

# Timaru District Council

## Minutes of a Meeting of the Timaru District Council Held in the Council Chamber, District Council Building, King George Place, Timaru on 30 October 2018 at 3pm

**Present** Mayor Damon Odey (Chairperson), Clrs Peter Burt, Nigel Bowen, Dave Jack, Andrea Leslie, Richard Lyon, Paddy O'Reilly, Sally Parker, Kerry Stevens and Steve Wills

**Apologies** Proposed Clr Wills  
Seconded Clr Stevens

"That the apologies from Karalyn Reid – Pleasant Point Community Board, Charles Scarsbrook– Temuka Community Board and Wayne O'Donnell– Geraldine Community Board be accepted."

Motion carried

**In Attendance** Environment Canterbury – Deputy Chairman Peter Scott, Tafflyn Bradford-James, Sam Elder, Clare Pattison, Judith Earl-Goulet

Chief Executive (Bede Carran), Group Manager Infrastructure (Ashley Harper), Group Manager Corporate Services (Tina Rogers), Group Manager Environmental Services (Tracy Tierney), Group Manager Community Services (Sharon Taylor), People and Capability Manager (Symon Leggett), Drainage and Water Manager (Grant Hall)(until 4.22pm), Land Transport Manager (Andrew Dixon)(until 3.55pm) and Council Secretary (Joanne Brownie)

**Karakia** The Mayor opened the meeting with a karakia

### 1. **Public Forum**

Denise Fitzgerald and Jock Anderson, members of the Executive of Timaru Grey Power, addressed the Council on two issues –

- Age Friendly Town – a request was made for Council to give further consideration to make Timaru a World Health Organisation accredited Age Friendly Town (which would mean Timaru was the first Age Friendly Town in the South Island).
- CBD Development - there is a perception that Council is purchasing buildings for CBD development without adequately informing the public. Despite the transactions being of a commercial nature, Jock Anderson expressed the view that Council should be more open about such property

deals as the recent purchase of the Excelsior hotel by Council and the properties across the road purchased by TDHL. Mr Anderson believes this is necessary as it is ratepayers money being spent. Of particular concern is the possibility of a big box retail development being established in the Theatre Royal vicinity. Grey Power would prefer boutique shops in this area as big box retail would not be a good fit with the heritage hub. There should be some criteria as to what is to be encouraged in the vicinity of the proposed heritage centre.

In reply, the Mayor pointed out that Council had consulted the public through its Long Term Plan. For years, the community has asked why Council doesn't do something about the south end of the CBD and now positive steps have been taken towards redevelopment of this area. Also TDHL has purchased the former showgrounds site to prevent large scale development out of the central business district. In regard to informing the public, TDHL does need to be sensitive with its negotiations and with transactions that involve tenancy arrangements in the commercial sector.

The Mayor assured the representatives that Grey Power's concerns are heard and understood.

2. **Identification of Urgent Business**

Proposed Clr Parker  
Seconded Clr Leslie

"That the Council considers the following urgent business at this meeting –

- Downlands Water Supply Committee appointment for quorum
- Property Matter (public excluded)."

Motion carried

3. **Identification of Minor Nature Item**

Proposed Clr Parker  
Seconded Clr Leslie

"That the Council consider the water intake site visit as a minor nature item at this meeting."

Motion carried

4. **Declaration of Conflicts of Interest**

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

5. **Air Quality Winter Debrief**

Environment Canterbury representatives presented a debrief on the winter air quality programme, including the 'no visible smoke' campaign, mobile and fixed monitoring and Healthier Homes Canterbury. Graphs displayed show an

improving trend – contributing factors include the weather, as well as the air quality programme implemented by ECan. It was noted that Timaru had 17 high pollution nights last year but only 8 this year, (the maximum number of Timaru pollution nights allowed is 3). ECan is already planning its programmes for next year, coordinating with other agencies and continuing to expand its data gathering and ways to improve the air quality in the District.

