



Council

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of Council held in the Council Chamber, Level 2, 20 Don Street, Invercargill on Wednesday, 6 March 2024 at 9.30am. (9.30am – 10.53am, 11.44am - 1.06pm (PE 12.10pm - 1.06pm)).

PRESENT

Mayor	Rob Scott
Deputy mayor	Christine Menzies
Councillors	Jaspreet Boparai
	Don Byars (9.30am – 10.53am, 11.44am -11.45am, 11.48am – 1.06pm)
	Derek Chamberlain
	Paul Duffy
	Darren Frazer
	Sarah Greaney (video link)
	Julie Keast
	Tom O'Brien (video link) (9.45 – 1.06pm)
	Margie Ruddenklau
	Jon Spraggon
	Matt Wilson

IN ATTENDANCE

Chief executive	Cameron McIntosh
Committee advisor	Rachael Poole

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 no apologies.

2 Leave of absence

Requests for leave of absence were requested as follows:

- Derek Chamberlain 1 May 2024
- Jon Spraggon 16 May – 23 May 2024
- Matt Wilson 6 July – 19 July 2024

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

That Council agrees the leave of absence requests.

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

Resolution

Moved Cr Spraggon, seconded Cr Keast **and resolved:**

That the Council confirms the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 24 January 2024 and the extraordinary meeting held on 14 February 2024 as a true and correct record of those meetings.

6 Public Participation

There was no public participation.

Reports

7.1 Review of rates remission decision - 10 Rata Street Stewart Island/Rakiura

Record No: R/24/2/7104

Finance development co-ordinator, Nicole Taylor and transactional project lead, Shelly Dela Llana were in attendance for this item.

The purpose of the report was to consider the request of the ratepayer of 10 Rata Street, Stewart Island/Rakiura for Council to review the staff decision made under delegated authority not to reduce rates for the property for the 2023/2024 financial year.

Resolution

Moved Cr Spraggon, seconded Cr Duffy **and resolved:**

That the Council:

- a) **receives the report titled "Review of rates remission decision - 10 Rata Street Stewart Island/Rakiura".**
- 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) **note the supporting information supplied by the ratepayer of 10 Rata Street, Stewart Island/Rakiura (attachment A of the report).**
- e) **agree to confirm that no rate remission be applied to 10 Rata Street, Stewart Island/Rakiura for the 2023/2024 financial year.**

7.3 Mayors Taskforce for Jobs - update from Great South

Record No: R/24/2/8091

Great South Southland youth futures team manager – Renata Gill updated Council on how the taskforce launches went and how the program is progressing.

Resolution

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

That the Council:

- a) **Thanks Southland Youth Futures team manager – Renata Gill and Mayors Taskforce for Jobs co-ordinator Elizabeth Wyatt for their update to Council.**

7.4 Financial Report for the period ended 31 January 2024

Record No: R/24/1/3198

Senior accountant, Joanie Nel was in attendance for this item.

The purpose of the report was to provide Council with an overview of the draft financial results for the seven months to 31 January 2024 by Council's seven activity groups, as well as the draft financial position and the draft statement of cashflows as at 31 January 2024.

Resolution

Moved Deputy Mayor Menzies, seconded Cr Frazer **and resolved:**

That Council:

- a) **Receives the report titled "Financial Report for the period ended 31 January 2024" dated 1 March 2024.**

7.2 Mayor's report

Record No: R/24/2/6667

Mayor Scott introduced his report and reported on meetings and events that he had attended during December 2023 and January and February 2024.

Fiordland Community Board chair – Diane Holmes and Deputy chair – Julie Burgess were in attendance to update Council on activities the Board has been involved with.

Chair Holmes particularly highlighted many events that the Board have be involved with. Below are items of particular interest:

- reporting on the Fiordland community as a whole
- new developments – new housing developments are continuing. Industrial development continuing. Most are holiday homes and are not adding to housing stock available for rent.
- Te Anau basin development plan has been delayed but eagerly anticipated that a sustainable and successful future concept plan for the area is the result.
- Te Anau airport Manapouri review sits now with Great South and looking forward to the recommendations that will come
- community events: year-round income for the town and involve both locals and visitors.

