

Timaru District Council

Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of the Timaru District Council held in the Council Chamber, District Council Building, King George Place, Timaru on 27 November 2018 at 1pm.

Present Mayor Damon Odey (Chairperson), Clrs Nigel Bowen, Peter Burt, Dave Jack, Richard Lyon, Paddy O'Reilly, Sally Parker, Kerry Stevens and Steve Wills

Apology Proposed the Mayor
Seconded Clr Jack
"That the apology from Clr Andrea Leslie be accepted."

Motion carried

In Attendance Chief Executive (Bede Carran), Group Manager Environmental Services (Tracy Tierney), Building Control Manager (Jayson Ellis), Corporate Planning Manager (Mark Low), and Environmental Services Executive Assistant (Amber Foden)

Karakia The Mayor opened the meeting with a karakia

Making our Communities Safer - Identifying Timaru District Priority Buildings and Identifying Priority Thoroughfares and Strategic Routes

1. **Declaration of Interests**

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

2. **Hearing of Submissions**

The following submitters attended the meeting and spoke in support of their written submissions:

- Hugh Perry
- Wendy Smith – South Canterbury Chamber of Commerce
- Nigel Gilkison – Timaru CBD Group.

Some key concerns raised by submitters included:

- whether Butler Street would need to be classified
- what allowance if any, there is for buildings that are set back a distance from the street
- what exactly is classed as 'high pedestrian and traffic count'
- suggestion to include any route that leads to a hospital for example, Dee Street
- high risk of 'tenant flight' from Stafford Street

- the need to preserve a vibrant, bustling CBD
- risk that historic buildings are ‘targeted’ by the legislation, and if the economic impact is too high, owners may choose to demolish.

It was clarified that there is room for discretion in the legislation and reviews and recommendations would be made on a case by case basis.

Specific routes that submitters would like further review are; The Terrace, Cains Terrace, Butler Street, the Port route, and State Highway 1.

It is noted that the location of the Ambulance Service in Pleasant Point needs to be updated on the map.

The Council considered the written submission. There were no questions or comments in relation to the written submissions.

It was reinforced that the Council understands and supports the need to educate and engage with the community and building owners, and appreciates the submissions.

3. **Consideration of Report - Identifying Timaru District Priority Building & Identification of Priority Thoroughfares and Strategic Routes**

The Council considered a report by the Building Control Manager, and submissions from the public on Identifying Timaru District Priority Building & Identification of Priority Thoroughfares and Strategic Routes.

Proposed Clr Stevens
Seconded Clr Bowen

- a) “That the submissions on the proposed priority thoroughfares and strategic routes be considered.
- b) That based on further officer consideration, the Timaru proposed thoroughfares and strategic routes be reduced to focus on areas where Unreinforced Masonry Buildings are concentrated. In particular the removal of Bank Street, Butler Street and the Terrace. A further report to be prepared for the 11 December 2018 Council Meeting.”

Motion carried

4. **Timaru District Council Annual Report 2017/18**

The Council considered the Timaru District Council Annual Report 2017/18.

Proposed Clr Wills
Seconded Clr Burt

- a) “That the Council approves the Annual Report 2017/18.
- b) That the Timaru District Council Annual Report 2017/18 be adopted under Section 98 of the Local Government Act 2002, and subject to Audit NZ approval the Mayor and Chief Executive be authorised to make minor changes as necessary.”

Motion carried

The meeting concluded at 2:05pm.

Chairperson

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