

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY KAIKŌURA DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON WEDNESDAY 14 DECEMBER 2022, 11.00AM, AT TOTARA, COUNCIL
CHAMBERS, 96 WEST END, KAIKOURA**

PRESENT: Mayor C Mackle (Chair), Deputy Mayor J Howden, Councillor V Gulleford, Councillor T Blunt, Councillor R Roche, Councillor K Heays, Councillor J Diver, Councillor L Bond

IN ATTENDANCE: W Doughty (Chief Executive), D Clibbery (Senior Manager Operations), Becky Makin (Executive Officer)

1. KARAKIA

2. APOLOGIES

Late apologies were received from Councillor T Blunt.

Moved: Mayor C Mackle
Seconded: Councillor L Bond

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Nil

4. PUBLIC FORUM

11.01am P Scott – Multi-Use Courts

P Scott explained that the Takahanga Redevelopment Courts Group (the “Group”) was formed from representatives from rugby, tennis, the Runanga and KDC.

Councillor T Blunt joined the meeting at 11.05am.

Sports Tasman had assisted collating ideas and providing options for the space on what could work. These options were discussed by the Group and the majority had agreed that a single level would be the best option for the community. The decisions made by the Council at the November meeting had confused some of the Group as they thought Council were signing off on the single level decision. The Group had discussed options around a management committee to run the sports hub.

11.12am N Burra - Multi-Use Courts

The tennis users were disappointed that there would not be at least one dedicated tennis court as agreed at the first meeting of the Group. N Burra explained she was given 4-5 days’ notice of the Group meeting and wasn’t aware they would be asked to make decisions that day. There is currently friction between a multi-purpose use.

5. FORMAL DEPUTATIONS Nil

6. MINUTES TO BE CONFIRMED Nil

7. MATTERS ARISING AND ACTIONS Nil

8. MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE TO BE RAISED AS URGENT BUSINESS Nil

The meeting then moved to Item 9.2 Multi-Use Courts Update.

9.2 Multi-Use Courts Update

Councillor J Diver spoke to his report and the recommendation around a management plan being in place before redevelopment commences (as per the discussion items in the report). It was noted that there needs to be greater clarity for all parties going forward on the roles and responsibilities and the mandate of the group. The questions posed in the report also need to be addressed. The Council agreed that a Term of Reference would need to be developed for the Group. A mechanism for receiving any further funding would need to be agreed for the project and conversations need to be held with the existing pool trust as to whether that could be an option or not. The deadline for lodging a funding agreement is March 2023. The Council agreed that the Group would need to establish a management team with an appointed independent (neutral) Chair to liaise with the Council. The Council acknowledged the significant work undertaken by the Group to date and recommended that they table their Terms of Reference to the Council meeting in January 2023.

RESOLUTION

THAT the Council:

a) receives this report.

Moved: Councillor L Bond

Seconded: Councillor V Gulleford

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RESOLUTION

b) supports the establishment of a management plan before the start of the redevelopment of the area to ensure there is clarity for all parties going forward.

Moved: Councillor L Bond

Seconded: Councillor V Gulleford

MOTION LOST

An amended recommendation was put forward based on the Council's discussions around a management team and Terms of Reference.

AMENDED RESOLUTION

THAT the Council:

c) supports the establishment of a management plan and ongoing management team with an agreed Terms of References before the start of the redevelopment of the area to ensure there is clarity for all parties going forward.

Moved: Councillor T Blunt

Seconded: Councillor K Heays

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADDITIONAL RESOLUTION

d) request that the Group to report back to Council.

Moved: Councillor L Bond

Seconded: Councillor T Blunt

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned for break at 12.23pm and reconvened at 12.31pm.

The meeting then moved back to Item 9.1. Tranche One Better Off Funding.

9. MATTERS FOR DECISION

9.1 Tranche One Better Off Funding Agreement

The Chief Executive advised that he hadn't received any formal communication on the reasons why the DIA declined changes to the funding agreement. He ran through the key points in the paper and noted that by agreeing to the funding, the Council would not be changing its stance towards the three waters reform proposals as they currently stand. He acknowledged the challenging position that central government has put elected members in with regard to making the final decision to accept the funding or not.

Each elected member provided their thoughts on the issue.

Councillor T Blunt and Councillor K Heays were against taking the funding primarily due to their views on it being blackmail and removing councils' democratic right/freedom of speech.

Mayor C Mackle, Deputy Mayor J Howden, Councillor L Bond, Councillor J Diver, Councillor R Roche, and Councillor V Gulleford were for taking the funding, primarily due to their views on how the funding would benefit the community, noting their continued opposition to the reforms.

Councillor R Roche wanted it recorded that although he is from Tainui (who support the three waters reform) he doesn't agree that the three waters reform is in the best interests of Kaikōura as it currently stands.

Mayor Mackle recorded a formal apology for interrupting Councillor R Roche.

RESOLUTION

THAT the Council:

- a) Receives this report*
- b) Notes that DIA have confirmed the eligibility of all of the KDC approved projects for funding.*
- c) Notes that KDC requested changes to the draft funding agreement but that DIA have declined the request.*

Moved: Deputy Mayor J Howden

Seconded: Councillor R Roche

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RESOLUTION

- d) Authorises the CEO to sign the final funding agreement so that the approved projects can proceed.*

Moved: Deputy Mayor J Howden

Seconded: Councillor R Roche

Against: Councillor K Heays, Councillor T Blunt

CARRIED

RESOLUTION

- e) *Requests the Mayor write to the Minister for Local Government and DIA expressing KDC's continued strong opposition to aspects of the reforms and our disappointment in the unwillingness to consider changes to the draft funding agreement.*

Moved: Deputy Mayor J Howden

Seconded: Councillor R Roche

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor J Diver left the meeting at 12.55pm.

10. CLOSED OF MEETING


There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 12.56 pm.

Moved: Mayor C Mackle

Seconded: Deputy Mayor J Howden

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CONFIRMED



Chairperson

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