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# Council

## OPEN MINUTES

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Minutes of a meeting of Council held in the Council Chamber, Level 2, 20 Don Street, Invercargill on Wednesday, 30 April 2025 at 10am. (10am – 11.35am, 12.34pm - 1.04pm)

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### PRESENT

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

### APOLOGIES

Councillor Don Byars

### IN ATTENDANCE

<b>Committee advisor</b>	Fiona Dunlop
<b>Chief executive</b>	Cameron McIntosh

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

Kia tau ngā manaakitanga a te mea ngaro  
ki runga ki tēnā, ki tēnā o tātou  
Kia mahea te hua mākihikihi  
kia toi te kupu, toi te mana, toi te aroha, toi te  
Reo Māori  
kia tūturu, ka whakamaui kia tīna! Tina!  
Hui e, Tāiki e!

Let the strength and life force of our ancestors  
Be with each and every one of us  
Freeing our path from obstruction  
So that our words, spiritual power, love, and  
language are upheld;  
Permanently fixed, established and  
understood!  
Forward together!

## 1 Apologies

There were apologies from Councillor Byars.

### Resolution

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

**That Council accept the apology.**

## 2 Leave of absence

Councillor Keast requested a leave of absence from 31 July 2025 to 12 August 2025.

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

**That Council agrees the leave of absence request.**

## 3 Conflict of Interest

Deputy Mayor Menzies advised that she had a conflict of interest in relation to item 7.1 Around the Mountains Cycle Trail Trust Update. She would take part in discussion and vote on the item.

Councillor O'Brien advised that he had a conflict of interest in relation to item 7.1 Around the Mountains Cycle Trail Trust Update. He would take part in discussion and vote on the item.

## 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 Around the Mountains Cycle Trail Trust Update**

**Record No: R/25/4/17641**

Nicola Wills – Chair of the Trust and Susan Mackenzie - Around the Mountains Cycle Trail Manager was in attendance for this item.

**Resolution**

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

**That the Council:**

- a) receives the report titled “Around the Mountains Cycle Trail Trust Update”.**
- b) thanks the Trust for their update.**

**7.2 Mayor's report**

**Record No: R/25/4/16136**

Mayor Scott spoke to his report.

During discussion on the Mayor's report, Councillor Ruddenklau advised that she had had a successful Creative Communities meeting.

Anne Horrell – chair of the Tuatapere Te Waewae Community Board was in attendance to update on the activities of the Board.

**Resolution**

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

**That the Council:**

- a) receives the report titled “Mayor's report”.**
- b) thank the chair of the Tuatapere Te Waewae Community Board and board members for their work.**

### 7.3 Review of Dog Control Bylaw 2015 and Dog Control Policy 2015

**Record No: R/25/2/8652**

Senior Policy Analyst – Ana Bremer and Group Manager Strategy and Partnerships – Vibhuti Chopra were in attendance for this item.

The purpose of the report was to provide a summary of the review of the Dog Control Policy 2015 and Dog Control Bylaw 2015 and seek approval for public consultation on the Draft Dog Control Policy 2025 and Draft Dog Control Bylaw 2025.

Council noted that there is a requirement to have a dog control policy in accordance with the Dog Control Act 1996. The policy was last updated in 2015 and is due for review.

A pre-engagement survey was undertaken between 20 September and 14 October 2024 which had over 600 responses. Feedback from the survey and community board meetings has been incorporated into the proposed draft policy and draft bylaw presented with the report. Other changes included updating aerial imagery to improve visibility of dog exercise areas.

Public consultation is scheduled to be undertaken from 12 May 2025 to 13 July 2025.

(During discussion, Councillor Wilson left the meeting at 10.52am.)

(During discussion, Councillor Ruddenklau left the meeting at 10.52am.)

(During discussion, Councillor Wilson returned to the meeting at 10.53am.)

(During discussion, Councillor Ruddenklau returned to the meeting at 10.54am.)

