



Notice is hereby given that a Meeting of the Lumsden Community Development Area Subcommittee will be held on:

Date: Monday, 12 August 2019
Time: 6pm
Meeting Room: Southland District Council Lumsden Office
Venue: 18 Diana Street
Lumsden

Lumsden Community Development Area Subcommittee Agenda OPEN

MEMBERSHIP

Chairperson	Rob Scott
Members	Kevin Skoropada
	Carolyn Smith
	Greg Tither
	Morris Williams
	Councillor John Douglas

IN ATTENDANCE

Committee Advisor	Rose Knowles
Community Partnership Leader	Kelly Tagg

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Terms of Reference - Community Development Area Subcommittees

Community Development Area Subcommittees are delegated the following responsibilities by the Southland District Council.

- Represent and act as an advocate for the interest of its community.
- Consider and reporting on all matters referred to it by the Southland District Council, or any matter of interest or concern to the Community Development Area Subcommittee;
- Maintain an overview of services provided by the Southland District Council within the community;
- Consider annual estimates for expenditure within the community and recommend these to Council;
- Communicate with community organisations and special interest groups within the community;
- Undertaking any other responsibilities that are delegated to it by the Southland District Council.

In addition to these activities, Community Development Area Subcommittees will consider how best to provide for our communities, and the people who live there, into the future.

Community Development Area Subcommittees will provide leadership by:

- Positively representing their community and the Southland District;
- Identifying key issues that will affect their community's future and work with Council staff and other local representatives to facilitate multi-agency collaborative opportunities.
- Promote a shared vision for the wider community of interest area and develop ways to work with others to achieve positive outcomes

Community Development Area Subcommittees will adopt a strategic focus that will enable members to:

- Provide local representation and guidance on wider community issues, initiatives and projects.
- Contribute to the development and promotion of community cohesion, by developing and supporting relationships across a range of stakeholders at a local, regional and national level.
- Take part in local community forums, meetings and workshops.
- Inform local residents and ratepayers on issues that affect them.

Community Development Area Subcommittees shall have the following delegated powers and be accountable to Council for the exercising of these powers.

Engagement and representation

- Facilitating the Council's consultation with local residents and community groups on local issues and local aspects of district wide issues including input into the Long-term Plan, Annual Plan, and policies that impact on the Board's area.
- Engaging with council officers on local issues and levels of service, including infrastructural, recreational, community services and parks, reserves and cemetery matters.
- Representing the interests of the community at Council, Committee or Subcommittee meetings when a motion under debate relates to a matter that the Board considers to be of particular interest to the residents within its community.
- Monitoring and keeping the Council informed of community aspirations and the level of satisfaction with services provided.

Financial

- Approving expenditure within the limits of annual estimates.
- Approving unbudgeted expenditure for locally funded activities up to the value of \$10,000.

Rentals and leases

- In relation to all leases of land and buildings within their own area, on behalf of Council;
 - Accepting the highest tenders for rentals of \$10,000; or less per annum.
 - Approving the preferential allocation of leases where the rental is \$10,000 or less per annum.

Local assets and facilities

- Overseeing the management of local halls and community centres which are owned by Council and where no management committee exists. This will occur by way of relationship with officers of Southland District Council.
 - Appoint a local liaison person responsible for community housing.
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The Community Development Area Subcommittees can make recommendations to Council on:

Assets and Facilities

- Annually providing feedback on any asset management plans or community services strategies applicable to the community for which the Community Development Area Subcommittee is responsible.

Rentals and leases

- In relation to all leases of land and buildings within their own area, on behalf of Council;
 - Recommending rentals in excess of \$10,000 per annum to the Group Manager Services and Assets.
 - Recommending the preferential allocation of leases where the rental is in excess of \$10,000 per annum to the Group Manager Services and Assets.

Contracts/Tenders

- Recommending tenders less than \$200,000 to the Group Manager Services and Assets.
- Recommending tenders in excess of \$200,000 to the Services and Assets Committee.
- Recommending tenders to the Services and Assets Committee where preference is not for acceptance of the highest tenderer,

Financial

- Recommending annual estimates to Council
- Recommending unbudgeted expenditure in excess of \$10,000 to the Services and Assets Committee.

Local Policy

- Considering matters referred to it by officers, the Council, its committees or subcommittees, including reports and policy and bylaw proposals relating to the provision of council services within the Board's area; and
- Making submissions or recommendations in response to those matters as appropriate.
- Appoint a local liaison person responsible for community housing.

The Chairperson of each Community Development Area Subcommittee is delegated with the following additional responsibilities:

- Approval of leases, rental agreements and the rollover of existing contracts under \$1,000;
 - Engaging with Community Development Area Subcommittee members to make submissions to the Council on behalf of the Community Development Area Subcommittee where a submission period is outside of the Community Development Area Subcommittee meeting cycle. Where a Chairperson is unable to base a submission on a consensus among Community Development Area Subcommittee members, a Community Development Area Subcommittee meeting must be held.
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UPDATES

8.1 Chairperson's Report

The Chairperson, Member Scott, to report on matters with which he has been involved since the subcommittee's last meeting.

8.2 Committee Reports

Works & Cemetery – Kevin Skoropada

Hall – All members

Community Housing – Morris Williams

Information Centre – Carolyn Smith

Nth Sld Development Fund Allocation – Rob Scott & Greg Tither

Nth Sld Development Charitable Trust - Rob Scott & Carolyn Smith

8.3 Councillor's Report

Councillor Douglas to report on activities from the District Council table.

