



Extraordinary Council

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of Extraordinary Council held in the Council Chamber, Level 2, 20 Don Street, Invercargill on Wednesday, 14 February 2024 at 9.18am. (9.18am – 9.25am)

PRESENT

Mayor	Rob Scott
Councillors	Jaspreet Boparai
	Don Byars
	Derek Chamberlain
	Paul Duffy
	Darren Frazer
	Sarah Greaney (via videolink (9.22am – 9.25am))
	Julie Keast
	Tom O'Brien
	Margie Ruddenklau
	Jon Spraggon
	Matt Wilson (via videolink)

APOLOGIES

Councillor Christine Menzies

IN ATTENDANCE

Chief executive	Cameron McIntosh
Committee advisor	Fiona Dunlop

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

Whakataka te hau, ki te uru
Whakataka te hau, ki te tonga
Kia mākinakina ki uta
Kia mātaratara ki tai
E hī ake ana, te atakura
He tio, he huka, he hau hū
Tihei mauri ora!

Cease the winds from the west
Cease the winds from the south
Let the breeze blow over the land
Let the breeze blow over the ocean
Let the red-tipped dawn come with a
sharpened air.
A touch of frost, a promise of a glorious day.

1 Apologies

There were apologies for absence from Councillor Menzies.

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

That Council accept the apology.

2 Leave of absence

Councillor Ruddenklau requested a leave of absence from 14 March to 30 March 2024.

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

That Council agrees to the leave of absence request for Councillor Ruddenklau from 14 March to 30 March 2024.

3 Conflict of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

4 Extraordinary/Urgent Items

There were no Extraordinary/Urgent items.

5 Public Participation

There was no public participation.

Reports

6.1 Approval of appointment of a Commissioner to the Environmental Protection Agency expert consenting panel for the Southland Windfarm consent application

Record No: R/24/2/5635

GM regulatory services – Adrian Humphries was in attendance for this item.

The purpose of the report was to approve the appointment of Rob van Voorthusyen as a Commissioner to the Environmental Protection Agency expert consenting panel for the Southland Windfarm consent application.

Under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020, the commissioner panel must consult Councils on draft consent conditions and can choose to ask other questions of Council throughout the process.

As such, the Council, including planning and roading staff and advisers will have the opportunity, at the discretion of the expert panel, to input into the consent process.

(During discussion, Councillor Greaney joined the meeting via video link at 9.22am.)

Resolution

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

That the Council:

- a) **receives the report titled “Approval of appointment of a Commissioner to the Environmental Protection Agency expert consenting panel for the Southland Windfarm consent application”.**
- 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 appoint Rob van Voorthusyen as an appointee to the Fast Track Consenting Expert Panel for the Southland Wind Farm.**

The meeting concluded at 9.25am.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2024.

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CHAIRPERSON:.....