

Notice is hereby given that an Ordinary meeting of the Great South Joint Shareholders Committee will be held on:

Date: Thursday, 14 November 2024
Time: 9:00 am
Meeting room: Great South, 143 Spey Street, Invercargill
Venue:

Great South Joint Shareholders Committee Agenda OPEN

MEMBERSHIP

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| Rob Scott, Mayor Southland District Council (Chair) | A class shareholder |
| Ben Bell, Mayor, Gore District Council | A class shareholder |
| Nobby Clark, Mayor, Invercargill City Council | A class shareholder |
| Nicol Horrell, Chair, Environment Southland | A class shareholder |
| Daryl Haggerty, Acting Chief Executive, Southern Institute of Technology | B class shareholder |
| Sheree Carey, Chief Executive Officer, Southland Chamber of Commerce | B class shareholder |
| Mark Paterson, General Manager, Mataura Licensing Trust | B class shareholder |
| Chris Ramsay, Chief Executive, Invercargill Licensing Trust | B class shareholder |
| Jackie Flutey, Chief Executive Officer, Community Trust South | Member |

Health and safety

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1 Apologies

At the close of the agenda no apologies had been received.

2 Leave of absence

At the close of the agenda no requests for leave of absence had been received.

3 Conflict of Interest

Joint Committee members are reminded of the need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision-making when a conflict arises between their role as a member and any private or other external interest they might have.

4 Extraordinary/Urgent Items

To consider, and if thought fit, to pass a resolution to permit the Joint Committee to consider any further items which do not appear on the Agenda of this meeting and/or the meeting to be held with the public excluded.

Such resolution is required to be made pursuant to Section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, and the Chairperson must advise:

- (i) The reason why the item was not on the Agenda, and
- (ii) The reason why the discussion of this item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.

Section 46A(7A) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (as amended) states:

"Where an item is not on the agenda for a meeting,-

- (a) that item may be discussed at that meeting if-
 - (i) that item is a minor matter relating to the general business of the local authority; and
 - (ii) the presiding member explains at the beginning of the meeting, at a time when it is open to the public, that the item will be discussed at the meeting; but
- (b) no resolution, decision or recommendation may be made in respect of that item except to refer that item to a subsequent meeting of the local authority for further discussion."

5 Confirmation of Council Minutes

5.1 Meeting minutes of Great South Joint Shareholders Committee, 11 October 2024

Great South Joint Shareholders Committee

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of Great South Joint Shareholders Committee held in the Great South, 143 Spey Street, Invercargill on Friday, 11 October 2024 at 9:00 am (9:03–11:10 am, Public excluded 10:02 – 10:48 am).

MEMBERS PRESENT

A class shareholders

Rob Scott, Mayor Southland District Council (Chair)
Ben Bell, Mayor, Gore District Council (by video link) (9:05-11:10)
Nobby Clark, Mayor, Invercargill City Council
Nicol Horrell, Chair, Environment Southland

B class shareholders

Chris Ramsay, Chief Executive, Invercargill Licensing Trust (9:03–10:19am)
Daryl Haggerty, Acting Chief Executive, Southern Institute of Technology (9:03-10:47am)

Member

Jackie Flutey, Chief Executive Officer, Community Trust South

MEMBER APOLOGIES

Ben Bell, Mayor, Gore District Council (late arrival)
Sheree Carey, Chief Executive Officer, Southland Chamber of Commerce

IN ATTENDANCE

Ian Collier, Board Chair, Great South
Chami Abeysinghe, Chief Executive, Great South
Bobbi Brown, General Manager Regional Strategy, Great South
Amie Young, Destination Development Manager, Great South
Wilma Falconer, Chief Executive, Environment Southland
Megan Seator, Policy Advisor, Southland Mayoral Forum
Michal Gray, Democracy Advisor, Southland District Council
Theresa Cavanagh, Intermediate Policy Analyst, Southland District Council

1 Apologies

There were apologies received from Sheree Carey, and from Mayor Bell for late arrival.

Moved Mayor Clark, seconded Chair Horrell that the Great South Joint Shareholders Committee accept those 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

Resolution

Moved Mayor Clark, seconded Member Flutey **and resolved:**

That the Great South Joint Shareholders Committee confirms the minutes of the meeting held on 30 August 2024 as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Reports

7.1 Great South update and Great South Annual Report 2023-2024

Record No: R/24/10/62826

Chami Abeysinghe, Chief Executive, Great South updated the committee on recent activities of Great South.

Ms Abeysinghe discussed the planning that is underway for the Regional Summit with Hon Shane Jones that will be held on 15 November 2024.

