



Council

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of Council held in the Council Chamber, Level 2, 20 Don Street, Invercargill on Wednesday, 12 February 2025 at 1.01pm. (1.01pm – 1.12pm)

PRESENT

Mayor	Rob Scott
Deputy mayor	Christine Menzies
Councillors	Jaspreet Boparai
	Don Byars
	Derek Chamberlain
	Paul Duffy (video link)
	Darren Frazer
	Sarah Greaney (video link)
	Julie Keast
	Tom O'Brien
	Jon Spraggon
	Matt Wilson

APOLOGIES

Councillor Margie Ruddenklau

IN ATTENDANCE

Committee advisor	Fiona Dunlop
Chief executive	Cameron McIntosh

1 Apologies

There were apologies from Councillor Ruddenklau who is on a Council approved leave of absence.

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

That Council accept the apology.

(Councillor Duffy joined the meeting at 1.02pm.)

2 Leave of absence

Councillor Wilson requested a leave of absence for 26 – 30 May 2025.

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

That Council agrees to 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

There were no minutes to confirm.

6 Public Participation

There was no public participation.

Reports

7.1 Tuatapere water treatment plant upgrade - project brought forward - Unbudgeted expenditure

Record No: R/25/1/2743

Asset Manager Water – Bill Witham and Group Manager Infrastructure and Capital Delivery – Fran Mikulicic were in attendance for this item.

The purpose of the report was to seek approval from Council for an unbudgeted expenditure request relating to the Tuatapere water treatment plant upgrade – project to be brought forward.

Council noted that a budget of \$631,605 was included in the Long Term Plan for the 2026/2027 year to upgrade the Tuatapere water treatment plant. \$160,000 of this budget is required in the 2024/2025 year to achieve legislative compliance.

The remaining balance of \$471,605 will be used for further works in 2026/2027.

Resolution

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

That Council:

- a) **Receives the report titled “Tuatapere water treatment plant upgrade - project brought forward - Unbudgeted expenditure”.**
- 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) **Approves unbudgeted expenditure of \$160,000 to be brought forward from 2026/2027 financial year to the current financial year for the Tuatapere water treatment plant UV upgrade project, to be funded by loan with repayments through the district water rate.**

7.2 Update on 2025 triennial election

Record No: R/25/1/1698

Democracy Advisor – Jayson Trent and Group Manager Strategy and Partnerships – Vibhuti Chopra were in attendance for this item.

The purpose of the report was to provide an update and general information on the local government 2025 triennial election and seek decisions from Council on some election matters.

Council noted that the Local Government Commission released their decision on 29 January 2025 for the representation arrangements for the 2025 triennial elections. The Commission approved the proposal which Council had submitted.

Resolution

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

That Council:

- a) receives the report titled “Update on 2025 triennial election”.
- 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) notes the following key dates in relation to the 2025 triennial election:
 - 4 July 2025 – nominations open
 - 1 August 2025 – nominations close
 - 9 September 2025 – delivery of voting documents
 - 11 October 2025 – election day
- e) notes the release of the Local Government Commission determination for the Southland District.
- f) endorses a review of community board delegations in preparation for the 2025-2028 triennium.
- g) adopts ‘random order’ as the order candidate names will appear on voting documents for the 2025 triennial election and any subsequent by-elections.

The meeting concluded at 1.12pm.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD OF A
MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY
12 FEBRUARY 2025.

DATE:.....

CHAIRPERSON:.....