



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 MONDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2020 COMMENCING AT 9.00 AM

The Council Meeting was live streamed to the Westland District Council YouTube Channel and presentations are made available on the Council Website.

1. MEMBERS PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

Chairpersons	His Worship the Mayor	
Members	Cr Davidson	Cr Hartshorne
	Cr Kennedy	Cr Keogan
	Cr Martin	Cr Neale

NGĀ WHAKAPAAHA APOLOGIES

Deputy Mayor Carruthers, Cr Hart, Kw Madgwick, Kw Tumahai

Moved Cr Davidson, seconded Cr Keogan and **Resolved** that the apologies from Deputy Mayor Carruthers, Cr Hart, Kw Madgwick and Kw Tumahai be received and accepted.

STAFF PRESENT

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

2. WHAKAPUAKITANGA WHAIPĀNGA DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Interest Register had been circulated via Microsoft Teams and was also available on the day on the Council table. There were no amendments made to the register.

His Worship the Mayor advised that the purpose of the meeting is to hear and consider submissions to the 2020 Review of Westland District Council Speed Limit Register.

A Special Consultative procedure for the Speed Limit Register had been undertaken from the 29 September 2020 to the 30 October 2020. The consultation document had proposed a significant number of speed limit changes for numerous roads throughout the Westland District Roding Network. Any changes will be amendment to the current schedule of speed limits. Council had received 168 submissions to the Special Consultative Procedure.

A copy of the submissions to the Speed Limit Register had been circulated to the Mayor and Councillors via Microsoft Teams.

3. PŪRONGO KAIMAHI STAFF REPORTS

- **2020 Review of Westland District Council Speed Limit Register Report**

The Transportation Manager spoke to this item and advised the purpose of this report is to hear and receive submissions on the 2020 Review of Westland District Council Speed Limits Register.

Moved Cr Keogan, seconded Cr Davidson and **Resolved** that:

- A) Council receive the report from the Transportation Manager.
- B) Council hear and receive the written and verbal submissions.
- C) That Council direct staff for formulate a recommendation to the next Council meeting on any changes to be made to the Speed Limits Register, after the hearing and considering the submissions.

Verbal Submitters

The submitters then presented to Council on the following topics:

- **Linda Buglass spoke in support of her submission.**
 - Agreed with all of the proposed speed limit changes as proposed.
 - Highlighted some “hot spot” areas.
 - Suggested speed humps on the four roads into Hokitika and also at the Glow Worm Dell.
- **Glenys Byrne spoke in support of her submission.**
 - Supported the reduction of speed limits in Westland.
 - Support for lowering of speed limits on Providence Drive and Keogans Road (70 km/hr), Golf Links Road and Takutai Road speed (70 km/hr), Camp Street, Kaniere (30 km/hr), Hokitika CBD (30 kms/hr).
 - Kaniere Road-Lake Kaniere Road support for speed limits remaining the same.
 - Section in Revell Street to utilise the area for campervan parking.
 - Lowering of the speed limit on the Hokitika Bridge from 100 km/hr to 50 km/hr.
- **Grant Hinchliff spoke in support of his submission.**
 - Support reducing the speed limit from the Lake Kaniere edge of the Kaniere Township to Coal Creek, Lake Kaniere; then 100 km/hr from Hurunui Jacks to Lake Kaniere.
- **Ann Bradley spoke in support of her submission.**
 - Support for a reduction in the speed limit on the Old Christchurch Road.
 - Support for lowering the speed limit at the Arahura Marae, 1 Old Christchurch Road, Arahura.
- **Philip Cook, Camelback Farm and Kokatahi/Kowhitiraingi Community spoke in support of his submission.**
 - Supported the status quo on the Kaniere-Kowhitirangi Roads.
 - Kaniere boundary to Hokitika Gorge is well maintained, no steep hills and most of the roads are straight and well-marked.
 - A lot of people work in town, and they don’t need the reduction in speed limit.
 - Slowing traffic down causes frustration and common-sense is required.
 - Reducing speed limits in this area will impact on industry.

- **Debra Magner, Cranley Farms Limited CEO, spoke in support of her submission.**
 - Supports the proposed speed limit reduction on the Old Christchurch Road, 80 km/hr on the sealed section, and 60 km on the unsealed section of the road.
 - Support for lowering the speed limit at the Arahura Marae.

- **Jo Kearns spoke in support of her submission.**
 - Supports the proposed speed limit reduction on the Old Christchurch Road - 60 km/hr unsealed section, and 80 km/hr sealed section.
 - Suggested the following speed limit reductions:
Takutai Road (60 km/hr), Golf Links Road (60 km/hr), Adairs Road (60 km/hr), Hau Hau Road (50 km/hr) from Prossers Bush to above the Hokitika Transfer Station.

