

TIMARU DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE TIMARU DISTRICT COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, DISTRICT COUNCIL BUILDING, KING GEORGE PLACE, TIMARU ON TUESDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2008 AT 1.15PM

PRESENT Mayor Janie Annear (Chairman), Ctrs Barker, Bennett, Bowan, Bradley, Coughlan, Jack (until 1.20pm), Kennedy, Lyon, Mulvey and Oliver

IN ATTENDANCE Chief Executive (WA Isaacs), Strategic Planning Manager (M Low), Secretary (JM Brownie)

Robyn Cain – Geraldine Community Board

Clr Jack declared an interest in the issue and retired from the chamber for the remainder of the meeting.

1 AORAKI DEVELOPMENT TRUST/CENTRAL SOUTH ISLAND TOURISM – PROPOSAL TO FORM A COUNCIL CONTROLLED ORGANISATION (File E3/7)

The Council considered a report by the Strategic Planning Manager, together with submissions received on the proposal to form a Council Controlled Organisation to provide Economic Development and District Promotions activities on behalf of the Council.

Verbal Submissions

Brian Ward (submitter no.7), McGregor Simpson (submitter no.11) and Roger Payne (submitter no.10) spoke in support of their submissions on the proposal, with Mr Payne tabling additional comments.

The Chairman thanked the presenters for taking the time to speak to the meeting.

Proposed Clr Kennedy
Seconded Clr Coughlan

“That the verbal submissions be received and noted.”

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Written Submissions

The following written submissions were then considered - Southend Ratepayers Association, Alliance Group Ltd, NZ Automobile Association, Central South Island Tourism, PrimePort Timaru Ltd, Blandswood Residents' Association, Wendy Smith and Barbara Aitken.

The written submissions were received and noted.

It was pointed out that with support for a merger being partly based on expected efficiencies and reduced overheads, if the merger proceeds, there needs to be monitoring of the new entity to ensure the expected efficiencies occur. The Chief Executive explained that when a Trust Deed/Constitution is formulated and a Board is appointed, that is the time when the Council needs to put forward performance measures and targets which can be measured.

The Chairman commented that since they were first established, both Aoraki Development Trust and Central South Island Tourism have been monitored on a quarterly basis by Council and a good relationship has been established between Council and these Trusts. The Council has been pleased with the performance of both organisations and their achievements for the benefit of the District, achieving national acclaim in some aspects of their activities. It was also pointed out that the move towards combining both Trusts came from the organisations themselves.

Proposed Cllr Bennett
Seconded Cllr Coughlan

“That the Council proceed with the proposal to form a new Council Controlled Organisation (CCO) to take over both the existing SC Aoraki Development Trust and the Timaru District Promotions Trust, to manage the economic development and district promotions activities under one entity. The new CCO to preferably be a charitable trust, but if not possible, the entity to then be a limited liability company, and the existing trusts to be wound up.”

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The meeting concluded at 2.25pm.

Chairman