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# Council

## OPEN MINUTES

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Minutes of a meeting of Council held in the Council Chamber, Level 2, 20 Don Street, Invercargill on Wednesday, 11 May 2022 at 9am. (9am – 10.28am, 10.51am – 12.46pm)

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### PRESENT

Mayor	Mayor Gary Tong (11.52am – 12.46pm)
Deputy Mayor	Ebel Kremer
Councillors	Don Byars (video link) (9am – 10.28am, 10.51am – 11am, 11.09am - 12.35pm)
	John Douglas
	Paul Duffy
	Bruce Ford
	Darren Frazer
	George Harpur (video link)
	Julie Keast
	Christine Menzies
	Karyn Owen
	Margie Ruddenklau
	Rob Scott

### APOLOGIES

Mayor Gary Tong (lateness)

### IN ATTENDANCE

Group manager infrastructure and environmental services – Matt Russell  
Committee advisor – Fiona Dunlop

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1 Apologies

There was an apology for lateness from Mayor Tong.

Moved Cr Kremer, seconded Cr Owen and resolved:

That Council accept the apology.

2 Leave of absence

Leaves of absence were requested as follows:

- Councillor Harpur – 1 to 31 July 2022
- Councillor Keast – 4 August 2022 to 20 September 2022
- Councillor Menzies – 14 to 22 June 2022
- Councillor Ruddenklau – 19 May 2022 to 30 June 2022

Resolution

Moved Cr Kremer, seconded Cr Scott and resolved:

That Council approves the requested leaves of absence.

3 Conflict of Interest

Councillor Kremer declared a conflict of interest in relation to item 9.1 - Milford Community Trust - Statement of Intent 2022-2025 and advised that he would not take part in discussion or voting on the item.

4 Public Forum

There was no public forum.

5 Extraordinary/Urgent Items

There were no Extraordinary/Urgent items.

6 Confirmation of Council Minutes

Resolution

Moved Cr Frazer, seconded Cr Owen and resolved:

That Council confirms the minutes of the meeting held on 27 April 2022 as a true and correct record of that meeting.

8.1 Amendment to Forecasted Financial Position for the year ending 30 June 2022

Record No: R/22/4/16108

Chief financial officer – Anne Robson was in attendance for this item.

Miss Robson advised that the purpose of the report was to advise Council of an amendment to the expected year-end financial result from what was adopted by Council on 29 March 2022 and seek approval from Council to approve the resulting forecasted position.

Resolution

Moved Cr Kremer, seconded Cr Douglas and resolved:

That the Council:

- a) **Receives the report titled “Amendment to Forecasted Financial Position for the year ending 30 June 2022” dated 5 May 2022.**
- 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 unbudgeted expenditure for interest costs incurred from LGNZ borrowing of \$210,000.
- e) Approves the use of the District Operations Reserve to fund any shortfall in funding/borrowing activities in line with Councils policies as a result of the delay in the commencement of Councils Investing approach, currently forecast at \$286,087.
- f) **Notes the forecasted amendments to Council’s year-end financial performance and position as detailed in attachments A and B (of the officer’s report).**

Reports - Policy and Strategy

7.1 Draft Stewart Island/Rakiura Visitor Levy policy and bylaw - deliberations

Record No: R/22/3/10448

Policy analyst – Jane Edwards, Strategy and policy manager – Michelle Fowler-Stevenson and Chief financial officer – Anne Robson were in attendance for this item.

Mrs Edwards advised that the purpose of the report was to provide information and to present options to Council, to make a decision on the draft Stewart Island Visitor Levy Policy and the draft Stewart Island/Rakiura Visitor Levy Bylaw 2022 following the consideration of oral submissions and the written submissions.

Councillors discussed raising the levy in a staged approach. Officers advised that they would need to seek advice.

See further down the minutes for the final resolution.

(The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.28am and reconvened on 10.51am.)

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

## 7.2 Draft TAB and Gambling Venue Policies

Record No: R/22/4/16002

Corporate performance lead – Jason Domigan and Acting manager environmental health/Team leader monitoring and enforcement – Erin Keeble was in attendance for this item.

Mr Domigan advised that the purpose of the report was for Council to endorse the draft TAB and Gambling Venue policies, and an associated statement of proposal, for public consultation.

