



MINUTES

Council Long Term Plan Meeting Monday, 31 May 2021

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**Minutes of Timaru District Council
Ordinary Council Meeting
Held in the Council Chamber, District Council Building, King George Place, Timaru
on Monday, 31 May 2021 at 9am - Long Term Plan Hearing**

Present: Mayor Nigel Bowen (Chairperson), Cr Allan Booth, Cr Peter Burt, Cr Barbara Gilchrist, Cr Richard Lyon, Cr Gavin Oliver, Cr Paddy O'Reilly (from 12.20pm), Cr Sally Parker, Cr Stu Piddington, Cr Steve Wills

In Attendance: Chief Executive (Bede Carran), Group Manager People & Digital and Acting Group Manager Community Services (Symon Leggett), Group Manager Infrastructure (Andrew Dixon), Acting Group Manager Commercial and Strategy (Ashley Harper), Group Manager Environmental Services (Paul Cooper)(for day 3), Strategy and Corporate Planning Manager (Mark Low), Drainage & Water Manager (Grant Hall), Parks & Recreation Manager (Bill Steans), Land Transport Manager (Suzy Ratahi), Manager of Property Services and Client Representative (Nicole Timney), Art Gallery Manager (Cara Fitzgerald), Exhibitions Curator (Hamish Pettengell), Recreation Facilities Manager (Craig Motley), Development Manager (Rosie Oliver), Policy Analyst (Fabia Fox), Corporate Planner (Ann Fitzgerald), Governance Advisor (Jo Doyle), Governance Support Officer (Joanne Brownie)

1 Opening Prayer and Council Waiata

Tony Pantel from the Elim Church offered a prayer for the work of Council followed by the singing of the Council Waiata.

2 Apologies

Cr Paddy O'Reilly for lateness.

3 Public Forum

There was no public forum.

4 Identification of Urgent Business

There was no urgent business.

5 Identification of Matters of a Minor Nature

There were no matters of minor nature.

6 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

The following conflicts of interest were declared, and any further conflicts will be noted at the time of discussion -

Cr Gavin Oliver - Go Geraldine and Geraldine Nature and Sculpture Trail

Mayor Nigel Bowen – Personal Submission and a member of the Hospitality Association

Cr Allan Booth – Member of the CBD group, Friends of Aigantighe and member of Venture Timaru

Cr Paddy O'Reilly – Temuka Community Board submission.

7 Reports

7.1 Long Term Plan Consultation 2021-31 - Receipt of Submissions and Hearing

Council received the submissions and feedback on the Long Term Plan 2021-31 (LTP) and heard the following submitters who spoke to their submission.

Community Feedback

Provided an overview of the process of the consultation. Reports have been analysed from submissions and specific reports on key issues which provide an overall summary of feedback.

Feedback from Councillors

Councillors spoke to their written reports on meetings they had attended with community groups and drop-in sessions as part of the community engagement: -

Cr Peter Burt - Most commentary was ring-fenced around the CBD, Caroline Bay, roading and footpaths and the Aorangi Stadium. Feedback was received that a transformational change for the CBD should come from Council to lead, regardless of cost, now is time to do it.

Cr Barbara Gilchrist – Good to see a high level of engagement, especially on climate change where feedback was at all ends of spectrum. Leadership is expected from Council.

Aigantighe and Aorangi Stadium, the consensus was that it is never cheaper than right now and support is high for kids getting into sport.

The City Hub needs transformation but many were not able to articulate what that would be. There is low interest in doing nothing, making Stafford Street free of cars and drawing Caroline Bay and CBD together.

Need for social housing and social welfare assistance. Large pockets in community not supported and affordable housing and a need for cultural meeting space, meet and have festivals and religious ceremonies.

Deputy Mayor Steve Wills – Was the most engaging time with the community, the growth and development of Caroline Bay was feedback received and discussed.

Cr Gavin Oliver – Feedback was to move Aigantighe Art Gallery into town and link to the Theatre Royal and make the city a vibrant hub with more foot traffic.

Climate change, unsure of the level that climate is making changes, possibly more bio diversity problems.

Strong support for Aorangi Park, for rural towns it will make earlier games possible.

Cr Sally Parker – Climate change, people are either passionate or see this as a central Government issued. Support for Aorangi Stadium but that the gym remains there.

There is growing diversity in the community, there is a need somewhere to go for families and children.

Cr Stu Piddington – Strong support for the development of Aorangi Stadium and the retention of the current Gym to remain in the park.