1 Apologies

At the close of the agenda no apologies had been received.

2 Leave of absence

At the close of the agenda no requests for leave of absence had been received.

3 Conflict of Interest

Committee Members are reminded of the need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision-making when a conflict arises between their role as a member and any private or other external interest they might have.

4 Public Forum

Notification to speak is required by 5pm at least two days before the meeting. Further information is available on www.southlanddc.govt.nz or phoning 0800 732 732.

5 Extraordinary/Urgent Items

To consider, and if thought fit, to pass a resolution to permit the committee to consider any further items which do not appear on the Agenda of this meeting and/or the meeting to be held with the public excluded.

Such resolution is required to be made pursuant to Section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, and the Chairperson must advise:

- (i) the reason why the item was not on the Agenda, and
- (ii) the reason why the discussion of this item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.

Section 46A(7A) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (as amended) states:

"Where an item is not on the agenda for a meeting,-

- (a) that item may be discussed at that meeting if-
 - (i) that item is a minor matter relating to the general business of the local authority; and
 - (ii) the presiding member explains at the beginning of the meeting, at a time when it is open to the public, that the item will be discussed at the meeting; but
- (b) no resolution, decision or recommendation may be made in respect of that item except to refer that item to a subsequent meeting of the local authority for further discussion."

6 Confirmation of Minutes

- 6.1 Meeting minutes of Lumsden Community Development Area Subcommittee, 17 June 2019



Lumsden Community Development Area Subcommittee OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of Lumsden Community Development Area Subcommittee held in the Southland District Council Lumsden Office, 18 Diana Street, Lumsden on Monday, 17 June 2019 at 6pm.

PRESENT

Chairperson	Rob Scott
Members	Carolyn Smith Greg Tither Morris Williams Councillor John Douglas

APOLOGIES

Member Kevin Skoropada

IN ATTENDANCE

Committee Advisor	Rose Knowles
Community Partnership Leader	Kelly Tagg

PUBLIC GALLERY	Mrs C Henderson Mr D Henderson
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1 Apologies

Apology for non-attendance were lodged by member Skoropada.

Moved, member Smith, seconded member Tither **and resolved;**

That the Lumsden Community Development Area Subcommittee accepts the apology.

2 Leave of absence

There were no requests for leave of absence.

3 Conflict of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

4 Public Forum

Christine Henderson addressed the subcommittee on the following:

- Road Safety issues – Mrs Henderson advise that she will write to the Minister of Transport with her concerns
- Representation review outcome
- Forming of local groups

The Chair expressed appreciation to Mrs Henderson for her attendance at the meeting and presentation to the subcommittee.

5 Extraordinary/Urgent Items

There were no Extraordinary/Urgent items.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolution

Moved member Tither, seconded member Williams **and resolved:**

That the Lumsden Community Development Area Subcommittee confirms the minutes of the meeting held on 8 April 2019 as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Reports

7.1 Five Fingers Craft Lease Renewal of Former Lumsden Railway Station Building

Record No: R/19/6/10087

Community partnership leader – Kelly Tagg advised that the lease of the former Lumsden Railway Station Building at 23 Diana Street, Lumsden is due for renewal by Five Fingers Craft Inc.

The Five Fingers Craft lease expires 30 June 2019 and they have requested that the lease be renewed. The current term is for two years with a rental of \$1,300 (GST inclusive) per annum.

Resolution

Moved member Smith, seconded Councillor Douglas **and resolved:**

That the Lumsden Community Development Area Subcommittee:

- a) **Receives the report titled “Five Fingers Craft Lease Renewal of Former Lumsden Railway Station Building” dated 6 June 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 renewal of the lease to Five Fingers Craft Incorporated over Council Reserve on 23 Diana Street, Lumsden described as Lot 1 DP 12125 held in RT SL9A/605 for a term of two years from 1 July 2019 with an annual rental of \$1,300 (GST inclusive) per annum**

7.2 Lumsden Hall

Record No: R/19/6/10434

Community partnership leader – Kelly Tagg was in attendance for this item.

Mrs Tagg advised that the purpose of this report is to consider a request from the Lumsden hall custodian for the purchase of additional equipment for the Lumsden hall.

Resolution

Moved chairman Scott, seconded member Williams **and resolved:**

That the Lumsden Community Development Area Subcommittee:

- a) **Receives the report titled “Lumsden Hall” dated 11 June 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) **Appoints member Smith as the CDA representative to work with the Lumsden Lions Club in order to cost, scope and prioritise the purchase of the suggested new furniture and fittings for the Lumsden memorial hall.**
- e) **Agrees to receive a report at the subcommittee’s next meeting on 12 August outlining the proposed works and funding options for consideration.**

8.2 Council Report

Record No: R/19/5/9319

Community partnership leader – Kelly Tagg was in attendance for this item.

Mrs Tagg took the subcommittee through the Council report. She particularly highlighted the following:

- Climate change
- Three waters
- Southland Regional Development Agency
- Libraries
- Dark skies plan change for Rakiura
- Dog control
- Lumsden CDA finances

Resolution

Moved chairman Scott, seconded member Smith **and resolved:**

That the Lumsden Community Development Area Subcommittee:

- a) **Receives the report titled “Council Report” dated 7 June 2019.**

8.3 Unbudgeted Expenditure for Felling of the Trees at the Lumsden Camping Ground

Record No: R/19/6/11289

Community partnership leader – Kelly Tagg was in attendance for this item. Mrs Tagg advise that this report is to provide the Lumsden Community Development Subcommittee with the costs and revenue options for felling the trees on the Iona Street boundary of the Lumsden camping ground and request the required approval to proceed.

