



Minutes

Southland District Council

Wednesday, 10 December 2025, 10.01am
Council Chamber, Level 2, 20 Don Street, Invercargill

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

Councillor Jaspreet Boparai
Councillor Phil Dobson

IN ATTENDANCE

Committee advisor	Fiona Dunlop
Chief executive	Cameron McIntosh

1 Opening

The Mayor opened the meeting with a karakia.

Adjournment of meeting

Mayor Scott advised that he would be adjourning the meeting to reconvene at the conclusion of the Finance and Assurance Committee meeting.

Moved Mayor Scott/Cr Menzies

That Council adjourn to reconvene at the conclusion of the Finance and Assurance Committee meeting.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 10.02am and reconvened at 1.35pm.

Councillor Greaney joined the meeting at 1.35pm.

2 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors Boparai and Dobson.

Resolved

Moved Cr Menzies/Cr Spraggon

That Council accept the apologies.

Carried

3 Leave of absence

Recommendation

There were no requests for leave of absence.

4 Conflict of interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

5 Additional agenda items

There were no additional agenda items.

6 Confirmation of minutes

Resolved

Moved Cr Spraggon/Cr Somerville

That the Council confirms the minutes of the meeting held on 26 November 2025 as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Carried

7 Public participation

Carlyn Stewart and Natalie McRae representing the West Catlins Preservation Society addressed the meeting regarding the Southland Windfarm.

Reports

8.1 Private plan change 3 - Blue Sky Meats - approval

Record No: R/25/12/58024

Report presented by graduate environmental planner - policy, Elise Provis, strategic planning and policy manager, Gavin McCullagh and GM strategy and partnerships Vibhuti Chopra. Council's external planner Jo Skuse was present via video link.

The purpose of the report was to present to Council the recommendation of the Independent Hearing Commissioner on Private Plan Change 3 to the Southland District Plan.

Plan Change 3 sought to rezone approximately 46 hectares of land at 729 Woodlands Morton Mains Road from Rural to Industrial with Blue Sky Meats Precinct provisions.

Resolved

Moved Cr Duffy/Cr Somerville

That Council:

- a) notes the information contained in the report.
- b) notes that the matter or decision in this report is assessed as significant based on Council's Significance and Engagement Policy. On this basis the plan change has been through the Resource Management Act 1991 Schedule 1 plan change process and will be notified and open for a further appeal period after Council has made its decision at this meeting.

- 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 the recommendation report of Independent Hearing Commissioner Peter Constantine dated 20 November 2025.
- e) accepts the recommendation of the Independent Hearing Commissioner pursuant to Clause 10 of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991, and approves Plan Change 3 with modifications as set out in the Commissioner's report.
- f) notes that the decision will be publicly notified under Clauses 10 and 11 of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991, with a 30 working day appeal period.

Carried

Councillor O'Brien requested that his dissenting vote be recorded.

8.2 Revised Charter of Understanding

Record No: R/25/12/57945

Reported presented by GM strategy and partnerships – Vibhuti Chopra.

The purpose of the report was to apprise Council of the review of the Charter of Understanding | He Huarahi mō Ngā Uri Whakatupu and the changes made therein, prior to the signing of the Charter.

Resolved

Moved Cr O'Brien/Cr Menzies

That the Council:

- a) notes the information contained in the report.
- b) requests that the charter be reviews within 12 months.

Carried

Staff recommendations were moved with changes as indicated.

8.3 Management report October 2025

Record No: R/25/11/55755

Report presented by chief executive, Cameron McIntosh.

Manager resource consent processing Elizabeth Hovell, team leader monitoring and compliance Dave Blanks, programme delivery manager Dave Connell, strategic manager transport Hartley Hare, GM customer and community wellbeing Sam Marshall, community facilities manager Mark Day and GM strategy and partnerships Vibhuti Chopra spoke to their parts of the management report.

The purpose of the report was for the chief executive and staff to provide an update on recent staff activity across Council.

(During discussion, Councillor Byars left the meeting at 2.43pm and returned at 2.45pm.)

Resolved

Moved Mayor Scott/Cr Menzies

That the Council:

- a) notes the information contained in the report.

Carried

The meeting closed at 2.59pm.

Confirmed on:

Signed: