

Timaru District Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Infrastructure Committee held in the Council Chamber, District Council Building, King George Place, Timaru on 29 January 2019 at 9am.

Present Clrs David Jack (Chairperson), Peter Burt, Nigel Bowen, Andrea Leslie, Richard Lyon, Paddy O'Reilly, Sally Parker, Kerry Stevens, Steve Wills and the Mayor

In Attendance Noeline Clarke – Temuka Community Board
Neville Gould – Pleasant Point Community Board
Janene Adams – Geraldine Community Board
Chief Executive (Bede Carran), Drainage and Water Manager (Grant Hall), Communications Manager (Stephen Doran) and Council Secretary (Joanne Brownie)

1. **Minor Nature**

The Committee agreed to discuss the leachate issue at Redruth as a minor nature matter at this meeting.

2. **Declaration of Conflicts of Interest**

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

3. **Chairperson's Report**

The Chairperson reported on meetings he had attended and duties he had carried out on behalf of the Committee since the last meeting including the Extraordinary Council meeting to hear submissions on the AEL issue, meeting with the Group Manager and meetings with members of the public. He noted that the Christmas New Year period is traditionally a quieter one for Council duties.

Proposed Clr Jack
Seconded Clr Burt

"That the Chairperson's report be noted."

Motion carried

4. **Confirmation of Minutes**

Proposed Clr Wills
Seconded Clr Burt

"That the minutes of the Infrastructure Committee meeting of 27 November 2018, be confirmed as a true and correct record."

Motion carried

5. Timaru Water Supply

The Committee considered a detailed progress report by the Drainage and Water Manager, on resilience for the Timaru community drinking water supply, including an additional storage option using the old Landsborough Road reservoirs, a water filtration/treatment facility and bore water options. The Drainage and Water Manager further explained the issues and options in the report, and noted there is still significant work to be done on this matter to improve the knowledge and assess the costings involved.

It was noted that the storage option by itself will provide an additional 3 day buffer but will not address the issue sufficiently.

Points identified by councillors included –

- Need to focus on our own distinctive catchment, rather than compare situations in other regions
- Need to be very careful around the cost/benefit analysis for storage, taking and treating water – use existing infrastructure to the maximum to provide an adequate service
- Support investigation of a bore that is close to the reservoir
- Keep all options open at this stage as we face climate change and possible regulations that restrict water takes, do not relinquish any water take consents
- Support further analysis.

The water operations team was commended for its successful handling of the heavy rain event in October/November 2018, with staff working under very challenging conditions.

Proposed Damon Odey
Seconded Cllr Peter Burt

“That all water supply resilience options continue to be investigated and assessed, including particular analysis of the impacts on storage options of reduced quantities of water used during a period of restriction.”

Motion carried

6. Consideration of Minor Nature Matter – Leachate at Redruth

The Drainage and Water Manager gave a brief update on the situation at Redruth caused by a period of above average rainfall and high groundwater levels on a site that was an historic landfill.

A risk assessment and an action plan is being prepared. The remedial work was approved in the Long Term Plan and is now being fast tracked in order to address the problem as soon as practicable. Environment Canterbury has indicated its approval for the proposed work.

The meeting concluded at 9.35am.

Chairperson

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