



MINUTES

Environmental Services Committee Meeting

Tuesday, 8 October 2024

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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, 8 October 2024 at 10.02am**

Present: Michelle Pye (Chairperson), Owen Jackson (Deputy Chairperson), Sally Parker, Gavin Oliver, Allan Booth, Peter Burt, Stacey Scott, Scott Shannon, Mayor Nigel Bowen

In Attendance: Paul Cooper (Group Manager Environmental Services), Andrea Rankin (Chief Financial Officer), Justin Bagust (Chief Information Officer), Bill Steans (Parks and Recreation Manager), Andrea McAlister (Acting Group Manager People & Capability), Andrew Dixon (Group Manager Infrastructure), Jan Finlayson (Geraldine Community Board Member), Charles Scarsbrook (Temuka Community Board Member), Nicole Timney (Group Manager Property), Philip Howe (Museum Director), Susannah Ratahi (Land Transport Manager), Selina Kunac (Transport Strategic Advisor), Cara Fitzgerald (Art Gallery Manager), Steph Forde (Corporate and Strategic Planner), Stephen Doran (Group Manager Corporate and Communication), Maddison Gourlay (Marketing and Communications Advisor), Brendan Madley (Senior Policy Advisor), Naomi Scott (Community Funding Advisor), Stephen Compton (Minutes)

1 Apologies

1.1 Apologies Received

Resolution 2024/26

Moved: Cllr Sally Parker

Seconded: Cllr Peter Burt

That the Environmental Services Committee receive and accept the apology of Cllr Stu Piddington

Carried

2 Public Forum

There were no public forum items.

3 Identification of Items of Urgent Business

No items of urgent business were received.

4 Identification of Matters of a Minor Nature

No matters of a minor nature were raised.

5 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

6 Chairperson's Report

Since last meeting I have:

Attended an OTOP meeting. Applications for the first round of funding closed on 4th October and we will be considering these at our next meeting in November.

After an invitation from the building team I spent an afternoon with Liam Brown one of our building inspectors. We visited three different building sites and it gave me a far better understanding of what the building inspectors do.

I attended an online Akona Hour which is part of the LGNZ learning platform. I've attended two previously which were of little value. However the last one I attended (as did Councillor Scott and Mayor Bowen) was called Leading Complex Communities and was about healthy debate and not destruction. It was of great value and I recommend everyone takes the time to watch the recording of it which should be available online.

I attended an open day of the new Geraldine Health Hub. This is a great asset for our community and I congratulate everyone involved in bringing the project to life.

I also attended the Audit and Risk committee meeting, a public meeting on the Theatre, the Hall of Fame ceremony for Jorja Millar, two citizenship ceremonies on the same day (the first time this has happened) and the two community board meetings for our ward.

Over the long weekend I joined a meeting with hut holders and campground users at Rangitata Huts with MP James Meager to discuss the future of the campground which they are very keen to see re-opened.

I also attended the CD EOC foundation training course which gave councillors a great understanding of what happens during an emergency event, the various roles people have and how elected members can support.

Resolution 2024/27

Moved: Chairperson Michelle Pye

Seconded: Cllr Sally Parker

That the Environmental Services Committee receive and note the Chairperson's Report

Carried

7 Confirmation of Minutes

7.1 Minutes of the Environmental Services Committee Meeting held on 27 August 2024

Resolution 2024/28

Moved: Deputy Chairperson Owen Jackson

Seconded: Mayor Nigel Bowen

That the Minutes of the Environmental Services Committee Meeting held on 27 August 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting and that the Chairperson's electronic signature be attached.

Carried

8 Reports

8.1 Public Alerting Siren System Upgrade - Completion Report

Lamorna Cooper (LC) (Emergency Management Advisor) led a discussion around decommissioning, due to compliancy issues (around age of infrastructure and lifespan of materials and location on private property), a number (x19) of Public Alerting Siren sites

Cost noted at \$40 per month per installation, but no cost for zero power usage.

Confirmation that Sirens were activated via VHF Radio signal

Confirmation that the infrastructure (poles) owned by the council. \$118,000 had been allocated over a period of time as Capital Expenditure (Cap Ex), but noted that this is no longer categorised as Cap Ex.

Aim to decommission sites based on the attached priority list over a period of a number of years.

Resolution 2024/29

Moved: Mayor Nigel Bowen

Seconded: Cllr Stacey Scott

1. That the Environmental Services Committee receive and note this report.

Carried

8.2 Climate Change Response Plan

Rhys Taylor spoke to the report, and there was general discussion in support of the plan.

A further column was requested in the report to detail who is responsible for each action.

Further discussion around costs and details, and noted this is a draft.

Chair requested one change – Extend the identification of small scale impacts of staff behavioural changes in travel to Elected Members.

Resolution 2024/30

Moved: Cllr Stacey Scott

Seconded: Cllr Sally Parker

1. That the Environmental Services Committee receive and adopt the draft Climate Change Response Plan, intended to guide short-term work by staff in 2024-26 on mitigation and adaptation actions.

Carried

9 Consideration of Urgent Business Items

No items of urgent business were received.

10 Consideration of Minor Nature Matters

No consideration required for matters of a minor nature

11 Public Forum Items Requiring Consideration

No consideration required for Public Forum items

The Meeting closed at 10.30am.

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Chairperson