; and in accordance with Section 79 of the act determines that it does not require further information, further assessment of options or further analysis of costs and benefits or advantages and disadvantages prior to making a decision on this matter.
- d) Delegate authority to the Chief Executive and Chief Financial Officer to sign all the documents related to the establishment of additional Westpac funding facilities of up to \$20 million for a period up to six months.
- e) Acknowledges that in terms of Section 80 of the Local Government Act the full use of the Westpac facility may mean that it breaches its funding maturity profile and interest rate exposure limits as noted in its Investment and Liability policy. This is due to it potentially borrowing more than \$20million without varying the periods and interest rates over which it is borrowed. As this is a short term funding facility being used whilst membership to the LGFA is being established and a borrowing strategy is being developed, there is no intention to amend the policy.

8.6 Management Report

Record No: R/21/4/19948

Chief Executive – Cameron McIntosh was in attendance for this item.

(Councillor Byars returned to the meeting at 10.27am.)

Resolution

Moved Mayor Tong, seconded Cr Kremer and resolved:

That Council:

- a) **Receives the report titled “Management Report” dated 12 May 2021.**

8.7 Resource Management Delegations Review

Record No: R/21/5/22107

Team Leader Resource Management – Marcus Roy was in attendance for this item.

Mr Roy advised that the purpose of the report was to seek approval from Council to update the Resource Management Act 1991 delegations to staff to ensure that they remain current.

Council noted that in March 2021 the resource management department went through a review in order to ensure that the team structure remained relevant and was able to adapt to upcoming legislative changes.

Resolution

Moved Cr Frazer, seconded Cr Owen and resolved:

That Council:

- a) **Receives the report titled “Resource Management Delegations Review” dated 12 May 2021.**
- b) Determines that this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of Section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002.
- c) Determines that it has complied with the decision-making provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 to the extent necessary in relation to this decision; and in accordance with Section 79 of the act determines that it does not require further information, further assessment of options or further analysis of costs and benefits or advantages and disadvantages prior to making a decision on this matter.
- d) Approves the updated delegations to the environmental planning team as follows:

Delegations manual - Section 11.43 Resource Management Act 1991

SECTION	SUMMARY OF FUNCTION / POWER DELEGATED	DELEGATED OFFICER
SS.10, 10A, 10B	Determination of whether existing rights in terms of Section 10 of the RMA apply	Group manager environmental services Manager environmental planning

		Team leader consent processing Senior resource management planner
s.27	To provide information to the Minister for Environment	Group manager environmental services Manager environmental planning Team leader consent processing Senior resource management planner
s.36(5)	Power to require the payment of additional charges to cover processing costs in accordance with Council's approved Schedule of Fees and Charges under the Resource Management Act 1991	Group manager environmental services Manager environmental planning Team leader consent processing Senior resource management planner
s.36(6)	Power to provide on request an estimate of additional charges over and above the processing deposits	Resource management planner Group manager environmental services Manager environmental planning Team leader consent processing Senior resource management planner
s.36AAB (1)	Power to remit the whole or any part of the charge under s36 that would otherwise be payable.	Resource management planner Group manager environmental services Manager environmental planning Team leader consent processing
ss.37, 37A	Power to waive and/or extend time limits for functions under the act.	Group manager environmental services Manager environmental planning Team leader consent processing Senior resource management planner
s.38	Authorisation and responsibilities of Enforcement Officers	Group manager environmental services Manager environmental planning Team leader consent processing Senior resource management planner Resource management planner Graduate resource management planner Team leader ecology Ecologist

		Monitoring and enforcement officer
s.41B	Direction to provide evidence with time limits	Group manager environmental services Manager environmental planning Team leader consent processing Senior resource management planner Resource management planner
s.42	Protection of sensitive information	Group manager environmental services Manager environmental planning Team leader consent processing
s.42A	Require the preparation of a report on information provided	Group manager environmental services Manager environmental planning Team leader consent processing Senior resource management planner
s.42A (5)	Waiving compliance regarding timeframes for distributing reports, where there is no material prejudice	Group manager environmental services Manager environmental planning Team leader consent processing Senior resource management planner
s.87BA	To issue a notice confirming a boundary activity is permitted	Group manager environmental services Manager environmental planning Team leader consent processing Senior resource management planner Resource management planner
s.87BB	To issue a notice confirming a marginal or temporary activity is permitted	Group manager environmental services Manager environmental planning Team leader consent processing Senior resource management planner
s.87E	Decision on request for application to go directly to environment court	Group manager environmental services Manager environmental planning Team leader consent processing