Cr Allan Booth – Feedback that Climate Change should be left to Central Government. Concern was raised by Presbyterian Support of the loneliness felt by the aged population as well as their housing options.

Support for the Aorangi Stadium and Art Gallery.

Cr Richard Lyon - Concern about the rate rise for the district. Climate Change, Art Gallery and Aorangi Stadium were main topics discussed.

Mayor Nigel Bowen - Feedback that Council should retain a leadership role around waste minimisation and that MyWay should remain.

Climate change and the investment required to achieve specific outcomes, and development of Caroline Bay.

Verbal Submissions

Council heard all submitters who wished to speak to their submission as follows:

Tony Gilchrist: Accessibility, climate change, recycling, art gallery, Aorangi park, city hub and walking tracks.

Cr Peter Scott – Environment Canterbury: Key relationships, 3Waters, RMA reforms. Climate change, waste, bio diversity, MyWay on demand public transport service.

Sandra Tait – For and on behalf of Happy Health Timaru: Climate change and sustainable transport.

Brian Gallagher – Sustainable South Canterbury Trust: Climate change and education of waste minimisation.

Nicky Snoyink – Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of NZ (via Zoom): Climate change and SNA programme.

Phil Driver: Climate change

Michelle Robertson – Cancer Society Canterbury West Coast: Smoke & Vape free policy in Stafford Street.

Peter McAuley: Showgrounds development, CBD, Theatre Royal and Museum.

Treen Davison – Te Runanga O Arowhenua Society Inc: Climate change and improvement in storm water management.

Darren Cuthbertson – Cycling South Canterbury: Caledonian Grounds cycle track and new velodrome.

Tony Preen – CBD, rating differentials.

Cr Paddy O'Reilly joined the meeting at 12.20pm.

Gaire Thompson – Thompson Property Group: CBD and Climate change.

Malcolm Eadie - Progressive Solutions Ltd: Aorangi Stadium development and retention of current Gym.

Owen Jackson – CPlay

Pete Stayt, Anne-Marie McRae and Mandy Everett - Hockey South Canterbury: Aorangi Stadium Development

Shaun Campbell – Sport Canterbury: Aorangi Stadium development, retention of current gym, Highfield recreation area, golf requirements of district.

Stacey Scott and Karen Naylor – Netball South Canterbury: Aorangi Stadium development.

Abbie Ross – South Canterbury Basketball Association: Aorangi Stadium development.

Gordon Collister – Timaru Yacht and Power Boat Club: Jetty upgrade on Marine Parade.

Tina Rogers - Rate increase and Council expenditure.

Suspension of Standing Orders

Motion

Moved: Mayor Nigel Bowen

Seconded: Cr Sally Parker

That Council suspends Standing Order 3.3.7 to allow the meeting to continue beyond six hours.

Carried

Youth Competition

The finalists of the youth competition and their submissions on Climate Change were shared with Council: **Oliver Kirke, Bronte Davenport, Joel Shaw.**

Continuation of Verbal Submissions

Peter Bennett - Penguin area at Caroline Bay

Stu Jackson - CBD and MyWay

Atma Artjin Hjrakil - Artma Spiritual Gallery - CBD and Climate change.

Sue Harrex - CBD, retention of current Gym at Aorangi Stadium and Rates increase.

Sue Harrex – TTCRAG: CBD and earthquake prone building repairs.

Donna McPherson - Climate Change, Theatre Royal and Museum and Penguins.

The meeting adjourned 5.31pm.

DAY TWO

The meeting resumed on 1 June 2021 at 9.00am.

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

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Update from Group Manager Infrastructure on rain event and damage – Ashburton River bridge pier damage and slump – closed for weeks, possibly months, alternative SH 72, which has sustained some damage, currently being repaired. Boil water notice and conserve water advice issued.

Wayne O'Donnell and Janene Adams - Geraldine Community Board - Woodbury Road seal widening, Strategic Plan for Geraldine

Janene Adams & Nicky Donkers - Geraldine Nature and Sculpture Trail Project Group - Geraldine Nature and Sculpture Trail.

Janene Adams and Nicky Donkers - Geraldine.nz - Geraldine Strategic Plan and CBD upgrades in rural towns.

Don Binney - Climate Change, Art Gallery, Aorangi Stadium and CBD.

Don Murray - Climate Change, CBD and Airport.

Donald Aubrey - Rate increase for Rural and Climate Change.

