

**TIMARU DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE TIMARU DISTRICT COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, DISTRICT COUNCIL BUILDING, KING  
GEORGE PLACE, TIMARU ON TUESDAY 19 MAY 2009 AT 2PM**

**PRESENT** Mayor Janie Annear (Chairman), Ctrs Barker, Bowan, Bradley, Coughlan, Jack, Kennedy, Lyon, Mulvey and Oliver

**APOLOGIES** Ctr Bennett  
Noeline Clarke – Temuka Community Board

**IN ATTENDANCE** Assistant Chief Executive (PH Nixon), District Services Manager (AA Harper), Regulatory Services Manager (P Thompson), Secretary (JM Brownie)

Dave Diamond – Pleasant Point Community Board

PrimePort Chairman Sid McAuley and Chief Executive Jeremy Boys – for item 1.1

Telecom representatives – Paul Leslie, Chris Dyhrberg, Robin Stevenson, Kathy Wiltshire and Neville Warsaw – for item 1.2

**OPENING PRAYER** Bruce Anderson of Woodlands Road Methodist Church Timaru, offered a prayer for the work of the Council

**1 PUBLIC FORUM**

**1.1 PrimePort Timaru Ltd Update**

PrimePort Timaru Ltd's Chairman Sid McAuley and Chief Executive Jeremy Boys provided an update to the Council reflecting on the previous 12 months of the port's operation, advising of current activities and outlining future plans for the port. Restructuring has resulted in losing 30 staff and a number of other changes. The industry is a difficult one to be in at present, particularly for a port the size of Timaru but PrimePort is currently maintaining its position, and looking ahead with a positive attitude to a long term future.

The challenges have arisen through worldwide shipping changes, fuel increases and more recently the global financial crisis. The shipping changes have posed particular difficulties for Timaru's container trade which needs large volumes to make it viable. However bulk non-containerised freight is still robust, as is PPT's property arm.

Should Holcim's resource consent for the cement works be approved, and the project proceeds, PPT is likely to benefit as the company will ship through the port of Timaru, and become a core long-term client.

Central government's decision on the future of rail could potentially be a risk to the port also, should greater volumes of cargo be moved via rail. Another possibility into the future is talk around New Zealand of port mergers or 'hubbing' (ships calling at smaller ports transporting cargo to larger port hubs).

PPT favours wide scope development at Washdyke to ensure there is adequate land available to support the expansion of Timaru's industry, to compete with neighbouring regions such as Ashburton. PPT is also in favour of the North Street overbridge to support the port's movements and activities.

The PPT representatives then answered questions from the councillors.

#### **Telecom Presentation**

Telecom representatives Paul Leslie, Chris Dyhrber, Robin Stevenson, Neville Warsaw and Kathy Wiltshire provided an update on Telecom's Broadband and mobile network plans for the Timaru District, following a tour of the telephone exchange earlier in the day.

### **2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

Proposed Clr Kennedy  
Seconded Clr Jack

"That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 14 April 2009, with the exclusion of the public excluded items, be confirmed as a true and correct record."

MOTION CARRIED

### **3 SCHEDULE OF FUNCTIONS ATTENDED BY THE MAYOR, DEPUTY MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS**

Proposed Clr Mulvey  
Seconded Clr Bradley

"That the schedule of functions be received and noted subject to the addition to the schedule of Clr Mulvey attending the Temuka Anzac Day service."

MOTION CARRIED

### **4 CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT**

Proposed Clr Bowan  
Seconded Clr Barker

"That the Chief Executive's report to the Council for the period 6 April to 12 May 2009 be received and noted."

MOTION CARRIED

### **5 AFFIXING OF THE COMMON SEAL**

Proposed Clr Oliver  
Seconded Clr Jack

"That the affixing of the common seal to the following documents be noted:

14 April 2009                      Contract 1816 – Rawtor Creek (226) Bridge Replacement

28 April 2009 Contract 1875 - Maslin Bridge (Bridge 150) Replacement  
28 April 2009 Contract 1841 – Talbot Street Geraldine and Matai Street, Pleasant Point – Water main upgrade.”

MOTION CARRIED

**6 CONTRACT LET BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY**

Proposed Clr Kennedy  
Seconded Clr Bradley

“That the following information be received on a contract let by the Chief Executive under delegated authority:

<b>Contract Number / Description</b>	<b>Number of Tenders</b>	<b>Price Range \$</b>	<b>Successful Tender and Price</b>
Contract 1881 Sale of Timber	2	\$61,200.10 to \$82,230.49	<b>Forest Management Ltd \$82,230.49</b>

The above prices are GST exclusive.”

MOTION CARRIED

**7 FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2009** (File F1/1)  
The Council considered a report by the Chief Financial Officer on progress against the Council’s work programme and financial results for the period ended 31 March 2009.

Proposed Clr Bowan  
Seconded Clr Jack

“That the report be received and noted.”