s.87F	Preparation of report on application referred directly to environment court	Group manager environmental services Manager environmental planning Team leader consent processing Senior resource management planner Resource management planner
s.88(3)	Determining an application incomplete and returning to the applicant	Group manager environmental services Manager environmental planning Team leader consent processing Senior resource management planner Resource management planner
s.91	Determining not to proceed with notification or hearing of application pending lodging of further consents under the act	Group manager environmental services Manager environmental planning Team leader consent processing Senior resource management planner
s.92	Request further information or agreement to commissioning of a report on resource consent application	Group manager environmental services Manager environmental planning Team leader consent processing Senior resource management planner Resource management planner Graduate resource management planner
s.92A (2)	Set timeframe for provision of further information or commissioning of a report	Group manager environmental services Manager environmental planning Team leader consent processing Senior resource management planner Resource management planner Graduate resource management planner
ss.95A, 95B	Determination of public notification or limited notification	Group manager environmental services Manager environmental planning Team leader consent processing Senior resource management planner

s.95D	Determination of adverse effects likely to be more than minor	Group manager environmental services Manager environmental planning Team leader consent processing Senior resource management planner
s.95E	Determination if person is affected person	Group manager environmental services Manager environmental planning Team leader consent processing Senior resource management planner
s.95F	Determination if group is an affected customary rights group	Group manager environmental services Manager environmental planning Team leader consent processing Senior resource management planner
s.95G	Determination if group is an affected customary marine title group	Group manager environmental services Manager environmental planning Team leader consent processing Senior resource management planner
s.99	Organise and convene prehearing meetings and prepare reports on these under Section 99 (5)	Group manager environmental services Manager environmental planning Team leader consent processing Senior resource management planner
s.100	Determine whether a formal hearing is necessary	Group manager environmental services Manager environmental planning Team leader consent processing Senior resource management planner
s.101	Fix time and date for hearings	Group manager environmental services Manager environmental planning Team leader consent processing Senior resource management planner

s.102	To determine whether applications are required to be heard by Joint Hearings Committee	Group manager environmental services Manager environmental planning Team leader consent processing Senior resource management planner
s.103	To determine whether two or more applications to different authorities are sufficiently unrelated that a joint hearing is not appropriate.	Group manager environmental services Manager environmental planning Team leader consent processing Senior resource management planner
ss. 104, 104A, 104B, 104C, 104D, 108, 113	Make and issue decisions and impose conditions for non-notified resource applications and limited notified resource applications where there are no submissions received or where all submissions received are in support and no party wishes to be heard; in accordance with the provisions of the Southland District Plan and the RMA.	Group manager environmental services Manager environmental planning Team leader consent processing Senior resource management planner
s.106	Ability to refuse subdivision consent in certain circumstances.	Group manager environmental services Manager environmental planning Team leader consent processing Senior resource management planner
s.108A	Determination of requirement for a bond	Group manager environmental services Manager environmental planning Team leader consent processing Senior resource management planner
s.114	Notify decisions to applicant and other appropriate authorities	Group manager environmental services Manager environmental planning Team leader consent processing Senior resource management planner Resource management planner Graduate resource management planner

s.123 (b)	Duration of consent	Group manager environmental services Manager environmental planning Team leader consent processing Senior resource management planner
s.125 (1A)(B)	Fix longer period for lapsing of resource consents than is the norm under Section 125(1)	Group manager environmental services Manager environmental planning Team leader consent processing Senior resource management planner
s.126	Cancel consent if not exercised	Group manager environmental services Manager environmental planning Team leader consent processing Senior resource management planner
s.127	Determining whether application to change or cancel consent requires notification, or limited notification and changing or cancelling any condition on a resource consent	Group manager environmental services Manager environmental planning Team leader consent processing Senior resource management planner
s.128	Service of notice of intention to review conditions of a resource consent	Group manager environmental services Manager environmental planning Team leader consent processing Senior resource management planner Monitoring and enforcement officer
ss.129, 130	Formulation and public notification of notice to review conditions	Group manager environmental services Manager environmental planning Team leader consent processing Senior resource management planner Monitoring and enforcement officer
s.133A	Minor corrections of resource consents	Group manager environmental services Manager environmental planning