Resolution

Moved member Williams, seconded member Smith **and resolved:**

That the Lumsden Community Development Area Subcommittee:

- a) **Receives the report titled “Unbudgeted Expenditure for Felling of the Trees at the Lumsden Camping Ground” dated 17 June 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) **Approves the project to remove the trees and reinstate the area at Lumsden Camping Ground in the area of the Iona Street boundary by the Wood Chipper Co.**
- e) **Approves any resultant income be placed in the Lumsden General Reserve.**
- f) **Approves in the interest of financial prudence, should circumstances arise where costs exceed revenue, an unbudgeted expenditure allowance of up to \$5,000 is provided for from the Lumsden General Reserve.**

Updates

8.1 Chairperson’s Report

Chairperson Scott reported on activities with which he has been involved since the subcommittee’s last meeting. This included the following:

- Estimate from LJ Hooker for the proposed selling of the land on Iona Street. Members discuss the estimate and decided to obtain two more quotes and meet within the month to discuss so a report can be ready for their next meeting in August.
- Chairs meeting in Winton
- Emergency management meetings
- Development Fund Allocation meeting

8.3 Councillor's Report

Councillor Douglas reported on activities from the District Council table which included:

- Changes for the Community Initiatives Fund and Heritage Fund
- Cycletrail update
- Te anau waste line pipeline
- Wastenet recyclable contract

The meeting concluded at 8.15pm

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD AT A
MEETING OF THE LUMSDEN COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT AREA SUBCOMMITTEE HELD ON 17
JUNE 2019

DATE:.....

CHAIRPERSON:.....

Council Report

Record No: R/19/7/13491
Author: Kelly Tagg, Community Partnership Leader
Approved by: Rex Capil, Group Manager Community and Futures

☐ Decision ☐ Recommendation ☒ Information

Chief Executive

Local Government Funding Inquiry

1. The Productivity Commission have recently released their draft report on Local Government Funding and Financing. A copy of the report is available on their website (www.productivity.govt.nz/inquiry-content/3819?stage=3).
2. The terms of reference originally set by the government asked the Productivity Commission to identify whether the existing funding and financing arrangements are suitable for enabling local authorities to meet current and future cost pressures.
3. The draft report suggests that the current funding and financing framework measures up well against the principles of a good system in that it is simple and economically efficient compared to alternatives. It also notes that changing to an alternative system would be disruptive and costly.
4. The commission notes that there is significant scope for councils to make better use of the existing funding tools and that it is fundamentally sound and provides a good foundation upon which to build new tools. It suggests that new funding tools are needed in the following areas:
 - supplying infrastructure to support rapid urban growth
 - adapting to climate change
 - coping with the growth of tourism
 - managing new functions/responsibilities that are placed on local government by central government.
5. The report also notes that there is significant scope for councils to improve their organisational performance, productivity and decision making. It suggests that changes are needed to strengthen governance and increase the transparency of reporting on individual council performance. In these areas it recommends legislative change to make it mandatory for local authorities to have an Audit and Risk Committee that has at least two independent members, one of whom is the chair. This is seen as strengthening governance capability across the sector and trying to remove some of the variability which currently exists. It also recommends a review of the current performance measurement frameworks used and the greater use of benchmarking tools to create greater awareness of performance levels.
6. In the 3 waters area the commission notes that there is a need for the sector to lift its performance and that the sector needs to take responsibility for lifting its performance in these areas. It recommends that the changes needed should be supported by the implementation of a strong regulator and new standards to drive a level of change across the sector.

7. The report is out for public consultation until 29 August 2019. The commission is then due to present their final report by 30 November 2019.

Emergency Management

8. Work is progressing with the formation of the new National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), which will replace the current Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergency Management later this year.
9. The new agency has been created to improve emergency management capability across the country. It will work across central government and with local government, emergency services, communities, iwi, lifeline utilities and business to create an emergency management system that is ready and able to provide an effective and integrated response to, and recovery from emergencies.

Drinking Water Quality

10. The Ministry of Health have recently published their annual report on compliance of drinking water supplies with the current standards. Note that the data published relates to both council and privately owned water supplies.
11. Across the board the report shows that the level of compliance has reduced over the last twelve months despite the high level of focus that has been placed on this issue in the wake of the Havelock North Inquiry and the current government review of 3 waters. Small and minor drinking water supplies, many of which will be run by private water suppliers, have the highest level of non-compliance. The data in the report confirms the need for change in the sector and will add to the suggestion that local authorities should have responsibility for supporting small private schemes that cannot meet the required standards.

Sustainable Development Goals

12. The government has recently published the first voluntary national review on the progress that New Zealand is making in advancing towards achieving the international 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). A copy of the review is available on the Ministry of Foreign Affairs website (www.mfat.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/New-Zealand-Voluntary-National-Review-2019-Final.pdf).
13. The SDG framework provides an international context for the living standards framework being implemented through the central government budget process and community outcomes at a local government level. As a result it can be expected, that over time, central government will use these frameworks to inform their policy development for local government as well as other sectors.

