



Council

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of Council held in the Council Chamber, Level 2, 20 Don Street, Invercargill on Wednesday, 2 April 2025 at 9.32am. (9.32am – 10.49am, 11.03am – 11.40am, 11.41am – 11.50am)

PRESENT

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

Committee advisor	Fiona Dunlop
Chief executive	Cameron McIntosh

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 no apologies.

2 Leave of absence

There were requested for leave of absence as follows:

Councillor Frazer – 16 April to 27 April 2025
Councillor Greaney – 24 May to 1 June 2025

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

That Council agrees the leave of absence requests.

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

That the Council confirms the minutes of the meetings held on 29 January 2025 and 5 March 2025 as a true and correct record of those meetings.

6 Public Participation

- 1 Wendy Joy Baker to address the Southland District Council dog report for 2023/2024, Make it stick surveys, District plan, Code of Conduct for elected members, follow-up of complaints through texts (more compassion towards ratepayers), more appreciation of sports in community and more respect, upkeep of honourable war memorials all year around
2. Dave Diack addressed the meeting in relation to use of volcanic ash as a cement for footpaths in the Oreti ward and the District in general.
3. Boyd Wilson addressed the meeting in relation to section 73 of the Building Act 2004.

Reports

7.1 2024 Rule Speed Limits Rule - Required Speed Limit Amendments

Record No: R/25/3/11127

Team leader organisational policy – Chris Rout, Strategic manager transport – Hartley Hare and GM Infrastructure and capital delivery – Fran Mikulicic (via video link) were in attendance for this item.

The purpose of the report was to provide information on speed limit changes required to be implemented by Council and set those new speed limits to comply with the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2024.

15 locations had been identified where speed limits around schools were required to transition to variable speed limits before 1 July 2025.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the report lay on the table to be considered at a meeting in April 2025 and request that New Zealand Transport Agency be present.

Resolution

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

That the Council:

- a) **Lays the report on the table to be considered at a meeting in April 2025 and request that New Zealand Transport Agency be present.**

Councillor Chamberlain, Frazer, Ruddenklau, O'Brien and Wilson requested that their dissenting votes be recorded.

(The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.49am and reconvened at 11.03am.)

7.3 Forecasted Financial Position for the year ending 30 June 2025

Record No: R/25/3/11430

Senior accountant – Joanie Nel, Finance business partnering lead – Susan McNamara and GM Finance and assurance – Anne Robson were in attendance for this item.

The purpose of the report was to advise Council of the expected year-end financial result compared to the Long Term Plan 2024/2025 and to seek approval of the resulting forecasted position. The report was also seeking Council approval for unbudgeted expenditure requests, and the deletion and deferral of a number of projects.

The meeting noted that in the recommendations from the Finance and Assurance Committee that the funding of operational costs for Community housing of \$169,290 to be repaid by a 20 year loan recovered from rental income would now be from 1 July 2026.

Resolution

Moved Cr O'Brien, seconded Cr Keast **recommendations a to h, I with an addition and j and resolved:**

That the Council:

- a) **Receives the report titled "Forecasted Financial Position for the year ending 30 June 2025".**
- 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 the forecasted changes to Council's year-end financial performance and position as detailed in attachments A and B (of the officer's report).**
- e) **Approves the following unbudgeted expenditure and associated funding sources:**

Business Unit	Expense	Amount	Funding source
Information management	Operational Leases	\$21,000	Reserves
Parks & reserves Gorge Road	Maintenance tree and hedge	\$20,000	Reserves
Roading district wide	Preventative maintenance renewals	\$921,818	Reserves
District sewerage	SCADA	\$51,361	Income
District sewerage	Electricity	\$65,000	Income

Sewerage scheme Riversdale	Sewerage acquisition LOS	\$122,000	Project swap
District refuse sites	Closed landfill remediation	\$88,825	Grant
Transfer stations Te Anau	Transfer station renewal	\$25,302	Project swap
Wheelie bins	Waste disposal	\$220,000	Increased income

f) Approves the deferral of the following items to future years:

Business unit	Project/Item	Amount	Year deferred to	Funding Source
Community housing collective	Nightcaps community housing roofing	\$46,350	2027/2028	Loan
Water supply Riverton	New water treatment plant multi-year project	\$50,000	2025/2026	Loan
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Resource planning/policy	Townships future plan	\$400,000	2025/2026	Grant
Roading district wide	District wide bridge programme	\$4,000,000	2025/2026	NZTA/Reserves
Sewerage scheme Balfour	Wastewater consent renewal and replacements (multi year project)	\$800,000	2025/2026	Loan
Sewerage scheme Winton	Wastewater consent renewal and replacements (multi year project)	\$1,900,000	2025/2026	Loan
Sewerage Edendale/Wyndham	Wastewater consent renewal and replacements (multi year project)	\$1,500,000	2025/2026	Loan
Stewart Island Jetties	Stewart Island wharves - refurbishment Millers Beach	\$100,000	2025/2026	Loan
Stewart Island Jetties	Ulva Island wharf replacement	\$289,691	2025/2026	Grant/loan
Stormwater drainage Te Anau	Te Anau stormwater upgrade - Pukutahi, Caswell Rd Mega Pit, Industrial Area	\$1,000,000	2025/2026	Loan

- g) Approves the bringing forward of the following project budgets from future financial years:

Business unit	Project	Amount	Funding source
District sewerage	District water supply – mobility filed inspection integration IT	\$52,634	Loan
Parks & reserves Mossburn	Mossburn war memorial park playground – equipment replacement	\$30,000	Reserves
Water supply Takitimu	Takitimu rural water supply switchboards and pumps	\$214,225	Loan
Stormwater drainage Riverton	Riverton stormwater – investigate & design treatment solutions for Riverton littoral outfalls	\$250,000	Loan

- i) Approves the funding of operational costs for Community housing of \$169,290 to be repaid by a 20 year loan recovered from rental income from 1 July 2026.
- j) Approves adjustments to the following projects for 2024/2025 that have been identified subsequent to the financial data being finalised in this report:

Cancelling or reducing the following projects:

Business unit	Project	Amount	Funding source
Parks & Reserves Balfour	Balfour playground equipment replacement (Part budget)	\$60,000	Loan
Parks & Reserves EdenWyn	Wyndham Playground re-development (Part budget)	\$15,000	Reserves

Deferring the following projects to 2025/2026

Business unit	Project	Amount	Funding source
Hall Orepuki	Orepuki Hall Handrails & minor maintenance (Total approved budget)	\$20,000	Reserves/Loan
Public Conveniences	District wide toilet preparations (Part budget)	\$106,356	Loan
Parks & Reserves Wallacetown	Wallacetown recreational project (Part budget)	\$170,000	Grants
Public Conveniences	Monkey Island shelter area development (Part budget)	\$300,000	Loan
Buildings Invercargill office	Invercargill Office renewal (Part budget)	\$1,528,927	Loan

Stewart Island Jetties	Golden Bay wharf – renewal investigation (Total approved budget)	\$250,000	Grants
Tuatapere Hall	Tuatapere Hall remove chimneys & structural report (Total approved budget)	\$9,000	Reserves
Parks & Reserves Garston	Garston Village projects (Total approved budget)	\$56,869	Reserves & Grant
Parks & Reserves Colac Bay	Colac Bay Surfies statue refurbishment (Total approved budget)	\$31,325	Loan
Parks & Reserves Tuatapere	Tuatapere Historic Railway station (Part budget)	\$117,408	Grant

7.4 Financial Report for the period ended 28 February 2025

Record No: R/25/3/11036

Senior accountant – Joanie Nel, Project accountant – Jo Hooper and GM Finance and assurance – Anne Robson were in attendance for this item.

The purpose of the report was to provide Council with an overview of the draft financial results for the three months to 30 September 2024 by Council's seven activity groups, as well as the financial position and the statement of cashflows as at 28 February 2025.

Resolution

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

That the Council:

- a) **Receives the report titled "Financial Report for the period ended 28 February 2025".**
- b) **Acknowledges an inconsistent decision, in that Council is not currently meeting its interest rate exposure thresholds for year four to year five due to the repayment of debt. Future debt will be tailored to align with the thresholds required.**
- c) **Recommends Council consider this issue and any changes necessary when the Investment and Liability Policy is next reviewed.**

7.2 Adoption of statement of proposal for changes to fees and charges 2025/2026 for consultation

Record No: R/25/3/9722

Finance development coordinator – Nicole Taylor and GM Finance and assurance – Anne Robson were in attendance for this item.