		Team leader consent processing Senior resource management planner
s.134(4)	Approval of transfer of resource consents – written notice	Group manager environmental services Manager environmental planning Team leader consent processing Senior resource management planner
s.138	Surrender of consent	Group manager environmental services Manager environmental planning Team leader consent processing Senior resource management planner
s.139	Consider request for and issue Certificates of Compliance for any activity which is a permitted activity under the District Plan.	Group manager environmental services Manager environmental planning Team leader consent processing Senior resource management planner
s.139A	Consider request for and issue Existing Use Certificate.	Group manager environmental services Manager environmental planning Team leader consent processing Senior resource management planner
s.169	Request further information and process notice of requirement	Group manager environmental services Manager environmental planning Team leader consent processing Senior resource management planner
s.170	Discretion to include notice of requirement in proposed Plan	Group manager environmental services Manager environmental planning Team leader consent processing
s.171	Consider notice of requirement and make submissions thereto, and make recommendation to the requiring authority	Group manager environmental services Manager environmental planning Team leader consent processing Senior resource management planner

s.174	Lodge appeal against decision of a requiring authority.	Group manager environmental services Manager environmental planning Team leader consent processing Senior resource management planner
s.176A(2) (C)	Outline plan waivers	Group manager environmental services Manager environmental planning Team leader consent processing Senior resource management planner
s.181(3)	Alteration of designation in plan at request of requiring authority, to a minor extent	Group manager environmental services Manager environmental planning Team leader consent processing Senior resource management planner
s.182	Removal of designation at request of requiring authority	Group manager environmental services Manager environmental planning Team leader consent processing Senior resource management planner
s.184(2)	Waiver of lapsing designation	Group manager environmental services Manager environmental planning Team leader consent processing Senior resource management planner
s.220	Issue certificates relating to requirements to comply on ongoing basis with consent conditions and endorsements on titles	Group manager environmental services Manager environmental planning Team leader consent processing Senior resource management planner
s.221	Imposing and issuing Consent Notices on subdivision consents.	Group manager environmental services Manager environmental planning Team leader consent processing Senior resource management planner

s.222	Dealing with Completion Certificates on subdivision consents	Group manager environmental services Manager environmental planning Team leader consent processing Senior resource management planner
s.223	Approval of Survey Plan – check compliance prior to sealing	Group manager environmental services Manager environmental planning Team leader consent processing Senior resource management planner
s.224	Issue certificates indicating all or any of conditions on subdivision consent have been complied with	Group manager environmental services Manager environmental planning Team leader consent processing Senior resource management planner
s.226	Certifications of plans of subdivision that allotments on the plan meet the requirements of the District Plan	Group manager environmental services Manager environmental planning Team leader consent processing Senior resource management planner
ss.229 – 237H	Creation of esplanade reserves and strips and associated conditions.	Group manager environmental services Manager environmental planning Team leader consent processing Senior resource management planner
ss.240,241	Imposition and cancellation of amalgamation conditions and restrictive covenants	Group manager environmental services Manager environmental planning Team leader consent processing Senior resource management planner
s.243(E)	Revoking a condition specifying easements	Group manager environmental services Manager environmental planning Team leader consent processing Senior resource management planner

ss.310, 311	Application to Environment Court for a declaration	Group manager environmental services Manager environmental planning Team leader consent processing
ss.314,316	Seek and/or respond to an Enforcement Order	Group manager environmental services Manager environmental planning Team leader consent processing
s.320	Seek and/or respond to an interim enforcement order	Group manager environmental services Manager environmental planning Team leader consent processing
s.325A	Signature or cancellation of abatement notice	Group manager environmental services Manager environmental planning Team leader consent processing Monitoring and enforcement officer
Schedule 1, Clause 5A	To identify all affected parties for limited notification of a plan change or variation	Group manager environmental services Manager environmental planning Team Leader Environmental Policy
ss.322, 327, 3258, 343C	The taking of enforcement action in relation to the Resource Management Act, initiating the review the resource consent decisions, and conditions	Group manager environmental services Manager environmental planning Team leader consent processing
s.332	To carry out inspection of any premises of property (except a dwelling house) to determine whether the RMA, any regulation or rule of the District Plan or resource consent is being complied with	Group manager environmental services Manager environmental planning Team leader consent processing Senior resource management planner Resource management planner Graduate resource management planner Monitoring and enforcement officer Team leader ecology Ecologist Graduate ecologist