Southland Regional Development Agency

14. Work is continuing with establishment of the SRDA. On 1 July the board announced that the agency will have the trading name of Great South. The process of transitioning staff across to the SRDA has also been completed.
15. Work is now progressing on finalising the schedule of assets and contractual agreements ex Venture Southland which are to be 'sold' to the new entity. A formal sale and purchase

agreement has been developed and will need to be formally approved by both the SRDA board as well as each of the shareholders.

16. Staff are also expecting to receive a draft statement of intent from the SRDA board so that it can also be presented to each of the councils for formal approval and to allow for the new service agreements to be finalised.

Community and Futures

Strategy and Policy

Corporate Performance Framework

17. The corporate performance framework aligns Council's high level direction to its activities and outcomes, and its purpose is to streamline Council planning and reporting functions. As part of the corporate performance framework, Council will deliver on its legislative requirements – including the Long Term Plan, Annual Plan, Annual Report and activity management plans.
18. Council produces an interim performance report, undertaken three times a year – for the four month periods of July-October, November-February and March-June, with the third being produced to inform the Annual Report. The third interim performance report for the financial year will be presented to the Finance and Audit Committee in August 2019. This framework requires Council activity managers to provide meaningful explanation of the level of performance compared to what was planned, and an opportunity for conversation around performance across the whole activity with the committee.
19. The 2018/2019 year end results have been recorded and these will inform the Annual Report which will be formally adopted in September 2019.

Annual Plan 2019/2020

20. The Local Government Act 2002 requires Council to prepare and adopt an Annual Plan in the second and third years between development of the Long Term Plan. The purpose of the Annual Plan is to consider and approve any variations to the Long Term Plan for that financial year. Once finalised, the direction given for 2019-2020 will be used to set rates for the year beginning 1 July 2019 and deliver any additional projects identified.
21. Consultation on the Annual Plan was not undertaken this year as there was no significant variance identified from the Long Term Plan 2018 – 2028. This is aligned with Council's Significance and Engagement Policy that determines whether an issue is significant and the level of community consultation required.
22. The Annual Plan was endorsed by the Finance and Audit Committee on 18 June, prior to Council adoption on 19 June 2019.
23. An Annual Plan 2020/2021 direction setting and review and monitoring report was presented to the Community and Policy Committee on 10 July 2019. Following this, a report will be presented to the Finance and Audit Committee on 29 August on the proposed project plan for the Annual Plan 2020/2021.

Annual Report 2018/2019

24. The Annual Report timetable key dates approval report was presented to Finance and Audit Committee at their June 2019 meeting.
25. At the August meeting, the Finance and Audit Committee will approve the draft unaudited annual report to be released to the auditors from Audit New Zealand.

Long Term Plan 2031

26. A workshop was held on 21 May 2019 to confirm the draft strategic framework and activities that Council undertakes. At the workshop, the financial and infrastructure strategies were also discussed and an update provided on their development. The draft strategies should be completed and ready for council approval by early 2020.
27. The significant forecasting assumptions are currently being developed by staff and these will be reported to Council in August 2019.

Risk Management Framework

28. Council continues to identify the need to invest in and develop its risk management processes and approach. The objective of the risk management framework is to create a framework to effectively understand, plan for, and mitigate risk across all levels and activities within the organisation that can provide assurance to Council, the Southland District community and stakeholders that critical risks are identified and managed effectively.

Community Futures Research and Analysis Work Programme

29. Council supports the continuation of research and analysis work to inform assumptions and support its decision making in preparation for the Long Term Plan 2031. This work will assist in leading the development of Council's overall approach to the management of change and preparation for what the future might hold for the District and its communities, and identify priorities for investing in community future planning.
30. High level project plans, developed to help determine priority projects within the District, include work around socio-demographics, climate change, service delivery, rating affordability, land and water plan implications, community assistance and funding, and technological change.
31. This work programme is to ensure that projects needed to help inform future planning and decision making are undertaken in a logical and sequential manner, and that the project managers are aware of other pieces of work being undertaken alongside their own that may influence the overall work programme.
32. New Zealand's population make-up is changing, and population growth is largely in the North Island, with Southland predicted to remain largely static in the next 20 years. What will not remain static however, is the changing demographic that will make up the population of Southland. While all of New Zealand is aging overall, in Southland we will have a population over 65 years of age that is predicted to double in number over this time, and with a population of far greater diversity in ethnicity and culture.
33. Understanding income levels, the implications of technological change, mega trends, water and land plan changes, climate change and developing appropriate levels of service will require

Councils and many other agencies and groups to be even more innovative and thoughtful in future planning. Understanding these future demands and implications for all communities in Southland is of great importance, and understanding expectations that are affordable and sustainable will need to be managed against investing in the status quo.

Policy and Bylaw Updates

34. There are a number of Council bylaws and policies currently being reviewed and updated, and a number of bylaws due for review in the next 12-18 months.
35. The delegations manual was adopted by Council in April, and work will now progress on the terms of reference and delegations for community boards and Council's governance structure for the 2019-2022 term.
36. The review of the Board (TAB) Venue and Gambling Venue Policies has begun, with a report due to the Community and Policy Committee on 9 August 2019. Council has begun to investigate options around abandoned vehicles and unkempt properties. An issues and options paper will be presented to the Regulatory and Consents Committee at its 5 September 2019 meeting.
37. Strategy and Policy are co-ordinating the Procurement Policy and manual, and a review of the speed limits bylaw is underway. Reports to the Services and Assets Committee and Council in August will propose that formal consultation take place from 29 August to 10 October.
38. Council has begun the review of its combined Local Alcohol Policy in collaboration with Invercargill City Council and public consultation is expected to be sought in July 2019.
39. Work to investigate a jetties user pay system has also commenced. Any changes to fees and charges will need to be consulted on through the Annual Plan.

