



EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MINUTES

MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE WESTLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 36 WELD STREET, HOKITIKA AND VIA ZOOM ON TUESDAY 16 JUNE 2020

1. MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairpersons	His Worship the Mayor Cr Carruthers (Deputy)	
Members	Cr Davidson	
	Cr Hartshorne (Via Zoom)	Cr Hart
	Cr Keogan	Cr Kennedy
	Cr Neale	Cr Martin
	Kw Tumahai	Kw Madgwick

NGĀ WHAKAPAAHA APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from His Worship the Mayor, Kw Madgwick and Kw Tumahai for part of the meeting due to an announcement regarding the Provincial Growth Fund being made at the Arahura Marae.

His Worship the Mayor advised that Deputy Mayor Carruthers will Chair part of the Council meeting.

Moved Cr Neale, seconded Cr Keogan and **Resolved** that the apologies from His Worship the Mayor, Kw Madgwick and Kw Tumahai for part of the meeting be received and accepted.

Cr Hartshorne attended the meeting until from¹ 9.15 am due to internet connection issues.

STAFF PRESENT

S.R. Bastion, Chief Executive; L. Crichton, Group Manager: Corporate Services; L. Sparks, Group Manager District Assets; T. Cook, Regulatory Services Manager; F. Scadden, Planning and Customer Services Manager; D. Maitland; Executive Assistant, E. Rae, Strategy and Communications Advisor.

The following items were taken out of order to the Agenda papers.

1. KARAKIA TĪMATANGA OPENING KARAKIA

There was no opening Karakia at the meeting.

¹ Amended by Council – 25.06.20

2. NGĀ WHAKAPAAHA APOLOGIES

This item was covered above.

3. WHAKAPUAKITANGA WHAIPĀNGA DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

His Worship the Mayor advised that the Interest Register was available in Microsoft Teams.

Cr Martin advised that he had the following amendments to the Interest Register as follows:

Group	Interest
• Lions Club of Hokitika – Treasurer	Non-pecuniary Perceived
• Institute of Directors – Member	Non-pecuniary Perceived
• Destination Westland – Chair	Pecuniary Potential
• Westland High School (MDI Funds) – Trustee	Non-pecuniary Perceived
• DWC Westland Sports Hub User Group	Non-pecuniary Perceived
• Techspace, West Coast Technology Education Trust – Trustee	Non-pecuniary Perceived
• Marlborough-Nelson, West Coast Regional Executive of the New Zealand Schools Trustee Association (NZSTA) - Chair	Non-pecuniary Perceived
• Lottery Grants Board West Coast, Nelson-Marlborough Distribution Committee - Member	Non-pecuniary Perceived

4. PŪRONGO KAIMAHI STAFF REPORTS

• 2020-2021 Draft Annual Plan - Submission Hearings

Moved Deputy Mayor Carruthers, seconded Cr Neale and **Resolved** that:

- A) Council hear submissions.
- B) Council deliberate on submissions.
- C) After hearing and deliberating on the submissions, Council instruct staff to make any changes to the 2020-2021 Draft Annual Plan.

Submitters

The following submitters presented to Council on the topics as follows:

• Alan Davidson speaking to a personal submission:

- Hokitika Swimming Pool
- Westland Sportshub

- Ocean Outfall.
 - Working alongside Westland Milk Products to lower the cost of any major infrastructure, not detrimental to the community.
- **Kara Edwards, speaking on behalf of Te Rūnanga o Makaawhio**
 - Newly appointed CE of Te Runanga o Makaawhio.
 - Cultural values in the national environment. Core value is protection of waterways.
 - Also acknowledge Manu Whenua status of Ngati Waewae and the impact on the entire community.
 - Discharge into waterways is culturally offensive.
 - Urging Council to look for a long standing alternative that puts environmental values for all of the community and about thinking about the long term to stand alongside Te Runanga Ngati Waewae.

Cr Hartshorne attended the meeting at 9.15 am.

Kw Madgwick then spoke regarding concerns of pumping human faecal water into the sea as culturally offensive.

