

MINUTES

**Downlands Water Supply Committee
Meeting**

Monday, 18 November 2024

**Minutes of Timaru District Council
Downlands Water Supply Committee Meeting
Held in the Meeting Room 1 , District Council Building, King George Place, Timaru
on Monday, 18 November 2024 9.00am**

Present: Stacey Scott, Rit Fisher, Sandy McAlwee, Bill Wright, Anna Lyon, Scott Shannon (Chairperson)

In Attendance: Andrew Dixon (Group Manager Infrastructure), Andrew Lester (Drainage and Water Manager), Steph Forde (Minutes).

1 Apologies

1.1 Apologies

Resolution 2024/11

Moved: Clr Scott Shannon

Seconded: Clr Stacey Scott

That the apologies of Mayor Nigel Bowen and Clr Sally Parker be received and accepted

Carried

2 Identification of Items of Urgent Business

Albury connections.

3 Identification of Matters of a Minor Nature

Nitrate levels

Gordon Valley watermain

Fluoridation

4 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

5 Chairperson's Report

5.1 Chairperson's Report

Chairperson Shannon thanked the Committee for their collaborative governance throughout the year. The Chair also acknowledged the expertise and commitment to the scheme from all involved which positively contributed to the betterment of the Districts. 2025 will be an interesting year with changes through Local Water Done Well.

Resolution 2024/12

Moved: Clr Scott Shannon

Seconded: Member Anna Lyon

That the Chairperson's Report be received and noted

Carried

6 Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Minutes of the Downlands Water Supply Committee Meeting held on 10 June 2024

Resolution 2024/13

Moved: Clr Sandy McAlwee

Seconded: Clr Rit Fisher

That the Minutes of the Downlands Water Supply Committee Meeting held on 10 June 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting and that the Chairperson's electronic signature be attached.

Carried

7 Reports

7.1 Network Update

The Drainage and Water Manager spoke to the report on the notable operational network issues and project progress which included:

- Two capital projects in the Cleland/ Davison Road area, with the PRV project underway and estimated completion by end of January 2025. The watermain renewal is engineer estimated at \$1.2m and the contract documents and design plans are currently under review.
- The options to remediate the landslip that occurred near Taiko reservoir were assessed and Drainage and Water Manager advised that the team were progressing with Options 3 as detailed in the report. This was decided in collaboration with the landowner.
- The Councils are working through options for Local Water Done Well. Depending how each Council proceeds with their plans will impact where this Downlands Scheme sits.

Resolution 2024/14

Moved: Clr Scott Shannon

Seconded: Clr Stacey Scott

That the Committee receives and notes the Downlands Quarterly Network Update

Carried

7.2 Taste and Odour Issues

The Drainage and Water Manager advised that following the June rainfall event, a number of taste and odour issues were reported due to higher levels of geosmin which creates an earthy or musty

smell and taste. The team flushed the network, prioritising the areas around the complainants, however this took longer than an urban network flush due to on site tank storage.

There is ongoing testing of the raw water and in the ponds which is still showing in some sampling so the key focus is to identify whether it's at the source, or some residual geosmin in the ponds prior to them being covered.

Additional sampling methods have been implemented including a sniff panel, where operators will heat the water sample and then test for odour.

Resolution 2024/15

Moved: Cllr Stacey Scott

Seconded: Cllr Sandy McAlwee

That the Committee receives and notes the Downlands Report on Taste and Odour Issues.

Carried

7.3 Downlands Water Scheme Finance Update

The GM Infrastructure provided the Downlands Water Supply Committee Members with a financial update for the period July to September 2024 as per report.

Key Points noted where:

- Revenue being under budget due to less new connections than forecast
- Some additional units cannot be delivered until network upgrades are undertaken which is also impacting revenue.
- Operational costs are slightly lower than forecast, however these may increase over the summer months which will balance the year end expenditure

Cllr Scott queried what the trigger was to initiate the network upgrade to meet demand on new or increased connections. The Group Manager Infrastructure and Drainage and Water Manager advised that budget constraints, including available debt to fund the capital, were preventing network upgrades which would service the new connections.

Cllr McAlwee requested that more information on "other revenue" be included for future Finance reports.

Resolution 2024/16

Moved: Cllr Scott Shannon

Seconded: Member Bill Wright

That the report be received and noted.

Carried

8 Consideration of Urgent Business Items

8.1 Albury connections

Clr Fisher requested clarification from officers about the information currently on the Timaru District Council website which states there are no new connection in the Albury township and Pareora Huts, but contradictory minutes from previous meetings state that there is a possibility and process for new connections.

The GM Infrastructure advised that there is a need for hydraulic analysis to ensure other areas of the network aren't impacted, and also additional pipework will be required.

It was also requested by the Committee that the information on the website be reviewed.

Resolution 2024/17

Moved: Clr Rit Fisher

Seconded: Clr Scott Shannon

That the Downlands Water Supply Committee agree in principle to the provision of additional connections in the Albury township, following hydraulic analysis of the network and a follow up report to the next Committee meeting.

Carried

9 Consideration of Minor Nature Matters

9.1 Update on nitrate levels - Pareora

Information system issues have prevented pulling the data from the system today, however the Drainage and Water Manager confirmed that the nitrate levels have not exceeded 50% of the maximum acceptable value, and a report will be emailed to the Committee to update on trends.

9.2 Gordon Valley watermain

The Drainage and Water Manager advised that practical completion will likely be achieved this week.


9.3 Fluoridation

GM Infrastructure advised no directive from the Director General of Health has been received. The water treatment plants are configured to implement fluoridation but will not implement until the directive is received.

The Meeting closed at 9.43am

Minutes confirmed 17 March 2025

.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Smith", is written on a light gray rectangular background.

.....

Chairperson