

Council meeting 28th May 2025 – Summary News:

Below is a brief summary of the decisions from the Council meeting held on the 28th of May 2025.

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Local Waters Done Well – Option for water services delivery:

A special consultative procedure regarding three possible options for the future delivery of water services was undertaken between 20 March to 23 April 2025, with a hearing and deliberations held on the 7th May 2025. Through that process elected members considered the feedback provided from the community and deliberated on the points raised and the merits of each option. At the end of the deliberations elected members in attendance indicated their preferred option.

Following the special consultative procedure (SCP) process, this report now seeks formal approval of the preferred option for water services delivery to be taken forward into the development of the water services delivery plan.

It was recommended that the Council:

- a) Receives this report and attachment
- b) Approves the option of providing water services through a jointly established water services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) owned by Kaikōura District Council and Hurunui District Council as shareholders for inclusion in the Water Services Delivery plan (WSDP).
- c) Notes that the Water Services Delivery Plan (WSDP) will need to be approved by the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) by 3rd September 2025.
- d) Notes that the final WSDP will be brought to Council for adoption prior to submission to DIA.
- e) Notes that work will also progress with Hurunui District Council to develop the joint CCO model further.
- f) Notes that the earliest that new arrangements are likely to be in place will be the financial year

Outcome:

The recommendations were carried for the option of providing water services through a jointly established Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) owned by

Kaikōura District Council and Hurunui District Council as shareholders for inclusion in the Water Services Delivery plan (WSDP).

Following this decision, Council will work on a joint Water Services Delivery plan with Hurunui, which will be submitted for approval to the Department of Internal Affairs by the deadline of 3 September 2025 under the government's Local Water Done Well reform. Any new arrangements are expected to come into effect from the financial year 26/27 at the earliest.

A media release about this decision can be read on the KDC website at <https://www.kaikoura.govt.nz/footpaths-roads-water/water-services/local-waters-done-well>

Making of Traffic and Parking Bylaw 2025:

At its meeting of 28 March 2025, a report was presented to Council proposing the making of the Kaikōura District Traffic and Parking Bylaw 2025, the purpose of which was to replace the Kaikōura District Traffic and Parking Bylaw 2018.

At that meeting Council resolved that public consultation on the proposed making of the bylaw should be undertaken in accordance with the requirements of section 156 of the Local Government Act 2002 using the Special Consultative Procedure specified by the Act.

Public notice of this consultation was given on 17 April 2025, with submissions closing on 19 May 2025.

Outcome:

Following submission and feedback, the making of a new traffic and parking bylaw was today approved by Council with one minor update to a parking map at South Bay. The updated bylaw will come into effect from the 9th June 2025.

Proposed Declaration of Road Stopping:

At its meeting of 28 February 2024 Council approved the commencement of a formal process towards the potential stopping and sale of a 166m² area of road reserve at the eastern end of the Esplanade adjacent to the Pier Hotel in accordance with the requirements of Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 2002.

There was a long subsequent delay in this process associated with very slow conduct of the survey work required to prepare and lodge an associated legal survey plan, but such a plan (copy attached) was lodged at the end of 2024 and on being notified of that lodgement public notice was given providing an opportunity for objections to be made, with a closing date for such objections of 9 May 2025.

Outcome:

Following public consultation from which there were no objections, at its meeting on 28 May Council declared that a narrow strip of road reserve land adjacent to the Pier Hotel, with an area of 166 square metres would be stopped as road.

Doing so has no effect on current access arrangements; a footpath and a one-way road will continue to remain between the hotel and the foreshore.

Delegations Manual Update:

Some changes are proposed to the Council's Delegations Manual to ensure it is reflective of the most recent version of the Building Act 2004. The Building Act section of the Delegations Manual was last updated in March 2023, and so it is considered necessary to review and update the delegations, particularly in light of recent staff changes in regard to the monitoring for Building Warrant of Fitness (108BA04) checks and Council Regulatory staff's ability to enforce section 166 of the Building Act 2004 to issue a Notice to Fix when these requirements are not met.

It was recommended that the Council:

a) Adopts the changes to Part 5.3.3 of the Council Delegations Manual in respect of items relating to the Building.

Outcome:

This was unanimously carried and as per the recommendations in the report.

Kaikōura Recovery Manager:

A Recovery Manager is an integral part of our Emergency Management team and is a requirement to ensure effective and coordinated recovery following emergencies or disasters. The role is essential for a number of reasons from legislative to community support.

It was recommended that Council:

a) Receives this report

b) Approves Joanna York as the Recovery Manager for the Kaikōura District Council

Outcome:

This was unanimously carried and as per the recommendations in the report. A recommendation will now be made to the regional Joint Committee for their approval of this legislated appointment.

Inland Road Kaikōura – Use of Road for Stormwater:

This report sought formal approval for the use of road reserve to install a stormwater basin for the Kaikōura Business Park.

It was recommended that the Council:

- a) Receive the report.
- b) That Council approves the use of road reserve for the development of a First Flush Stormwater Retention Basin as shown on plan “Baseline Group Sheet 8456-01 dated 6/5/25 For Information”, subject to a number of listed conditions.

Outcome:

The Council approved the recommendations. The next step will be for a developer agreement to be put in place to address all of the conditions. The Council has delegated the Mayor and CEO to sign this developer agreement on behalf of Council.