

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 9.00AM ON WEDNESDAY 21 OCTOBER 2015 AT MEMORIAL HALL SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA.

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

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

1. OPEN FORUM

Ralph Hogan - 2016 Block Offer

R Hogan apologised to those Elected Members who were inconvenienced by the large amount of emails received. He advised the emails were individual communications from people who were concerned regarding drilling off the coast. He further advised some Councils had requested people put forward submissions on the issue however Kaikoura had not done that but had asked the District Planner to prepare a submission on the issue. R Hogan advised there were several indicators which had signalled that not all from Council were necessarily on board with the matter whereas Christchurch City on the other hand had taken a very hard stance against deep sea oil drilling.

R Hogan felt that Council's submissions from past years' Block Offers whilst comprehensive and well written may lack the strength of resolve that many feel should be expressed. He advised constituents did not know if Council would pass the submission nor how strong it would be against the proposed blocks and deep sea oil drilling in general. That was why it was necessary for Council to hear from and listen to other people it represented.

R Hogan requested that Council support the 2016 Block Offer submission and that it include the following amendment at the beginning of the submission;

"Kaikoura District Council requests that exclusion of the entire proposed off shore Block Offer 2016 release area. Should the Government find this unacceptable, Kaikoura District Council requests that the considerations laid out in the following submission are taken into account.

Reasons submitted for request:

Kaikoura District Council formally expresses its opposition to offshore deep sea oil drilling. Kaikoura District Council raises serious concerns about the potential adverse environmental and social impacts of exploration and production in the offshore environment. In particular Kaikoura District Council notes the risk of adverse impacts on seismic surveying to Marine Mammals."

The meeting adjourned at 9.09am and resumed at 10.59am.

2. MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE TO BE RAISED AS URGENT BUSINESS

1. Discussion on formation of subcommittee regarding the completion of the Civic Centre going forward. (Councillor Howden)
2. Internal fit-out report for the Civic Centre (Councillor Blunt)

3. SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY

The District Planner was in attendance to present this item.

As part of the community's commitment to Earthcheck Council was required to have a Policy in place. Council was required to ratify the Policy. The Policy had been in place since 2005 however it had been significantly altered since that date.

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

- ***Renew the commitment to the Environmental and Social Sustainability Policy;***
- ***Adopt the amended Environmental and Social Sustainability Policy.***

4. OHAU STREAM AREA – COUNCIL COMMUNITY PROJECT

Council staff had been asked to attend a hui to discuss options for the Ohau Stream area given it had become a popular tourist destination. The Hui was attended by the Trustees of the land, Te Runanga o Kaikoura, New Zealand Transport Agency, Department of Conservation and the District Planner. The Trustees of the area wanted to ensure that values of the site were protected which maintaining public access.

It was clear benefits would exist from a number of agencies working together. Those represented at the meeting were looking at ways they could address issues experienced at the site. It was felt this was an opportunity for Council to be part of a progressive vision for the area. The Trustees had wished to know if Council wanted to be involved in the project and they had been advised Council had some funding set aside for a toilet to be located north of Kaikoura.

A discussion ensued regarding the costs of toilets, the ongoing maintenance costs, revenue from toilets, who would undertake cleaning and maintenance given the proposed location of the toilets and the issue of no power and sewerage facilities.

The District Planner felt the project was an opportunity to work with the Trustees of the land and other agencies and Council could be a catalyst to ensure something happened on the site. If Council were not keen to support the project something would happen on the site but it would take a long time.

It was suggested the site should be self-funding as there was enough people visiting the site. It was noted Department of Conservation were unable to charge people for visiting their sites and the Trust was not keen to charge people to see the seals but were keen on a voluntary approach. Any revenue from the site would be put towards safety of visitors, protection of seals and amenity of the area. It was generally felt a toilet was required however there were issues around ongoing costs, maintenance and security against vandalism.

Moved by Councillor Diver, seconded by Councillor Mackle and resolved that;

- 1. Work continue with Mangamaunu 4a of 2 Ahu Whenua Trust.***
- 2. Council agree in principle that up to \$30,000 be allocated towards a toilet within the Ohau Stream area provided:***
 - i) A suitable parking plan was developed for the area***
 - ii) A Management Plan agreed to by Council was in place which addresses the maintenance of the toilets and what contributions each organisation would make towards maintenance.***

5. 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. New Zealand Police update.***

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.08pm and resumed at 1.00pm.

6. QUOTABLE VALUE - REVALUATION

B Bodger and G Smits from Quotable Value were in attendance to present this item.

The Kaikoura District revaluation was currently underway with the new draft valuations currently being audited. The presentation highlighted;

- There was still an oversupply of residential sections
- The business zone had shown a decrease in values
- There was a large supply of accommodation with low to moderate levels of occupancy
- There were signs of growth in the rural and lifestyle markets
- Pastoral areas had performed well
- Only 8% of the district was commercial
- 80% of people wanted their values to go up due to Christchurch earthquake payouts.
- Objections to valuations closed on 24 December.