- **Stephen Keenan, Deer Farm – Owner, spoke in support of his submission.**
 - Chairman of the Kowhitirangi Lime Works, spokesperson on the Kowhitirangi Flood Scheme.
 - Opposed the proposal on altering the speed limits between Kaniere and Hokitika Gorge on the basis of how it will affect farm productivity and cost.
 - Farmers do not need any more impediments to their businesses.
 - Impact on farming service industries.
 - Asked that Council consider the farming community, and the importance of agriculture to the District.

- **Matthew Fairmaid spoke in support of the submission from Rose and Matthew Fairmaid.**
 - Supported the submission from Stephen Keenan.
 - Opposed the majority of the speed limit changes due to the effect on businesses and also the travelling members of the community who use the road on a daily basis.
 - The effect of travelling times for businesses and tradesmen which will affect clients.
 - Asked for the statistics to support the proposed speed limit.
 - Opposed to the proposed speed reduction in the Hokitika business area.
 - Concerned at the cost of speed limit signage.
 - Asked that Council leave the status quo on all roads, including the Central Business District.

- **Don Neale spoke in support of his submission.**
 - Supported the reduction of the speed limit in the CBD to 30 km/hr to encourage pedestrian and cycling traffic.
 - Country roads – it is important to listen to the locals and what their views are and they should be kept to 100 km/hr.
 - Asked that the approaches to Hokitika be reduced to 80 km/hr.
 - Support for changes that increase fuel efficiency.

- **Kelly Stevens spoke in support of the submission from Kelly Stevens and Cam Jones (via mobile phone).**
 - Suggested that the speed limit on Golf Links Road be reduced to 60 km/hr. There are a lot more properties and movements per day on Golf Links Road, including cyclists.

- **Colleen Frost spoke in support of her submission.**
 - Does not see the need to decrease the speed limit in town.
 - Support for speed humps and permanent speed cameras in Hokitika.
 - Lowering the speed limit around Lake Kaniere and making the road one-way, with the exception of the local farmers and milk tankers.
 - Signage needed at Dorothy Falls.
 - Pedestrian crossings.

- **Charlotte Bradley-Peni spoke in support of her submission.**
 - Submitted on concerns around the speed limits proposed for the North Bank Arahura/Kawhaka Old Christchurch Road and asked that it be revised to not higher than 60 km/hr for the majority of the road.

- **Charlie Cowie spoke in support of his submission.**
 - Mr Cowie had not been listed on the schedule, however he had submitted that he wished to speak to his submission.
 - Supported a reduction of 60 km/hr to the speed limit from Rafferty’s Creek to the Waimea Bridge on Stafford Loop Road.
 - Supported the lowering of the speed limit at Glow Worm Dell.

Claudia Landis, Bruce Watson and Nicola Young were unable to speak to their written submissions.

The Executive Assistant was asked to read out the submission from Brendon Quaife who was unable to attend the hearing in person. Mr Quaife supported the status quo with regard to Kaniere Road, Kaniere-Kowhitirangi Road, Stafford Loop Road, Upper Kokatahi Road, Woodstock-Rimu Road, Arahura Valley Road, Bold Head Road.

His Worship the Mayor thanked all the submitters who had taken the time make their submissions to Council.

4. DELIBERATIONS

(to consider and adopt confidential items)

Moved Cr Keogan, seconded Cr Neale and **Resolved** that Council confirm that the public were excluded from the meeting in accordance with Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 at 10.52 am.

The meeting was adjourned at 10.52 am for morning tea as Council was then going to discuss if they wished to deliberate on the submissions in the Public Excluded Section of the meeting.

The general subject of the matters to be considered while the public are excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of the resolution are as follows:

Item No.	General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
1.	Discussion on deliberations	Good reasons to withhold exist under Section 7	That the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason or withholding exists.

Section 48(1)(a)

This resolution is made in reliance on sections 48(1)(a) and (d) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interests or interests protected by section 7 of that Act, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

Item No.	Interest
1,2,3	Protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons (Section 7(2)(a))

Moved Cr Martin, seconded Cr Kennedy and **Resolved** that the business conducted in the ‘Public Excluded Section’ be confirmed and accordingly after morning tea, the meeting went back to the open part of the meeting at 11.20 am to conduct the deliberations on the submissions in the open part of the meeting.

The Acting Chief Executive advised that the Transportation Manager will be going through a table of proposed speed limit changes, providing Councillors with an opportunity to make recommendations for change or the status. The recommendations will then be collated and brought back to a Council to adopt the amended register at the 10 December Council Meeting.

