



Council

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of Council held in the Council Chamber, Level 2, 20 Don Street, Invercargill on Wednesday, 24 July 2024 at 10am. (10.02am – 11.40am, 11.56am – 12.44pm, 1.19pm – 3.24pm, 3.33pm – 4.32pm, 4.39pm – 4.54pm)

PRESENT

Mayor	Rob Scott
Deputy mayor	Christine Menzies (10.02am – 11.40am, 11.56am – 12.44pm, 1.19pm – 3.24pm, 3.33pm – 4.30pm, 4.39pm – 4.54pm)
Councillors	Jaspreet Boparai Don Byars (10.02am – 10.51am, 10.53am - 11.40am, 11.56am – 12.44pm, 1.19pm – 3.24pm, 3.33pm – 4.32pm, 4.39pm – 4.54pm) Darren Frazer Sarah Greaney (video link) (10.02am – 11.40am, 11.56am – 12.44pm, 1.19pm – 3.24pm, 3.33pm – 3.47pm, 4pm - 4.32pm, 4.39pm – 4.54pm) Julie Keast Tom O'Brien Margie Ruddenklau (10.02am – 11.40am, 11.56am – 12.44pm, 1.19pm – 3.24pm, 3.33pm – 4.30pm, 4.39pm – 4.54pm) Matt Wilson (video link) (10.02am – 11.40am, 11.56am – 12.44pm, 1.19pm – 2.34pm, 3.05pm - 3.24pm, 3.33pm – 4.32pm, 4.39pm – 4.54pm)

APOLOGIES

Councillor Derek Chamberlain (leave of absence)
Councillor Paul Duffy (leave of absence)
Councillor Jon Spraggon

IN ATTENDANCE

Chief executive	Cameron McIntosh
Committee advisor	Fiona Dunlop

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Chamberlain, Duffy and Spraggon. Councillor Wilson advised that he may be an early departure.

Councillors Chamberlain and Duffy are on approved leave of absence.

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

That Council accept the apologies.

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.

Reports

7.1 Policy on Development and Financial Contributions Deliberations

Record No: R/24/7/45594

Team leader organisational policy – Chris Rout and GM strategy and partnerships – Vibhuti Chopra were in attendance for this item.

The purpose of the report was to provide information and to present options to Council, so that it can make decisions on the draft Policy on Development and Financial Contributions.

The meeting noted that the draft policy that was consulted on proposed that development contributions remain in remission on the basis that Council wants to encourage growth, and for financial contributions to continue to be collected through the Southland District Plan.

Council received 166 written submissions with general support received for financial contributions remaining in effect, but more mixed responses in relation to continuation of the remission for development contributions and remissions for the development of Māori land.

Discussion lead the meeting to request that the policy be reviewed prior to the next Long Term Plan.

The final policy is to be considered by Council at its meeting on 7 August 2024 for adoption.

Resolution

Moved Deputy Mayor Menzies, seconded Cr Keast **recommendations a to f and a new g (as indicated) and resolved:**

That the Council:

- a) **receives the report titled “Policy on Development and Financial Contributions Deliberations”.**
- 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) **Considers the community feedback received on the draft Policy on Development and Contributions, and considers the issues and options that are presented in this report.**

- e) **Endorses the draft Development and Financial Contributions Policy with the minor change proposed by staff to:**
 - i) **consider applications for remission for up to 100% of development contributions and financial contributions related to specific resource consents for Māori Land.**
- f) **Delegate authority to the chief executive to make any required minor amendments to the draft Policy on Development and Financial Contributions.**

New g) Request that the policy is reviewed prior to the next Long Term Plan.

7.2 Long Term Plan 2024-2034 - Deliberations Report

Record No: R/24/6/39860

Various officers involved with the Long Term Plan process were present to take the meeting through the issues and options following the public consultation phase.

The report provided an overview of the key issues raised in submissions on the consultation document for the Long Term Plan 2024-2034 and also being sought was direction from Council regarding any changes to be included in the final Long Term Plan and supporting information.

