

TIMARU DMS n559934 v2 District Services Committee Agenda -
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TIMARU DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE DISTRICT SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, DISTRICT COUNCIL BUILDING, KING GEORGE PLACE, TIMARU ON TUESDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2009 AT 2.30PM

PRESENT Clrs Oliver (Chairman), Barker, Bradley, Jack, Kennedy, and Mulvey, and the Mayor

IN ATTENDANCE Clrs Bennett, Bowan, Coughlan and Lyon

Tony Henderson, Samantha Usher and Robert Woods (ECan) (for Item 1)

Chief Executive (WA Isaacs), District Services Manager (AA Harper), Land Transport Manager (A Dixon) (for Item 1), Committee Secretary (MA Jump)

1 ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY PRESENTATION

The presentation from Environment Canterbury for Item 7 of the agenda was brought forward due to time constraints for ECan's representatives.

Tony Henderson gave a presentation on the Timaru Metro Strategy Review 2009. Key points noted were that results from public satisfaction surveys showed consistent ratings throughout areas of service; and a recent increase in patronage is linked with the introduction of the SuperGold savings cards for senior citizens.

Factors contributing to a decline in patronage over the last several years include a decrease in the number of overseas students in the country, a buoyant economy and cheaper cost of fuel. Overall there is now good growth in the patronage of public transport in Timaru and ECan is looking to continually improve the service and increase accessibility of public transport, including better services/more routes to Washdyke.

A Passenger Transport Advisory Group is currently being established in Timaru. The purpose of this group is to have a wider representation of the Timaru community to assist with adopting and launching the new Metro Strategy by the end of 2009. It was suggested that two Councillors from the Timaru District Council join the new group, which aims to begin meeting from mid-February. The presenters answered questions posed by Councillors.

Meeting adjourned at 2.55pm

Meeting reconvened at 3.53pm

2 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman and Deputy Chairman reported on duties they had attended since the last meeting, including the consultation on the Proposed District Plan zone charges, Regional Transport Committee, introduction to the Civil Defence Controller and participation in the Mayoral challenge in Geraldine.

The Deputy Chairman, although unable to attend the Road Safety Trust South Canterbury Coordinating Committee on 5 February 2009, has reviewed the notes of the meeting. Matters arising from this meeting included concerns raised by Kathryn Wells of the Automobile Association regarding the lack of visibility of traffic lights down by Super Cheap Auto on Evans Street.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Proposed Clr Mulvey
Seconded Clr Bradley

“That the minutes of the District Services Committee meeting held on 25 November 2008, be confirmed as a true and correct record, subject to the following corrections:

‘Hazardous Waste Committee’ should be ‘Canterbury Waste Joint Committee’. Brian Gallagher was thanked for his work on behalf of this Committee, rather than Council.”

MOTION CARRIED

4 REGIONAL LAND TRANSPORT PROGRAMME 2009 – 12 (File R3/17/13)

The Committee considered a report by the Land Transport Manager regarding the Regional Land Transport Programme (RLTP) 2009 -12. The report details projects that are planned over a three-year period, which are prioritised and approved or declined by the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA). This may mean that some projects that are recommended are not put in place.

It was queried whether a decision has been made regarding the properties on Evans Street. Councillor Oliver advised that as yet he did not believe a decision had been made and it is likely that the property owners will be advised first. Ashley Harper will investigate whether a letter from property owners dated 10 December 2008 has been received.

It was confirmed that new footpaths may be subsidised according to the Active Transport if they meet the required criteria. Formerly these were fully-funded by Timaru District Council.

There was some discussion regarding the safety and etiquette surrounding cyclists on the roads and tracks. Councillor Oliver is to discuss further with Daniel Naude, Timaru District Council’s Road Safety Advisor, regarding the programmes he has run and will be running with regards to this issue. This is an ongoing item for the South Canterbury Road Safety Coordinating Committee. Councillor Oliver will discuss with District Services Manager, the suggestion of courtesy signs on cycle/walkway tracks.

Proposed Clr Bradley
Seconded Clr Jack

“That the report be received and noted.”

MOTION CARRIED

5 TIMARU PUBLIC PASSENGER TRANSPORT STRATEGY REVIEW
(File R3/17/2)

The Committee considered a report by the Land Transport Manager regarding the Timaru Public Passenger Transport Strategy Review. (see also Item 1).

There was some discussion as to the role of the new Timaru Passenger Transport Advisory Group. It was established that this is to be a group representing a wide cross-section of Timaru District residents, in order to assist with preparation of the new Metro Strategy which is to be completed by the end of 2009. This group is separate from the current Passenger Transport Liaison Committee which will carry on with its normal activities in 2010.

Proposed Clr Mulvey
Seconded The Mayor

- 1 "That this update report and presentation be received.
- 2 That the District Services Committee appoint two Councillor representatives (Councillor Bennett and Councillor Bradley) to the Timaru Passenger Transport Advisory Group."

MOTION CARRIED

6 TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF COLES AND MATTHEWS ROADS (File T1/13)

The Committee considered a request by the Roading Engineer on a temporary road closure of Coles and Matthews Roads.

Proposed Clr Mulvey
Seconded Clr Bradley

"That pursuant to Sections 319 and 342 of the Local Government Act 1974 and the 10th Schedule thereto, and for the purpose of permitting the South Canterbury Car Club Inc to conduct a bent sprint event, the District Services Committee hereby resolves to temporarily close Coles and Matthews Roads to ordinary vehicular traffic between 0900 and 1700 hours on Sunday, 1 March 2009."

MOTION CARRIED

7 TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF WILSON STREET GERALDINE (File T1/13)

The Committee considered a report by the Roading Engineer on a temporary road closure of Wilson Street, Geraldine. Due to the late application from the Geraldine Village Inn Complex, the closure requires the approval of the Committee. It was requested that all affected parties be advised and consulted with, if not already done.

Amendments to the report were noted.

Proposed Clr Oliver
Seconded Clr Mulvey

"That pursuant the 10th Schedule of the Local Government Act 1974 for the purpose of permitting the Geraldine Village Inn Complex to conduct an Event, the Timaru District Council hereby resolves to allow the temporary closure of the

following Streets, to ordinary vehicular traffic from 3pm Friday 13 March 2009 to 2am on Saturday 14 March 2009:

Wilson Street (Talbot Street to Waihi River)."

MOTION CARRIED

8 BUDGET ROUND 2009 – TIMARU DISTRICT COUNCIL COVER FOR BUS SHELTER WOOLWORTHS SUPERMARKET, CHURCH STREET (File T1/1)

The Committee considered a report from Councillor Kennedy regarding the implementation of a bus shelter outside Woolworths supermarket on Church Street. There was some discussion around the funding of the bus shelter and the state of cleanliness of the current shelters.

It was confirmed that Timaru District Council will be fully responsible for the cost of the bus shelter as it does not come under the items subsidised by ECan. It was noted that there are funds available for this and it was noted that the standard of cleanliness has greatly improved over recent times. Councillor Kennedy advised he would be happy to provide a report to the Committee regarding the maintenance of the bus shelters around Timaru.

Proposed Clr Oliver
Seconded Clr Kennedy

- 1 "That the Committee consider the above issue.
- 2 That the Committee approve the completion of a bus shelter outside Woolworths supermarket on Church Street, to be funded from the Timaru Ward Capital Fund, subject to subsidy from the New Zealand Transport Agency."

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting concluded at 4.30pm.

Chairman