7. COMMITTEE UPDATES

Destination Kaikoura

A meeting had been held the previous evening. G Ormsby had just arrived back from a very positive trip to America. A debrief had been held regarding Seafest and work would start on next year's framework the following month. It was noted Seafest provided \$20,000 which went out to the community and also made the i-Site sustainable. A review was being undertaken regarding the Tourism Managers role and the Events Coordinator position.

8. MAYOR'S REPORT

A report prepared by Deputy Mayor Diver was included in the agenda. Mayor Gray thank him for stepping into the role for such a long period.

9. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Council 16/09/2015

Moved by Councillor Harmon, seconded by Councillor Diver and resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 16 September 2015 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

10. ADOPTION OF REPORTS

Works and Services Committee 16/09/2015

Moved by Councillor Harmon, seconded by Councillor Diver and resolved that the report of the Works & Services Committee meeting held on 16 September 2015 be adopted.

Environmental Services Committee 16/09/2015

Moved by Councillor Morgan, seconded by Councillor Howden and resolved that the report of the Environmental Services Committee meeting held on 16 September 2015 be adopted.

Finance & Policy Committee 16/09/2015

Moved by Councillor Diver, seconded by Councillor Morgan and resolved that the report of the Finance & Policy Committee meeting held on 16 September 2015 be adopted.

11. MINUTES TO BE RECEIVED

Hearings & Applications Committee 10/09/2015

Moved by Councillor Diver, seconded by Councillor Mackle and resolved that the minutes of the Hearings and Applications Committee meeting held on 10 September 2015 be received.

Hearings & Applications Committee 29/09/2015

Moved by Councillor Diver, seconded by Councillor Mackle and resolved that the minutes of the Hearings and Applications Committee meeting held on 29 September 2015 be received.

Kaikoura Zone Water Committee 26/08/2015

Moved by Councillor Blunt, seconded by Councillor Morgan and resolved that the minutes of the Kaikoura Zone Water Committee meeting held on 29 July 2015 be received.

12. MINUTES ACTION LIST UPDATE

Audit and Risk Committee Establishment

Councillor Howden advised the Audit and Risk Committee was total governance and was established and run by governance so Council did not have to wait for a report on the item. She advised she hoped it was something which could happen once the new Chief Executive Officer had been appointed.

13. URGENT BUSINESS

Internal Fit-out Report for Civic Centre

Councillor Blunt advised he had asked regarding internal fit-out costs at the August meeting. He noted a report had not been provided at the September or October meeting and he was not happy with the delays.

14. YOUTH COUNCIL UPDATE

S Beardmore and T Hooper were in attendance to present this item. A report of Youth Council activities was tabled.

Youth Council was currently involved in 6 projects which included;

- A monthly youth jam nights
- Upkeep of the new plantings at Lyell Creek
- Photovoice
- Basketball Court

The Youth Council wished for Council to attend its Photovoice exhibition. This would be held on 18 November and a formal invite would be sent.

15. URGENT BUSINESS CONTINUED

Building Completion Subcommittee

It was proposed that a Building Completion Subcommittee be formed which was made up of three elected members, an independent chair, a building expert, the Finance Manager and the current Chief Executive Officer. A legal representative could be co-opted. It was suggested this would be beneficial to assist the new Chief Executive Officer.

A discussion was held regarding management and governance. Mayor Gray advised he would like to wait for the report from the Building Control Authority and legal advice before any further move was made with the proposal for a Subcommittee.

16. CIVIC BUILDING UPDATE REPORT

A report on the programme and progress of the Civic Building was tabled. S Chadwick was in attendance to present this item.

The new roof to the middle and north end of the building had now been fully replaced. The original iron had been placed on these sections temporarily as a weather proofing measure while the new iron was ordered. The new iron was now on site and would be installed the following week.

An update on progress for the following was provided;

- Cladding
- Scaffolding
- Rear Fire Exit and craypot
- Exterior Landscaping
- Museum
- Interior finishing.

Councillor Blunt enquired how long S Chadwick felt the exterior cladding on the building was going to last to which he replied 25 years.

A discussion was again held regarding the formation of a Building Completion Subcommittee.

Moved by Councillor Morgan, seconded by Councillor Blunt that the Civic Building Subcommittee look towards appointing a suitably qualified advisor.

The motion was not put as the item had been raised as urgent business and there were rules which applied.

Councillor Morgan left the meeting at 3.13pm.

Councillor Blunt requested it be recorded that he felt the process of democracy had been overruled and he was unhappy. Councillor Millton concurred with the comments made by Councillor Blunt.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 3.14pm.