Road Name	Local Area	Resolution
Keogans Road, Mehrtens Road, Providence Drive	3 Mile	Moved Cr Neale, seconded Cr Kennedy and Resolved that Council adopt the proposed speed limit of 60 km/hr on Keogans Road, Mehrtens Road and Providence Drive.
Old Christchurch Road	Arahura	Moved Cr Neale, seconded Cr Keogan and Resolved that Council reduce the speed limit on the Old Christchurch Road to 70 km/hr (subject to approval by NZTA); noting that if approval is not received from NZTA, then the speed limit on the road revert to 60 km/hr. <i>Cr Davidson, Cr Hartshorne and Cr Kennedy recorded their votes against the motion.</i>
Old Christchurch Road	Arahura Marae	It was agreed that Council staff liaise with the Chair of Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Waewae to ensure that the safety concerns will be addressed by reducing the speed limit to 50 km/hr at the Arahura Marae, and the Transportation Manager report back to the December Council meeting.
Old Christchurch Road	Duffers Creek Road and Fox Road	Moved Cr Keogan, seconded Cr Martin and Resolved that Council reduce the speed limit to 60 km/hr on Duffers Creek Road and Fox Road.
Southside Arahura, Humphreys Gully Road, German Road, One Mile Line Road	Arahura	Moved Cr Kennedy, seconded Cr Neale and Resolved that the speed limit be reduced to 80 km/hr on Southside

		Arahura, Humphreys Gully Road, German Road and One Mile Line Road. <i>Cr Martin recorded his vote against the motion.</i>
		Cr Kennedy supported the speed limit on sealed rural roads being 80 km/hr, and the speed limit on the unsealed roads be 60 km/hr.
Gillams Gully Road, Ballarat Rise, Callaghans Road, Loopline Road, Stafford Loop Road, Stafford Road	Goldsborough/Aratika	Moved Cr Kennedy, seconded Cr Davidson and Resolved that the speed limit on the sealed stretches of rural roads at Goldsborough/Aratika be reduced to 80 km/hr; the unsealed section of roads be reduced to 60 km/hr; and in Stafford Township from Raffertys Creek to Waimea Creek, the speed limit be reduced to 60 km/hr. <i>Cr Keogan recorded her vote against the motion.</i>
Cook Flat Road, Lake Matheson Road, Gillespies Beach Road	Fox Glacier	Moved Cr Kennedy, seconded Cr Hartshorne and Resolved that the sealed section of Cook Flat Road be reduced to 80 km/hr; the unsealed section of Gillespies Beach Road be reduced to 60 km/hr; and the Lake Matheson Road be reduced to 80 km/hr.
Batson Place, Condon Street, Cowan Place, Cron Street, Douglas Drive, Graham Place, Kamahi Crescent, Wallace Street, Franz Josef Township	Franz Josef	Moved Cr Neale, seconded Cr Kennedy and Resolved that the speed limit in the Franz Josef Township (with the exception of the State Highway in Franz Josef), be reduced to 30 km/hr.
Adair Road, Awarua Place, Marks Road, Nyhon Place, Opuka Place, Pauareka Road, Tahutahi Road, Haast Township	Haast	Moved Cr Kennedy, seconded Cr Davidson and Resolved that the Haast Township speed limit be reduced to 30 km/hr; the Haast-Jackson Bay Road from 300m past Neils Beach Road be reduced to 60 km/hr; and 100m towards Neils Beach from Jackson Bay Wharf be reduced to 30 km/hr; and the Jackson River Road be reduced to 60 km/hr.
Jackson River Road	Haast-Jackson Bay Road	
Haast-Jackson Bay Road	From 300m past Neils Beach Road and 100m towards Neils Beach from Jackson Bay Wharf	
Beach Street, Camp Street, Gibson Quay, Hamilton Street, Railway Terrace, Revell Street, Sewell Street, Stafford Street, Tancred Street, Weld Street, Wharf Street, Hokitika Central Business District	Hokitika Central Business District	Moved Cr Davidson, seconded Cr Martin and Resolved that the speed limit in the Central Business District defined as Beach Street, Camp Street, Gibson Quay, Hamilton Street, Railway Terrace, Revell Street, Sewell Street, Stafford Street, Tancred Street, Weld Street, Wharf Street be reduced to 30 km/hr; and that speed

