

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 9.06AM ON
WEDNESDAY 15 JULY 2015 AT MEMORIAL HALL SUPPER ROOM,
ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA.**

PRESENT: Mayor W Gray (Chair), Councillors T Blunt, J Diver, G Harmon, D Millton, D Morgan.

IN ATTENDANCE: G Essenberg (Acting Chief Executive Officer), S Syme (Committee Secretary).

APOLOGIES: Councillors J Howden, C Mackle.
Moved by Councillor Harmon, seconded by Councillor Millton and resolved that apologies be accepted.

1. OPEN FORUM

R Hogan – Item 4 Environmental Services Public Consultation on New Zealand’s Climate Change Targets.

R Hogan wished to offer his support to the submission lodged and requested Council accept and approve it retroactively. He advised the submission challenged a number of omissions and assumptions in the Government’s plan.

He advised the overwhelming majority of climate scientists agreed that to avoid catastrophic effects from climate change it was absolutely essential to reduce emissions 40% below 1990 levels by 2030. This was considered a conservative target. The European Union along with a number of countries had accepted this. While New Zealand only contributed .2% of world emission it had one of the highest rates per capita.

R Hogan advised in spite of Central Government’s inadequacies in its approach to climate change it was important Kaikoura District Council concerns were carried forward as the Paris Climate Change Conference was approached in December. He advised he was glad to see many of the real issues addressed in the submission and hoped Council would approve it unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9.09am and resumed at 10.34am.

2. MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE TO BE RAISED AS URGENT BUSINESS

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| 1. Civic Centre Building Project | (Councillor Millton) |
| 2. Long Term Plan Rates | (Councillor Blunt) |

3. JOINT COMMITTEE AGREEMENT

The Local Government Act 2002 (Amendment Act) 2014 introduced a new legislative requirement in relation to joint committees. An

agreement was required to be entered into between Kaikoura District Council and Environment Canterbury by 8 August so the Kaikoura Zone Water Committee was not deemed to be discharged.

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

- 1. Approve the Kaikoura District Council entering into agreements with Environment Canterbury under clause 30A of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002 in relation to the Kaikoura Zone Water Committee based on the existing terms of reference for the Zone Committee.***
- 2. Delegate to the Chief Executive the power to execute agreements under clause 30A Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002 on behalf of the Kaikoura District Council in relation to the Kaikoura Zone Water Committee as above.***

4. PUBLIC FORUM

R Hogan – Cycle /footpath specifications

R Hogan proposed that Council adopt specifications for footpaths and/or cycleways. A document outlining the proposed specifications was tabled. R Hogan advised the first step was to decide whether to combine bikes and pedestrians on routes. When looking at the considerations for a shared path it was felt a shared path along Beach Road and Churchill Street was reasonable. He felt any issues could be overcome by maintaining standards which he had outlined in the tabled document.

R Hogan requested that when the Operations Manager prepared the footpath report for Council that Council requested the specifications be reviewed.

Mayor Gray thanked R Hogan for his work and acknowledged the amount of work he had undertaken on the subject. The Operations Manager advised New Zealand had footpath specification and he would be endeavouring to obtain the best from each frontage and the design would try and optimise the spend of the budget.

A discussion was held regarding the potential opportunity for New Zealand Transport Agency to contribute to the project. R Hogan suggested New Zealand Transport Agency should be approached for funding given the safety issues associated with cycling along the State Highway. It was generally felt the option to allow cyclists to use footpaths should be further investigated and some time should be put into considering the specifications put forward by R Hogan.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Gray advised G Ormsby, General Manager Destination Kaikoura, had just returned from a trip to Singapore and China in conjunction with

Whale Watch Kaikoura. The trip had been very worthwhile and a very good response had been received.

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Council 29/06/2015

Moved by Mayor Gray, seconded by Councillor Harmon and resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 29 June 2015 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

7. ADOPTION OF REPORTS

Works and Services Committee 29/06/2015

Moved by Councillor Harmon, seconded by Councillor Diver and resolved that the report of the Works & Services Committee meeting held on 29 June 2015 be adopted.

Environmental Services Committee 29/06/2015

Moved by Councillor Blunt, seconded by Councillor Morgan and resolved that the report of the Environmental Services Committee meeting held on 29 June 2015 be adopted.

Finance & Policy Committee 29/06/2015

Moved by Councillor Millton, seconded by Mayor Gray and resolved that the report of the Finance & Policy Committee meeting held on 29 June 2015 be adopted.

8. MINUTES TO BE RECEIVED

Kaikoura Zone Water Committee 27/05/2015

Moved by Councillor Blunt, seconded by Mayor Gray and resolved that the minutes of the Kaikoura Zone Water Committee meeting held on 27 May 2015 be received.

9. URGENT BUSINESS

1. Civic Centre Building Project

Councillor Millton noted there was a large project going on and he did not feel that the ratepayers had been well informed. He noted the building was six months behind schedule and the discussions were continually held in public excluded. He felt there was a need to correct the stories and gossip which were circulating around the town. He noted the issue were not all related to the failure of a batch of product in the roof. It was unknown how much it would cost to finish the building and another \$500,000 had been put in the Long Term Plan. He felt there was a need to tell the people who were paying for the building what was going on. Councillor Blunt felt it would be fair to say the cost of the building would be approximately \$5.5million.

A discussion was held regarding when Council had ratified the three story Civic Building. It was thought it had been when M McChesney was a Councillor however this was proven to be incorrect.

Councillor Millton felt the building would be good and there was a need for people to understand the benefits for the town. He felt the museum would be an amazing place for people to visit and access from the main street.

Councillor Millton noted the Prendos report on the building would be available within approximately the next ten days. He felt if Council did not have the report then it did not have the qualifications to say whether the building was either good or bad. Mayor Gray advised he had prepared a media release.

2. Long Term Plan Rates

Councillor Blunt noted an article in the Kaikoura Star regarding rate increases on sample properties matched the Long Term Plan except for the three farm properties. He advised it appeared the roading rate figure had been increased significantly and he felt there may have been an oversight with the treatment of funding within the roading budget. It was suggested Councillor Blunt discuss this matter with the Finance Manager.

10. COUNCIL PUBLIC EXCLUDED SESSION

Moved by Councillor Harmon, seconded by Mayor Gray 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 held on 29/06/2015*
- b. Civic Building Project Subcommittee Update*

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.32pm.