- **Hemi Te Rakau speaking to a personal submission**
 - Councillors were in receipt of additional information as part of Mr Te Rakau's full submission.
 - Investigate Treaty breaches in all planning and intent that an ocean discharge would cause. Whole breakdown of our cultural system. You are in breach of the Treaty.
- **Phil Johnston-Coates speaking to a personal submission**

Referred to a powerpoint presentation (copy not obtained by Council).

 - Ocean Outfall
 - Wetlands vs Ocean Outfall.
 - Powerpoint Presentation: Accountability
 - Harmony
 - Brand
 - Tragedy
 - Truth
 - Lead
- **Poppy Johnston-Coates speaking to a personal submission**
 - Student at Westland High School.
 - Ocean Outfall not supported
 - Tarnish to Westland's clean and green reputation
- **Trevor Lister speaking to a personal submission**
 - Councillors were in receipt of additional information as part of Mr Lister's submission.

- Chairperson of the Ross Community Council.
- Ross Community Rates calculation disputed.
- Financial Impact Summary

- **Charlie McBeath speaking on behalf of the Ross Community**

- Support for the Ross Squash Courts and Gym

Cr Keogan asked that Council confirm with some clarity with the submitters on why this item had to go through the Annual Plan process for funding.

- **Angela Keenan speaking on behalf of Hokitika Netball Centre**

- Additional project costs such as emergency lighting costs.

- **Bruce Watson personal submission and speaking on behalf of Westland Community Centre Inc.**

- Peter Cuff was in attendance in.
- On behalf of Westland Community Centre Inc. and also on behalf of Bruce Watson and Claudia Landis.
- Speak in support of Theatre's bid to increase Theatre bid to increase funding for the Annual Plan.

Mr Watson then spoke regarding:

- Reinstating \$57,500 grant from Council.
- Look at the Long Term Plan for long-term support.

His Worship the Mayor and Kw Madgwick left the meeting at 10.26 am to attend the PGF announcement at the Arahura Marae.

Deputy Mayor Carruthers chaired this section of the meeting from 10.26 am.

Cr Keogan acknowledged the work that Mr Watson and group have invested in the Regent Theatre.

The meeting adjourned at 10.26 am for morning tea, and reconvened at 11.01 am. His Worship the Mayor and Kw Madgwick were not in attendance when the meeting resumed.

Deputy Mayor Carruthers chaired this section of the meeting.

- **Jackie Gurden speaking on behalf of West Coast Wilderness Trail Trust**

Jackie Gurden presented her submission via Zoom on behalf of the West Coast Wilderness Trail Trust seeking grant funding of \$15,000.

- **David Verrall speaking on behalf of Heritage Hokitika**

Supported the funding request for the Regent Theatre.

- **Michael Orchard, personal submission**

Supported the funding request for the Regent Theatre.

- **Michael Orchard, Farm Forestry Association**

Supported the funding request for the Regent Theatre.

The meeting adjourned at 11.15 am for a break, and reconvened at 11.30 am.

- **Melanie Anderson, Chief Executive, Destination Westland**

Open apology letter read out to legal road occupiers.
There are 86 Licences to Occupy.

- **Kylie Beri speaking on behalf of Brenda and Graham Monk**

Regarding increase in Licence to Occupy fees and the effect of COVID-19.

- **Antoni Houston speaking to a personal submission**

Councillors were in receipt of additional information as part of Mr Houston's submission.

Outcome of contiguous and non-contiguous rating review.

Two sections now being rated at their full value.

Tabled further information for his submission.

The meeting adjourned at 11.40 am for a break, and reconvened at 11.55 am.

Deliberations

The Council then deliberated on the submissions as follows and were taken out of order to the agenda papers as per Appendix 2:

2. Civil Defence Emergency Containers

Apply for external funding for premium containers.

Cr Hartshorne left the meeting at 11.55 am.

Moved Deputy Mayor Carruthers, seconded Cr Martin and **Resolved** that Council procure premium containers for Civil Defence at a cost of \$159,800 approximately.