Community Partnership Leaders

Community Board Plans Development Update

40. The community leadership team is currently working on the development and implementation of community board plans across the Southland District.
41. During late June and early July the community leadership team also held four cluster meetings for current elected members (councillors, community board and CDA members) around the District (eastern, central, northern and western) where attendees were asked three questions;
 - what are the strengths of (or in) your community?
 - what are you concerned about?
 - what changes have you noticed?
42. Key themes around people, infrastructure, the environment, tourism, and economic development have emerged to date.
43. Next steps for the community leadership team include the development of the social media strategy in conjunction with Council's communications team, engaging with the key stakeholders identified at the cluster meetings, engagement with youth (by talking to our Youth Council as a starting point), iwi and the Southland Multi-Cultural Society.

44. The community leadership team has also engaged Rebecca McElrea as an independent facilitator for eight of the community workshops to be held in August/September. Work has also commenced with her to develop content and an approach for these workshops.
45. It is important to note that the Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board Plan will be developed outside of the above process. The path for the development of this plan will involve a community board workshop and then the outcomes will be developed out of other work streams that are currently in place on the island around the Stewart Island Future Opportunities Project.
46. The plans will be outcome focused and will draw on the priorities and preferences of the community. It is intended that the plans will be completed in the first quarter of 2020 so that they may be used to help inform other key processes in Council such as activity management plans and the Long Term Plan. The new community board plans will take effect from 1 July 2021 in line with Council's next Long Term Plan and will be subjected to regular monitoring and review.

Aparima Community Environment Project

47. Achieving "action on the ground" is a fundamental part of how Southland is going to accomplish the transformation in land use practices required to deliver better outcomes for our land and water. Action on the ground is part of People Water and Land and encompasses projects that support, facilitate and lead, and where appropriate, co-ordinate activities following a catchment approach. The workstream follows the principles of ki uta ki tai, mountains to the sea, and integrated catchment management, and recognises that a transition is required to achieve the programme vision and objective.
48. The ACE (Aparima Community Environment) Project is about to confirm a refreshed work programme that documents the expected activities for the next three years. The same kaupapa of working to build and support the resilience of the Aparima community and their environment has been confirmed. This is a farmer-lead project supported by a number of agencies (of which Southland District Council staff have been involved), and whilst focused on good management practices is also keenly interested to connect with the wider community. The proposed key work areas are extension (field days, developing communities of practice and supporting catchment groups), farm plan delivery, awareness and engagement (with wider community through initiatives such as Aquavan), knowledge building (environmental health check, sediment research, cultural values), and project evaluation.

<https://waterandland.es.govt.nz/repository/libraries/id:1tkqd22dp17q9stkk8gh/hierarchy/PWL%20documents/Action%20on%20the%20ground%20documents/ACE%20flyer.pdf>

Stewart Island/Rakiura Future Opportunities Project

49. On Thursday 18 July, Minister Shane Jones announced that funding of \$100,000 had been approved from the Provincial Growth Fund for the Stewart Island/Rakiura Future Opportunities Project.
50. The purpose of the project is to facilitate future focused strategic development and planning for Stewart Island/Rakiura, so that the island (in partnership with local, regional and central

government, iwi and other strategic partners) can proactively plan for managed growth and a sustainable future.

51. The outcomes of the project will link to other local, regional and national strategies such as:
- Southland District Council Long Term Plan
 - Destination Management Strategy
 - Regional Marketing Plan
 - Regional Events Strategy
 - District Sustainability Review
 - Southland Regional Development Strategy.

Environmental Services

Group Managers Update

52. The group manager attended a stakeholder relationship session held by Fire and Emergency New Zealand (FENZ) in Invercargill. Mike Grant, former Southern Rural Fire Authority chief executive has been appointed to a key regional management role with FENZ, based in Dunedin. It is good to have Mike's extensive sector knowledge in the south still benefiting the region. This was a positive session during which current and future FENZ priorities were explained and key personnel introduced. It was well attended by representatives from the forestry sector and other agencies.
53. The annual survey of local authority progress towards the implementation of the earthquake prone amendments to the Building Act which took effect from mid-2017 has been completed. Staff have assessed all buildings under the relevant assessment methodology/criteria in the high risk zone of Southland District which includes Milford, Te Anau and Manapouri. Due to the relatively new building stock in this part of the District and very minimal unreinforced masonry, there has been minimal identification of potential earthquake prone buildings under these criteria. Staff are now moving on to assess the medium and low risk zones, for which there is a longer timeframe. These areas include a higher number of unreinforced masonry buildings, particularly in Riverton, Otautau, Winton and Wyndham.
54. The Predator Free Rakiura Memorandum of Understanding was signed by a range of parties at a ceremony on Rakiura on 13 July 2019. This was very well attended, with attendees including Ta Tipene O' Regan and the Minister of Conservation the Hon Eugenie Sage. It was great to see this level of interest and support. The project is now moving into the detailed design feasibility stage through a technical working group.
55. Submissions on proposed amendments to the Building Act have closed, although MBIE is yet to release a summary of these at the time of writing. Amongst a range of matters, these proposed amendments seek to achieve greater consumer protection and a fairer regime for apportioning liability in the event of a failure. This issue will be watch with interest and reported back.
56. There are a number of situations throughout the District where accumulations of unused cars and car bodies are causing adverse amenity effects and concerns for neighbours and

communities. Staff are assessing this issue to seek to provide a more effective mechanism for addressing such situations.

