



MINUTES

Ordinary Council Meeting Tuesday, 20 July 2021

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**Minutes of Timaru District Council
Ordinary Council Meeting
Held in the Geraldine Domain Pavilion, 39 Hislop Street, Geraldine
on Tuesday, 20 July 2021 at the Conclusion of Standing Committees at 11.02am**

Present: Cr Steve Wills (Acting Chairperson), Cr Allan Booth, Cr Peter Burt, Cr Barbara Gilchrist, Cr Richard Lyon, Cr Gavin Oliver, Cr Paddy O'Reilly, Cr Sally Parker, Cr Stu Piddington

In Attendance: Chief Executive (Bede Carran), Governance Advisor (Jo Doyle)

1 Apologies

Resolution 2021/115

Moved: Cr Barbara Gilchrist

Seconded: Cr Sally Parker

That the apology received from Mayor Nigel Bowen be accepted and leave of absence granted.

Carried

2 Identification of Urgent Business

A request was made that item 10.1 Chief Executive Term of Employment be moved from the public excluded agenda to the public agenda.

The public excluded agenda was therefore released to the public and will be made available on the Timaru District Council website.

Resolution 2021/116

Moved: Cr Stu Piddington

Seconded: Cr Allan Booth

That item 10.1 Chief Executive Term of Employment be heard in the public part of the meeting.

A division was called with the results as follows:

In Favour: Crs Allan Booth, Barbara Gilchrist, Gavin Oliver, Sally Parker, Stu Piddington and Steve Wills

Against: Crs Peter Burt, Richard Lyon and Paddy O'Reilly

Carried 6/3

Attachments

- 1 Attachment to Council Minutes - 20.07.21 - PUBLIC EXCLUDED Agenda to be released to Public

3 Identification of Matters of a Minor Nature

The meeting agreed to discuss Theatre Royal concerns as a minor nature item.

4 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest.

5 Consideration of Minor Nature Matter

Concerns were expressed about the redevelopment of the Theatre Royal in particular that only cosmetic changes are being made with no Theatre expert involved providing specialist advice.

The changing rooms at the back of house do not function appropriately and are small, dark and dingy with no disability access.

There is concern that the opportunity to provide suitable functionality of this theatre will be missed and that the majority of money being spent is going to the front of house.

Additional concerns of where to place the piano, and issues around water leaks were also raised.

Council recommended a report be prepared to address the issues raised. The South Canterbury Drama League should be involved at this point.

It was agreed that a reference group that includes elected members should be established before the project progresses any further.

6 Reports

6.1 Chief Executive Term of Employment

Council was presented with the Chief Executive's Term of Employment.

The People and Performance Committee has met to discuss the employment contract and formulate a recommendation, which has been thoroughly researched.

The next two years will be critical for Local Government with transformational changes likely to affect how Council operates.

Robust discussion was held on the restructures occurring at council and the procedure which the People and Performance Committee followed to reach its recommendation.

Some Elected Members advised they would have favoured going to the market for applications for the Chief Executive position, not excluding the incumbent.

Resolution 2021/117

Moved: Cr Richard Lyon

Seconded: Cr Peter Burt

That Council grants an extension to Chief Executive, Bede Carran's contract for a further two years commencing on the 5th December 2021.

A division was called with the result as follows:

In Favour: Clrs Peter Burt, Barbara Gilchrist, Richard Lyon, Paddy O'Reilly, Sally Parker and Steve Wills

Against: Clrs Allan Booth, Gavin Oliver and Stu Piddington

Carried 6/3

The meeting closed at 11.29am.

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Cr Steve Wills
Chairperson