

# MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 9.01AM ON WEDNESDAY 16 MARCH 2016 AT MEMORIAL HALL SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA.

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** A Oosthuizen (Chief Executive Officer), S Syme (Committee Secretary).

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor C Mackle, Councillor D Morgan (lateness)  
***Moved by Councillor Diver, seconded by Councillor Howden and resolved that apologies be accepted.***

## **1. OPEN FORUM**

### **R Hogan – Minutes from February Council Meeting & 2016 Triennial Elections**

R Hogan advised last October and November's minutes were devoid of names attached to discussion. December had a few but February's were again devoid of names put to statements made. He noted whilst standing orders did not require anything more than general reference to a topic it had been the practice of the Council, and felt best practice, to record detail and to record who said what in the minutes. He felt if an elected member knew their name was to be put to their statements they may actually be a little more careful with what they used to persuade. He felt they must be held accountable for what they said as it could affect the outcome of the Council vote. He requested individual positions not be further concealed by giving into a purposeful clouding of the minutes.

In reference to the election item R Hogan suggested Council choose random order for the order of candidates on voting documents as was used in the 2013 elections.

***The meeting adjourned at 9.03am and resumed at 10.30am.***

***Councillor Morgan entered the meeting.***

## **2. SISTER CITY REQUEST**

A request had been received from Consul, Policy and Information (China) to become a sister city with Minhang district in China.

A discussion was held regarding the benefits and costs associated with being a sister city. It was suggested that Kaikoura did not have the capacity to be a Sister City and people would visit whether Kaikoura was a Sister City or not. It was generally felt Council needed to consider whether there were any synergies or economic development opportunities before making a decision. Previous attempts at Sister City relations had not succeeded and it was suggested as part of any investigations that the reason for the failure on previous occasions be looked into.

***Moved by Councillor Harmon, seconded by Councillor Howden that Council consider its approval to develop a Sister City relationship with Minhang subject to the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer further exploring the extent of opportunities that could be offered.***

***Amendment to the motion:***

***Moved by Mayor Gray, seconded by Councillor Diver that the following be removed from the motion “the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer”***

***The amendment was put and carried.***

***Substantive Motion:***

***That Council consider its approval to develop a Sister City relationship with Minhang subject to further exploring the extent of opportunities that could be offered.***

***The motion was put and carried.***

### **3. 2016 TRIENNIAL ELECTIONS**

Included in the agenda was a report containing information about election process and resolutions which were required for the 2016 local body elections.

The pre-election report was a report prepared by the Chief Executive officer and it had to be politically independent.

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

- 1. Receive the 2016 Triennial Election Report.***
- 2. Resolve that candidates' names on the voting paper for the Kaikoura District Council be in random order.***
- 3. Adopt the recommendations of the Office of the Auditor General regarding communications in a pre-election period.***
- 4. The matter and decision be recognised as not significant in terms of s76 of the Local Government Act 2002.***

### **4. MEETING DATES**

The purpose of the item was to confirm upcoming meeting dates.

***Moved by Mayor Gray, seconded by Councillor Diver and resolved that Council schedule the following meetings;***

- 1. The April Council meeting be held on Wednesday 27 April 2016.***
- 2. The Extraordinary Meeting to adopt the draft Annual Plan be held on Wednesday 13 April 2016 at 1pm.***
- 3. The Extraordinary Meeting to hear and deliberate on submissions to the draft Annual Plan be held on Thursday 2 June 2016 and Friday 3 June 2016 if the second day was required.***
- 4. The Extraordinary Meeting to adopt the Annual Plan be held on Wednesday 22 June 2016 at 1pm.***

## **5. COMMITTEE UPDATES**

### **Destination Kaikoura**

G Ormsby was due to present to Council the following month. The Events Strategy was underway and was due to be presented to Council in the near future. Tourism had had a very busy season.

## **6. MAYOR'S REPORT**

The possible closing of the local cheese factory was a blow for the local economy. The result of closure would be that \$2million in salaries would not be spent in the Kaikoura community and there would be a loss of students from Kaikoura Schools.

An overview of planning and progress for the Anzac Horses Commemoration parade was provided.

## **7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

### **Council 17/02/2016**

*Moved by Mayor Gray, seconded by Councillor Diver and resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 17 February 2016 be confirmed a true and accurate record.*

## **8. ADOPTION OF REPORTS**

### **Works and Services Committee 17/02/2016**

*Moved by Councillor Harmon, seconded by Councillor Morgan and resolved that the report of the Works & Services Committee meeting held on 17 February 2016 be adopted.*

### **Environmental Services Committee 17/02/2016**

*Moved by Councillor Morgan, seconded by Mayor Gray and resolved that the report of the Environmental Services Committee meeting held on 17 February 2016 be adopted.*

### **Finance & Policy Committee 17/02/2016**

*Moved by Councillor Howden, seconded by Councillor Millton and resolved that the report of the Finance & Policy Committee meeting held on 17 February 2016 be adopted.*

## **9. MINUTES TO BE RECEIVED**

### **Hearings & Applications Committee 10/11/2015**

*Moved by Councillor Diver, seconded by Mayor Gray and resolved that the minutes of the Hearings & Applications Committee meeting held on 10 November 2015 be received.*

### **Hearings & Applications Committee 02/02/2016**

*Moved by Councillor Diver, seconded by Mayor Gray and resolved that the minutes of the Hearings & Applications Committee meeting held on 2 February 2016 be received.*

**Hearings & Applications Committee 16/02/2016**

***Moved by Councillor Diver, seconded by Mayor Gray and resolved that the minutes of the Hearings & Applications Committee meeting held on 16 February 2016 be received.***

**Kaikoura Zone Water Committee 27/01/2016**

***Moved by Mayor Gray, seconded by Councillor Blunt and resolved that the minutes of the Kaikoura Zone Water Committee meeting held on 27 January 2016 be received.***

***The meeting adjourned at 11.04am and resumed at 1.31pm***

#### **10. KAIKOURA YOUTH COUNCIL**

O Hughes, C Laugesen and S Beardmore were in attendance to present this item. A report of Youth Council activities was tabled which included;

- Monthly jam nights
- Photovoice project
- South Island Youth Connect
- Youth Week

#### **11. COUNCIL PUBLIC EXCLUDED SESSION**

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

- a) Civic Centre Building Report***
- b) Innovative Waste Kaikoura Statement of Intent***
- c) Confirmation of Minutes 17/02/2016.***

***There being no further business the meeting closed at 2.45pm.***