

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 9.00AM ON WEDNESDAY 15 APRIL 2015 AT MEMORIAL HALL SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA.

PRESENT: Mayor W Gray (Chair), Councillors T Blunt, J Diver, J Howden, C Mackle, D Millton, D Morgan.

IN ATTENDANCE: S Grant (Chief Executive Officer), S Syme (Committee Secretary).

APOLOGIES: Councillor G Harmon.
Moved by Councillor Diver, seconded by Councillor Howden and resolved that apologies be accepted.

1. OPEN FORUM

No members of the public wished to present in the open forum.

The meeting adjourned at 9.02am and resumed at 11.36am.

2. MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE TO BE RAISED AS URGENT BUSINESS

1. Civic building reporting from Project Manager (Councillor Morgan)
2. Civic building project (Councillor Millton)
3. Postmans Track (Councillor Blunt)

3. DOG CONTROL POLICY AND BYLAW

The Draft Dog Control Policy and Bylaw had been approved for public consultation on 19 November 2015. The documents had been notified but no submissions had been received. Some minor errors had been noted and corrected.

Moved by Councillor Howden, seconded by Councillor Millton and resolved that Council;

- 1. Adopt the Dog Control Policy***
- 2. Adopt the Dog Control Bylaw 2015 effective from 1 July 2015.***

3. HERITAGE NEW ZEALAND POUHERE TOANGA DRAFT STATUTORY POLICIES

Heritage New Zealand was preparing five general statements of Policy. It was noted the Policy did not change what the Act stated but would provide a strategic direction regarding how Heritage New Zealand would deal with its responsibilities. A joint submission had been put together by the Canterbury Council's Regional Policy and Strategy Group. The District Planner advised the submission had been reviewed and had been endorsed by staff as it was consistent with the direction of Council to create an environmentally and socially sustainable community.

Moved by Mayor Gray, seconded by Councillor Howden and resolved that Council;

- 1. Receive the information contained in the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Draft Statutory Policies report.***
- 2. Endorse the Combined Canterbury Council's Submission on the draft Statutory Policies.***

4. COMMITTEE UPDATES

Marlborough Regional Forestry Joint Venture

Councillor Diver advised the next meeting of the Committee would take place on 24 October. He advised yield was still high and money was still being received. It was noted funds would be received for the next six year but then there would be no funds for a number of years following that.

George Low Fund

Councillor Diver advised the George Low Committee had recently considered applications for funding and had allocated funding to a number of groups including the Kekerengu Community Centre for its tennis Court. The total amount of funding available for allocation was \$4,000 and the full amount had been allocated.

Kaikoura Information and Tourism

Seafest organisation was going well. Ways to enhance and create a better atmosphere were being investigated.

Regional Transport Committee

Councillor Millton advised the Regional Transport Strategy had been completed. Items which affected Kaikoura in the Strategy were widening of the Hurunui Bridge and the traffic through the town. He felt there was a need to push harder regarding issues like the lack of passing bays in the Hundalees. He advised there were safety issues associated with the road between Parnassus and Seddon and volunteers were picking the carnage up off the roads. It was felt per capita Kaikoura was affected more than any other district in the region.

Committee Representation

A discussion was held regarding representation on the Mayfair Theatre Committee and the Community Development Committee.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Gray advised he had been out to Kiwa Road over the Easter break and there had been approximately 70 to 100 vehicles staying in the area. The area was a mess and a report would be put to Council at the next meeting. He felt Council either needed to fence the area or control it. It was noted the ownership along the road needed to be addressed.

Mayor Gray advised each of the Water Zone Committee's would have a supporting staff team. Hurunui /Waiiau and Kaikoura would be the first to have a team. It was noted the team would not reside in Kaikoura. The team initiative was a pilot in the two Zones.

6. PUBLIC FORUM

Diane Rossiter – Damage caused on Foreshore by Cyclone

D Rossiter wished to know who was responsible for the erosion problem along the Esplanade. She advised there was a possibility of the road being eroded away once the Pohutakawa trees were gone. She felt Council needed to consider putting in place a long term plan to deal with the erosion rather than temporary repairs.

Mayor Gray advised the item was included in the Long Term Plan consultation document regarding looking at how to deal with the issue. The Chief Executive Officer advised Council currently only had consent to replenish the Beach. It was noted because the area affected was large and the cost to construct would be expensive as would the cost of resource consent.

Kathie Roberts – Eco burials

K Roberts referred to an excerpt from a statement from Mark Blackham the Director of Natural Burials in Wellington. Eco burials were in a shallow grave in a shroud or a casket made of untreated wood. The body was un-embalmed and a native tree was planted on the site. Natural burials were arguably a better solution for body disposal than embalming and deep burials in MDF caskets which polluted the soil and also cremation which polluted the air and used large quantities of energy. K Roberts did not believe there would be any heavy maintenance cost associated with such an area with only an access pathway required.