The meeting adjourned at 12.16 pm for lunch and reconvened at 12.48 pm.

3. Franz Josef and Fox Glacier Community Development Funding

Moved Cr Kennedy, seconded Cr Neale and **Resolved** that Council do not increase the funding for the Franz Josef and Fox Community Development Funding.

5. Ross Endowment Land Fund

Moved Cr Carruthers, seconded Cr Davidson and **Resolved** that Council supports releasing the requested funds up to \$30,000 from the Ross Endowment Fund.

The Mayor returned to the meeting at 12.54 pm. Deputy Mayor Carruthers chaired the remainder of the Extraordinary Council meeting.

4.& DWC Westland Sportshub – Funding

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Cr Martin declared an interest as a member of the DWC Westland Sportshub and did not participate in the discussion or vote on the matter. Cr Martin remained in the Council Chambers.

Cr Davidson declared an interest ~~as being involved with~~² and remained in the meeting as part of the User Group of the DWC Westland Sportshub.

Cr Hartshorne was not in attendance for the deliberations part of the Extraordinary Council Meeting.

Deputy Mayor asked that Item numbered 4 and 6 be deliberated at the same time.

Kw Tumahai attended the meeting at 1.15 pm.

Moved His Worship the Mayor, seconded Cr Keogan and **Resolved** that the Council take ownership of the DWC Westland Sportshub and funds the insurance through the Hokitika Community Rate.

Moved His Worship the Mayor, seconded Deputy Mayor Carruthers and **Resolved** that Council provides a grant of \$78,616.56 plus GST to meet the unforeseen costs of the project, and be funded by rates as part of Year 1 of the Long Term Plan.

Cr Neale recorded her vote against the motion.

Cr Kennedy abstained from voting

Cr Davidson abstained from voting.

Cr Martin abstained from voting.

7. Funding application from West Coast Wilderness Trail Trust

Moved Cr Martin, seconded Cr Davidson and **Resolved** that Council grant \$15,000 to the West Coast Wilderness Trail Trust.

8. Maintenance to Heritage Walkway between Racecourse and Brickfield Road

² Amended by Council – 25.06.20

Moved Cr Davidson, seconded Cr Martin and **Resolved** that Council commit \$5,000 to the maintenance of the Heritage Walkway between the Racecourse and Brickfield Road, Hokitika.

9. Fox Landfill and transferring rubbish to Butlers Landfill

Council will revisit this item as part of the Council's Long Term Plan.

10. Funding application from New Zealand Chinese Language Week

Moved Cr Martin, seconded Cr Hart and **Resolved** that Council does not support a grant of \$5,000 to assist with delivery of the New Zealand Chinese Language Week being held across New Zealand 20-26 September 2020.

11. Reduce costs to Council

The submission was noted.

12. Future of Hokitika away from the coastal area

The submission was noted.

13. Rate reduction – 30%

There was no discussion regarding this submission.

14. Additional funding of Regent Theatre, Hokitika

Moved Cr Martin, seconded Cr Neale and **Resolved** that:

- A) Council provide a grant of \$57,500 plus GST in the 2020-21 Annual Plan and commit to the grant being included in the Council's LTP, with the CPI adjustment.
- B) The Regent Theatre to provide a business plan.
- C) The direct relationship with Westland Community Centre sit with the Community Development Committee, with a request for 6 monthly reporting.

15. Licences to Occupy Fee Increase

Cr Martin declared a Conflict of Interest being Chair of Destination Westland and left the meeting for this part of the discussion at 2.03 pm.

Moved Cr Kennedy, seconded Cr Keogan and **Resolved** that the Licence to occupy fees stay at \$2,050.00 and there be no increase.

Cr Martin returned to the meeting at 2.10 pm.

16. International Walking Charter

There is no impact on Council currently and this item will come back to Council at a future date.

17. Alcohol Licensing and Regulations

This item will be reviewed and come back to Council.

18. Climate Change and Natural Hazards

The submission was noted.

This topic is included in the One District Plan Review.

19. Residual Disinfection Non-Chlorinated Water Supplies

The submission was noted.