Public consultation took place from 9.00am Wednesday 5 June to 12.00pm Friday 5 July. Council received 312 submissions, as well as informal feedback received via social media and via drop-in sessions with the community.

Council met on Tuesday 16 July and Wednesday 17 July 2024 and heard from 32 submitters who spoke to their submissions.

Corporate performance lead Robyn Laidlaw and Group manager Finance and assurance – Anne Robson introduced the report and set the scene for the many parts of Council and the funding required to operate.

Group manager infrastructure and capital delivery – Fran Mikulicic took the meeting through the issues and options post consultation. The public consultation undertaken highlighted water services management, levels of service for roading, glass recycling, Te Anau Airport Manapouri and targeted roading rate.

Targeted roading rate was one issue that had received attention from submitters and would require a decision from the meeting on the direction to take. Finance development coordinator – Nicole Taylor an Economist – Anthony Byett took the meeting through the consultation feedback received.

Following consideration of the submissions received and a decision made on “where to next” post consultation, the next step is for the draft Long Term Plan to be considered by the Finance and Assurance Committee on 7 August 2024 for approval to be audited and then adopted by Council on 26 August 2024.

(During discussion, Councillor Byars left the meeting at 10.51am and returned at 10.53am.)

(The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 11.40am to 11.56am.)

(The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.44pm and reconvene at 1.19pm.)

(Councillor Wilson left the meeting (video call) at 2.34pm and returned at 3.05pm.)

Mayor Scott advised that the meeting had reached two hours from the time of the last break and would be seeking approval of the meeting to keep going until the afternoon tea break.

Moved Mayor Scott, seconded Deputy Mayor Menzies **and resolved:**

That Council pursuant to standing order 4.2 continue with the business on the agenda for the meeting.

(The meeting adjourned for afternoon tea at 3.24pm and reconvened at 3.33pm.)

(Councillor Greaney left the meeting (video call) at 3.47pm and returned at 4pm.)

Mayor Scott advised that the meeting had reached the six hour limit and he would be seeking approval from the meeting to continue.

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

That Council pursuant to standing order 4.2 continue with the business on the agenda for the meeting.

(Deputy mayor Menzies left the meeting at 4.30pm.)

(Councillor Ruddenklau left the meeting at 4.30pm.)

(The meeting adjourned at 4.32pm and reconvened at 4.39pm.)

(Councillor Menzies returned to the meeting at 4.39pm.)

(Councillor Ruddenklau returned to the meeting at 4.39pm.)

Moved Deputy mayor Menzies, seconded Councillor Keast the recommendations from the officers report with changes (as indicated with underline and ~~strikethrough~~) as follows:

That Council:

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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) Considers the submissions and informal feedback received on the Long Term Plan 2034 consultation document.
- e) Agrees in relation to issue 1 of the LTP34 consultation document - Water Services Management, that Council: -
- i. carry out the renewals of wastewater treatment plants and treated water supplies on a smoothed basis, where Council tries to extend the consents out for a longer time (dependent on obtaining extensions to the plants' consents)
 - ii. continue to advocate with central government on behalf of the District
 - iii. confirms the staff actions for the water services activity, summarised in attachment A (of the officer's report).
- f) Agrees in relation to issue 2 of the LTP34 consultation document - Level of Service – Rooding, that Council reduce the levels of service for rooding but maintain the bridges budget (as per consultation) with adjustment if the share of funding from NZTA or the Regional Infrastructure Fund is not available.
- g) Agrees in relation to issue 3, of the LTP34 consultation document - Glass Recycling, that Council: -
- i. continues with its present rubbish and recycling service
 - ii. revisits the introduction of a separate glass collection bin as part of a future Annual Plan or Long Term Plan 2027-37 process based on the outcome of central government legislation and combined partnership with neighbouring councils seeking a regionally consistent approach
 - iii. continues to work with its shared service partners through WasteNet to identify other options to continue improvement of recycling efficiencies and cost effectiveness
 - iv. confirms the staff actions (these have been identified and pulled up from the submitter summary table in attachment C (of the officer's report) for glass recycling.
- h) Agrees in relation to issue 4, of the LTP34 consultation document - Te Anau Airport – Manapōuri, that Council adopt Option 2 - 30% general rate funding for Te Anau Airport Manapōuri and agrees to update the Revenue and Financing policy to reflect the low general rate band for airport funding with quarterly reporting to Council.
- ~~h) Agrees in relation to issue 4, of the LTP34 consultation document – Te Anau Airport – Manapōuri, that Council adopt either:~~
- ~~i. Option 1 – status quo, or~~
 - ~~ii. Option 2 – 30% general rate funding for Te Anau Airport Manapōuri.~~
- i) Agrees in relation to the targeted roading rate differential, that Council: -
- i. increase the heavy vehicle charge per tonne to \$1.35 from \$1.10 and the UTR to \$90 from \$80 (excluding GST) as consulted on and recalculate the other use multipliers in line with staff recommendations in relation to the feedback received (dairy 1.18; forestry 1.00; non-dairy 1.34) for 2024/25.

