

TIMARU DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, DISTRICT COUNCIL BUILDING, KING GEORGE PLACE, TIMARU ON TUESDAY 17 MARCH 2009 AT 10.55AM

PRESENT Clrs Bowan (Chairman), Barker, Bennett, Coughlan,
Lyon and the Mayor

IN ATTENDANCE Clrs Bradley, Jack, Kennedy, Mulvey and Oliver
Chief Executive (WA Isaacs), Assistant Chief
Executive (PH Nixon), Chief Financial Officer
(TM Rogers), and Personal Assistant (CG Te Au)

1 IDENTIFICATION OF URGENT BUSINESS

Surplus Land at 52 John Street, Temuka

Proposed the Mayor
Seconded Clr Coughlan

“THAT the surplus land at 52 John Street, Temuka, be considered as urgent business, the reason for urgency is that part of the recommendation may affect the Council’s LTCCP which is being considered prior to the next Policy and Development Committee meeting.”

MOTION CARRIED

2 IDENTIFICATION OF MATTERS OF A MINOR NATURE

The Committee agreed to discuss the following minor nature matter:

Overview of Canterbury Water Strategy.

3 CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

The Chairman reported on various meetings he had attended and duties he had carried out since the last Policy and Development Committee meeting including the Tenders Subcommittee and meetings with the Chief Executive and Assistant Chief Executive.

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Proposed Clr Bennett
Seconded Clr Barker

“THAT the minutes of the Policy and Development Committee meeting held on 10 February 2009, be confirmed as a true and correct record.”

MOTION CARRIED

5 TIMARU DISTRICT HOLDING LTD QUARTERLY REPORT (File F1/38)

The Committee considered a report from the Chief Financial Officer on the Timaru District Holdings Ltd quarterly report for the period October to December 2008.

Proposed Clr Bennett
Seconded Clr Coughlan

“THAT the Timaru District Holdings Ltd quarterly report for the period October to December 2008, be received and noted.”

MOTION CARRIED

6 TIMARU DISTRICT HOLDING LTD HALF YEAR REPORT (File F1/38)

The Committee considered a report from the Chief Financial Officer on the Timaru District Holdings Ltd half year report for the six months ended 31 December 2008.

Proposed Clr Barker
Seconded the Mayor

“THAT the Timaru District Holdings Ltd half year report for the six months ended 31 December 2008, be received and noted.”

MOTION CARRIED

7 SOUTH CANTERBURY RURAL FIRE DISTRICT DRAFT 2009/10 STATEMENT OF INTENT (File F2/28)

Proposed Clr Barker
Seconded Clr Bennett

“THAT the South Canterbury Rural Fire District Draft Statement of Intent be approved subject to Council’s decisions on the 2009/10 Budget.”

MOTION CARRIED

8 URGENT BUSINESS

Surplus Land at 52 John Street, Temuka (File L2/2/3)

The Committee considered a report from the Assistant Chief Executive on a recommendation from the Temuka Community Board on options for surplus land at 52 John Street, Temuka.

The Committee noted that the Temuka Community Board requested the funds from the sale of the property be kept for future purchase of land for endowment purposes in Temuka only.

The Assistant Chief Executive explained that ‘endowment land’ must be for investment for a return, such as purchasing a commercial building where Council would receive rent. There is endowment land in Geraldine, Temuka and Timaru, which when sold must be reinvested in other properties for endowment purposes for the benefit of the Timaru District. If the sale of this land was only invested in endowment land in Temuka it would limit the amount that could be invested, therefore limiting the return.

Proposed Clr Bennett
Seconded the Mayor

“THAT the proposed disposal be notified in the forthcoming Long Term Council Community Plan.

THAT the Chief Executive be authorised to dispose of the land to the best advantage once the statutory processes have been completed.

THAT the ability to create a walkway link be retained.

THAT the proceeds of the sale be held for future purchase of land for endowment purposes.”

MOTION CARRIED

9 MINOR NATURE MATTER

Overview of Canterbury Water Strategy

The Mayor advised the Committee that the Government would now like to look at the Strategy. The Mayor requested that Councillors be available for one of the two Stakeholder meetings to bring them up to date on the Strategy. Copies of the Strategy will be circulated. The Mayor requires feedback on the Strategy as it will be discussed further at the Mayoral Forum before being submitted to the Government.

10 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

Proposed Clr Barker
Seconded Clr Coughlan

“THAT the public be excluded on the grounds contained in Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act:

Sale of Clandeboye Hall
Section 7(2)(h)

The withholding of the information is necessary to enable the Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.”

MOTION CARRIED

11 RE-ADMITTANCE OF THE PUBLIC

Proposed Clr Coughlan
Seconded Clr Bennett

“THAT the public be re-admitted to the meeting.”

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting concluded at 11.30am

Chairman