

# **MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 12.03PM ON WEDNESDAY 21 DECEMBER 2016 AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 96 WEST END, KAIKOURA.**

**PRESENT:** Mayor W Gray (Chair), Councillors L Bond, T Blunt, C Harnett, J Howden, C Mackle, D Millton, N Pablecheque.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** A Oosthuizen (Chief Executive Officer), J Parfitt (Advisor to CEO), B Taylor (Committee Secretary).

## **1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Council 07/12/2016**

***Moved by Mayor Gray, seconded by Councillor Howden and resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 7 December 2016 be confirmed a true and accurate record subject to Councillor Millton being noted as being opposed to the recording of votes, and that the Liquor Licensing Committee had been delegated with Councillor Pablecheque as chairperson and Councillor Mackle as deputy. Unanimous.***

## **2. OPEN FORUM**

R Hogan thanked Council for the decision to record votes. He felt it was better to have the open forum before the confirmation of minutes.

## **3. FINANCE REPORT**

The Government had written off Council's \$2 million debt which it had incurred due to funding the shortfall for the Kaikoura Health Care Facility, Te Ha O Te Ora.

Both the Ministry of Civil Defence & Emergency Management, and also the Local Authority Protection Programme had already paid \$1 million each out in advance to Council to help streamline the claims processes and alleviate pressure on cash flow. The future expenses as a result of the Earthquake could only be quantified by a 'best guess' scenario currently.

The Operations and Maintenance Manager would look at the roading programme and identify time periods for projects. Council would then liaise with New Zealand Transport Agency about the specific needs and repairs required within the District. Earthquake expenses were not really visible in the financial report and they were expected to come in soon and rapidly.

All capital projects not already completed were now on hold or cancelled in lieu of restoration and replacement of vital water, sewer and roading infrastructure following the earthquake.

#### **4. INSURANCE REPORT**

At the time of the Earthquake Council had 100% insurance cover for material damage (physical loss or damage to property belonging to Council or for which it is legally responsible) and also 100% cover for business interruption insurance. The material damage policies were due for renewal 30 November 2016. This made reinsuring insurance from the following year problematic but it had been achieved. There had been no change in the wording of the coverage of the 2015/2016 material damage and business interruption policies but the premiums were more than three times higher.

***Moved by Mayor Gray, seconded by Councillor Howden and resolved that Council receive the Insurance Report. Unanimous***

#### **5. COUNCIL PUBLIC EXCLUDED SESSION**

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

***a. Civic Centre Building Report***

***There being no further business the meeting closed 12.53pm***