Julian Maze – Living Wage South Canterbury and Ruth Swale (Advocacy Anglican Care South Canterbury) - Living Wage

Matthew Hall and Bob Mortimer - South Rangitata Reserve: Climate Change and possible relocation of South Rangitata Huts.

Anne Griffiths - Climate Change

Lynley Paul - Retention of current Gym at Aorangi Stadium.

Mazaiah Isaako Tuala – Youth Engagement: City Hub and Caroline Bay

Chris Thomas - Timaru Senior Citizens - Increased services for aging population, MyWay public transport, Social Housing and CBD

Jason Grant, Angela Johnston and Neil Barton - Federated Farmers NZ South Canterbury Branch - Rural rate increase and Downlands.

Cr Steve Wills left 12.20pm

Michael Richardson - Rezoning land for development in Mountainview/Washdyke.

Cr Steve Wills returned to the meeting at 1.05pm

Cr Peter Burt left the meeting at 1.10pm

Jennifer Queree - Aigantighe Art Gallery.

Nicola Tennent - Buzan Lifestyle Enterprises Limited: Climate Change, Aigantighe Art Gallery, Aorangi Stadium and CBD.

Don Wreford: Climate Change and Rural Rates increase.

Sue Connolly - South Canterbury Arts Society - Aigantighe Art Gallery.

Bruce Appelbe - Aigantighe Art Gallery – Disability access, Rate Increases and CBD.

Cr Peter Burt returned at 1.43pm.

Tarryn Butcher - Climate Change.

Margaret Dockrill - Retention of current Gym at Aorangi Stadium development.

Doreen Fraser - MyWay.

Clr Paddy O'Reilly and Charles Scarsbrook - Temuka Community Board - Improving Temuka CBD

Royce Gander - Pump Cycle Track

Chris Smeele - Aorangi Stadium development.

Suspension of Standing Orders

Proposed the Mayor

Seconded Clr Gilchrist

That Council suspends Standing Order 3.3.7 to allow the meeting to continue beyond six hours.

Carried

Anthony Blackstock - Rates Increase, Council's increased debt limit, Climate Change.

Janya Lobb - Climate Change, 3Waters Reform, Art Gallery, Aorangi Stadium development and CBD.

Nigel Gilkison - Timaru CBD Group and Timaru Civic Trust: CBD, Art Gallery and BID Policy

Anna Clearwater - Council facilities and closing times for rural families usage.

Juliet Crawford - Friends of Aigantighe Art Gallery - Art Gallery.

Colouring Competition – the Mayor acknowledged the colouring competition which was held as part of the youth engagement focus of the LTP consultation. He noted the number and quality of the entries which represent good engagement from the younger section of the community. Samples of the entries were displayed on the chamber walls.

Youth Engagement Award Winner

The winning entry from Joel Shaw in the Youth Engagement Competition was exhibited via video presentation.

The meeting adjourned at 4.10pm.

DAY THREE

The meeting resumed on 2 June 2021 at 9.00am.

Present: Mayor Nigel Bowen (Chairperson), Cr Allan Booth, Cr Peter Burt, Cr Barbara Gilchrist (until 4.45pm), Cr Richard Lyon, Cr Gavin Oliver, Cr Paddy O'Reilly, Cr Sally Parker, Cr Stu Piddington, Cr Steve Wills

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The Mayor noted his conflict of interest for the following submission – Hospitality Association. The Deputy Mayor Steve Wills assumed the Chair.

Kristy Phillips – Hospitality Association: Rates Differentials, CBD, Short Term Rental Providers and Art Gallery.

The Mayor resumed the Chair.

At the completion of submissions, Council discussed rates differentials and the impact of the funding announcement from Waka Kotahi on Monday 31 May.

Advice has been received on the indicative funding allocation, Council requested \$59m and have budgeted for \$50m but the result is \$42m over 3 years.

The result of this shortfall is a \$1.2m revenue decrease which has an effect on budgets, including borrowing limits.

Resolution 2021/69

Moved: Cr Peter Burt

Seconded: Cr Barbara Gilchrist

That Council:

- (a) Notes all submissions and feedback received; and
- (b) Acknowledges submitters who have spoken to their submission; and
- (c) Notes that all feedback will be considered as part of the deliberations on the Long Term Plan 2021-31.

Carried

Attachments

- 1 Council Long Term Plan Hearing - 29 May 2021 - Attachment - Variance Distribution - Across Differential Categories
- 2 Long Term Plan Hearing - Submitters Handouts Day 1 and 2
- 3 Long Term Plan Hearing - Michael Richardson's Handout
- 4 CPlay plans
- 5 CPlay Plans

7.2 Long Term Plan 2021-31 Deliberations - Community and Cultural Facilities

Council considered a summary of community feedback on the plans and projects relating to Community Facilities over the period of the Long Term Plan 2021-31.