Resolution

Moved Cr Keast, seconded Cr Duffy and resolved:

That Council:

- a) **Receives the report titled “Draft TAB and Gambling Venue Policies” dated 5 May 2022.**
- 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) Endorses the draft TAB Venue Policy, the draft Gambling Venue Policy and the associated Statement of Proposal for public consultation in accordance with the Special Consultative Procedure, from 8am on 13 May 2022 to 5pm on 13 June 2022.

- e) Considers the following actions constitute making the Statement of Proposal as widely available as is reasonably practicable in accordance with section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002 –
- having the Statement of Proposal accessible on **Council's website**,
  - having copies of the Statement of Proposal available at all Council offices.

## Reports - Operational Matters

### 8.2 Bridge weight restriction postings 2022/2023

Record No: R/22/4/14141

Senior roading engineer – Rob Hayes and WSP Senior structural engineer – Ian Sutherland 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. 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.

(During discussion, Councillor Byars left the meeting at 11am and returned at 11.09am.)

#### Resolution

Moved Cr Kremer, seconded Cr Douglas and resolved:

That Council:

- a) **Receives the report titled "Bridge weight restriction postings 2022/2023" dated 5 May 2022.**
- 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 schedule below (also **attachment A of the officer's report**) be imposed.

Table A-1 Southland District Council notification of weight and/or speed limits on bridges June 2022

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)
1	2861.001	Anderson Road 4	Central on bridge	80%	10
2	2459.001	Argyle Otahuti Road	Central on bridge	Light vehicles only	
3	1253.001	Badwit Road	Central on bridge	50%	10
4	2865.001	Benmore Otapiri Road	Central on bridge	80%	10
5	2865.003	Benmore Otapiri Road	Central on bridge	70%	10
6	2865.004	Benmore Otapiri Road	Central on bridge	80%	10
7	2895.002	Benmore Road	Central on bridge	80%	10
8	1186.001	Birch Road	Central on bridge	80%	10
9	2494.001	Breeze Road	Central on bridge	70%	10
10	1606.001	Bridge Inn Road	Central on bridge	100%	10
11	1056.001	Buckingham Road	Central on bridge	60%	30
12	3353.001	Carter Road	Central on bridge	50%	10
13	2563.001	Channel Road 1	Central on bridge	Light vehicles only	10
14	3654.001	Cumming Road	Central on bridge	100%	10
15	3047.001	Cunningham Road	Central on bridge	100%	10
16	1565.002	Davidson Road 3	Central on bridge	80%	10
17	2371.002	Dunearn Road	Central on bridge	80%	10
18	3363.001	Duthie Road 2 (Boundary Road)	Central on bridge	80%	10
19	2115.003	Feldwick Road	Central on bridge	80%	10
20	1373.001	Frazer Road (Boundary Road)	Central on bridge	70%	10
21	1992.001	Fryer Road	Central on bridge	80%	10

22	2373.002	Harbour Endowment Road	Central on bridge	90%	10
23	2373.001	Harbour Endowment Road	Central on bridge	100%	10
24	3626.003	Hillas Road	Central on bridge	100%	10
25	3902.002	Horseshoe Bay Road	Central on bridge	80%	10
26	3736.001	Hume Road	Central on bridge	100%	10
27	1658.001	Kirkbride Street	Central on bridge	40%	10
28	1332.001	Klondyke Road	Central on bridge	90%	10
29	3407.002	Lake Monowai Road		Axles 7,000 kg, Gross 28,500 kg Heavy vehicles cross bridge one at a time	10
30	3407.004	Lake Monowai Road		80%	10
31	3004.002	Lang Road 2	Central on bridge	50%	10
32	1376.001	Lauderdale Bush Road	Central on bridge	100%	10
33	3026.001	Level Street		Light vehicles only, 3500kg Gross	
34	2623.001	Mandeville Road	Central on bridge	70%	10
35	1008.001	Manse Road	Central on bridge	50%	10
36	1065.001	Marinui Road	Central on bridge	70% Class 1 Axles 6,600kg	10
37	1281.001	Mataura Island Titiroa Road	Central on bridge	Light vehicles only, Gross 3,500 kg	10
38	1334.002	Matheson Road 2	Central on bridge	80%	10
39	2868.002	Matthews Road	Central on bridge	100%	10
40	2868.003	Matthews Road	Central on bridge	60%	10
41	3002.002	McDonald Road 4	Central on bridge	70%	10

42	1584.001	McKerchar Road 1	Central on bridge	70%	10
43	2515.001	McKinnon Road 2	Central on bridge	70%	10
44	1086.001	Morrison Road West	Central on bridge	100%	30
45	3158.002	Murphy Road		50%	10
46	9576.001	Off Webb Road	Central on bridge	60%	10
47	1206.001	Orr Road 1	Central on bridge	80%	10
48	2828.007	Otapiri Mandeville Road	Central on bridge	90%	10
49	2055.005	Papatotara Coast Road	Central on bridge	80%	10
50	1002.001	Progress Valley Road	Central on bridge	100%	10
51	2128.001	Purvis Road	Central on bridge	100%	10
52	2897.001	Riverside School Road	Central on bridge	70%	10
53	2897.002	Riverside School Road	Central on bridge	50%	10
54	1054.001	Scrubby Hill Road	Central on bridge	100%	10
55	2555.001	Sharks Tooth Road	Central on bridge	70%	10
56	3652.005	Sutherland Road	Central on bridge	70%	10
57	3144.001	Tomogalak Rd	Central on bridge	100%	10
58	2856.002	Turnbull Road	Central on bridge	100%	10
59	1168.001	Waghorn Road	Central on bridge	50%	10
60	3617.001	West Dome Station Road	Central on bridge	70%	10
61	3147.001	Wilson Road 7	Central on bridge	80%	10
62	2858.001	Winton Channel Road	Central on bridge	90%	10
63	1355.001	Woods Road 1	Central on bridge	90%	10

Table A-2 Southland District Council bridges replaced before June 2022 – posted weight restrictions to be revoked

NO	STRUCTURE NUMBER	NAME OF ROAD
1	2861.001	Caird Road
2	2459.001	Dipton Flat Road
3	1253.001	Dipton Mossburn Road
4	2865.001	McBride Road
5	2865.003	McLeod Road 2



- 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.
- f) 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, social media and our website.

### 8.3 Financial Report for the period ended 31 March 2022

Record No: R/22/4/16043

Accountant – Brie Lepper was in attendance for this item.

Miss Lepper advised that the purpose of this report was to provide the Council with an overview of the financial results for the nine months to 31 March 2022 by the seven activity groups of Council, as well as the financial position, and the statement of cash flows as at 31 March 2022.

During discussion on the report, Council requested a report on the impact of current staff vacancies on the organisation.

Resolution

Moved Cr Kremer, seconded Cr Owen recommendation a and a new b (as indicated) and resolved:

That the Council:

- a) **receives the report titled “Financial Report for the period ended 31 March 2022” dated 5 May 2022.**

New b) requests the Chief executive to report to the next Council meeting (22 June 2022) on current staff vacancies.

### 7.1 Draft Stewart Island/Rakiura Visitor Levy policy and bylaw – deliberations (CONTINUED)

Record No: R/22/3/10448

Following further discussion, option 1 – **“that Council make decisions now on all the issues identified in the submissions, and proceed with a new Stewart Island/Rakiura Visitor Levy Policy and Bylaw” was the option that Council wished to proceed with but with increasing the levy to \$10 not \$15 as recommended in the staff report.**

Moved Councillor Kremer, seconded Councillor Scott, the following recommendations from the officers report.

That the Council:

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- a) receives the report titled “Draft Stewart Island/Rakiura Visitor Levy policy and bylaw - deliberations” dated 5 May 2022.
  - b) determines that this matter or decision be recognised as significant in accordance with Council’s significance and engagement policy under section 76AA 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) considers the feedback received on the draft Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor Levy Policy and Bylaw
  - e) notes that it needs to have a clear rationale of the funds required over the course of the Long Term Plan to better provide services, facilities and amenities for visitors while they are on Stewart Island/Rakiura.
  - f) ~~considers the options on how it could proceed and endorses one of the following options:~~
    - i. ~~Option 1 – That Council make decisions now on all the issues identified in the submissions, and proceed with a new Stewart Island/Rakiura Visitor Levy Policy and Bylaw~~
    - ii. ~~Option 2 – That Council decides not to make decisions on the issues identified for the draft Stewart Island/Rakiura Visitor Levy Policy and Bylaw and to continue with the current policy and bylaw~~
  - g) ~~agrees that should Council endorse Option 1 (Recommendation f(i)), and wishes to make decisions now on the issues identified for the draft Stewart Island/Rakiura Visitor Levy Policy and Bylaw, that it endorses the following options (these options are fully discussed in a separate Issues and Options report):~~
    - i. increasing the amount of the levy to ~~\$15~~ \$10
    - ii. allowing multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure, in exceptional circumstances
    - iii. removing the requirement to consult via the Annual Plan/LTP process, in the event a change in the levy amount is considered, noting that consultation procedures under the Local Government Act will always be applied
    - iv. continuing to undertake the communication measures agreed at the 22 February 2022 meeting to publicise the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy
    - v. retaining the levy eligibility requirements outlined in the draft policy
    - vi. not seeking a change to the Empowering Act as to who pays the visitor levy