K Roberts advised several people in Kaikoura had shown an interest in Eco Burials and she enquired as to what progress had been made since the previous report had been put to Council. She enquired if the survey had been undertaken and whether or not a plan had been drawn up which people could view. She also enquired how the original cost estimate of \$17,000 had been derived.

Mayor Gray advised he intended to raise the matter with the Operations and Maintenance Manager. It was noted the stage 1 survey had been undertaken.

The item would be included on the next agenda along with reports which had been put to Council previously.

7. YOUTH COUNCIL

S Beardmore, Community Facilitator, was in attendance to present this item. Youth Council Chairperson, Monique Callow-Hocken had apologised she was unable to attend the meeting.

S Beardmore tabled a report regarding Youth Council activities. Youth Council now had 11 members and was hoping to have 15 at the next meeting.

Youth Council was keen to support the Love the Lyell Group either with planting, community consultation or an interviewing project recording older resident's memories of Lyell Creek.

As part of Youth Week the Group hoped to run an amazing race/scavenger hunt type event. It was noted planning was still in progress.

8. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Council 18/03/2015

Moved by Mayor Gray, seconded by Councillor Harmon and resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 18 March 2015 be confirmed as a true and accurate record subject to the following changes;

- ***Add to the list on the bottom of page 67 “danger to walkers from legal and illegal hunting”***
- ***Add to paragraph 5 on page 68 at the end of the first sentence “... and also a serious risk from legal and illegal hunting.”***
- ***Change the second sentence of paragraph 5 on page 68 to read “He also advised he had spoken with the Walking Access Commission who had advised they could provide some signage and some markers but Council would need to provide funding and additional markers.”***
- ***Add to the bottom of paragraph 6 on page 68 “...and lambing.”***

Mayor Gray would seek clarification on the recording of the result following a call for a division.

9. ADOPTION OF REPORTS

Environmental Services Committee 18/03/2015

Moved by Councillor Diver, seconded by Councillor Millton and resolved that the report of the Environmental Services Committee meeting held on 18 March 2015 be adopted.

Finance & Policy Committee 18/03/2015

Moved by Councillor Howden, seconded by Mayor Gray and resolved that the report of the Finance & Policy Committee meeting held on 18 March 2015 be adopted.

10. MINUTES TO BE RECEIVED

Hearings and Applications Committee 16/12/2014

Moved by Councillor Diver, seconded by Councillor Mackle and resolved that the minutes of the Hearings and Applications Committee meeting held on 16 December 2014 be received.

Hearings and Applications Committee 04/11/2014

Moved by Councillor Diver, seconded by Councillor Mackle and resolved that the minutes of the Hearings and Applications Committee meeting held on 04 November 2014 be received.

Hearings and Applications Committee 15/10/2014

Moved by Councillor Diver, seconded by Councillor Mackle and resolved that the minutes of the Hearings and Applications Committee meeting held on 15 October 2014 be received.

Kaikoura Zone Water Committee 25/02/2015

Moved by Mayor Gray, seconded by Councillor Diver and resolved that the minutes of the Kaikoura Zone Water Committee meeting held on 25 February 2015 be received.

11. URGENT BUSINESS

1. Civic Building reporting from Project Manager

Councillor Morgan noted there was no written report from the Project Manager on the agenda and she wondered why reporting had stopped. She had expected a report given there had been some issues with the roof. Councillor Blunt enquired whose job it was to make sure Council received a report. The Chief Executive Officer advised he requested a report every month.

2. Civic Building Project

Councillor Millton advised the building had been delayed and if there were issues Council needed to know about the issues. He felt there were some areas Council needed to monitor so that if there were issues it was ahead of the game. How items were reported to ratepayers was very important. The Sub-Committee was pre-empting the building would go over the budgeted amount and as a result the Committee would report back to Council.

3. Postmans Track

It was noted children from Lynton Downs School had been walking a number of tracks and the only people they had seen were two illegal hunters. The question was asked as to why another track was needed when there were a lot of tracks already. Mayor Gray advised the track had history and fantastic views.

12. COUNCIL PUBLIC EXCLUDED SESSION

Moved by Mayor Gray seconded by Councillor Diver and resolved that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting namely;

- a. Confirmation of Minutes of Council Public Excluded meeting on 18/03/2015*
- b. Sale of Pynes Building*
- c. Civic Building*

There being no further business the meeting closed at 3.34pm.