

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD
FOLLOWING THE FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE
MEETING AT 1.05PM ON WEDNESDAY 25 JULY 2007 IN
MEMORIAL HALL SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE,
KAIKOURA.**

PRESENT: Mayor K Heays (Chair), Councillors B Woods, J Diver, M McChesney, J Macphail, S Thomas, M Pablecheque, B Seddon.

IN ATTENDANCE: S Grant (Chief Executive Officer), L Copping (Executive Officer)

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Council 20/06/2007

Moved by Councillor Seddon, seconded by Councillor Macphail and resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 20 June 2007 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Annual Plan Hearing 25/06/2007

Moved by Councillor Seddon, seconded by Councillor McChesney and resolved that the minutes of the Annual Plan Hearing held on 25 June 2007 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Special Council to Adopt Annual Plan 29/06/2007

Moved by Councillor McChesney, seconded by Councillor Woods and resolved that the minutes of the Special Council meeting to adopt the Annual Plan held on 29 June 2007 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

2. ADOPTION OF REPORTS

a. Works & Services Committee 20/06/2007

Moved by Councillor Pablecheque, seconded by Councillor Seddon and resolved that the report of the Works & Services Committee meeting held on 20 June 2007 be adopted.

b. Environmental Services Committee 20/06/2007

Moved by Councillor Woods, seconded by Councillor Macphail and resolved that the report of the Environmental Services Committee meeting held on 20 June 2007 be adopted.

c. Finance & Policy Committee 20/06/2007

Moved by Councillor Thomas, seconded by Councillor McChesney and resolved that the report of the Finance & Policy Committee meeting held on 20 June 2007 be adopted.

d. Social Services Committee 04/07/2007

Moved by McChesney, seconded by Mayor Heays and resolved that the report of the Social Services Committee meeting held on 04 July 2007 be adopted.

3. MINUTES TO BE RECEIVED

Hearings & Applications Committee 05/06/2007

Moved by Councillor Pablecheque, seconded by Councillor McChesney and resolved that the minutes of the Hearings & Applications Committee meeting held on 05 June 2007 be received.

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12 noon and re-adjourned at 1.00pm.

4. MINUTES ACTION LIST UPDATE

Bundling at Slipway (Old Wharf area)

The Chief Executive Officer advised feedback had been sought from Department of Conservation. A response had not been received to date.

Councillor Macphail advised he had recently inspected the fishermen's lockers and blockhouse as the lessees had advised they had issues with parking and access to the site.

The Chief Executive Officer advised he was aware of the issue from the Lessee's perspective and Council's Engineering Technical Support Officer was working on the matter along with Department of Conservation.. The area involved contained historical concrete and Department of Conservation were consulting with experts as to how to fix it as opposed to just pouring new concrete as the area was of both archaeological and historical significance.

Kiwa Road Toilet

The Chief Executive Officer advised Council's Environmental Development Officer had visited the site with engineers and had had discussions with Environment Canterbury in terms of hazard zones. He advised a site visit with Councillors had also been held and Council could expect a report at the August meeting detailing costings and the type of toilet to be used.

5. RECOMMENDATION FROM TOURISM & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Mayor Heays advised M Mansbridge had requested to speak at the July Tourism & Development Committee meeting regarding a Sister City relationship with Lahaina, Hawaii. A lot of historical information had been provided and the Tourism & Development committee had recommended that Council pursue a Sister City relationship with Lahaina.

Mayor Heays sought support for an investigation into Sister City relationships in general rather than a specific town at this stage.

Moved by Councillor Pablecheque, seconded by Councillor Woods and resolved that Council receive the recommendation from the Tourism & Development Committee and request a report be prepared on the benefits of a Sister City relationship, per say, and that a report on the background of a relationship with Lahaina be included.