- vii. no change to the current Stewart Island/Rakiura Visitor Levy Allocation Subcommittee
- viii. other minor changes to the draft bylaw and policy as outlined:
  - clarifying that the Stewart Island/Rakiura Visitor Levy Allocation Subcommittee may only allocate funding once a year, at its annual allocation meeting
  - adding examples to the descriptions of the three allocation categories (Council/community infrastructure, operational costs, community costs)
  - adding that for applications made by Council (including community boards), the inclusion of a project in Council's long term plan indicates that it has gone through a community engagement process, and Council has endorsed the project as supporting the community's long term objectives
  - updates to improve legal accuracy and clarity of the policy, including titles and delegations.

~~h) — Agrees that should Council endorse Option 2 (Recommendation f(ii)), agrees that no changes will be made to the Stewart Island/Rakiura Visitor Levy Policy and Bylaw at this time.~~

Note that because option 1 was chosen, recommendation h was not required.

Moved Councillor Menzies, seconded Councillor Ford the following amendment to recommendation g(i):

- g(i) increase the amount of the visitor levy to \$10 on 1 October 2023, and then increase the amount of the levy to \$15 on 1 October 2025.

The amendment was put and declared CARRIED.

The recommendations moved by Councillor Kremer and seconded by Councillor Scott with the amendment to g(i) were put and declared CARRIED.

Final resolution

That the Council:

- a) **receives the report titled "Draft Stewart Island/Rakiura Visitor Levy policy and bylaw - deliberations " dated 5 May 2022.**
- b) determines that this matter or decision be recognised as significant in **accordance with Council's significance and engagement policy under section 76AA 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) considers the feedback received on the draft Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor Levy Policy and Bylaw.
- e) notes that it needs to have a clear rationale of the funds required over the course of the Long Term Plan to better provide services, facilities and amenities for visitors while they are on Stewart Island/Rakiura.
- f) make decisions now on all the issues identified in the submissions, and proceed with a new Stewart Island/Rakiura Visitor Levy Policy and Bylaw.
- g) endorses the following options:
  - i. increase the amount of the visitor levy to \$10 on 1 October 2023, and then increase the amount of the levy to \$15 on 1 October 2025.
  - ii. allowing multi-year funding of up to 30 years for Council and community owned infrastructure, in exceptional circumstances.
  - iii. removing the requirement to consult via the Annual Plan/LTP process, in the event a change in the levy amount is considered, noting that consultation procedures under the Local Government Act will always be applied.
  - iv. continuing to undertake the communication measures agreed at the 22 February 2022 meeting to publicise the Stewart Island/Rakiura visitor levy.
  - v. retaining the levy eligibility requirements outlined in the draft policy.
  - vi. not seeking a change to the Empowering Act as to who pays the visitor levy.
  - vii. no change to the current Stewart Island/Rakiura Visitor Levy Allocation Subcommittee.
  - viii. other minor changes to the draft bylaw and policy as outlined:
    - clarifying that the Stewart Island/Rakiura Visitor Levy Allocation Subcommittee may only allocate funding once a year, at its annual allocation meeting.
    - adding examples to the descriptions of the three allocation categories (Council/community infrastructure, operational costs, community costs).

- adding that for applications made by Council (including community boards), the inclusion of a project in Council's long term plan indicates that it has gone through a community engagement process, and Council has endorsed the project as supporting the community's long term objectives.
- updates to improve legal accuracy and clarity of the policy, including titles and delegations.

(Mayor Tong joined the meeting at 11.52am.)

#### 8.4 Dog registration fees for 2022/2023

Record No: R/22/4/16299

Acting manager environmental health/Team leader monitoring and enforcement – Erin Keeble and Chief financial officer –Anne Robson were in attendance for this item.

Council at the meeting on 27 April 2022 laid the report on the table to enable officer's to answer questions over the reasons for the substantial increase in reserves.

Officers were asked by Council to provide further information as to why the reserve was so high and if this could mean a reduction in the fees proposed.

Council noted that the reserve balances presented were based on the 2021/2031 Long Term Plan budgets amended for only the changes to the 2022/2023 financial year annual plan.