20. Solid Waste

Council continues to keep watch on the landfills at Franz Josef and Haast.

21. Whataroa Playground Funding

The submission was noted as there is funding in the Annual Plan for this item and Council will work with the community.

22. Lazar Park, Hokitika – Funding Of \$60,000 from Reserves Development Fund

Cr Martin noted a Conflict of Interest as the Treasurer of the Hokitika Lions Club and left the meeting³.

Cr Keogan noted a conflict being part of the Three Mile Reserve⁴ Committee.

Moved Cr Keogan, seconded Cr Neale and **Resolved** that at this point in time there are no community reserve funds accessible for Hokitika and cannot afford to have it come back on the ratepayer, and accordingly the application was declined.

Cr Martin abstained from voting.

23. Budget for TA function under s31(1)(b)(ii) Resource Management Act

The submission was noted.

24. Jackson Bay Boat Ramp

The submission was noted and referred to Destination Westland to investigate an honesty box charge of \$10.00 for boat launching.

25. Fox Glacier Resilience

This item to be referred to the Long Term Plan process.

26. Kumara Sports Ground

Moved His Worship the Mayor, seconded Deputy Mayor and **Resolved** that Council consult with the submitter on developing a future plan for the Kumara Sportsground.

27. Gentle Annie Track

Moved Cr Keogan, seconded Deputy Mayor Carruthers and **Resolved** that Council commits to the development of the Gentle Annie Track at Kumara.

28. Commercial Water Rates

The submission was noted.

³ Amended by Council – 25.06.20

⁴ Amended by Council – 25.06.20

29. Hokitika Museum

The submission was noted.

30. Public Toilets – Cass Square and Sunset Point

Cass Square Toilets – this item has been deferred.

Sunset Point Toilets – Council has until the end of October 2020 to complete this project.

31. Rating of Contiguous Properties

Council has completed a commercial rating review.

A reference was made to Mr Houston’s additional information that was tabled at the hearing.

32. Ross Playground

This item will be revisited as part of Council future asset planning.

33. Ross Footpaths

Priority footpaths have been identified for the Annual Plan, with a full review currently being undertaken.

There is ongoing work planned on footpaths in Ross, and there will be communication back to the Ross community.

A programme of work is signed off three yearly.

34. Iwi Voting Rights at Council Table

The submission was noted.

35. Ocean Outfall Project

Joining Westland Milk Products or looking at an alternative land-based solution was discussed. Cost is a significant factor, along with customary rights.

Ministry for the Environment are putting a report on Wastewater Discharge together from significant partners including what it means for customary rights. Westland District Council has request to be part of the report as a case study.

Moved Cr Keogan, seconded Cr Neale and **Resolved** that Council investigate land based options for future wastewater treatment facility in Hokitika.

His Worship the Mayor asked if Iwi supported the resolution to which Kw Madgwick and Kw Tumahai advised that they do.

Kw Tumahai and Kw Madgwick advised that Council has made a bold move for Westland District for the future generations regarding a future wastewater treatment facility in Hokitika.

His Worship the Mayor closed the meeting with thanks to the submitters and Councillors for their input into the Draft Annual Plan process.

His Worship the Mayor made reference to previous resolution as follows:

Moved Deputy Mayor Carruthers, seconded Cr Neale and **Resolved** that:

- A) After hearing and deliberating on the submissions, Council instruct staff to make any changes to the 2020-2021 Draft Annual Plan.

**DATE OF NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING – 25 JUNE 2020
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 36 WELD STREET, HOKITIKA AND VIA ZOOM**

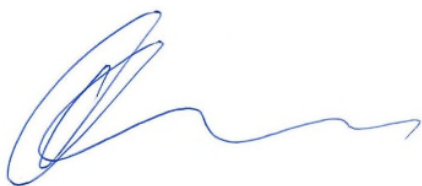
MEETING CLOSED AT 3.18 PM

Confirmed by:



Mayor Bruce Smith
Chair

Date: 25.06.20



Deputy Mayor Carruthers
Chair

Date: 25.06.20