Council pointed out that one of the important factors to address is the need to remove the ability to allow the sale of wet wood and this will have to be done through legislation.

6. **Confirmation of Minutes Council Meeting 18 September 2018**

Proposed Clr Wills  
Seconded Clr Burt

“That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 18 September 2018, excluding the public excluded section, be confirmed as a true and correct record.”

Motion Carried

7. **Confirmation of Minutes Extraordinary Council Meeting 2 October 2018**

Proposed Clr Jack  
Seconded Clr Stevens

“That the minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting held on 2 October 2018, excluding the public excluded section, be confirmed as a true and correct record.”

Motion Carried

8. **Confirmation of Minutes Extraordinary Council Meeting 16 October 2018**

Proposed Clr O’Reilly  
Seconded Clr Parker

“That the minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting held on 16 October 2018, be confirmed as a true and correct record.”

Motion Carried

9. **Schedule of Functions Attended by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors**

Proposed Clr Stevens  
Seconded Clr Bowen

“That the schedule of duties and functions attended by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors be received and noted.”

Motion Carried

**10. Schedule of Functions Attended by the Chief Executive**

Proposed Clr Lyon  
Seconded Clr O'Reilly

"That the schedule of duties and functions attended by the Chief Executive be received and noted."

Motion Carried

**11. Proposed Road Closure for the 'Timaru on Fire' Community Event**

The Council considered a report by the Land Transport Manager requesting approval for the temporary road closure of a portion of Stafford Street for the 'Timaru on Fire' event.

Proposed Clr Jack  
Seconded Clr Wills

"That Council approves the temporary closure of Stafford Street (from Strathallan Street to George Street) to ordinary vehicular traffic on Friday 7 December 2018 from 5.00pm to 8.00pm. This is pursuant to Sections 319 and 342 of the Local Government Act 1974 and the 10th Schedule, for the purpose of allowing the Timaru CBD Group Incorporated 'Timaru on Fire' community event."

Motion carried

**12. 2019 Council Meeting Calendar**

The Council reviewed the draft meeting planner for 2019. It was requested that the Donations and Loans Subcommittee workshop be moved from 3 April to 27 March if possible.

Proposed Clr Jack  
Seconded Clr O'Reilly

"That the 2019 Council meetings calendar be approved, with a minor change."

Motion carried

**13. Consideration of Urgent Business - Downlands Water Supply Scheme – Quorum Appointment**

The Council considered a report by the Group Manager Infrastructure seeking approval for a change to the Council elected member appointee for quorum purposes for the next Downlands Joint Standing Committee meeting.

Proposed Clr Bowen  
Seconded Clr O'Reilly

“That Clr Stevens be appointed the Timaru District Council elected member for quorum purposes for the 19 November 2018 meeting of the Downlands Joint Standing Committee.”

Motion carried

14. **Consideration of Minor Nature Matter – Pareora Water Intake Visit**

It was suggested that the Pareora water intake visit take place on Tuesday 27 November after the Council meeting commitments that day.

15. **Public Forum Item – Grey Power - CBD Development**

The Council noted the need to keep organisations such as Grey Power as well informed as possible, but acknowledging that this will be constrained by the sensitive nature of some of the transactions. It was also suggested that the difference between the work of the Council and the work of its commercial arm – Timaru District Holdings Ltd, be made clear in public information.

16. **Exclusion of the Public**

Proposed the Mayor  
Seconded Clr Bowen

“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**

Section 7(2)(b)(ii) 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 was the subject of, the information.

Section 7(2)(c)(i) To protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence, or which any person has been, or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment where the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should be continued to be supplied.”

**Property Matter**

Section 7(2)(b)(ii) 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 was the subject of, the information.

Motion carried

**17. Readmittance of the Public**

Proposed Clr Jack  
Seconded Clr Stevens

“That the public be readmitted to the meeting.”

Motion carried

The meeting concluded at 4.35pm.

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Chairperson

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