Resolution

Moved Mayor Scott, seconded Chair Horrell **and resolved:**

That the Great South Joint Shareholders Committee:

- a) **receives the report titled “Great South update and Great South Annual Report 2023-2024”.**

7.2 Murihiku Southland Regional Trails Entity

Record No: R/24/10/62796

Amie Young, Destination Development Manager, Great South presented this report.

The purpose of the report was to present the committee the Murihiku Southland Trails Entity Final Report and to give the committee the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed establishment of a regional trails entity.

Resolution

Moved Mayor Clark, seconded Chair Horrell **and resolved:**

That the Great South Joint Shareholders Committee:

- a) **receives the report titled “Murihiku Southland Regional Trails Entity” and the Regional Trails Entity Assessment Final Report.**
- b) **provides feedback on the establishment of a regional trails entity and notes that it would require the combined funding of \$120,000 to be approved by Invercargill City Council, Southland District Council and Gore District Council.**
- c) **requests that Great South prepare a report on the establishment of a regional trails entity including the funding, terms of reference and scope which will be brought back to the JSC for review before being presented to each Council.**

7.3 Murihiku Southland Regional Housing Framework

Record No: R/24/10/63504

The purpose of this item is for the committee to receive an update from Bobbie Brown, GM Regional Strategy, Great South on the Murihiku Southland Regional Housing Framework.

Ms Brown updated the committee that the regional housing charter that will be brought to a subsequent meeting. Ms Brown also provided information on the purpose and structure of the housing group.

Resolution

Moved Member Flutey, seconded Chair Horrell **and resolved:**

That the Great South Joint Shareholders Committee:

- a) **receives the report titled “Murihiku Southland Regional Housing Framework”.**

Carried. Mayor Clark requested that his dissenting vote be recorded.

Public Excluded

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

Resolution

Moved Mayor Scott, seconded Mayor Clark

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

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:

C8.1 Air New Zealand regional routes

| 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 |
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| Air New Zealand regional routes | 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 10:02 am

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

The meeting returned to open at 10:48 and the committee considered item 7.4 on the agenda.

7.4 Great South Joint Shareholder Committee approval of appointment of directors of Great South

Record No: R/24/10/62869

The purpose of this report is for the Committee to receive the recommendations of the Appointments Panel and approve the appointment of up to two proposed directors for Great South.

Recommendation

That the Great South Joint Shareholders Committee:

- a) receives the report titled "Great South Joint Shareholder Committee approval of appointment of directors of Great South".**

- 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) notes that the Appointments Panel was appointed at the meeting of the Great South Joint Shareholders Committee on 30 August 2024, to select and recommend suitable candidates for up to two director positions of Southland Regional Development Agency Limited (Great South).**
- e) notes that the Appointments Panel has met and completed the process set out in the constitution of Great South and recommends Lucy Griffiths and Maria Pera as suitable candidates to be appointed as directors of Great South.**
- f) approves the appointment of Lucy Griffiths and Maria Pera as proposed directors of Great South.**
- g) resolves as voting shareholders to approve the appointment of Lucy Griffiths and Maria Pera as directors of Great South.**
- h) delegates authority to Mayor Scott, as chair of the committee, to sign the confirmation of appointment letters to the directors.**
- i) notes that the Great South Joint Shareholders Committee will consider at a future a meeting a review and amendment of the director appointment process contained in the Constitution of Great South.**

The meeting concluded at 11:10 am

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD OF A
MEETING OF THE GREAT SOUTH JOINT
SHAREHOLDERS COMMITTEE HELD ON 11 October
2024

DATE:

CHAIRPERSON:

Great South update

Record no: R/24/11/69107

Author: Michal Gray, Democracy advisor

Approved by: Vibhuti Chopra, Group manager strategy and partnerships

Decision

Recommendation

Information

Chami Abeysinghe, Chief Executive, Great South has provided the Great South Joint Shareholders Committee with the report contained in Attachment A.

Recommendation

That the Great South Joint Shareholders Committee:

- a) receives the report titled "Great South update".

Attachments

A Great South update 11 November 2024



To The Joint Shareholder Committee
Date 11 November 2024

Great South Report

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| Author | Chami Abeysinghe, Chief Executive |
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General Overview

It is always a busy time heading towards the end of a calendar year. Over the last few weeks, since we had our last JSC meeting, concentration has been to work with the shareholders to develop the next Letter of Expectation. To date, the GMs and I have presented to Invercargill City Council, Gore District Council and Southland District Council.