#### **Resolution**

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

**That the Council:**

- a) **receives the report titled “Review of Dog Control Bylaw 2015 and Dog Control Policy 2015”.**
- b) **determines that this matter or decision be recognised as 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 the Draft Dog Control Policy 2025 for consultation.**
- e) **approves the Draft Dog Control Bylaw 2025 for consultation.**

## 7.5 Use of Hokonui Hall reserve

**Record No: R/25/4/14383**

Community Partnership Leader – Karen Purdue and Group Manager Community and Customer Wellbeing – Sam Marshall were in attendance for this item.

The purpose of the report was for Council to approve unbudgeted expenditure for a sign to be located near the former Hokonui Hall site and transfer of the remaining Hokonui Hall reserve to Browns Community Centre reserve.

Council noted that in November 2016, the Hokonui Hall committee recommended to Council that the hall be closed as it had no regular users and required significant maintenance.

A public meeting was held on 10 April 2017 with the Hokonui community and ratepayers. The meeting resolved to close the hall and all surplus funds of the hall after disposal be held by Southland District Council to be used for a sign recording the location of Hokonui and the balance remaining transferred to the Browns Hall funds.

Council declared the hall property surplus to requirements at a meeting in June 2019.

The Oreti Community Board at their meeting on 19 August 2024 resolved for *“staff to seek approval from Council for purchase of a sign recording the location of Hokonui and transferring the balance of Hokonui Hall sale proceeds to the Browns Community Centre reserve, subject to the board receiving written clarification from the three remaining members of the hall committee that the meeting on 10 April 2017 took place and that the community endorsed the erection of the sign.”*

Confirmation from the remaining members of the Hokonui Hall Committee was received by Council in November 2024.

During discussions in the chairs report at the Oreti Community Board meeting on 16 December 2024 there was discussion on the cost of the proposed sign for the hall.

The following was resolved at the December meeting:

- a) *Seek written approval by 31 January 2025 from the three remaining members of the Hokonui Hall committee of the current design at its current quote of \$ 8,340 (excl GST) for the sign (including installation).*
- b) *If the three remaining members of the committee do not approve the current design the board recommends to Council that staff obtain 2-3 quotes for different design options for a sign (including installation). We recommend that installation of the sign is completed before 30 June 2025.*

Approval for the design and quote from McGregor concrete for the Hokonui Hall committee was received on 27 January 2025 with final clarification from the Hokonui Hall committee being sought about the outcome of the meeting on 10 April 2017 in regard to the intended use of the funds from the sale of the hall.

The clarification from the remaining hall committee members was received in March 2025.

### **Resolution**

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

#### **That Council:**

- a) **Receives the report titled "Use of Hokonui Hall reserve".**
- 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 \$8,340 (excluding GST) to be funded from the Hokonui Hall reserve towards a sign recording the location of Hokonui.**
- e) **Approves the transfer of the remaining balance of the Hokonui Hall reserve to the Browns Community Centre reserve.**
- f) **Notes the Hokonui Hall reserve is estimated to be \$88,792 after paying for the sign.**

## **7.6 Waikaia speed limit reduction proposal update and next steps**

### **Record No: R/25/4/17836**

Strategic Manager Transport – Hartley Hare, Team Leader Organisational Policy – Chris Rout and Group Manager Capital Delivery and Infrastructure – Fran Mikulicic were in attendance for this item.

The purpose of the report was to provide Council with an update on the response received from the Director of Land Transport for dispensation on the proposed speed limit reduction for Waikaia and seek a decision from Council on the next steps.

Council noted that in April 2024 Council agreed to consult on a proposal from the Ardlussa Community Board to implement speed limit reductions to coincide with anticipated increases in cyclists attributed to the upcoming opening of mountain bike trails in Waikaia Forest, near Waikaia.