The purpose of the report was to seek Council's approval for the statement of proposal outlining the proposed changes to fees and charges 2025/2026 (attachments A and B of the report), which will form the basis for public consultation in accordance with sections 83 and 87 of the Local Government Act 2002.

Submissions on the proposed fees and charges would be open from 4 April 2025 to 3 May 2025. Hearings and deliberations will take place in May 2025 and final approval of the new schedule in June 2025 in conjunction with the adoption of the Annual Plan 2025/2026.

Resolution

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

That the Council:

- a) receives the report titled "Adoption of statement of proposal for changes to fees and charges 2025/2026 for consultation".
- 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 changes to animal control fees are subject to separate public notification requirements under the Dog Control Act 1996 and Impounding Act 1955 and have been excluded from the Statement of Proposal for changes to fees and charges 2025/2026.
- e) acknowledges the changes from the fee schedule presented to Council on 5 March 2025 and confirms the revised schedule of changes to fees and charges (Attachment B of the officer's report) for consultation.
- f) endorses the Statement of Proposal for changes to fees and charges 2025/2026 (Attachment A of the officer's report) in the agenda report as the basis for public consultation in accordance with Sections 83 and 87 of the Local Government Act 2002, incorporating any minor amendments at the meeting.
- g) agrees that a separate Summary of Information for the changes to the fees and charges 2025/2026 is not necessary to enable public understanding of the proposal.
- h) delegates to the Chief Executive approval of any further minor editorial amendments to the documents prior to them being published and made available to the public.
- i) agrees that the consultation period should run from 4 April 2025 to 3 May 2025 with hearings to be held on 14 May 2025 if required.

- j) notes Council will hear submitters, deliberate on the submissions, and make decisions to be reflected in the final Schedule of Fees and Charges 2025/2026 to be adopted as part of the Annual Plan 2025/2026 on 25 June 2025.

7.5 Unbudgeted expenditure request for a grant to Orepuki Community Promotions Charitable Trust - Historic railway water tower repair project brought forward

Record No: R/25/3/10931

Community partnership leader – Stella O'Connor and GM customer and community wellbeing – Sam Marshall were in attendance for the item.

The purpose of the report was for Council to approve unbudgeted expenditure towards a grant to the Orepuki Community Promotions Charitable Trust to restore the historical Orepuki railway water tower project to be brought forward.

Council noted that the project was in the Long Term Plan for the 2025/2026 financial year for repairs and restoration. The Trust have requested that the funding be brought forward.

The Tuatapere Te Waewae community board at their meeting on 1 April 2025 recommended that Council approve the request.

Resolution

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

That Council:

- a) receives the report titled "Unbudgeted expenditure request for a grant to Orepuki Community Promotions Charitable Trust - Historic railway water tower repair project brought forward".
- 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 up to \$28,927 to be funded from the Hirstfield reserve towards a grant to the Orepuki Community Promotions Charitable Trust for the restoration work on the historical Orepuki railway water tower.

(The meeting adjourned at 11.40am and reconvened at 11.41am.)

7.6 Public Notification of Plan Change 3

Record No: R/25/3/12193

Graduate environmental planner – policy – Elise Provis, Strategic planning and policy manager – Gavin McCullagh and GM strategy and partnerships – Vibhuti Chopra were in attendance for this item.

The purpose of the report was to seek Council approval for the public notification of Private Plan Change 3 requested by Blue Sky Meats (NZ) Limited to rezone land at 729 Woodlands Morton Mains Road, recognising an established industrial activity and providing appropriate precinct provisions for environmental management.

Council noted that Blue Sky Meats had submitted a private plan change request to rezone their property from rural to industrial, with specific precinct provisions. The plan change has been accepted for processing under Clause 25 of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Resolution

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

That the Council:

- a) receives the report titled “Public Notification of Plan Change 3”.
- 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) approve Public Notification of Private Plan Change 3.

The meeting concluded at 11.50am.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD OF A
MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 2
APRIL 2025.

DATE:.....

CHAIRPERSON:.....