Environmental Health

- 57. Considerable work has been completed to improve visibility of key processes, such as alcohol licensing application progression, to enable effective tracking and notifications to ensure the smooth running of services.
- 58. The team is leading a work stream arising from a Southland/Otago workshop, concerning recreational water signage. This work also has significant implications for other signage used by the team, for example relating to freedom camping or dog control.

Building Solutions

Team Overview

- 59. Julie Conradi became the new manager of building solutions effective 1 July 2019, having moved from her previous role as quality assurance lead.
- 60. Julie has an exciting programme of improvement in the building solutions team, with one of the key focus areas being improving communication and engagement with the customer base.
- 61. The team is also strongly focused on process refinement and cancelling undue 'noise' to improve customer satisfaction and enable the team to continue to reduce the quantity of work outsourced to external contractors and bring that work 'in house'.

Resource Management

Dark Skies Plan Change for Rakiura

- 62. The resource management team are seeking to publicly notify the Council initiated plan change in August (subject to Council approval). The change to the District Plan has been sought to create rules around future artificial lighting on the island in order to maintain the existing quality of the dark skies. Depending on the number and nature of submissions received it is expected that a hearing on the proposed changes will be held in early 2020.
- 63. Ongoing work is occurring on the regional work streams for climate change, biodiversity, landscapes and natural character. The climate change report was presented to Council on 22 May and wider communication of climate change was endorsed. Joint work on the next phases of climate change is currently being scoped. Internal climate change has commenced to inform the initial phase of the next LTP process. Work on the biodiversity, landscapes and natural character projects is ongoing and they are likely to be released in 2020.
- 64. Council is part of the TA reference group providing feedback to the Ministry of the Environment on the proposed National Policy Statement on Indigenous Biodiversity and the proposed New Zealand Biodiversity Strategy which are both proposed to be finalised in early 2020. Consultation on both of these work streams is anticipated to occur between September and November 2019.

Services and Assets

Group Managers Update

65. As we embark on a new financial year our focus is starting to shift towards early 2020 and the recast of the activity management plans. In order to ensure that the value of this planning process is maximised there is a significant amount of work that needs to be completed in the remaining six months of 2019. In particular, there is a raft of strategic documentation that needs to be completed in order to adequately inform the activity management planning process.
66. An example of this is the infrastructure strategy which needs to be revised. This document is a legislative requirement and has previously covered the legislated minimum 30-year period and scope of transport and 3-waters only. With the next iteration to be produced in the coming months, it is anticipated that both the timeline and scope will be revised to incorporate longer term views where appropriate considering the useful lives of the assets, along with integration of community facilities service provision.
67. Other examples include, a review of the Environment Southland Water and Land Plan, a climate change assessment across each of the activities, minimum LoS development for community facilities and condition assessment gathering across a number of asset portfolios. This information is extremely important in ensuring integrity and robustness in the activity management planning process.
68. In addition to the processes above, the community board planning development process will also form a key input into the activity management planning and subsequent works programme development in order to inform the 2031 LTP.
69. Other critical work areas underway include an assessment of the water and waste team's resource capacity, completion of the midyear performance reviews, team business plan development and the recommencement of the community facilities 17A service delivery review.

Property Services

70. Work is almost complete in the review of the Council fixed asset register as the basis of Council's property register. Asset managers are currently finalising the first cut, of whether the properties are strategic or not. For the purposes of this project, the definition of strategic has been expanded to include those community activities committed to and funded as part of the Long Term Plan eg playgrounds. After this stage has been completed, the proposal is to present the register to the Finance and Audit Committee as a step towards identifying a Council list of surplus properties.
71. Current property agreements that have been finalised of interest are Ringaringa Road deviation, easement agreement with Landcorp for access to and the pipeline on their land for the Kepler disposal field, land acquisition for the Clifden bridge Tourism Infrastructure Fund development, landowner agreement related to the Orawia water take site, as well as a memorandum with the owners on the north side of the Mararoa bridge around ownership divestment. Each of these projects are at differing stages of completion from agreement only, to survey completed to final acquisitions being actioned. Actions have commenced to dispose of the Hokonui, and Menzies

Ferry halls as well as transferring the Blackmount and Waianawa community centres to local societies.

Community Facilities

72. Next year's projects have been entered into CAMMS and the project managers assigned. The project managers are now working through the business case phase so that projects can be started as soon as possible in the new financial year. In some cases the project managers will need to consult with the elected members to determine the final scope of some of the projects and in some cases whether or not the project is still required.
73. The work on developing the master data and meta data standards and also minimum levels of service for the community facilities portfolios is progressing. This work will support the activity management plan, team business plan and works programme that will be undertaken later in the year.
74. Further design work, community consultation and sustainable funding options have to be confirmed before a report seeking approval from Council to submit an application to MBIE for funding from the Tourism Infrastructure Fund is tabled. This is a major project and will represent a substantial commitment for the Stewart Island community and Council.
75. The second biological assessment report on the Winton office/library from K2 Environmental and Biodec has been received and has confirmed the original report findings. Work is now underway to remove internal wall cladding and ceiling panels to provide access so that the extent of the issue can be determined. Once this is done the cost associated with the remedial work will be able to be identified. In the interim the Winton office\library operation has been moved to the RSA hall.