s.333	Entry to land (except a dwelling house) for purposes connected with any preparation, change, or review of the District Plan	Group manager environmental services Manager environmental planning Team leader consent processing Senior resource management planner Resource management planner Graduate resource management planner Monitoring and enforcement officer Team leader ecology Ecologist Graduate ecologist
s.336	Return of property seized under ss.323 and 328	Group manager environmental services Environmental health manager Environmental health officer
s.342	The power to collect fines for an offence under s.338	Group manager environmental services Manager environmental planning Team leader consent processing Monitoring and enforcement officer Environmental health manager
s.357	The power to consider and make decisions on application for objections for an application which does not require a hearing, except where the decision would result in a net payment of reserve contributions by Council less credits for land to vest exceeding the delegation for the role. The power to decide whether an objection requires a hearing	Group manager environmental services Manager environmental planning Team leader consent processing Environmental health manager
ss.357C-D	The power to consider and decide upon objections made. To consider, dismiss or uphold (in whole or in part) any objection under sections 357, 357A or 357B of the Act PROVIDED that this delegation shall NOT be exercised in respect of	Group manager environmental services Manager environmental planning Team leader consent processing

	objections on resource consent applications which have been the subject of a hearing under section 100 of the Act	
s.360F	To set overall charges payable by the applicant for a plan change or resource consent	Group manager environmental services Manager environmental planning Team leader consent processing

Reports - Governance

9.1 Request to delegate powers of approving submissions on legislation related to environmental reforms

Record No: R/21/5/21020

Team Leader Resource Management – Marcus Roy and Group Manager Environmental Services – Fran Mikulicic were in attendance for this item.

Mr Roy advised that the purpose of the report was to seek a delegation of powers to the Chief Executive and Group Manager – Environmental Services to approve submissions on legislation associated with environmental reforms.

During discussion on the report there were concerns raised that elected member views to assist with the formation of submissions would not be able to be taken into account. A solution to enable this would be to utilise digital technology (zoom/teams) to allow discussion with all elected members to facilitate views to be included in submissions.

Resolution

Moved Cr Kremer, seconded Cr Duffy recommendations a to c, d (with an addition) and e and resolved:

That the Council:

- a) **Receives the report titled “Request to delegate powers of approving submissions on legislation related to environmental reforms” dated 11 May 2021.**
- b) Determines that this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of Section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002.
- c) Determines that it has complied with the decision-making provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 to the extent necessary in relation to this decision; and in accordance with Section 79 of the act determines that it does not require further information, further assessment of options or further analysis of costs and benefits or advantages and disadvantages prior to making a decision on this matter.

- d) Delegates the powers of approving submissions on environmental reforms and National Policy Statements to the Chief Executive and Group Manager – Environmental Services and that staff utilise digital technology (zoom/teams) to allow discussion with all elected members to facilitate views to be included in submissions.
- e) Agrees to create a joint submission (where necessary) with the other Otago and Southland Councils on the environmental reforms.

Councillor Byars requested that his dissenting vote be recorded.

9.2 Sister Cities New Zealand Conference - 15 to 16 April 2021 - Report back from Councillor Duffy

Record No: R/21/4/20205

Councillor Duffy was in attendance for this item.

He reported back to Council on his recent attendance at the Sister Cities New Zealand Conference which was held in Wellington on 15 to 16 April 2021.

(Councillor Kremer left the meeting at 10.57am.)

(Councillor Menzies left the meeting at 10.58am.)

Resolution

Moved Mayor Tong, seconded Cr Ruddenklau and resolved:

That the Council:

- a) **Receives the report titled “Sister Cities New Zealand Conference - 15 to 16 April 2021 - Report back from Councillor Duffy” dated 11 May 2021.**

(Councillor Menzies returned to the meeting at 10.59am.)

Public Excluded

Exclusion of the Public: Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987

Resolution

Moved Mayor Tong, seconded Cr Scott and resolved:

That the public be excluded from the following part(s) of the proceedings of this meeting.

C10.1 Southland Museum and Art Gallery Trust - Governance Changes

The general subject 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(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	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
Southland Museum and Art Gallery Trust - Governance Changes	s7(2)(i) - The withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).	That the public conduct of the whole or 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 exists.

The public were excluded at 10.59am.

(The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 11.00am and reconvened at 11.17am.)

(Mayor Tong and Councillors Byars, Douglas, Duffy, Ford, Frazer, Harpur, Keast, Kremer, Menzies, Owen, Ruddenklau and Scott were present when the meeting reconvened.)

Resolutions in relation to the confidential items are recorded in the confidential section of these minutes and are not publicly available unless released here.

The meeting concluded at 11.44am.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD AT A
MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY
19 MAY 2021.

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CHAIRPERSON:.....