Deputy chair Burgess particularly highlighted the below items from the Manapouri area:

- Manapouri community pool is going well. BBQ days for locals and visitors. Pool trust also look after the tennis courts.
- Village green play equipment has been ordered with the assistance of better off funding.
- Weed busters have planted 3000 natives locally and look after areas that are not included in the contractors work, assisting to keep local rates to a minimum.
- Five kilometres of the lake to lake trail that is currently on the highway is getting closer to being able to stay in the Fiordland National Park. This will encourage more cyclists to complete the entire trail to Manapouri rather than turning around at Balloon Loop where the track goes onto the highway.

Wallace Takitimu Community Board chair – Tony Philpott was in attendance to update Council on activities the Board has been involved with.

Chair Philpott particularly highlighted many events that the Board have be involved with. Below are items of particular interest:

- Otautau camping ground is progressing. Staff are working on the resource consent and hoping to have stage one completed by December 2024.
- Ohai and Nightcaps are facing a future with no mining. The mine companies have been generous to the towns in the past and Bathurst are working with the community board and council for the rehabilitation of council land when the mine closes.
- McGregor Park master plan has been received and linking this plan to the rehabilitation of council land is an exciting opportunity.
- Three community service awards have been handed out to Wallace Takitimu residents in the last six months. We are lucky to have residents like this within our community.
- updated on the many activities that have been happening with Te Oruanui Marae Ohai and what a great community asset this is for the communities.

Councillor Wilson mentioned the gravel build up around bridges in the Ardlussa area and the concern that the residents have around this.

Resolution

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

That the Council:

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

(The meeting adjourned at 10.53am for morning tea and reconvened at 11.44am.)

7.5 Ulva Island wharf

Record No: R/24/2/8242

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

The purpose of the report was to get direction from Council on whether to consider a proposal received from the Hunter Family Trust to take over the ownership and management of the Ulva Island wharf at Post Office Cove, Stewart Island/Rakiura.

Council and the Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board have been working to find a sustainable solution for the replacement of the Ulva Island wharf for some time. The preferred option ended up being a new wharf in Bathing Bay, however, that option also requires the construction of a section of new track approximately 400m long to link into the existing track network.

(During discussion, Councillor Byars left the meeting at 11.45am and returned at 11.48am.)

Resolution

Moved Cr Spraggon, seconded Cr Ruddenklau **recommendations a - e with a change (as indicated by strikethrough) and resolved:**

That the Council:

- a) **Receives the report titled "Ulva Island wharf".**
- 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 ~~support / not support~~ consideration of the Hunter Family Trust proposal.**

- e) **Directs the appropriate staff (as determined by the chief executive) to engage with the Hunter Family Trust to prepare a detailed agreement for the Stewart Island Community Board and Council to consider.**

7.6 Water services update

Record No: R/24/2/8800

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

The purpose of the report was to provide Council with an update on water services following the repeal of Affordable Water legislation by the new government in December 2023.

Resolution

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

That Council:

- a) **Receives the report titled "Water services update".**

Public Excluded

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

Resolution

Moved Cr Keast, seconded Cr Ruddenklau **and resolved:**

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

C8.1 Great South draft statement of intent (2024-2027)

C8.2 Space Operations New Zealand draft statement of intent (2024-2025)

C8.3 Stewart Island/Rakiura rising main wastewater upgrade - unbudgeted expenditure

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
Great South draft statement of intent (2024-2027)	s7(2)(i) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).	That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists.
Space Operations New Zealand draft statement of intent (2024-2025)	s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry out, without	That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be

	prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.	likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists.
Stewart Island/Rakiura rising main wastewater upgrade - unbudgeted expenditure	s7(2)(i) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).	That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists.

The public were excluded at 12.10pm.

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

(Councillor Byars left the meeting at 12.30pm and returned at 12.33pm).

The meeting concluded at 1.06pm.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6 MARCH 2024.

DATE: 10 APRIL 2024



CHAIRPERSON:.....