



Council

OPEN MINUTES

(UNCONFIRMED)

Minutes of a meeting of Council held in the Council Chamber, Level 2, 20 Don Street, Invercargill on Wednesday, 14 May 2025 at 9.30am. (9.30am – 9.57am)

PRESENT

Deputy mayor Councillors

Christine Menzies (Chair)
Jaspreet Boparai
Don Byars
Derek Chamberlain
Paul Duffy
Darren Frazer
Julie Keast
Tom O'Brien (9.35am – 9.57am)
Margie Ruddenklau (9.40am – 9.57am)
Matt Wilson

APOLOGIES

Mayor Rob Scott
Sarah Greaney
Jon Spraggon

IN ATTENDANCE

Committee advisor Rachael Poole

Deputy Mayor Menzies 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 non attendance were received from Mayor Rob Scott, Councillor Greaney and Councillor Spraggon. An apology for lateness was received from Councillor Ruddenklau.

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

That Council accept the apologies.

2 Leave of absence

Councillor Duffy requested a leave of absence from 29 June 2025 to 12 July 2025.
Councillor Wilson requested a leave of absence from 2 August 2025 – 8 August 2025.
Deputy Mayor Menzies requested a leave of absence from 7 August 2025 to 19 August 2025.

Moved Cr Chamberlain, seconded Cr Boparai 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 16 April 2025 and 30 April 2025 as a true and correct record of those meetings.

6 Public Participation

There was no public participation.

Councillor O'Brien arrived at 9.35am.

Reports

7.1 Changes to fees and charges 2025/2026 - submissions and hearings

Record No: R/25/3/14106

Finance development co-ordinator, Nicole Taylor spoke to this report

The purpose of this report was to provide information on the submissions received during consultation on the proposed changes to fees and charges 2025/2026. This report also outlined the submitters who have requested to be heard in support of their submission.

This report does not contain the staff analysis/deliberations report which is scheduled to be considered on 28 May 2025.

A submitter (Federated Farmers) requested clarification on some of the suggested increases and had requested to be heard on this matter and will speak at this meeting. Unfortunately due to illness they were not able to attend the meeting and speak and they apologised for this.

Resolution

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

That the Council:

- a) **receives the report titled "Changes to fees and charges 2025/2026 - submissions and hearings".**
- 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) **receives all written submissions received during the submission period of 4 April 2025 to 3 May 2025.**
- e) **notes the submitter who wishes to be heard on the proposed changes to fees and charges 2025/2026 and accepted their apology for non attendance due to illness.**

During the above report, Councillor Ruddenklau arrived at 9.40am.

The meeting concluded at 9.57am.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD AT A
MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY
14 MAY 2025

DATE:.....

CHAIRPERSON:.....