When taking steps to initiate consultation in October 2024, staff were informed that the Community Board believed that sufficient public consultation had been undertaken and that further consultation was not necessary.

October 2024 also saw the release of a new speed limits rule which increased the statutory requirements for Councils to implement speed limit changes.

An application was submitted on 28 February 2025 to the Director of Land Transport for the proposed speed limit changes in Waikaia in accordance with the requirements of the new rule and which recognises the Community Board's views on consultation.

Feedback was received from the Director of Land Transport declining the dispensation but willing to consider the proposal if the process set out in the new Setting of Speed Limit Rule 2024 is followed.

Staff advised that in light of the developments that they were seeking Council to reconsider the decision to consult on the Waikaia speed limit reduction proposal to be resubmitted for approval by the Director of Land Transport and then implemented.

Any consultation to be undertaken (including a revised proposal) will be done in accordance with the new Setting of Speed Limits Rule 2024.

### **Resolution**

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

**That the Council:**

- a) **receives the report titled "Waikaia speed limit reduction proposal update and next steps".**
- 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) **requests staff to revise the Waikaia speed limit reduction proposal to meet the new requirements of the Setting of Speed Limits Rule 2024 for consultation.**
- e) **delegates authority to the Chief Executive to approve the revised Waikaia Speed Limit Reduction Proposal for consultation in accordance with the Setting of Speed Limits Rule 2024 and Section 82 of the Local Government Act 2002.**

## **7.7 Waikaia speed limit reduction signs - Unbudgeted expenditure request**

**Record No: R/25/4/17591**

Community Partnership Leader – Kelly Tagg and Group Manager Community and Customer Wellbeing – Sam Marshall were in attendance for this item.

The purpose of the report was to seek approval from Council for unbudgeted expenditure of up to \$10,000 plus GST for the purchase and installation of speed limit reduction signage

at the intersections of Willington Street, Riversdale-Waikaia Road and Piano Flat Road, in anticipation of the speed limit being reduced in this area.

Council noted that the Ardlussa Community Board resolved at its meeting on 9 April 2025 to recommend to Council that unbudgeted expenditure of up to \$10,000 plus GST be approved (to be funded via a locally funded loan) to allow for the installation of new signage in anticipation of the speed limit being reduced around the entrance to the Waikaia village.

#### **Resolution**

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

#### **That the Council:**

- a) receives the report titled "Waikaia speed limit reduction signs - Unbudgeted expenditure request".
- b) determines that this matter or decision be recognized 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 \$10,000 plus GST for the supply and installation of new signage in anticipation of the speed limit being reduced at the intersections of Willington Street, Riversdale-Waikaia Road and Piano Flat Road in Waikaia, to be funded by a 15 year loan to be repaid from the Ardlussa Community Board rate.
- e) notes that this expenditure will be dependent on the decision being received from the Director of Land Transport and that if the speed limit reduction is not approved, then the funding may not be required.

### **7.8 Winton CCTV camera project - unbudgeted expenditure request**

**Record No: R/25/4/17204**

Community Leadership Manager – Jared Cappie and Group Manager Community and Customer Wellbeing – Sam Marshall were in attendance for this item.

The purpose of the report was to seek approval for unbudgeted expenditure of up to \$65,000 (excluding GST) from the Winton Property Sales Reserve to cover the costs of works, hardware and installation of up to six CCTV Cameras and the necessary supporting systems.

Council noted that at the 14 April 2025 Oreti Community Board meeting, staff presented additional information to the Winton CCTV project scope and costings report that had been laid on the table from the 17 February 2025 meeting.



