



Minutes

Southland District Council

Wednesday, 29 October 2025, 10.31am.

Southland District Council Chamber, Level 2, 20 Don Street, Invercargill

PRESENT

Mayor	Rob Scott
Deputy mayor	Christine Menzies
Councillors	Jaspreet Boparai
	Don Byars
	Phil Dobson
	Paul Duffy
	Sarah Greaney
	Julie Keast
	Tom O'Brien
	Brian Somerville
	Jon Spraggon
	Michael Weusten
	Matt Wilson

IN ATTENDANCE

Chief executive	Cameron McIntosh
Committee advisor	Fiona Dunlop

1 Opening

Chief executive – Cameron McIntosh opened the meeting.

2 Apologies

There were no apologies.

3 Welcome

Chief executive – Cameron McIntosh welcomed all present to the inaugural meeting of the Southland District Council for the 2025-2028 triennium.

Reports

4 Declarations of Mayor and Councillors

Record No: R/25/10/51447

Chief executive – Cameron McIntosh called mayor elect Rob Scott forward to make his declaration as Mayor.

I, ROBIN HUGH SCOTT, declare that I will faithfully and impartially, and according to the best of my skill and judgment, execute and perform, in the best interests of Southland District, the powers, authorities, and duties vested in, or imposed upon me as Mayor of the Southland District Council by virtue of the Local Government Act 2002, the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, or any other Act.

Mayor Scott signed his declaration which was witnessed by the chief executive and was then presented with the chains of office from the chief executive.

Mayor Scott assumed the chair and called councillors elect to come forward individually to make their declarations as elected members of the Southland District Council.

I, Jaspreet Boparai, Donald James Byars, Paul Duffy, Sarah Rosemary Greaney, Julie Ann Keast, Christine Mary Menzies, Thomas Anthony Desmond O'Brien, Brian Robert Somerville, Jon Ross Spraggon, Michael John Weusten and Matthew James Wilson, declare that I will faithfully and impartially, and according to the best of my skill and judgment, execute and perform, in the best interests of Southland District, the powers, authorities, and duties vested in, or imposed upon me as a member of the Southland District Council by virtue of the Local Government Act 2002, the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, or any other Act.

Kei te whakapuaki au, ko Philip John Dobson, i taku whai kia pono, kia tōkeke, kia hāngai hoki ki ōku pūkenga me ōku whakaaro pai katoa, taku whakahaere me taku whakatinana, i runga i ngā whāinga tika katoa mō Te Rohe Pōtae o Murihiku, i ngā mana, i ngā haepapa

hoki kua tukuna mai, kua uruhia mai rānei ki a au hei mema mō Te Rohe Pōtae o Murihiku i raro i te mana o te Local Government Act 2002, te Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, me ērā atu Ture e hāngai ana.

5 Explanation of legislation that affects elected members

Record No: R/25/10/51497

Report presented by chief executive, Cameron McIntosh.

To provide elected members with a general explanation of key legislation relevant to their roles, as required by law.

Resolved

Moved Cr Greaney / Cr Dobson

That the Council:

- a) notes the information provided by the chief executive.

Carried

6 Appointment of Deputy Mayor

Record No: R/25/10/51361

Report presented by Mayor, Rob Scott.

The purpose of the report was for Council to note the appointment of the Deputy Mayor.

Resolved

Moved Cr Boparai / Cr Duffy

That the Council:

- a) notes the Mayor's appointment of Councillor Christine Menzies as Deputy Mayor of Southland District Council for the 2025-2028 triennium.

Carried

7 Appointment of councillors to community boards

Record No: R/25/10/51856

Mayor Scott spoke to the report.

The purpose of the report was for Council to appoint councillors to the nine community boards following the 2025 local body elections.

Resolved

Moved Cr Menzies / Cr Keast

That the Council:

- a) notes the information contained in the report.
- b) appoints the following councillors to the community boards in the District:
 - Councillor Matt Wilson to the Ardlussa Community Board
 - Councillor Sarah Greaney to the Fiordland Community Board
 - Councillor Tom O'Brien to the Northern Community Board
 - Councillor Michael Weusten to the Ōraka Aparima Community Board
 - Councillor Brian Somerville to the Ōreti Community Board
 - Councillor Jon Spraggon to the Stewart Island/Rakiura Community Board
 - Councillor Don Byars to the Tuatapere Te Waewae Community Board
 - Councillor Julie Keast to the Waihōpai Toetoe Community Board
 - Councillor Jaspreet Boparai to the Wallace Takitimu Community Board.

Carried

8 Council's Standing Orders and Code of Conduct

Record No: R/25/10/51941

Report presented by general manager strategy and partnerships – Vibhuti Chopra.

The purpose of the report was to provide information about Council's current Standing Orders and Code of Conduct and possible legislation changes and seeks Council decision regarding these.

Resolved

Moved Cr Spraggon / Cr Greaney

That the Council:

- a) notes the information contained in the report.
- b) notes that the matter in this report is assessed as being administrative based on Southland District Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.
- 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) agrees that the current Standing Orders and Code of Conduct will apply to the 2025-2028 triennium, until changes are made by central government.

Carried

9 Date of first ordinary meeting

Record No: R/25/10/51852

Mayor Scott spoke to the report.

The report sets the time and date for the first Council meeting of the 2025-2028 triennium.

Resolved

Moved Cr Somerville / Cr Dobson

That the Council:

- a) resolves that the first ordinary meeting of Southland District Council for the 2025-2028 triennium be held at **10am on Wednesday 12 November 2025 at a venue to be advised in Te Anau with a backup venue of the Council Chamber in Invercargill.**

Carried

The meeting closed at 11.14am.

Confirmed on: Wednesday 12 October 2025

Signed:

