



MINUTES

Environmental Services Committee Meeting

Tuesday, 19 November 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, 19 November 2024 at 10.00am**

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

In Attendance: Nigel Trainor (Chief Executive), Paul Cooper (Group Manager Environmental Services), Andrew Dixon (Group Manager Infrastructure), Nicole Timney (Group Manager Property), Beth Stewart (Group Manager Community Services), Andrea McAlister (Acting Group Manager People & Capability), Steph Forde (Corporate and Strategic Planner), Stephen Doran (Group Manager Corporate and Communication), Brendan Madley (Senior Policy Advisor), Stephen Compton (Minutes)

1 Apologies

1.1 Apologies Received

Resolution 2024/31

Moved: Cllr Sally Parker

Seconded: Cllr Allan Booth

That the apology of Mayor Nigel Bowen be received and accepted.

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

6.1 Presentation of Chairperson's Report

"Since our last meeting on 8th October I have attended a Community Drop In Session at the Temuka Library with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor. We had a steady number of people dropping in and sharing their concerns with a number around rate rises.

I've attended the normal council meetings, committee meetings, citizenship ceremonies and a hall of fame ceremony along with other elected members.

Together with Mayor Bowen I attended a LGNZ Zone Conference in Dunedin. Despite thinking the Agenda was of little interest there were some great sessions over the two days covering a range of topics including community resilience with Civil Defence, a presentation from the NZ Motorhome Caravan Association which highlighted some great opportunities for Council and the Community in working together, an update from Taumata Arowai on the plans they have to make planning and consenting for water and waste water infrastructure easier and more cost effective for Councils, Climate change resilience plans and an update of the LGNZ Electoral Reform Working Group.

Not technically related to this committee but I volunteered at the Boost Temuka Halloween night. This was a great event for our community and I just wanted to mention this and thank the Boost Temuka team who are doing some great stuff for our community. Look out for their next "event" which is actually a series of Christmas events across the week from 13th to 20th December.

I also attended an OTOP Water Zone committee meeting where we recommended to Ecan that funding be given to five projects across the zone including in TDC, planting at the Normanby Lagoon, planting along the Opihi near Cave, riparian planting on a tributary of the Pareora river and a wetland restoration near Geraldine.

I attended the TDHL AGM and workshop and was pretty impressed with the refurbishment of one of the historic buildings on South Stratford street that they have undertaken.

I was an apology for our Temuka Community Board meeting but I attended our Pleasant Point meeting which was held in the Cave Tavern. The improvements to the Cave area including a low cost playground and changes to the traffic management on Elizabeth Street which was the result of a community meeting in Cave in October have been well received.

I also attended on Sunday the opening of the new playground at Pleasant Point. This is a great asset for the community and I congratulate the community board and council officers (especially Troy) who played an important role in getting this project completed."

Resolution 2024/32

Moved: Chairperson Michelle Pye

Seconded: Cllr Gavin Oliver

That the Environment Services Committee receive and note the Chairperson's Report.

Carried

Carried

7 Confirmation of Minutes

7.1 Minutes of the Environmental Services Committee Meeting held on 8 October 2024

Chair to email clarification around point 8.2 application of speed restrictions on elected members and officers travel comment.

Resolution 2024/33

Moved: Chairperson Michelle Pye

Seconded: Cllr Allan Booth

That the Minutes of the Environmental Services Committee Meeting held on 8 October 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 MBIE submission: Improving efficiency in the inspection process

- 1 The purpose of this report is to seek elected member feedback on a draft submission prepared for the current consultation being undertaken by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) on "Improving efficiency in the inspection process".

The Building Control Manager spoke to the report noting that the item under submission was another tool that could be applied with the Building Consent Authority's (BCA) discretion to help speed up inspections of new buildings.

Discussion was held around the use of online consent inspection, use of third party and private providers, whether the changes would like to a reduction or increase in inspections and the effects this would have on staff numbers and time.

It was noted that we didn't agree with the government view that there would be fewer inspections, but there could be time savings from fewer on site rechecks of specific items.

The Group Manager Environmental Services noted that the officers are working with MBIE and there is significant work going on to achieve goals, with voluntary discussions around consolidation with other local councils to form regional or cluster groups.

Further noted that the impact on Council Revenue at this stage is unknown, but they are hoping to bring a report on that to the next Council Meeting (or the one after).

Resolution 2024/34

Moved: Cllr Scott Shannon

Seconded: Cllr Stacey Scott

That the Environmental Services Committee

1. Receives the draft submission on "Improving Efficiency in the Inspection Process".
2. Provides feedback on the draft submission.

3. Delegates authority to the Chair of the Environmental Services Committee to approve the final submission.

Carried

9 Consideration of Urgent Business Items

No items of urgent business were received.

10 Consideration of Minor Nature Matters

No matters of a minor nature were raised.

11 Public Forum Items Requiring Consideration

There were no public forum items.

The Meeting closed at 10.21am.

Minutes Confirmed 18 February 2025.



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Chairperson