MOTION CARRIED

**8 COUNCIL INVESTMENTS AND BORROWING AS AT 31 MARCH 2009** (File F1/10)

The Council considered a report by the Chief Financial Officer on Council investments as at 31 March 2009.

Proposed Clr Kennedy  
Seconded Clr Barker

“That the report be received and noted.”

MOTION CARRIED

**9 AQUATIC LEISURE CENTRE PROGRESS REPORT** (File S5/10)  
The Council considered a report by the District Services Manager updating the Council on the progress of the new Aquatic Leisure Centre project. Also

considered was a tabled report on applications for external funding for the project.

### **Applications for External Funding**

Proposed Clr Bowan  
Seconded Clr Mulvey

“That the Chief Executive be delegated full authority to make funding applications to external organisations to support the new Aquatic Leisure Centre.”

MOTION CARRIED

### **Progress Report**

Proposed Clr Mulvey  
Seconded Clr Oliver

“That the report be received, noting that the shortlisting of the professional service providers (architects, landscapers, engineers etc) and the confirmation of the external funding are the highest priorities for the next two months.”

MOTION CARRIED

### **10 COUNCIL ORGANISATIONS – EXEMPTIONS (File C5/34)**

The Council considered a report by the Assistant Chief Executive on the position regarding Council Organisations and the possibility of granting an exemption to the AD Hally Trust.

Proposed Clr Jack  
Seconded Clr Bowan

“That the A D Hally Trust position be reviewed and an exemption from the status of a Council Controlled Organisation, as provided for in the Local Government Act 2002 section 7, be granted for three years effective from 19 May 2009.”

MOTION CARRIED

### **11 ALPINE ENERGY LTD DRAFT STATEMENT OF CORPORATE INTENT (File F1/26/6)**

Clr Bowan declared an interest in this issue and retired from the chamber.

The Council considered a report by the Chief Executive on the draft Alpine Energy Ltd Statement of Corporate Intent for 2009/12.

Proposed Clr Kennedy  
Seconded Clr Bradley

“That the draft AEL 2009/12 Statement of Corporate Intent be approved, subject to clause (e) Financial Performance Targets (iv) Ordinary Dividend per Share figures being amended to 17.75 cents for each of the three years shown in the Statement of Corporate Intent.”

MOTION CARRIED

**12 MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATION FROM LOCAL ARTS SCHEME ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE 17 APRIL 2009**

The Council considered the minutes of the April 2009 Local Arts Scheme Assessment Committee, including a recommendation in regard to the allocation of funding.

Proposed Clr Oliver  
Seconded Clr Jack

- a "That the minutes of the Local Arts Scheme Assessment Committee meeting held on 17 April 2009 be received.
- b That \$2,240.41 be allocated to the Timaru Community Arts Council, \$1,559.02 be allocated to the Temuka Community Arts Council, and \$188.48 be allocated to the Geraldine Community Arts Council."

MOTION CARRIED

**13 RECOMMENDATION FROM THE POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – LAND EXCHANGE AT BARTON ROAD, CLAREMONT (File P3/27)**

The Council considered a recommendation from the Policy and Development Committee of 28 April 2009, on an exchange of land at Barton Road, Claremont.

Proposed Clr Oliver  
Seconded Clr Kennedy

"That the Council approves the principle of the exchange of land between Council and the adjoining owner, and seeks the Minister's consent to the exchange of the respective parcels of land currently held by Council and the adjoining owner, being land described in Lots 2 and 4, DP 375042, shown on plan LT 413430."

MOTION CARRIED

Clr Bowan returned to the meeting.

**14 RECEIPT OF COMMUNITY BOARD AND COUNCIL COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Proposed Clr Bradley  
Seconded Clr Barker

"That the minutes of the following meetings with the exclusion of the public excluded items, be received:

Temuka Community Board	20 April 2009
Pleasant Point Community Board	21 April 2009
Geraldine Community Board	22 April 2009
Community Development Committee	28 April 2009
Resource Planning and Regulation Committee	28 April 2009
District Services Committee	28 April 2009
Policy and Development Committee	28 April 2009."

MOTION CARRIED

In regard to clause 7 of the District Services Committee minutes, the District Services Manager provided a brief update on the Caroline Bay Enhancement project.

**15 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

Proposed Cllr Bradley  
Seconded Cllr Jack

“That the Council resolves to exclude the public on the grounds contained in Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act:

Confirmation of Minutes  
Council & Property Matter  
Section 7(2)(b)(ii)

The withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.

Directorship  
Section 7(2)(a)

The withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.”

MOTION CARRIED

Mr Diamond retired from the meeting.

**16 READMITTANCE OF THE PUBLIC**

Proposed Cllr Oliver  
Seconded Cllr Bradley

“That the public be readmitted to the meeting.”

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting concluded at 4pm.

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Chairman