The report provides a summary of the topics raised relating to the following activities:

- Art Gallery (other than the redevelopment options)
- Caroline Bay Facilities

- Libraries
- Museum
- Public Toilets
- Theatre Royal and Heritage Facility.

The furniture, fittings and equipment have been added to the budget for the Theatre Royal and Heritage Hub. The original amount was for construction, however staff time and an allowance for an increase in construction costs and inflation have now been added along with a non-council contribution of \$750,000.

The increase on this project was discussed, with the total budget for this project now at \$29.35m.

The relevant submissions received on the Theatre Royal and Heritage Hub were discussed.

Peter Bennett – Penguins – This work will be included with the Caroline Bay Strategy.

Royce Gander – Pump Cycle Track – The Lions Club has looked at a similar opportunity, it was suggested that a community group could undertake this project, and it could be considered under the Caroline Bay Strategy. However a similar project is being considered for Centennial Park.

Yacht Club – The jetty and slipway amenities are used by the yacht club as well as community members. Consideration to be given to an amount to be contributed by groups (eg sea scouts, naval cadets), the Yacht Club, and the public. The submitters did not identify a particular dollar amount required.

The Caroline Bay master concept is expected to take a few years to complete, stakeholder and community consultation and investigations into linkages with the CBD are to be undertaken. Local consultants will be utilised if possible adhering to the Council procurement policies.

Resolution 2021/70

Moved: Cr Barbara Gilchrist

Seconded: Cr Steve Wills

1. That Council received and considered the community feedback received on Community and Cultural Facilities.
2. That Council includes an additional \$600,000 in the Theatre Royal and Heritage Facility budget and that this amount be funded by loan.
3. That non-Council revenue of \$750,000 be included in the Theatre Royal Heritage Facility revenue budget.

Carried

7.3 Long Term Plan 2021-31 Deliberations: Environmental Services Group of Activities

Council considered a summary of community feedback on the plans and projects for Environmental Services over the period of the Long Term Plan 2021-31.

The report provides a summary of the topics raised relating to the following activities:

- Building Control
- District Planning
- Environmental Compliance
- Emergency Management.

Earthquake prone buildings were discussed, meetings have been held with key stakeholders about the approach of educating and understanding how the sector will cope with the requirements. Understanding the number of buildings that require upgrading would be valuable information and it is hoped to avoid a bottle neck with 12 years left of the process.

A bylaw review is not required until 2028 by statutory requirements, however a review is planned to be undertaken in the next twelve months. A workshop will be undertaken on the enforcement policy to provide a guide to obligations for complainants, this will help to educate the community on what processes are followed.

An increase of funding to emergency management is requested within the budget.

A submission was received from Michael Richardson on land available for subdivision which would require re-zoning. Discussions will be held with the development sector, land owners, developers and surveyors and these views will be brought back to Council.

Resolution 2021/71

Moved: Cr Richard Lyon

Seconded: Cr Paddy O'Reilly

That Council considered the community feedback received on Environmental Services Activities.

Carried

7.4 Long Term Plan 2021-31 Deliberations: Parks and Cemeteries

Council considered a summary of community feedback on the plans and projects for the Parks and Cemeteries Activities over the period of the Long Term Plan 2021-31.

The increase in funding of \$0.51m in year 2 to CPlay was discussed and Council supported an increase to \$1m in year 1. The mechanisms of Council's involvement in the project will need to be confirmed, along with the ownership of the completed playground.

The district play strategy and catering for different age groups and accessibility for all were discussed. The spaces and places policy does not specifically cover play areas, and including disability information in this strategy is important.

The development of a golf facilities strategy is proposed. This will support work around the development of Highfield golf course and stakeholders will be involved.

The Temuka Aviary was discussed. The Temuka community wants higher priority given to this project and timing to be brought forward. It was noted that the funding for this project was included in the last LTP. The maintenance and care of birds is undertaken by volunteers.

The development of a landscape plan for the Timaru botanic gardens was discussed, this will provide accessibility for trails, tracks and will showcase heritage items. The inclusion of \$60,000 in year 3 of the budget will provide the opportunity to do the planning for this nationally significant area.

