

Summary of Proceedings of Timaru District Council Meeting held in the Council Chamber, District Council Building, 2 King George Place, Timaru on Tuesday 2 March 2021

Present: Mayor Nigel Bowen (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, Cr Steve Wills (via Zoom Video Link)

In Attendance: Chief Executive (Bede Carran), Group Manager Commercial and Strategy (Donna Cross), Group Manager People and Digital and Acting Group Manager Community Services (Symon Leggett), Group Manager Infrastructure (Andrew Dixon), Acting Group Manager Environmental Services (Erik Barnes), Chief Financial Officer (Azoora Ali), Strategy and Corporate Planning Manager (Mark Low), Governance Advisor (Jo Doyle)

Community Boards Stephanie McCullough – Temuka Community Board
Anne Lemmens – Temuka Community Board (Via zoom link)

1 Opening Prayer and Waiata

Tony Kippax of St Mary's Anglican Church in Geraldine offered a prayer for the work of Council followed by the singing of the Timaru District Council Waiata.

2 Apology

Jan Finlayson – Geraldine Community Board

3 Public Forum

Graeme Mould of the Geraldine Fire Brigade Crash Rescue Team addressed Council on the rescue teams role, experience and successes.

4 Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of the following meetings were confirmed –

- Council meeting 9 February 2021
- Extraordinary Tenders and Procurement Committee 26 January 2021
- Tenders and Procurement Committee 2 February 2021
- Extraordinary Tenders and Procurement Committee 17 February 2021.

5 Schedule of Functions

- The Council noted the schedules of functions attended by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillors and Chief Executive.

6 Reports

The following reports were presented and discussed –

Affixing of the Common Seal	noted
Contracts Let	noted
Health and Safety update	noted
Review of Rates Discount Policy	proposal to appeal policy is to be included in the Long Term Plan Consultation Document
Review of Rates Remission and Postponement Policy	adopted
Draft Infrastructure Strategy 2021-2051	significant capital expenditure projects and financial summary information noted
Draft Financial Strategy 2021-31	endorsed as supporting information for the Long Term Plan consultation document

7 Urgent Business – Rates Billing for Environment Canterbury

Council agreed to discuss the issue of the ECan rates billing system for the Timaru District, raised as urgent business by Cr Wills.

Cr Wills, supported by Cr Lyon, put forward the proposal that ECan rates be separated from any Timaru District Council rates billing, on the basis that the current system is confusing, whereby Timaru District Council collects rates on behalf of ECan and ECan's rates appear on the TDC rates invoice. It was noted that TDC receives payment for the collection service and the same system is in place in other local authorities within ECan.

Further information and investigation is required in order that Council is sufficiently informed to make a decision on this matter.

Council noted the recommendation to no longer collect ECan rates, which will be deferred pending a full report.

8 Minor Nature Item – State Highway 1/Evans Street Road Condition

Council discussed the poor road condition of Evans street primarily between Newman Street and Waimataitai Street. Complaints have been fielded by elected members regarding the poor road surface on Evans Street and the associated noise disturbance from heavy, unloaded trucks travelling over the uneven surface. The surface needs replacing as the road is not

coping with the high level of traffic. Advice has been received that the NZ Transport Agency has no plans to immediately address the issue, other than patching work.

A report on the issue will be prepared.

The meeting concluded at 4.47pm.

Unconfirmed minutes for this meeting will be available on the website in due course.