

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 12 February 2019 at 3pm

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

Apologies Proposed Clr Stevens
Seconded Clr Bowen

"That apologies from Jarrod Marsden – Geraldine Community Board and Raewyn Hessell – Pleasant Point Community Board be accepted."

Motion carried

In Attendance Stephanie McCullough - Temuka Community Board
Chief Executive (Bede Carran), Group Manager Infrastructure (Ashley Harper), Group Manager Environmental Services (Tracy Tierney), Group Manager Community Services (Sharon Taylor), Acting Group Manager Commercial and Strategy (Stephen Halliwell), Group Manager People and Digital (Symon Leggett), Communications Manager (Stephen Doran), Strategy and Corporate Planning Manager (Mark Low) and Policy Analyst (Fabia Fox) and Council Secretary (Joanne Brownie)

Opening Prayer Gene Lawrence of Temuka Trinity Presbyterian Parish offered a prayer for the work of the Council

Karakia The Mayor opened the meeting with a karakia

1. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

2. Confirmation of Minutes Council Meeting 11 December 2018

Proposed Clr Wills
Seconded Clr Jack

"That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 11 December 2018, excluding the public excluded section, be confirmed as a true and correct record."

Motion Carried

3. Confirmation of Minutes Extraordinary Council Meeting 18 December 2018

Proposed Clr Burt
Seconded Clr Lyon

“That the minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting held on 18 December 2018, be confirmed as a true and correct record.”

Motion Carried

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

Proposed Clr Wills
Seconded Clr Parker

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

Motion Carried

5. Schedule of Functions Attended by the Chief Executive

Proposed Clr Stevens
Seconded Clr Jack

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

Motion Carried

6. Contract Let by the Chief Executive

Proposed Clr Jack
Seconded Clr Leslie

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

Contract Description	Number of Tenders	Price Range	Successful Tenderer and Price
Contract 2388 – Bridges 95 Guild Road and 160 Middleswamp Road replacement	2	\$322,543.08 to \$330,757.13	Fulton Hogan Limited \$322,543.08
Tenders were evaluated using the Lowest Price Conforming Tender Method			

All prices exclude GST.”

Motion carried

7. Productivity Commission Inquiry – Local Government Funding and Financing

The Council considered a report and draft submission on the Productivity Commission's Local Government Funding and Financial Issues Paper.

Proposed Clr Wills
Seconded Clr Jack

"That the Council approves the submission on the Productivity Commission's Local Government Funding and Financing Issues Paper."

Motion carried

8. 2018/19 Annual Plan Progress report for the Six Months ended 31 December 2018

The Council considered the Annual Plan progress report for the six months ended 31 December 2018. A summary of the project status was tabled at the meeting. Council noted the information presented and raised some questions around progress of the capital work programme, reasons for delays and resourcing concerns. Council officers explained reasons for some of the delays related to a shortage of specialist skills and the complexity of the projects involved.

There was support for the new format but there was some reticence regarding the four month reporting timeframe, due to the amount of time that would have to be spent by council officers in preparing the report. The Chief Executive advised that four monthly reporting would allow for earlier information to give a longer window to address any concerns with meeting expectations. Councillors noted that presenting information more regularly could assist with more informed, up to date decision making.

Further reporting will be done at the next Committee meetings in regard to certain projects, the resources required and expected progress.

Proposed Clr Wills
Seconded Clr Parker

- a "That the summary financial results to 31 December 2018 is received and noted.
- b That the non-financial performance indicators and project work programme results to 31 December 2018 is received and noted.
- c That a four-monthly reporting cycle is adopted."

Motion carried

9. Accounting Policy for Property, Plant and Equipment

The Council considered a report by the Chief Executive seeking approval of the Audit and Risk Subcommittee's recommendation to change the accounting policy for property, plant and equipment. There was both support for, and concerns

about the proposed change, with the possible effect on ratepayers being the basis of that concern.

The meeting was advised that the accounting process and the funding aspect of implementing the change are different. Council suggested further information on the timing and impact of the proposal would be helpful.

Proposed Clr Bowen
Seconded Clr Stevens

- a “That Council confirms the recommendation of the Audit and Risk Subcommittee to change Council’s accounting policy for measuring property, plant and equipment from a cost to a revaluation model.
- b That transitional decisions regarding funding and timing of the change in accounting policy be delegated to the Policy and Development Committee and in the meantime the accounting process is the only thing that changes.”

Motion carried

10. Exclusion of the Public

Proposed Clr Jack
Seconded Clr Leslie

“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:

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Clause	LGOIMA wording	Plain English reason
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.	Commercial sensitivity
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	Due to an obligation of confidence and to ensure the information avenue remains open, when it is in the public interest for it to do so

interest that such information should be continued to be supplied.”

Motion carried

11. Readmittance of the Public

Proposed Clr O’Reilly
Seconded Clr Parker

“That the public be readmitted to the meeting.”

Motion carried

The meeting concluded at 4pm.

Chairperson

Unconfirmed