

Council Meeting – Thursday 24 April 2020 – 1.05pm

In accordance with the Local Government Act 2002, members attended this meeting via audio or audiovisual link. Livestreaming of Committee and Council Meetings is recognised and will be factored in future planning. Accordingly this written statement is to provide the general public with background information to the decision-making processes of Council in the absence of the public being able to attend the meeting.

1. OPENING KARAKIA

Kw Francois Tumahai opened the meeting with a Karakia.

**2. NGĀ WHAKAPAAHA
APOLOGIES**

Kw Paul Madgwick for lateness

**3. WHAKAPUAKITANGA WHAIPĀNGA
DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Interest Register was circulated via Microsoft Teams and to be taken as read

**4. NGĀ TAKE WHAWHATI TATA KĀORE I TE RĀRANGI TAKE
URGENT ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Cr Latham requested that Livestreaming of the Council and Committee meetings be discussed.

**5. NGĀ MENETI O TE HUI KAUNIHERA
MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING**

The Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 27 February 2020 were confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

Noted the 26 March Council meeting had been cancelled due to COVID-19.

**6. NGĀ TĀPAETANGA
PRESENTATIONS**

Nil.

7. ACTION LIST

The Chief Executive spoke to the Action List and provided the following updates:

- *Kaniere school students – Cycle Trail* – this item is awaiting final pricing.
- *Speed limits* – this item will be progressed in August 2020.
- *Transfer of pensioner housing to Destination Westland* – CE working with DW.
- *MW partnership agreement*: KW Madgwick noted it can be signed at any time. TBA
- *Cass Square*: Will be part of LTP planning process and consultation.
- *Racecourse*: Fiona Scadden leading the Racecourse Reserve master plan programme.

- *Haast CD and Community Dev*: Further correspondence with the party concerned to progress this item.
- *Carnegie Building project*: 3 further applications for funding submitted. Currently reviewing the scope of the project.
- *Fox Landfill*: Received Golders draft report 23 April 2020. An application for removal of material from the landfill has been made.
- *Iwi representation*: Further discussions to be held on the next steps following receipt of a response from DIA. The aspiration is legal participation opportunities and equal say as a partnership with Council. Tribal magazine did a report about the proposed partnership on the West Coast. Support for advocating this item.

8. PŪRONGO KAIMAHI STAFF REPORTS

8.1 Financial Report – March 2020

Lesley Crichton, Group Manager: Corporate Services spoke to the report.

- Full year financial forecasting could be a little optimistic. Council will be able to comment more accurately at financial year end.
- Short-term loans were taken out at the beginning of the Covid-19 shutdown in anticipation of ratepayers being unable to pay rates for the fourth instalment. This will be repaid in full in May.
- Greater detail about projects will be provided to the Capital Projects and Tenders Committee, which has the oversight of projects.

Council received the Financial Performance Report to 31 March 2020.

8.2 Commercial Rating Process

Lesley Crichton, Group Manager: Corporate Services spoke to the report.

- Very little has changed, but the \$15,000 threshold has been removed from the process.
- Council has already received a number of notifications that properties that are moving from commercial to residential rates as a result of closures of AirBnB properties.
- The rating process is an internal process. The process will start in the 2020/21 year and changes would take place on 1 July 2021.

Removing the threshold will encourage commercial activities to be conducted in commercial areas.

Council resolved to adopt the Commercial Rating Process as attached to the agenda; and best endeavours be made by staff to implement the process from 1 July 2020, with staff bringing back information to support any changes to the RID as soon as possible.

8.3 Local Government Funding Agency

Lesley Crichton, Group Manager: Corporate Services spoke to the report.

Required by LGFA the report outlines propose amendments to the LGFA to enable approved Council controlled organisations to borrow directly through the LGFA borrowing programme.

Council resolved that:

1. Council receives the “New Zealand Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA) Amendments Report”.
2. Council notes the contents of that report.
3. Council authorises the Council’s entry into the documentation noted in that report.
4. Council authorises two elected members, being Deputy Mayor Carruthers and Cr Hart to execute the following deeds for the purposes of recommendations 3 above:
 - a) Amendment and Reinstatement Deed (Multi-issuer Deed); and
 - b) Amendment and Restatement Deed (Notes Subscription Agreement).
5. Council authorises the Chief Executive to execute the Chief Executive Certificate and such other documents and take such other steps on behalf of Council as the Chief Executive considers it is necessary or desirable to execute or take to give effect to recommendations 3. above.

8.4 Development West Coast Westland Sportshub

Simon Bastion, Chief Executive spoke to the report. There have been some changes to the oversight of the DWC Westland Sports Hub and staff seek the Council’s preferred direction for ongoing ownership and funding of the structure.

Council Resolved to:

- A) Consult with the community through the Annual Plan process on taking ownership and the associated costs thereof on the covered structure, and
- B) Instructed the Chief Executive to modify the Memorandum of Understanding to ensure that community and Council interests are fairly represented and is clear on costs and accountabilities between Westland High School and Westland District Council, and
- C) Council includes the ownership and costs in the 2020-2021 Draft Annual Plan.
- D) The depreciation will not be funded by the community rate.

8.5 Ross Endowment Fund

Simon Bastion, Chief Executive spoke to the report. The purpose of the report is to advise Council that the Ross Community Society would like to utilise funds from the Ross Endowment Fund.

Council resolved that subject to consultation with the Ross community through the 2020-2021 Annual Plan process, that funds be released from from the Ross Endowment fund to pay for the repairs to cladding and guttering up to \$30,000 total.

8.6 Resident Satisfaction Survey 2020

Emma Rae, Strategy and Communications Advisor spoke to the report and advised that the purpose of this report is to inform Council of the results of the 2020 Resident Satisfaction survey and provide information on improvements and areas of reduced satisfaction compared to the 2018 survey.

The Residents Satisfaction Survey is undertaken to satisfy the commitments made in the LTP, however it was noted that a lot of the information appeared to be repetitive.

Council **Resolved** that:

- A) Council receives the report and appendices.
- B) Council directed staff to make the information contained in Appendix 1: Communitraktm Survey, Public Perceptions and Interpretations of Council Services and Representation, and Appendix 2: Appendices available to the public on Council's website.

9. KA MATATAPU TE WHAKATAUNGA I TE TŪMATANUI RESOLUTION TO GO INTO PUBLIC EXCLUDED

Council moved into Public Excluded at 4.00PM

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