		limit at Racecourse Terrace be reduced to 50 km/hr.
Beach Road, Bold Head Road	Kakapotahi	Moved Cr Keogan, seconded Cr Neale and Resolved that the speed limit in Beach Road and Bold Head Road at Kakapotahi be reduced to 60 km/hr.
Camp Street, Dents Road, Hau Hau Road, Hokitika-Kaniere Tramway, Kaniere Road, Pine Tree Road, St Albans Street	Kaniere	<p>Moved Cr Neale, seconded Cr Keogan and Resolved that the speed limits at Kaniere be reduced as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Albans be reduced to 30 km/hr • Camp Street be reduced to 30 km/hr • Hokitika Kaniere Tramway be reduced to 40 km/hr between Kaniere Road and Pine Tree Road • Dents Road be reduced to 40 km/hr • Pine Tree Road be reduced to 40 km/hr between Kaniere Road and Hokitika Kaniere Tramway • Kaniere Road from 60 km/hr to 70 km/hr to be moved just past Service Engineering. • Kaniere Road from 60 km/hr to 70 km/hr to be moved just past Service Engineering.
Camelback Road, Cropp Road, Ford Road South, Hackells Mill Road, Johnston Road, Kaniere-Kowhitirangi Road, Lake Arthur Road, MacArthur Road, Mulvaney Road, Municipal Road, Neilson Road, Station Road, Stopbank Road, Upper Kokatahi Road, Wall Road, Whitcombe Valley Road	Kokatahi/Kowhitirangi Valley Roads	Moved Cr Keogan, seconded Cr Davidson and Resolved that the status quo remain for the speed limits on the Kokatahi/Kowhitirangi Valley Roads.
Sanctuary Place	Kumara	Moved Cr Neale, seconded Cr Keogan and Resolved that the speed limit on Sanctuary Place be reduced to 50 km/hr.
Dorothy Falls Road, Lake Kaniere Road, Kaniere Township, Lake Kaniere, Kaniere Township to Hurunui Jacks.	Lake Kaniere	<p>Moved Cr Keogan, seconded Cr Davidson and Resolved that the speed limits be reduced as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dorothy Falls Road to 40 km/hr. • Lake Kaniere Road from Kaniere Road to existing 70/100 km/hr change reduce to 50km/h then to Hurunui Jacks reduce to 80 km/hr. • Kaniere Township reduced to 50 km/hr on Kaniere Road from a point just past Pine Tree Road to Lake Kaniere Road.

Forks-Okarito Road	Okarito	Moved Cr Kennedy, seconded Cr Hartshorne and Resolved that the speed limit on the Okarito Road be reduced to 80 km/hr.
Woodstock Rimu Road, Seddon Terrace Road	Rimu	Moved Cr Keogan, seconded Cr Neale and Resolved that the speed limit on the Woodstock-Rimu Road and Seddon Terrace Road be reduced to 80 km/hr.
Adair Road, Arthurstown Road, Craig Road, Southernwood Road, Takutai	Southside	Moved Cr Keogan, seconded Cr Hartshorne and Resolved that the speed limits be reduced on the following roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adairs Road – 60 km/hr • Arthurstown Road – 80 km/hr • Craig Road – 80 km/hr • Southernwood Road – 80 km/hr
Golf Links Road, Takutai Road	Southside and Takutai	Moved Cr Keogan, seconded Cr Neale and Resolved that the speed limits be reduced on the following roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Golf Links Road – 60 km/hr • Takutai Road – 60 km/hr.
Milltown Road	Lake Kaniere	Moved Cr Kennedy, seconded Cr Davidson and Resolved that the speed limit on the Milltown Road be reduced to 60 km/hr.
Hau Hau Road (locally called Tuckers Flat Road)	Lake Kaniere Road/Blue Spur Road	Moved Cr Keogan, seconded His Worship the Mayor and Resolved that the speed limit on Hau Hau Road between lake Kaniere Road and Blue Spur Road be reduced to 60 km/hr.
Bottom of Racecourse Terrace on Hau Hau Road to Hampden Street (Town entrance)	Hokitika	Moved Cr Neale, seconded Cr Martin and Resolved that the speed limit from the bottom of Racecourse Terraces on Hau Hau Road to Hampden Street be reduced to 50 km/hr. <i>Councillors noted that this item had not been consulted on as part of the speed limit review process, however they were of the opinion that this was an important safety concern that required to be addressed.</i>

Cr Martin requested that the staff report to the 10 December 2020 Council meeting include maps to enable the public to visualise the proposed changes to the speed limits.

His Worship the Mayor thanked all the submitters and staff who had been involved in the process.

**DATE OF THE NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING – 26 NOVEMBER 2020
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 36 WELD STREET, HOKITIKA AND VIA ZOOM.**

MEETING CLOSED AT 1.04 PM.

Confirmed by:

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Mayor Bruce Smith
Chair

Date: 10.12.20