The Board resolved to:

*d) agrees to approve the high level scope and specifications (as detailed in attachment F of the officer's report) for the Winton CCTV camera project. This approval includes the necessary works, hardware, and installation of the CCTV cameras and supporting systems.*

*e) the board recommends that Council approve an unbudgeted expenditure of up to \$65,000 (excluding GST) from the Winton Property Sales Reserve to cover the costs of works, hardware, and installation of up to six CCTV cameras and the necessary supporting systems.*

*f) the board approves a three stage approach to the tender process and note that staff will request that the suppliers price each stage separately. The preferred solution obtained through the tender process will be presented to the board for feedback and further decision regarding next steps before any contract will be awarded.*

Council considered the request and approved the request of unbudgeted expenditure of up to \$65,000 (excluding GST) from the Winton Property Sales Reserve to cover the costs of works, hardware and installation of up to six CCTV Cameras and the necessary supporting systems.

### **Resolution**

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

**That the Council:**

- a) receives the report titled "Winton CCTV camera project - unbudgeted expenditure request"
- 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 \$65,000 (excluding GST) from the Winton Property Sales Reserve to cover the costs of works, hardware and installation of up to six CCTV Cameras and the necessary supporting systems.

(The meeting adjourned at 11.35am and reconvened 12.34pm.)

**7.4 2024 Rule Speed Limits Rule - Required Speed Limit Amendments - Report laid on the table from 2 April 2025 Meeting**

**Record No: R/25/4/15003**

Team Leader, Organisational Policy – Chris Rout, Strategic Manager Transport – Hartley Hare and Group Manager Infrastructure and Capital Delivery – Fran Mikulicic were in attendance for this item.

New Zealand Transport Agency Acting Director of Regional Relationships – Ian Duncan was present via video link.

At the Council meeting on 2 April 2025, Council considered the 2024 Rule Speed Limits Rule - Required Speed Limit Amendments report that identified concerns with the decision to set the new speed limits.

The concerns centred around:

- reduced safety versus economic benefit
- requirements not reflecting nuance and knowledge of local roads, such as short streets, and other road factors
- ignored community sentiment for the original speed limits
- places a further unfunded mandate on Council to implement frequent changes
- directive from central government undermining the principle of local decision making

Following discussion at the 2 April 2025 meeting Council laid the report on the table and resolved that invitation be provided to NZTA to address the concerns raised by Council and understand the motivations for Council to adhere to these requirements.

Mr Duncan advised that as a regional controlling authority, NZTA was bound by the new national rule, which left no room for flexibility.

Councillors expressed their frustration and would reluctantly approve the directive to change speed limits.

**Moved Mayor Scott, seconded Councillor Boparai recommendations a to k of the officer's report and a new l as follows:**

**New l) That Council agree that Mayor Scott writes to the Minister of Transport to express the Council's frustration on having to agree to a rule which is not fit for purpose and of an extra expense to Council having to comply.**

**Recommendations a to d were put and declared CARRIED.**

Councillors Frazer, Ruddenklau and Wilson requested that their dissenting votes be recorded.

**Recommendation e was put and declared CARRIED.**

**Recommendation f was put and declared CARRIED.**

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

**Recommendation g was put and declared CARRIED.**

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

**Recommendation h was put and declared CARRIED.**

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

**Recommendation i was put and declared CARRIED.**

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

**Recommendation j was put and declared CARRIED.**

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

**Recommendation k was put and declared CARRIED.**

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

**New recommendation k was put and declared CARRIED.**

**Recommendation**

**That the Council:**

- a) receives the report titled "2024 Rule Speed Limits Rule - Required Speed Limit Amendments - Report laid on the table from 2 April 2025 Meeting".
- b) receives the report titled "2024 Rule Speed Limits Rule - Required Speed Limit Amendments - Report laid on the table from 2 April 2025 Meeting" presented to Council at its meeting on 02 April 2025.
- c) determines that this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of Section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002.
- d) 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.
- e) acknowledges the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2024 requires it to change speed limits on specified roads with speed limit changes implemented since 1 January 2020.
- f) agrees to change the following permanent speed limits as previously proposed on 2 April 2025:

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- i) at Central Southland College, on Mackenzie Street and Grange Street, from 30km/h to a 30/50km/h variable speed limit;
  - ii) at St Thomas Aquinas School, on Church Street, from 30km/h to a 30/50km/h variable speed limit;
  - iii) at Heddon Bush Primary School, on Hall Road and Shaws Trees Road, from 60km/h to a 60/100km/h variable speed limit;
  - iv) at Limehills Primary School, on Derby Road and Pisa Road, from 30km/h to a 30/50km/h variable speed limit;
  - v) at Menzies College and Wyndham Primary, on Florence Street, Alma Street, and Raglan Street, from 30km/h to a 30/50km/h variable speed limit;
  - vi) at Mossburn Primary School, on Surrey Street, from 30km/h to a 30/50km/h variable speed limit;
  - vii) at Northern Southland College and Lumsden Primary, on Maria Street, from 30km/h to a 30/50km/h variable speed limit;
  - viii) at Otautau Primary School, on Macandrew Street, from 30km/h to a 30/50km/h variable speed limit;
  - ix) at Riversdale Primary School, on Kent Street, Hull Street, and Rutland Street, from 30km/h to a 30/50km/h variable speed limit;
  - x) at Thornbury Primary School, on Muriel Street and Murchie Street, from 30km/h to a 30/50km/h variable speed limit;
  - xi) at Tokanui Primary School, on Duncan Street, from 30km/h to a 30/50km/h variable speed limit;
  - xii) at Tuturau Primary School, on Shanks Road, from 30km/h to a 30/100km/h variable speed limit;
  - xiii) at Waikaia Primary School, on Leamington Street, from 30km/h to a 30/50km/h variable speed limit;
  - xiv) at Aparima College and Riverton Primary School, on Leader Street, Princess Street to 100m southeast of Ngarimu Street, Napier Street, and Ngarimu Street, from 30km/h to a 30/50km/h variable speed limit;
  - xv) In Riverton, on Princess Street from 100m southeast of Ngarimu Street, Carrol Street, and Pomare Street, from 30km/h to a 50km/h permanent speed limit.
- g) agrees to change the following permanent speed limit as amended from the speed limit proposed on 2 April 2025:

- i) at Hillside Primary School, on McCaughan Street, from 30km/h to a 30/60km/h variable speed limit;
- h) agrees to change the following additional permanent speed limits:
  - i) at Central Southland College, on Dunmore Place, Hilary Street and Home Street, from 30km/h to a 50km/h permanent speed limit;
  - ii) at Hillside Primary School, on Off McCaughan Street to Fire Station, from 30km/h to a 30/60km/h variable speed limit;
  - iii) at Mossburn Primary School, on Kent Street and Cornwall Street, from 30km/h to a 50km/h permanent speed limit;
  - iv) at Northern Southland College and Lumsden Primary, on Folia Street, Helena Street, and Pluto Road, from 30km/h to a 50km/h permanent speed limit;
  - v) at Thornbury Primary School, on Broderick Street, from 30km/h to a 30/50km/h variable speed limit;
- i) resolves that the speed limit changes will come into force in alignment with installation of updated signage between 1 May 2025 and 1 July 2025.
- j) approves unbudgeted expenditure of \$50,000 for speed signs to implement speed limit changes. To be funded \$27,500 from New Zealand Transport Agency, through an application for additional funds; and \$22,500 from the roading rates reserve.
- k) agrees that for each new variable speed limit listed in resolutions f), g), and h) (above) delegates authority to the chief executive to
  - i) approve the hours of operation within the limitations set out under the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2024 and taking into consideration feedback provided by local schools"; and
  - ii) make any further minor adjustments to these changes due to any practical site constraints.

**New l) Agree that Mayor Scott writes to the Minister of Transport to express the Councils frustration on having to agree to a rule which is not fit for purpose and of an extra expense to Council having to comply.**

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 1.04pm.

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

**DATE:**.....

**CHAIRPERSON:**.....