



MINUTES

Environmental Services Committee Meeting

Tuesday, 26 July 2022

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**Minutes of Timaru District Council
Environmental Services Committee Meeting
Held in the Council Chamber, District Council Building, King George Place, Timaru
on Tuesday, 26 July 2022 at 9.30am**

Present: Gavin Oliver (Deputy Chairperson), Mayor Nigel Bowen, Cr Steve Wills, Cr Allan Booth, Cr Richard Lyon, Cr Paddy O'Reilly, Cr Sally Parker, Cr Stu Piddington.

In Attendance: Bede Carran (Chief Executive), Paul Cooper (Group Manager Environmental Services), Andrew Dixon (Group Manager Infrastructure), Beth Stewart-Wright (Director User Experience & Community Engagement), Jason Rivett (Acting Group Manager Commercial & Strategy), Hamish Barrell (District Planning Manager), Philip Howe (Museum Director), Eric Barnes (Acting Group Manager Recreation & Cultural Services), Michelle Bunt (Water Services Community Engagement Officer) Grant Hall (Drainage & Water Manager) Claire Copeland (Executive Assistant Environmental Services).

1 Apologies

Apology

Resolution 2022/13

Moved: Mayor Nigel Bowen

Seconded: Deputy Chairperson Gavin Oliver

That apologies from Cr Barbara Gilchrist and Cr Peter Burt be received and accepted.

Carried

2 Identification of Items of Urgent Business

No items of urgent business were received

3 Identification of Matters of a Minor Nature

No matters of a minor nature were raised.

4 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

5 Chairperson's Report

5.1 Chairpersons Report

Nothing supplied by Chairperson to present in her absence.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Minutes of the Environmental Services Committee Meeting held on 14 June 2022

That the Minutes of the Environmental Services Committee Meeting held on 14 June 2022 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting and that the Chairperson's electronic signature be attached.

Resolution 2022/14

Moved: Mayor Nigel Bowen

Seconded: Cr Sally Parker

That the minutes be accepted as a true and correct record.

Carried

7 Reports

7.1 Environmental Services update

Planning Manager (Mr Hamish Barrell) provided a verbal update on the status of the Draft District Plan (DDP) Review which is planned to be presented to council on the 6 September 2022. The DDP is the result of many years of work, covering future development, consultation, engagement, acknowledgement of sights of significance (SMS) to Maori and submissions.

Once the Plan is notified there is an opportunity for feedback resulting in hearing decisions and implementations with legal effect. The goal is to have an operative plan in two years. This time will provide an opportunity for training and targeted engagement around SMS and with iwi.

It was noted that the SMS could create unease around the ability for business as usual for domestic users but it was noted this is targeted at large scale work not, for example incidental and minor domestic works such as a residential fence.

There was a discussion on the involvement of Aoraki Environmental Consultants Ltd on behalf of mana whenua. It was noted that the corporate model is used elsewhere and this is at the request of the Rūnanga as one way to operate /communicate with Council on consent related issues.

8 Consideration of Urgent Business Items

No items of urgent business were received

9 Consideration of Minor Nature Matters

No matters of a minor nature were raised.

10 Update on the Emergency Operations Centre Events

Due to the Emergency Operations Centre events of the prior week the lead local controller (Mr Paul Cooper) was invited to provide an update. Mr Cooper noted that a river bank (on the Opihi River) at the end of Mill Road was at risk of rupture which posed an imminent threat to the public. The decision was made to evacuate the properties in the immediate area. A small number of residents of the affected properties elected to remain.

To ensure safety of all people a decision was made late on the evening of 20 July to declare a state of emergency. Following the declaration (at 2220) the remaining residents of the affected properties were safely removed.

It was noted that a state of emergency is the only practicable tool available in such circumstances to EOC to ensure the safety of emergency staff and public notwithstanding it may be perceived as a significant regulatory response to a localised issue. The issue and options will be raised at future Civil Defence and Emergency Management meetings.

The Meeting closed at 10:21am



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Gavin Oliver Deputy Chairperson