Strategic Transport

Speed Limit Review

76. This process is still on track as planned with a report being presented to the Services and Assets Committee at the meeting on 7 August before being presented to the subsequent Council meeting, with the objective of starting the formal public consultation process.

District Wide Renewals Programme

77. The road design for the District wide pavement rehabilitation programme for 2019/2020 season is currently being completed with the first tender on track for being released to market around mid-July.

Bridges

78. Geotechnical testing and investigations are currently being undertaken at a number of bridges which are most likely to form part of the accelerated bridge renewal programme over the coming two years. Geotechnical investigations are on track to be completed by the end of July at which point tenders will be put out to market (in August).
79. Council staff have are also engaged in discussion with NZ Transport Agency around the challenges Council faces with the bridge stock. A meeting has been setup up with key NZTA

staff in late August to continue with discussions and help establish what Council needs to do in readiness for the next funding application round and beyond (2021 onwards).

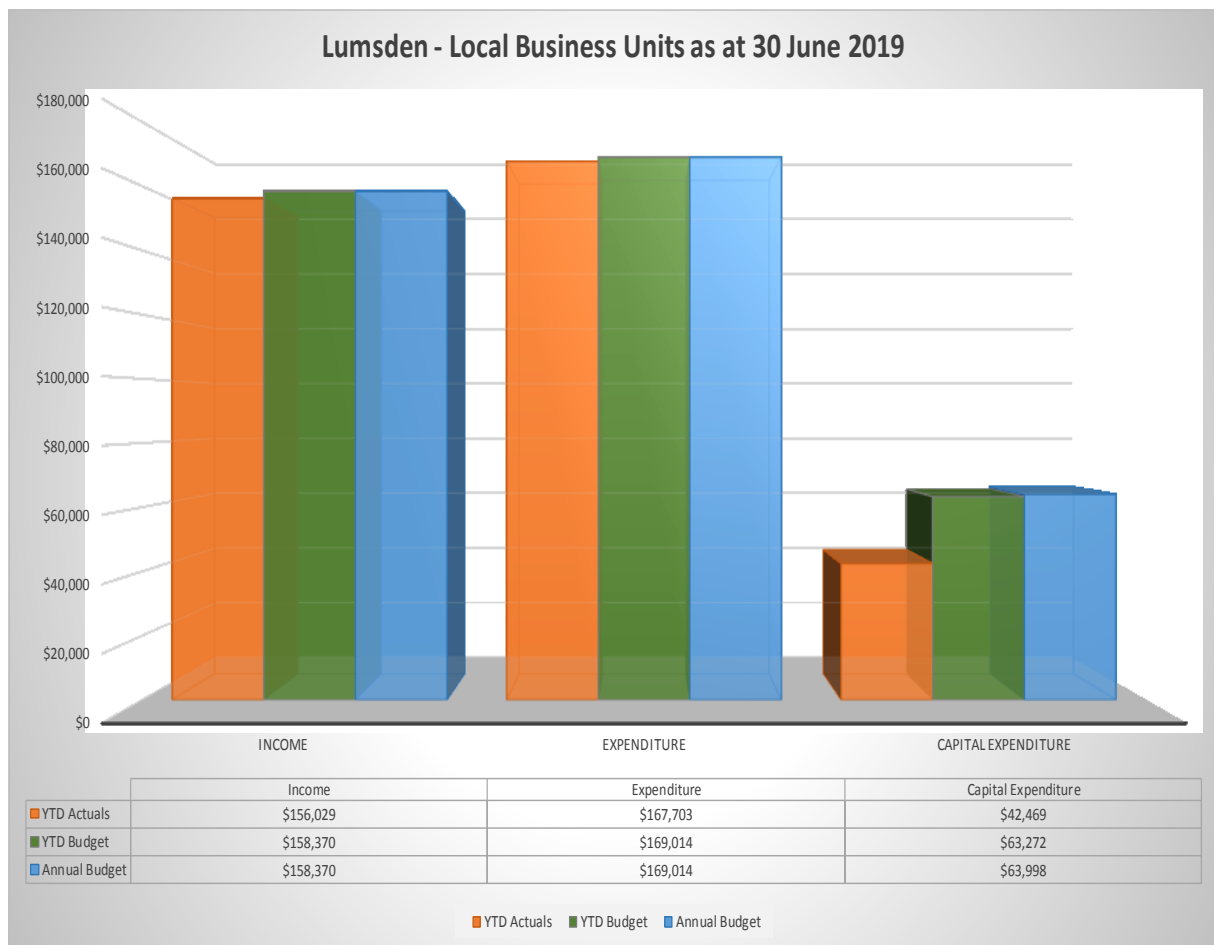
Pyramid Bridge Replacement

80. Pyramid Bridge is a joint asset between the Gore District Council and Southland District Council. A tender has been awarded to Concrete Structures Ltd for the replacement of this bridge.

