



Council

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of Council held in the Council Chamber, 15 Forth Street, Invercargill on Wednesday, 22 May 2019 at 9am. (9am – 10.19am, 11.11am – 11.42am)

PRESENT

Mayor

Mayor Gary Tong

Councillors

Stuart Baird

Brian Dillon

John Douglas

Bruce Ford

Darren Frazer

George Harpur

Julie Keast

Ebel Kremer

Gavin Macpherson

Neil Paterson

Nick Perham

APOLOGIES

Councillor Duffy

IN ATTENDANCE

Chief Executive

Steve Ruru

Group Manager – Services and Assets

Matt Russell

Group Manager – Environmental Services

Bruce Halligan

Chief Financial Officer

Anne Robson

Communications Manager

Louise Pagan

Governance and Democracy Manager

Clare Sullivan

Committee Advisor

Fiona Dunlop

1 Apologies

There were apologies from Councillor Duffy.

Moved Mayor Tong, seconded Cr Dillon and **resolved:**

That the Council accept the apology.

2 Leave of absence

Councillor Harpur requested a leave of absence for 9 to 16 June 2019.

Moved Mayor Tong, seconded Cr Douglas **and resolved:**

That Council approves the leave of absence request from Councillor Harpur from 9 June to 16 June 2019.

3 Conflict of Interest

See item 9.1 - Milford Community Trust - Statement of Intent 2019-2022 for a conflict of interest from Councillor Kremer.

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 Paterson, seconded Cr Macpherson **and resolved:**

That Council confirms the minutes of Council, held on 9 May 2019 as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Reports - Policy and Strategy

7.1 Regional Climate Change Impact Assessment

Record No: R/19/5/7741

Team Leader, Resource Management – Marcus Roy and Environment Southland Team Leader Policy and Planning – Gavin McCullagh were in attendance for this item.

Mr Roy advised that the purpose of the report was to present the Regional Climate Change Impact Assessment, in order to enable public release of the document and associated messaging.

Mr McCullagh took the meeting through a PowerPoint presentation to explain the assessment of climate change to Southland.

Resolution

Moved Cr Dillon, seconded Cr Perham **and resolved:**

That the Council:

- a) **Receives the report titled “Regional Climate Change Impact Assessment” dated 14 May 2019.**
- b) **Determines that this matter or decision be recognised 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 release of the Regional Climate Change Impact Assessment Report and associated communication of key findings.**

Reports - Operational Matters

8.1 Monthly Financial Report - March 2019

Record No: R/19/4/6544

Graduate Accountant – Kate Westenra and Chief Financial Officer – Anne Robson were in attendance for this item.

Miss Westenra advised the report provides a summary of financial results for the nine months to 31 March 2019

Resolution

Moved Cr Kremer, seconded Cr Harpur **and resolved:**

That the Council:

- a) **Receives the report titled “Monthly Financial Report - March 2019” dated 15 May 2019.**

8.2 Management Report

Record No: R/19/5/7867

Chief Executive – Steve Ruru was in attendance for this item.

Resolution

Moved Mayor Tong, seconded Cr Kremer **and resolved:**

That the Council:

- a) **Receives the report titled “Management Report” dated 16 May 2019.**

8.3 Unbudgeted Expenditure - Accelerated Bridge Programme 2019/2021

Record No: R/19/5/8099

Roading Asset Engineer – Roy Clearwater and Strategic Manager Roading were in attendance for this item.

Mr Clearwater advised that the purpose of the report was to seek unbudgeted expenditure to accelerate the required bridge replacement programme during the next two years of the current approved Long Term Plan (LTP) 2018-28.

The Meeting noted that the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) have committed to an additional \$3 million (total project) to help resolve some shortfall in the required bridge replacement programme.

(The meeting adjourned for a Citizenship ceremony at 10.19am and reconvened at 11.11am.)

(Mayor Tong and Councillors Baird, Dillon, Douglas, Ford, Frazer, Harpur, Keast, Kremer, Macpherson, Paterson and Perham were present when the meeting reconvened.)

During discussion there was concern raised regarding the condition of the bridges in the Southland district and how they had got into the condition that they are currently in.

The meeting agreed that officers report back to Council on a bridge strategy that is being undertaken over the current Long Term Plan period and the 2021/2031 Long Term Plan.

Resolution

Moved Cr Perham, seconded Cr Dillon **recommendation a to f and a new g (as indicated) and resolved:**

That Council:

- a) **Receives the report titled "Unbudgeted Expenditure - Accelerated Bridge Programme 2019/2021" dated 16 May 2019.**
- b) **Determines that this matter or decision be recognised 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 proceed with an increased bridge replacement programme by up to \$3 million for the period to 30 June 2021.**
- e) **Approves unbudgeted expenditure of \$3,000,000 for additional bridge renewals, acknowledging that Southland District Council will contribute \$1.47 million of this with New Zealand Transport Agency approved funding of \$1.53 million.**
- f) **Agrees to fund the Southland District Council share of \$1.47 million by an internal loan over 20 years.**

New g) Request that officer's report back to Council on the bridges strategy that Southland District Council is undertaking though the current LTP period and the 2021-2031 LTP.

Reports - Governance

9.1 Predator Free Rakiura - Memorandum of Understanding

Record No: R/19/4/7311

Group Manager, Environmental Services – Bruce Halligan was in attendance for this item.

Mr Halligan advised that the report was seek Council's endorsement of the Predator Free Rakiura inter-agency Memorandum of Understanding and to seek delegation to the chief executive to sign the document on behalf of Council.

The Meeting noted that the Council has been a participant in the Predator Free Rakiura project since the establishment of the project in 2014.

Resolution

Moved Cr Kremer, seconded Cr Ford **and resolved:**

That Council:

- a) **Receives the report titled "Predator Free Rakiura - Memorandum of Understanding" dated 14 May 2019.**
- 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 Predator Free Rakiura Memorandum of Understanding and delegate authority to the chief executive to sign the document on behalf of the Southland District Council.**
- e) **Endorse the Council continuing to act as employer of the Predator Free Rakiura Project Manager provided that the funding for the position is sourced from external funding sources and in so doing approves the unbudgeted revenue and expenditure that would result.**

9.2 Milford Community Trust - Statement of Intent 2019-2022

Record No: R/19/5/7980

Community Partnership Leader – Simon Moran was in attendance for this item.

Councillor Kremer declared a conflict of interest on the item and withdrew from the table.

Mr Moran advised that the purpose of the report was to seek approval for the Trust's statement of intent for the period 2019-2022.

Resolution

Moved Cr Perham, seconded Cr Frazer **and resolved:**

That the Council:

- a) **Receives the report titled "Milford Community Trust - Statement of Intent 2019-2022" dated 9 May 2019.**
- 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 Milford Community Trust's Statement of Intent 2019-2022.

Councillor Kremer returned to the table.

The meeting concluded at 11.42am.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD AT A
MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY
22 MAY 2019.

DATE:.....

CHAIRPERSON:.....