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# Council

## OPEN MINUTES

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Minutes of a meeting of Council held in the Waikaia Rugby Club Rooms, 33 Wylam Street, Waikaia on Wednesday, 17 April 2024 at 9.33am. (9.33am – 10.50am)

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### **PRESENT**

<b>Mayor</b>	Rob Scott
<b>Deputy mayor</b>	Christine Menzies
<b>Councillors</b>	Jaspreet Boparai
	Don Byars
	Derek Chamberlain (via video call)
	Paul Duffy
	Darren Frazer
	Sarah Greaney
	Julie Keast
	Tom O'Brien
	Margie Ruddenklau (9.40am – 10.50am)
	Jon Spraggon
	Matt Wilson

### **APOLOGIES**

Councillor Ruddenklau (lateness)

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

Chief executive - Cameron McIntosh  
General manager finance and assurance – Anne Robson  
General manager regulatory services – Adrian Humphries  
General manager customer and community wellbeing – Sam Marshall  
Governance legal manager – Robyn Rout  
Team leader communications – Chris Chilton  
Committee advisor - Fiona Dunlop  
Committee advisor – Rachael Poole  
Community partnership leader – Kelly Tagg  
Helpdesk support partner – Ricardo Katon

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Mayor Scott opened the meeting with a karakia timatanga as follows:

Mā te whakarongo	Through listening
Mā te kōrero	Through talking
Mā te ngakau	From the heart
Mā te wairua	From the spirit
Mā te manaaki mai	Through giving
Mā te manaaki atu	And receiving respect
Ka puawai te maramatanga	Understanding will bloom
Tihei mauri ora	This is the essence of life

## **1 Apologies**

There were apologies for lateness from Councillor Ruddenklau.

### **Resolution**

Moved Mayor Scott, seconded Cr Boparai **and resolved:**

**That Council accept 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 Extraordinary/Urgent Items**

There were no Extraordinary/Urgent items.

## **5 Confirmation of Council Minutes**

There were no minutes to confirm.

## **6 Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

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## Reports

### 7.1 Mayor's report

#### **Record No: R/24/3/10342**

Mayor Scott introduced his report and reported on meetings and events that he had attended during March 2024.

Councillor Greaney advised that Connected Murihiku was underway with a new website and had also submitted to the Invercargill City Council long term plan.

Mayor Scott advised that he had been to an onsite meeting with members of the Ardlussa Community Board, Southland District and Environment Southland staff and Councillor Wilson regarding the build-up of gravel around bridges.

Councillor Menzies advised that she would be presenting an update on the Around the Mountains Cycle Trail Trust update to the Council meeting on Wednesday 1 May 2024.

Councillor Duffy advised that the Southland Regional Heritage strategy Project Ark had been renamed and also successful in obtaining funding from external funding sources.

Councillor Wilson gave an overview of the latest information from the recent Regional Climate Change working group report and that he is one of the hearings panellists for the hearings to be held in May.

Mayor Scott advised that he had received the LGNZ four monthly report for member councils (November 2023 to February 2024 which had been attached to his report.

Ardlussa community board chair – Richard Clarkson was present to update the Council on what the community board had been involved with.

Chair Clarkson advised that:

- Gravel build up around bridges was a hot topic in the area and that removal of gravel at Tomogaluk is a case study
- New lighting has been installed at the Riversdale Community Centre for the public toilets especially when the hall is not in use
- Balfour lawn mowing contract is coming up for renewal. Traffic management is an issue
- There is interest in Kruger Street for subdivision
- There is beautification in Riversdale with bulb less kerbs and planter boxes
- Spatial planning to allow for growth in Riversdale.

Also to get a mention were the following projects which have been undertaken by outside groups over the last few years:

- Waikaia Trails Trust for the pump track and mountain bike trails
- Balfour Lions or the pump track and half basketball court in Balfour
- An art trail starting in Waikaia
- Riversdale community garden.

Northern community board chair – Greg Tither was present to update Council on what the community board had been involved with.

Chair Tither advised that:

- There had been a presentation of a community service award to Mossburn resident Jim Guyton
- Mossburn toilet upgrade to commence soon
- New welcome to Garston sign and BBQ to be installed soon
- There was an unveiling/opening of the new Soper Street in Athol
- The new playground in Lumsden is open and compliant
- Vandalism to the Lumsden public toilets is an issue with the thought that the installation of CCTV cameras could be a means for prevention and identification of offenders
- Lumsden helipad is to be opened on 28 April 2024
- A complementary letter had been received from some self-contained motorhome tourists who had stayed in Lumsden for two days. Their letter is as follows:

*“We stayed in your town for 2 days in our fully self-contained motorhome and am writing to commend you on your freedom friendly town. The site was beautifully designed with a lot of expert foresight and information sharing on bill boards. Our experience was enhanced by the quaint historical buildings and the super friendly shop staff. I wish all towns could take a leaf out of your book and use your knowledge before designing their campsites. Thank you Lumsden and Dash at the council building.”*

Oraka Aparima community board chair – Michael Weusten was present to update Council on what the community board had been involved with.

Chair Weusten advised:

- That feedback has been received on the use of the Thornbury hall “use it or lose it” communications
- A proposal for Bath Road is to be received by the Board and will be displayed at the library which indicates a plan for new toilets, BBQ units, picnic tables and bench seating
- That there is frustration regarding the wait for the quote for the Taramea Bay playground
- Completion of the Taramea Bay toilets is progressing and are expected to be completed by June 2024
- The Paua shell has been moved and resurfaced and to be relocated to Kohi Kohi park between the skate park and the waterfront. Traffic travelling in both directions on SH 99 will be able to see it
- Main Street is looking good due to the planting and maintenance of the garden troughs and barrels
- That trees are being removed from the roadside to allow the residents of Longwoods Bupa to have nice views of the estuary
- The Aparima Estuary Society has been wound up and the tracks have run into disrepair. It is understood that this land has been given to the QE2 Trust in perpetuity
- That Troy Holiday is championing mountain bike tracks and an update is to be given at the June 2024 board meeting
- That the Colac Bay Progress League and the Board are investing a cheaper option for the repair of the Colac Bay surfer statue

- Installation of steps down to the sea are being progressed with Environment Southland with the consent being extended for a further six months once final design and contractor are identified
- That feedback on CCTV cameras has been received for the installation at each end of Riverton and perhaps at the skate park and new location of the Paua shell with the Community Patrol and local Police also asking for cameras
- Traffic management for events is becoming a significant cost and are impacting on events (Christmas parade and ANZAC day)
- There are in four developments 50 to 60 sections underway (and also individual new houses) which will bring significant additional costs for infrastructure and ways for developers to contribute need to be found.

Oreti community board – Colin Smith was present to update Council on what the community board had been involved with.

Chair Smith advised:

- That the Board received the results of consultation around the redevelopment of Ellerslie Square in Wallacetown which is part of the Better Off Funding
- Progress on the Largs Street slip has commenced and won't be completed by winter
- Dipton Hall upgrade has commenced
- Sale of the Otapiri hall is in its final stages
- The sports hub in Winton is gathering momentum with the constitution just about finalised and the group is currently looking for people to become members of the Committee
- The Winton Helipad committee presented to the Board on their project to which the Board has indicated their support
- CCTV cameras in Winton have been an issue with the Board requesting a report from Council to have the budget reinstated to the LTP following the Board taking it out
- The Board are consulting on the draft master concept plan for Great North Road and ANZAC oval.

Vandalism and requests for CCTV cameras were two common themes during the reports from chairs.

(During the mayors report, Councillor Ruddenklau joined the meeting at 9.40am.)

### **Resolution**

Moved Mayor Scott, seconded Cr Spraggon **and resolved:**

#### **That the Council:**

- a) receives the report titled "Mayor's report".**

**7.2 Financial Report for the period ended 29 February 2024**

**Record No: R/24/3/23513**

General manager finance and assurance – Anne Robson was present for the item.

The report presented to the meeting provided Council with an overview of the financial results for the eight months to 29 February 2024 by Council's seven activity groups, as well as the financial position and the statement of cashflows as at 29 February 2024.

**Resolution**

Moved Deputy Mayor Menzies, seconded Cr Keast **and resolved**

**That Council:**

- a) **Receives the report titled "Financial Report for the period ended 29 February 2024" dated 12 April 2024.**

The meeting closed with a karakia whakamutunga as follows:

Kia hora te marino  
Kia whakapapa pounamu te moana  
Hei huarahi mā tātou i te rangi nei  
Aroha atu, aroha mai  
Tātou i a tātou katoa  
Hui e! Tāiki e!

May peace be widespread  
May the sea be like greenstone  
A pathway for us all this day  
Let us show respect for each other  
For one another  
Bind us all together!

The meeting concluded at 10.50am.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD AT A  
MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY  
17 APRIL 2024.

**DATE:** 1 MAY 2024



**CHAIRPERSON:**.....