Resolution

Moved Cr Owen, seconded Cr Menzies and resolved:

That the Council:

- a) **Receives the report titled "Dog registration fees for 2022/2023" dated 5 May 2022.**
- b) **Receives the report titled "Dog Registration Fees for 2022/2023" dated 27 April 2022 (previously on the agenda for the 27 April 2022 meeting).**
- c) Determines that this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of Section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002.
- d) 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.

- e) Agrees to set the dog control fees (effective 1 July 2022 and inclusive of GST) for the 2022/2023 registration year as follows:

REGISTRATION - DOG (NON-WORKING)	\$110.00
DISCOUNTS	
(a) the dog is spayed or neutered	-\$10.00
(b) the dog is in a fenced or controlled property	-\$20.00
(c) <b>responsible owner (according to Council's criteria)</b> and microchipped dog	-\$30.00
REGISTRATION FEE (NON-WORKING) INCLUSIVE OF (A), (B) AND (C) DISCOUNTS	\$50.00
REGISTRATION - WORKING DOG	\$40.00
LATE REGISTRATION - ALL DOGS	+50%
A dog impounded by SDC released to SDC authorised rehoming provider for either fostering or rehoming (initial registration only)	Free
A dog received by SDC authorised rehoming provider for the purpose of rehoming, that is either from Southland District, or to be rehomed in Southland District (initial registration only)	Free
DOG CONTROL FEES	
(a) dog hearing lodgement fee	\$100.00
(b) multiple dog licence application fee	\$50.00
(c) sale of collars	\$10.00
(d) sale of leads	\$12.00
(e) withdrawal of infringement fee, per infringement	\$30.00
MICROCHIPPING	
(a) microchipping of a dog registered by SDC	Free
(b) commercial breeders that require more than four pups to be microchipped per registration year	\$30.00 per dog for the fifth and subsequent dog
DOG IMPOUNDING FEES	
(a) impounding of dogs	\$150.00
(b) sustenance of impounded dog per day or part thereof	\$25.00
(c) euthanasia	Actual cost

- f) Agrees to publicly notify the fees during the weeks starting 30 May 2022 and 27 June 2022.

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(Councillor Kremer withdrew from the table due to a conflict of interest.)

9.1 Milford Community Trust - Statement of Intent 2022-2025

Record No: R/22/4/12823

Strategic project lead – Simon Moran was in attendance for this item.

Mr Moran advised that the purpose of the report was to seek endorsement of the Milford **Community Trust's 2022-2025** Statement of Intent.

Resolution

Moved Mayor Tong, seconded Cr Scott and resolved:

That the Council:

- a) **Receives the report titled "Milford Community Trust - Statement of Intent 2022-2025" dated 2 May 2022.**
- 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) Endorses the Milford Community **Trust's Statement of Intent 2022-2025**.

(Councillor Kremer returned to the table.)

9.2 Tourism Infrastructure Fund - Round 6 (Matariki Wayfinders and supporting infrastructure)

Record No: R/22/4/15994

Strategic project lead – Simon Moran was in attendance for this item.

Mr Moran advised that the purpose of the report was retrospectively endorse the application that was made to the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment for Round 6 of the Tourism Infrastructure Fund and to seek approval of the consequential unbudgeted expenditure of the funding if the application is successful.

Resolution

Moved Cr Menzies, seconded Cr Duffy and resolved:

That the Council:

- a) **receives the report titled “Tourism Infrastructure Fund - Round 6 (Matariki Wayfinders and supporting infrastructure)” dated 2 May 2022.**
- 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) endorses the Southland District Council application to the Tourism Infrastructure Fund (Matariki Wayfinders and supporting infrastructure) as submitted.
- e) agrees in principle the local co-funding component of the application of \$427,500 from existing budgets including the open spaces strategy capital development budget in the Long Term Plan 2021-2031.
- f) approves the unbudgeted expenditure of up to \$427,500 that will be received from the Tourism Infrastructure Fund if the application is successful.

#### 8.5 Management report

Chief executive – Cameron McIntosh was not available for the management report.

Group manager infrastructure and environmental services – Matt Russell was present and highlighted the following issues:

- Covid
- Staff numbers and the impact of vacancies on the organisation
- Elections
- Three Waters
- Waka Kotahi Road to Zero campaign
- Future of local government

(Councillor Byars left the meeting at 12.35pm.)

The meeting concluded at 12.46pm.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD AT A  
MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY  
11 MAY 2022.

DATE:.....

CHAIRPERSON:.....