Finance

81. Income for the Lumsden CDA business units appears to be slightly under budget however, this will be rectified once Council's end of financial year processes have been completed and the interest on reserve balances is calculated.
82. The CDA also received two grants from Council's Community Initiatives Fund (\$500 for the update of a mural in the town and \$1500 for the upgrade of the pavilion at the recreation grounds). Hall income also remains slightly over budget year to date due to increased rental income.
83. Overall, expenditure remains under budget year to date with the exception of the refuse collection business unit and is reflective of the increased levels of service required for the additional refuse bins in the township.
84. Cemetery income and expenditure is also under budget year to date and is reflective of the number of actual internments carried out during the year which is, understandably, difficult to budget for.
85. The capital expenditure projects include footpath renewals and the balance of the Lumsden railway precinct upgrade works.
86. The Lumsden CDA had previously discussed the issue of rental charges at the rugby pavilion and agreed that they be the same as the lounge/supper room at the memorial hall which is a flat fee of \$50.00. Of note, there is a cleaning charge of \$150.00 (if required) for the hall and the CDA may wish to consider if it also wishes to add that cost in also. If the CDA is still agreeable to these charges a memo will be forwarded to Council's finance staff for inclusion in the direction setting report for the 2019/2020 financial year which will be confirmed by the new Northern Community Board at the end of the year.

Lumsden Community Development Area Subcommittee
12 August 2019



Lumsden - Business Units as at 30 June 2019											
BU Code	Business Unit	Income			Expenses			Capital			Budget Full Year
		Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Budget Full Year	Expenses YTD	Budget YTD	Budget Full Year	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Budget Full Year	
24300	Administration - Lumsden		\$1,728	\$1,728							
24302	Operating Costs - Lumsden	\$1,587	\$1,103	\$1,103	\$5,809	\$7,103	\$7,103				
24307	Street Works - Lumsden	\$28,102	\$28,392	\$28,392	\$2,789	\$2,700	\$2,700	\$42,469	\$63,272	\$63,998	
24310	Refuse Collection - Lumsden	\$26,012	\$26,000	\$26,000	\$40,274	\$30,000	\$30,000				
24313	Stormwater Drainage - Lumsden	\$12,351	\$14,349	\$14,349	\$9,625	\$12,345	\$12,345				
24325	Cemetery - Lumsden	\$9,860	\$10,803	\$10,803	\$13,384	\$15,096	\$15,096				
24328	Beautification - Lumsden	\$49,517	\$49,500	\$49,500	\$54,429	\$50,051	\$50,051				
24332	Recreation Reserve - Lumsden	\$5,811	\$3,534	\$3,534	\$9,865	\$12,034	\$12,034				
24346	Playground - Lumsden	\$2,201	\$2,200	\$2,200	\$3,556	\$5,632	\$5,632				
24349	Camping Ground - Lumsden	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200							
24350	Hall - Lumsden	\$16,427	\$16,543	\$16,543	\$24,979	\$29,655	\$29,655				
24389	Information - Centre	\$2,961	\$3,018	\$3,018	\$2,990	\$4,398	\$4,398				
Total		\$156,029	\$158,370	\$158,370	\$167,703	\$169,014	\$169,014	\$42,469	\$63,272	\$63,998	

Reserve Balances

Lumsden	Opening Balance	Current Budget	Forecast Budget	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024	2024/2025	2025/2026	2026/2027	2027/2028	2028/2029
Community Centre													
<i>Operating</i>													
Comm Centres Lumsden - OPR	12,030	12,311	351	642	942	1,252	1,572	1,903	2,245	2,598	2,962	3,338	3,338
Total Community Centre Operating	12,030	12,311	351	642	942	1,252	1,572	1,903	2,245	2,598	2,962	3,338	3,338
Total Community Centre Balance	12,030	12,311	351	642	942	1,252	1,572	1,903	2,245	2,598	2,962	3,338	3,338
Local													
<i>Carry Forward</i>													
Lumsden Cemetery - CFD	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Total Local Carry Forward	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Reserve													
Lumsden Footpaths - OPR	16,666	(794)	(2,064)	2,011	6,220	10,568	15,059	19,698	24,489	29,438	34,550	39,830	43,830
Lumsden General - RES	88,972	56,142	71,143	64,832	67,550	70,357	73,256	76,251	79,344	82,539	85,839	78,050	79,250
Lumsden Property Sales - RES	5,688	5,688	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Local Reserve	111,326	61,036	69,079	66,843	73,770	80,925	88,315	95,949	103,833	111,977	120,389	117,880	123,080
Total Local Balance	111,327	61,037	69,080	66,844	73,771	80,926	88,316	95,950	103,834	111,978	120,390	117,881	123,081
Stormwater													
<i>Reserve</i>													
Lumsden Stormwater (K&C) - RES	65,062	67,066	67,066	68,134	68,235	68,339	68,447	68,558	68,673	68,792	68,915	69,042	69,042
Total Stormwater Reserve	65,062	67,066	67,066	68,134	68,235	68,339	68,447	68,558	68,673	68,792	68,915	69,042	69,042
Total Stormwater Balance	65,062	67,066	67,066	68,134	68,235	68,339	68,447	68,558	68,673	68,792	68,915	69,042	69,042
Total Lumsden Reserve Balance	188,420	140,414	136,497	135,620	142,948	150,517	158,335	166,411	174,752	183,368	192,267	190,261	195,461

Recommendation

That the Lumsden Community Development Area Subcommittee:

- a) Receives the report titled “Council Report” dated 31 July 2019.**

Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.