Some of the key highlights since the last JSC meeting:

- Great South hosted 17 delegates for the Regional EDA Primary Sector Collaboration project. Funded by the Agricultural and Marketing Research and Development Trust (AGMARDT), we hosted representatives from Northland Inc, Venture Taranaki and Venture Timaru in our region. It was a great chance to not only showcase our innovative and forward-thinking region, but to also look at alignment on some key things that we all overlap with e.g. how we are approaching the Government's target of doubling exports. We were thrilled to have Thriving Southland included as part of the collaboration as a key stakeholder from Murihiku Southland.

We were well supported by our stakeholders, who presented to the visiting EDAs. This included: Invercargill Airport; South Port; Thriving Southland; Southland Dairy Hub; Invercargill Central Ltd; Ocean Beach hub (x5); Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board and Councillor Jon Spraggon; Space Operations/Awarua Tracking Station staff; Southland Youth Futures team and Great South's RBP team. A very special thankyou goes out to Mayor Rob Scott who opened the event on behalf of our shareholders.

The EDAs were "blown away" with what we are up to down here. We come across as a region which has a clear plan and is successfully implementing in a collaborative manner.

- The Economic Development New Zealand (EDNZ) Conference was held in Dunedin between 23 & 24 October. This conference is a major event for our business and where we undertake professional development. The shareholders may recall that last year Great South won the Best Integrated Strategy Award for Beyond 2025 at the EDNZ awards night. Although we didn't submit an application for awards for this year, the Regional EDA Primary Sector Collaboration project won highly commendable for the work we are collaborating on. I will show a short video on the project at the next JSC meeting.

The EDNZ conference was themed 'Tech-Led Economic Development: Enhancing Productivity for New Zealand's Future'. There were some great speakers touching on technology to build and grow productivity and efficiencies. Artificial intelligence (AI) featured a lot during the presentations. Insights from some thought-provoking businesses that comprehensively use AI to enhance and support their services, was intriguing.

- I was present at the Mayoral Forum meeting that hosted Hon Simeon Brown, in his capacity as Minister for Local Government, Transport and Energy. Mayor Rob Scott presented to Minister Brown, highlighting

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the importance of our roading network, which is the second largest in the country as the lifeline of our economy. A request was made to the Minister to enable Southland to get its fair share of investment to upgrade our roads and weight restricted bridges and support the government's target to double exports over the next 10 years.

- On 31 October, Steve and I presented to Australian High Commissioner, Her Excellency Harinder Sidhu and spoke about our regional opportunities and initiatives that are being progressed. This included aquaculture, housing, decarbonisation and the energy strategy and space operations. The meeting was productive, and a good foundational relationship was established with the High Commissioner.
- As advised at the last meeting, I am honoured to be part of the Small Business Advisory Group that Minister Bayly has now created. I travelled up to Auckland to attend the first meeting on 04 November 2023, and it was great to represent Southland alongside Sheree Carey from the Southland Business Chamber. The group's terms of reference and objectives will be clarified over the next few weeks. When Minister Bayly addressed the group, it was clear that we needed to identify how our regional businesses could support the government's ambition to double exports.

This initial meeting also touched on Cyber Security and AI and how we can ease compliance burdens for businesses.

- I have continued to support MBIE to organise the Murihiku Regional Summit which is scheduled for Friday this week. We have close to 130 attendees confirmed and speakers are all lined up now. Only two sectors will be presented on aquaculture and energy. I will give a quick overview of Southland, our opportunities and will show the 'Get A Life' video on the day of the summit. Bobbi will make a quick presentation on aquaculture for the region.
- Hon Shane Jones will be opening the Combined Community Trusts biennial conference and will also be visiting a few businesses while he is here in Murihiku Southland. There is a tour of Ocean Beach with media coverage, which I will be part of.
- Tuesday 12 November will be a busy day for Great South. We have our AGM in the morning, Board meeting thereafter and then at 4pm, we will be launching DISH. We look forward to engaging with you, your staff and/or representatives.
- We understand that with Combined Community Trusts biennial conference is being held in Invercargill between 12 -14 November so a followed by the Murihiku Regional Summit, it's a busy week for our shareholders as well.

On a final note, I would like to acknowledge Reece McDonald and his position as President of the Southland Business Chamber. It was a difficult week following Reece's untimely and premature death, Southland reeled from his tragic demise. Reece was a well loved and much respected member of our community. As we all gathered to pay our last respects, it was evident that the loss of Reece would be felt for a long, long time. Although Reece was the President of the Chamber for only a short time, we appreciated the opportunities he afforded to Great South.

We would also like to acknowledge and congratulate Chris Hughes on being nominated as the new President of the Southland Business Chamber.

Upcoming Priorities

- Developing the draft Statement of Intent for 2025/26 year
- Presentations to shareholders not already engaged with regarding next year's SOI.
- Aquaculture strategy development

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