



# MINUTES

## Infrastructure Committee Meeting Tuesday, 26 July 2022

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**Minutes of Timaru District Council  
Infrastructure Committee Meeting  
Held in the Council Chamber, Timaru District Council Building, 2 King George Place, Timaru  
on Tuesday, 26 July 2022 following the Environmental Services Committee**

**Present:** Sally Parker (Chairperson), Paddy O'Reilly (Deputy Chairperson), Mayor Nigel Bowen, Cr Steve Wills, Cr Allan Booth, Cr Peter Burt, Cr Richard Lyon, Cr Gavin Oliver, 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 2022/10**

Moved: Cr Steve Wills

Seconded: Cr Gavin Oliver

That apologies received 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**

- Current Water Situation
- Micro Filtration
- Update on the Ecan report on manganese found in the water

## **4 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest**

No conflicts of interest were declared.

## **5 Chairperson's Report**

### **5.1 Chairperson's Report**

An acknowledgment of appreciation was extended to the team that staffed the Emergency Operations Centre in regards to previous week's weather event. It was a well-co-ordinated response, the communication was excellent and the work greatly appreciated.

The Chairperson noted they had attended the following:

- My Way Public transport meeting update
- Streets for people Proposal workshop
- Aorangi Stadium Trust meeting
- Timaru City Town update
- Meeting with Group Manager Andrew Dixon
- Tenders and procurement meeting

#### **Resolution 2022/11**

Moved: Cr Sally Parker

Seconded: Cr Paddy O'Reilly

That the Chairpersons report be received and noted.

**Carried**

## **6 Confirmation of Minutes**

### **6.1 Minutes of the Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 14 June 2022**

That the Minutes of the Infrastructure 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 2022/12**

Moved: Cr Sally Parker

Seconded: Mayor Nigel Bowen

That the Minutes of the Infrastructure Committee Meeting held 14 June 2022 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 Seadown Water Scheme Improvements**

The report provided an update on progress following the identification of options for the improvement of the Seadown Water Supply Scheme and included feedback received through community engagement.

The three types of connections on the Seadown scheme are stock troughs, tanks that are restricted and tanks that are not restricted. The survey and feedback indicated users are in generally satisfied with the scheme, the feedback has been on matters such as water pressure and that a majority of the scheme users support a trickle feed system. The Council proposal is a reconfiguration of the scheme over an extended period to a fully trickle fed tank system similar to the Downlands and the Te Moana scheme.

Of the connections that are in place there are some with a high risk of back flow, Council officers are working with owners to facilitate the removable of these systems and implement the trickle feed system, which will all but eliminate the back flow risk. The time frame of 10 to 30 years has been allowed to maximise investment made in equipment to its full use.

Council officers noted the back flow issue and in the short term are working with the owners to disconnect any pipes with a potential back flow issues and educate users. Disconnection is not permissible for reasons of public health issue. The scheme is currently ultra violet light (UV) treated and chlorinated.

#### **Resolution 2022/13**

Moved: Cr Steve Wills

Seconded: Cr Allan Booth

That the Infrastructure Committee approve the

1. Development of a Seadown Water Supply Long Term Management Strategy on the basis as proposed in this report
2. Establishment of a Seadown Water Supply Users' Liaison Group
3. Development of a Seadown Water Supply policy document or similar.

**Carried**

## **8 Consideration of Urgent Business Items**

No items of urgent business were received

## **9 Consideration of Minor Nature Matters**

### **9.1 Consideration of Minor Nature Matters**

#### **Update of the Current Water Situation**

The Drainage and Water Manager provided an update on Timaru urban water supply, and as of 9.30 am storage was at 50% and climbing. Water takes from both the Pareora and the Opihi had

been at maximum levels since Sunday morning which was providing inflows of approximately 36 M/l (mega litres) per day, and demand since Sunday has been around 18 M/l per day.

**Micro Filtration**

Micro filtration – Downlands water scheme with the newly commissioned micro filtration plant at Te Ana Wai has gone exceedingly well with no reported issues.

Council officers are meeting with suppliers of the Downlands microfiltration plant to discuss treatment of the drinking water for Timaru. There is a lead time of 9 to 12 months and officers signalled a likely cost increase for the plant and its installation.

**Update of manganese found in the water**

Environment Canterbury had contacted Council Officers regarding the manganese discolouration and a report is expected shortly. Council would be commissioning an independent review. Officers signalled they had advised ECan officers the matter would be discussed in an open meeting.

**The Meeting closed at 10:56am**

**06th September 2022**

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**Sally Parker**  
**Chairperson**