Discussion

Councillor Seddon advised this matter had been bought up many years ago when Mrs Mansbridge was on Council. He advised he was not eager for ratepayers money to go into a Sister City relationship as he believed the return would be very marginal. Councillor McChesney disagreed, advising she believed the return would be reciprocal, especially since Lahaina was a whale watching town.

6. REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE – SEAFEST 2007

Councillor Macphail declared an interest and took no part in discussions.

Moved by Councillor Woods, seconded by Councillor Thomas and resolved that under the transport (Vehicular Traffic Road Closure) Regulations 1965 the Council agree to close Killarney St and Torquay St from the Post Office cutting from 7.30 am to 5.30pm on Saturday 6 October 2007 for the purposes of Seafest.

7. 2007 TRIENNIAL ELECTIONS

Early processing of votes

A recommendation was included in the agenda In order to enable early processing of votes, and to speed the release of the preliminary result on Election Day.

Moved by Councillor Seddon, seconded by Councillor McChesney and resolved that pursuant to Clause 79 of the Local Electoral Act 2001, early processing of votes be undertaken for the 2007 Triennial Election during the period of voting.

Order of Candidate Names

Three options were presented to Council in terms of the order candidates names were to be presented on voting papers. The three options were:

- 1) Alphabetical Order
- 2) Pseudo-Random Order
- 3) Random Order

Moved by Councillor Woods, seconded by Councillor McChesney that candidates names be listed on 2007 voting papers in alphabetical order.

Against: ***Councillor Macphail***
 Councillor Seddon
 Councillor Pablecheque
 Mayor Heays

The motion was put and lost.

Moved by Councillor Macphail, seconded by Councillor Pablecheque that candidates names be listed on 2007 voting papers in pseudo-random order.

The motion was put and carried.

8. MARLBOROUGH REGIONAL FORESTRY MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Woods, seconded by Councillor Pablecheque and resolved that the Marlborough Regional Forestry Committee minutes of 18 June 2007 be received.

9. COMMITTEE UPDATES

Mayfair Theatre

Councillor McChesney advised the Mayfair Theatre were both relieved and thrilled to receive funding support from Council.

Innovative Waste Kaikoura

Councillor Pablecheque advised the food scrap collection was going very well.

Hearings & Applications

Councillor Diver advised there were two notified hearings coming up.

Local Government New Zealand Annual Conference

Councillor Woods advised the LGNZ Annual Conference had been very worthwhile attending and encouraged Councillors to take the opportunity up if given the opportunity. It was noted Kaikoura's environmental advice and input was being sought increasingly from other districts and regions.

Tourism & Development Committee

Mayor Heays advised the Tourism & Development Committee had recently supported a new cycle race called the Kekerengu Moa Hunt which was scheduled to be held in November.

Visit to Kate Valley

Councillor Seddon advised the recent visit to Kate Valley Landfill had been a very rewarding trip. He believed it was one of the best landfills in the world, especially the way it was managed. Councillor Seddon suggested Council may need to have a change in philosophy with its landfill and believed it was important that Council make moves to join Kate Valley in order to get the benefits down the line. He believed Council should investigate the costs and ins and outs of joining. The Chief Executive Officer advised it would be a matter of officially opening up correspondence on the process of joining which could be undertaken at any time. Councillor Pablecheque concurred that Council investigate joining Kate Valley.

10. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Heays suggested in order to avoid wasting time on Council days where Councillors may not always be fully informed on matters on the

agenda, that Council meet informally between receiving the agenda and the actual meeting to seek information and to collectively clarify points on the agenda.

Councillors felt in general the onus was on the individual elected member to have the relevant facts and figures on the day of the meeting.

Mayor Heays advised the Chief Executive Officer and himself were both available on Monday afternoons prior to Council meeting should anyone require enlightening prior to the meeting.

Moved by Councillor Pablecheque, seconded by Councillor Woods and resolved that the Mayor's Report be received.

Moved by Councillor Pablecheque, seconded by Councillor Seddon that Council move into public excluded.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 3.40pm.