

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 9.01AM ON WEDNESDAY 17 MAY 2017 AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 96 WEST END, KAIKOURA.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: A Oosthuizen (Chief Executive Officer), J Parfitt (Advisor to CEO), S Syme (Committee Secretary).

APOLOGIES: Councillor C Mackle
Moved by Mayor Gray, seconded by Councillor Howden and resolved that apologies be accepted. Unanimous.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Millton was a director of Waipapa Limestone which was involved with roading projects in the district.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

Ralph Hogan

R Hogan advised he was pleased to see the inventory of radios included in the Civil Defence report as one of the topics raised by Inspire Kaikoura had been communications.

In terms of infrastructure he advised of a large pothole on Maui Street and also the need for some directional arrows on Scarborough Street to assist drivers when exiting on to the Street from the Lookout.

R Hogan referred to the Freedom Camping report which he felt provided a good balance of pros and cons. He believed established businesses did need Councils support but without it infringing on the right to park up and sleep. The use of signs was not likely to send people to campgrounds. Signs with logos gave the impression of authority which Council did not have without a bylaw and he suggested signs may not be the best approach at this stage. He suggested a map with the jurisdiction of all authorities would be beneficial for discussions around freedom camping. He also suggested a skilled facilitator at freedom camping workshops could be beneficial given the large number of views which were often contradictory.

The Council meeting adjourned at 9.10am and resumed at 10.29am.

3. KAIKOURA WATER ZONE COMMITTEE

Representatives from the Kaikoura Water Zone Committee were in attendance to present this item.

The Zone Committee Annual Report was tabled. This provided an overview of work and achievements during 2016 and also provided an update on progress made towards meeting Canterbury Water Management Strategy targets.

4. MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE TO BE RAISED AS URGENT BUSINESS

1. Innovative Waste Kaikoura
2. Request from Kaikoura Op Shop Trust

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Council 26/07/2017

Moved by Mayor Gray, seconded by Councillor Howden and resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 26 April 2017 be confirmed a true and accurate record. Unanimous.

6. JUNE MEETING DATES

It was proposed that the date of the June Council meeting be changed due to its timing in relation to the hearing of Annual Plan submissions.

Moved by Mayor Gray, seconded by Councillor Pablecheque and resolved that Council approve the following meeting schedule for June;

- **Hearing of submissions to the draft Annual Plan Thursday 22 June**
- **Deliberation of submissions Friday 23 June**
- **Earthquake Recovery & Council Friday 30 June. Unanimous**

7. FINANCE REPORT

Cash had decreased by over \$1.3million during April which reflected substantial creditor payments which had been made of which the majority related to the earthquake. There was potential for insurers and the crown to pay a further advance to relieve stress on Council's cash.

8. FREEDOM CAMPING

Included in the agenda was a report which provided an update on work undertaken associated with freedom camping. It was suggested that any preconceived ideas regarding freedom camping needed to be discarded and an objective view taken. There was a huge information gap both locally and nationally regarding the matter and consultation had not been undertaken with the retail sector and general public. The previous work with regard to site suitability had been put on hold during earthquake recovery but there was no reason why the work undertaken for the urban area could not be put in place reasonably quickly.

A discussion was held regarding the erection of signs in problem areas. It was noted if signs were erected a bylaw was required when then required someone to enforce it.

Nationally it had been recognised that a review of the legislation was required. There were economic benefits associated with freedom camping and a balance was required. It was noted people who freedom camped wanted to be away from other campers. However if work was not undertaken to have some controls around freedom camping the environment would be trashed.

Moved by Councillor Howden, seconded by Councillor Millton and resolved that Council;

- 1. Receive the report;**

- 2. Instruct staff to continue with Freedom Camping Site Suitability Assessment under the Strategy and Policy work programme. Unanimous.**

9. REMUNERATION AUTHORITY LOCAL GOVERNANCE REVIEW

The Remuneration Authority sought the views of Council on proposals regarding RMA Plan hearing fees, leave of absence for elected members and approach to expense policies.

