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Council

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of Council held in the Council Chamber, Level 2, 20 Don Street, Invercargill on 5 June 2024 at 9:00 am. (9am – 9.25am)

PRESENT

Mayor	Rob Scott
Deputy mayor	Christine Menzies
Councillors	Jaspreet Boparai
	Derek Chamberlain
	Paul Duffy (9.02am – 9.25am)
	Darren Frazer
	Julie Keast
	Tom O'Brien (9.21am – 9.25am)
	Margie Ruddenklau (9.21am – 9.25am)
	Jon Spraggon
	Matt Wilson

APOLOGIES

Councillor Sarah Greaney
Councillor Ruddenklau (lateness)
Councillor O'Brien (lateness)

ABSENT

Councillor Don Byars

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 apologies:

- for lateness from Councillors Ruddenklau and O'Brien.
- for absence from Councillor Greaney, who was on an approved leave of absence.

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

That Council accept the apologies.

(Councillor Duffy joined the meeting at 9.02am.)

2 Leave of absence

Councillor Duffy requested a leave of absence from 19 July 2024 to 26 July 2024.

Resolution

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

That Council agrees the leave of absence request.

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

That the Council confirms the minutes of the meeting held on 1 May 2024 as a true and correct record of the meeting with the amendment (Indicated with underline and ~~strikethrough~~) to the conflict of interest section:

3 Conflict of Interest

Councillor Ruddenklau advised that she had a conflict of interest with public participation. She advised that she is the niece of **Pam Chartres** ~~Mr Chartres~~ and would take part in the meeting.

Councillor Keast declared a conflict of interest with item 7.3 District Initiatives Fund - allocations for March 2024 funding round application 1 - Citizens Advice Bureau Invercargill. She advised that she would not take part in discussion or voting on the application.

6 Public Participation

There was no public participation.

Reports

7.1 Combined policies (Revenue and Financing Policy, Rate Remission and Postponement Policy, Significance and Engagement Policy) - Feedback and Deliberations

Record No: R/24/5/35273

Strategic communications and engagement manager Louise Pagan and finance development co-ordinator, Nicole Taylor were in attendance for this item.

The purpose of the report was to provide information to Council on the feedback received during consultation on three policies (draft Significance and Engagement Policy, draft Revenue and Financing Policy and draft Rate Remission and Postponement Policy).

Council was also asked to consider what changes should be incorporated into the final policies prior to their adoption on 19 June 2024.

(During discussion, Councillors Ruddenklau and O'Brien arrived at 9.21 am.)

Resolution

Moved Cr Spraggon, seconded Cr Frazer **recommendations a to j and a new j (as indicated) and resolved:**

That Council:

- a) receives the report titled "Combined policies (Revenue and Financing Policy, Rate Remission and Postponement Policy, Significance and Engagement Policy) - Feedback and Deliberations".**
- b) determines that this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of Section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002.**

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- 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) **receives the written submissions on the draft Significance and Engagement Policy, draft Rate Remission and Postponement and draft Revenue and Financing Policy.**
- e) **recommends that feedback received relating to the Long Term Plan and Representation Review considered as part of relevant separate consultation processes.**
- f) **recommends that the following amendments be made to the draft Significance and Engagement Policy to:**
- (i) **increase the visibility of engagement with mana whenua, including changing mana whenua to partners rather than stakeholders and other wording changes suggested by Te Ao Marama**
 - (ii) **ensure the policy wording matches that contained within the Local Government Act 2002 s 76AA(2)**
 - (iii) **include an interpretation section to explain key terms.**
 - (iv) **amending the wording “disproportionately impacted” in Appendix 2 with “experiencing inequities” to read *How are people impacted by the matter? Are particular groups experiencing inequities? (such as Māori, socio- economic groups)***
- g) **recommends that no change be made to the draft Rate Remission and Postponement Policy.**
- h) **recommends that the draft Revenue and Financing Policy be amended to include development and financial contributions as a funding source for stormwater capital expenditure in section 3.2.2 to align with the draft Development and Financial Contributions Policy currently being consulted on.**
- i) **recommends that staff present the updated policies incorporating the changes outlined in resolutions (f) and (h) and incorporating any other amendments agreed to Council for adoption on 19 June 2024.**
- New j) continue to liaise and asks staff to report back on the concept of a heritage initiatives fund.**

The meeting concluded at 9.25am.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 5 JUNE 2024.

DATE: 3 JULY 2024



CHAIRPERSON:.....