- ii. in partnership with submitters/stakeholders continue to look for ways to lobby central government for a greater share of road user charges and petrol excise tax collected from Southland.
 - iii. Continue to work with the relevant parties to refine data/assumptions in the model.
 - iv. ~~review whether further increases to the \$ per tonne (by \$0.25 per annum) and Uniform Targeted rate (by \$10 per annum) (excluding GST) should proceed as part of developing the 2025/26 Annual Plan.~~
- j) Agrees in relation to changes to targeted rates, that Council: -
- i. remove the Te Anau Rural water 7.7 rate and allocate the units to which this applied to the Te Anau Rural water full and half charges.
 - ii. In relation to the SIESA electricity rate
 - ~~• agrees to continue to rate the same way we have in 2023/2024 with a full and half charge or~~
 - agrees to remove the half charge on all vacant land within the electricity network area replacing it with a full charge on vacant land.
 - (iii) (a) Retain the Fortrose hall rating area with an interim hall rate per SUIP to be set at an amount in line with the Waimahaka Hall rate (currently \$68 per SUIP incl GST as shown in the draft LTP rates) with the distribution of funds between the Waimahaka and Tokanui halls to be determined by the Waihopai Toetoe Community Board.
 - (b) Notes that as a result of the reinstatement of the Fortrose hall rate/boundary and the removal of the additional rating units from the Waimahaka and Tokanui halls that the rate per unit for the following halls in 24/25 will:
 - 1) Increase the Waimahaka hall rate from \$67 as shown in the draft 2024-2034 Long Term Plan to \$68 to collect a total revenue of \$6,936
 - 2) Increase the Tokanui hall rate from \$108 as shown in the draft 2024-2034 Long Term Plan to \$160 to collect a total revenue of \$21,760.
 - iii. ~~in relation to the reallocation of the Fortrose hall rating area to the Waimahaka and Tokanui hall rating areas~~
 - ~~• agrees to the proposed boundary as set out in the consultation document or~~
 - ~~• agrees to hold any decision pending further discussions at Council and with the community, resulting in no hall rate this year for those in the Fortrose hall boundary area or~~
 - ~~• agrees to an alternative boundary as defined in attachment F (of the officer's report), either,~~
 - ~~— option a, everything left of the green line to Waimahaka hall boundary and everything right to the Tokanui hall boundary or~~
 - ~~— option b, everything left of the purple line to the Waimahaka hall boundary and everything right to the Tokanui hall boundary~~

- iv. in relation to the reallocation of the Otahuti hall rating area to the Waianiwa and Wrights Bush rating areas
- ~~agrees to the proposed boundary as set out in the consultation document or~~
 - agrees to hold any decision pending further discussions at Council and with the community, resulting in no hall rate this year for those in the Otahuti hall boundary area
- k) Agrees in relation to the General feedback, that Council: -
- i. Note all the feedback from submitters, and how themes will impact on wider decision making
 - ii. Requests staff assess the comments from submitters referencing specific infrastructure requests as part of their activity management of Council.
 - iii. Request staff to review and implement where appropriate consultation process improvement comments from submitters for the next Long Term Plan Consultation.
- l) Agrees to the following financial changes proposed in the staff amendments paper in attachment H (of the officer's report):