It was noted there were a number of proposals for Council to consider and it seemed to be a large amount of work for Council with the timing not ideal.

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

- 1. Receive the Remuneration Authority Local Government Review report.**
- 2. Form a working group consisting of the Members of the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee to review the proposals and provide feedback on behalf of Council. Unanimous.**

10. CIVIL DEFENCE UPDATE

Included in the agenda was an overview of work which was being undertaken regarding Civil Defence. This included;

- Earthquake and evacuation signage
- Public readiness and resilience workshops
- Debriefs and reviews.

Also included was an update on radios and an agreement which was being entered into with Marlborough District Council and Fire and Emergency New Zealand to increase radio capacity. Further information was requested regarding which radio's connected given the different types. It was also requested that the draft lessons learnt document be circulated to elected members.

11. CANTERBURY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LTD – WINDING UP

The Board of the Canterbury Economic Development Company had recommended that the company be wound up as the company had completed the work which it had been set up to undertake.

Moved by Mayor Gray, seconded by Councillor Millton and resolved that Council approve the Canterbury Economic Development Company Ltd be wound up and the shareholders' resolution be signed. Unanimous.

12. CELLPHONE COVERAGE ON INLAND KAIKOURA ROAD

It was agreed that Council should advocate for increased coverage on the Inland Road and send a letter in support of the joint RB12 bid.

Moved by Mayor Gray, seconded by Councillor Blunt and resolved that Council support increased cellphone coverage on the Inland Kaikoura Road by supporting the joint RB12 bid. Unanimous.

13. REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE – LONGBOARD FESTIVAL 2018

Moved by Councillor Millton, seconded by Councillor Bond and resolved that under Transport (Vehicular Traffic Road Closure) Regulations 1965 the Council agree to close Ingles Drive and Greenburn Way from 9.00am to 6.00pm on the 20th and 21st of January 2018.

The meeting adjourned at 11.51am and resumed at 12.45pm.

14. ADOPTION OF DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2017/18

A copy of the draft Annual Plan had been separately circulated. Council had been informed by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet in discussions the previous day that an assumption regarding funding was incorrect. It had been assumed that Council would be advanced 60% funding by the Crown and then Council would proceed with insurance negotiations. This was incorrect. The correction would be made by changing the timing of projects. This would not affect the core elements of the Plan.

The rates increase as stated in the draft Annual Plan was 5.8%

Moved by Mayor Gray, seconded by Councillor Howden and resolved that Council approve the Revenue and Financing Policy and the Rates Funding Statement. Unanimous.

Moved by Mayor Gray, seconded by Councillor Howden and resolved that Council adopt the Draft Annual Plan 2017/2018 subject to corrections and amendments as a result in the change of assumptions authorised by the Chief Executive Officer and the Mayor. Unanimous.

Moved by Mayor Gray, seconded by Councillor Howden that Council adopt the Annual Plan Consultation Document 2017/2018 which would be used for public engagement subject to corrections/amendments authorised by the Chief Executive Officer and the Mayor. Unanimous.

Moved by Mayor Gray, seconded by Councillor Blunt and resolved that Council approve the proposed consultation and engagement process. Unanimous.

15. INNOVATIVE WASTE STATEMENT OF INTENT

It was agreed the matter should lie on the table until the next meeting. The document needed to be reviewed to ensure it aligned with the constitution.

16. COMMITTEE UPDATES

Destination Kaikoura

External funding had been secured for an Events Coordinator for another year.

Community Hub

The Community Hub was looking to relocate to the old Kaikoura Museum building.

A discussion was held regarding the issues associated with vehicle licensing and liquor licensing courses not being available in Kaikoura.

17. MAYOR'S REPORT

It was noted that work on the feasibility study for a new pool in Kaikoura had commenced and sports groups would meet later that evening.

18. URGENT BUSINESS

Request from Kaikoura Op Shop Trust

The Trust had requested that a representative of Council join their Board. It was agreed that Councillor Bond would represent Council on the Trust.

19. 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) Confirmation of Council Public Excluded Minutes 26/04/2017***
- b) Roading Contract.***

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2.11pm.