Description	\$	Funding Source
Repairs and maintenance to Around the Mountains cycle trail	\$53,500	Grant -Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment
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Removal of Stewart Island rising main	(\$800,000)	Loan
Consultants (local water done well)	\$130,000	Grant
Replacement GoGet processing system for Building Control	\$165,000	Loan over three years funded from fees & charges
Repairs to Around the Mountains cycle trail after flooding	\$370,693	Grant – Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment
Remove Riverton Play Space (P11436) from 24/25	(\$25,000)	Riverton Property sales reserve
Add to Riverton Palmerston St playground (FPARK015) in 26/27	\$25,000	Riverton Property sales reserve
Remove Orepuki water tower – investigation of repair options 24/25 (FPARK023)	(\$20,000)	Loan
Add to Orepuki water tower repairs 25/26 (FPARK024)	\$20,000	Loan
Move Otautau Orepuki playground – equipment renewal (FPARK016) from 2025/26 to 2024/25	\$10,600	Otautau general reserve
<u>Remove Orepuki playground equipment renewal (P-10785)</u>	<u>(\$50,000)</u>	<u>Hirstfield Reserve Committee & Tuatapere Te Waewae ward reserve</u>

Move Nightcaps hall – repairs to exterior wall and exterior repaint (FHALL054) from 2026/27 to 2024/25	\$93,820	\$18,120 Nightcaps community centre reserve \$75,700 loan
Move Otautau Plunket rooms – exterior repaint (FROP001) from 2024/25 to 2025/26	\$25,000	Loan
Move Dipton Hall – Replace roof (P-10559) from 2025/26 to 2024/25	\$120,000	Better off funding grant and loan
Thornbury Parks & Reserves maintenance costs	\$1,500	Oraka Aparima Community Board rates
Wallacetown gardening	\$13,377	Oreti Community Board rates
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Add inflation to the District Heritage Grants across the nine years of the LTP budgets starting 2025/26	At BERL inflation rates	Rates
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Recommendations a to d were put and declared CARRIED.

Recommendation e was put and declared CARRIED.

Recommendation f was put and declared CARRIED.

**Recommendation h with changes as indicated was put and declared CARRIED.
(Councillors Byars and Frazer requested that their dissenting votes be recorded.)**

**Recommendation i(i) was put and declared CARRIED.
(Councillors Boparai, Ruddenklau and Wilson requested that their dissenting votes be recorded.)**

Recommendation i(ii) was put and declared CARRIED.

Recommendation i(iii) was put and declared CARRIED.

Recommendation j(i) was put and declared CARRIED.

Recommendation j(ii) with a deletion (~~as indicated~~) was put and declared CARRIED.

Recommendation j(iii) as amended (as indicated) was put and declared CARRIED.

Recommendation j(iv) with a deletion (~~as indicated~~) was put and declared CARRIED.

Recommendation k was put and declared CARRIED.

Recommendation l with a change (as indicated with underline and ~~strikethrough~~) was put and declared CARRIED.

Recommendation m was put and declared CARRIED.

Recommendation n was put and declared CARRIED.

Moved Councillor Wilson, seconded Councillor Ruddenklau, the following motion:

That Council:

- New o) Requests information on the process and timeline involved in achieving separation (decoupling) of maintenance / project works cost - and material cost, in future roading programme contract procurement considering LTP discussions and feedback.

The motion was put and declared CARRIED.

Final resolution:

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o) Requests information on the process and timeline involved in achieving separation (decoupling) of maintenance / project works cost - and material cost, in future roading programme contract procurement considering LTP discussions and feedback.

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 4.54pm.

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

DATE: 7 AUGUST 2024



CHAIRPERSON:.....