Cycling South Canterbury has provided a submission on the Caledonian cycling track and the need to find a replacement location for the facility. The foundations of the track are failing, and the possibility of a new 250m velodrome at Sir Basil Arthur park is to be investigated. Providing \$20,000 will enable the group to plan and source further funding. An expected start to building is two years.

The Geraldine Nature and Sculpture Trail has requested assistance with the design of its trail and ongoing maintenance support from Council. The initial funding will go towards the design concept, and once completed this trail will be self-funding.

The trail will be a destination attraction for Geraldine and will promote areas of interest. Volunteers are working on the trail and providing materials. The overview of the plan is to be distributed to Council for viewing.

A submission on the formation of a Contestable Fund for supporting future development of walkways and cycleways was considered. Discussion on this proposal will be undertaken in item 7.8.

CPlay

Resolution 2021/72

Moved: Cr Steve Wills

Seconded: Cr Peter Burt

- (a) That Council will increase its contribution to the CPlay project from \$510,000 to \$1M.
- (b) That the Council contribution be provided in 2021/22 – Year One of the LTP.
- (c) That the additional funding will be loan funded.

Carried

Play Strategy

Resolution 2021/73

Moved: Cr Peter Burt

Seconded: Cr Gavin Oliver

That Council agrees to include \$45,000 in the budget for 2024/25 – Year Four of the LTP to prepare a play strategy.

In Favour: Ctrs Nigel Bowen, Allan Booth, Peter Burt, Barbara Gilchrist, Richard Lyon, Gavin Oliver, Paddy O'Reilly, Stu Piddington and Steve Wills

Against: Clr Sally Parker

Carried 9/1

Golf Facilities Strategy

Resolution 2021/74

Moved: Mayor Nigel Bowen

Seconded: Cr Stu Piddington

That Council agrees to include \$15,000 from rates in the budget for 2021/22 – Year One of the LTP to develop a strategy for golf facilities.

Carried

Temuka Aviary

Resolution 2021/75

Moved: Cr Paddy O'Reilly

Seconded: Cr Richard Lyon

That Council agrees to alter the timing for replacing the Temuka Aviary from year three to year one of the LTP, at an estimated cost of \$350,000.

Carried

Timaru Botanic Gardens

Resolution 2021/76

Moved: Cr Barbara Gilchrist

Seconded: Cr Sally Parker

That Council includes \$60,000 in the budget for the 2023-24 – Year Three of the LTP for developing a landscape plan for Timaru Botanic Gardens.

Carried

Public Art Policy

Resolution 2021/77

Moved: Mayor Nigel Bowen

Seconded: Cr Gavin Oliver

That the Public Art Policy be reviewed within the first three years of the LTP.

Carried

Track Cycling Facility

Resolution 2021/78

Moved: Cr Steve Wills

Seconded: Cr Paddy O'Reilly

That Council includes \$20,000 in the budget for 2021/22 – Year One of the LTP to assist Cycling South Canterbury investigate a replacement track cycling facility.

Carried

Off-road Walking and Cycling Strategy and the Active Transport Strategy

Resolution 2021/79

Moved: Mayor Nigel Bowen

Seconded: Cr Gavin Oliver

That a review of the current Off-road Walking and Cycling Strategy and the Active Transport Strategy take place, to achieve a single strategy for the development of both on-road and off-road walking and cycling opportunities in the district.

Carried

Geraldine Nature and Sculpture Trail

Resolution 2021/80

Moved: Mayor Nigel Bowen

Seconded: Cr Sally Parker

1. That Council includes \$50,000 in the budget for 2021/22 – Year One of the LTP to assist with designing the first stage of the Geraldine Nature and Sculpture Trail.
2. That \$15,000 per annum commencing in 2022/23 be allocated for maintenance, and the requirements be delegated to the Parks and Recreation Manager for approval.

Carried

7.5 Long Term Plan 2021-31 Deliberations - Recreational Facilities

Council considered a summary of community feedback on the plans and projects relating to Recreational Facilities over the period of the Long Term Plan 2021-31.

The report provided a summary of the topics raised relating to the following activities:

- Swimming Pools
- Aorangi Park.

A submission was received from a rural resident who asked for the possibility of community facilities to be open for longer hours for a place to go in the evenings. The logistics of opening these facilities for longer hours will be investigated and a report will be presented to Council. It was noted that the Timaru Library reduced its hours as a result of low patronage in the evenings, but CBay is a facility that is open until 9pm.

Another topic raised during the consultation was some ethnic communities usage of CBay and that due to religious reasons, females will not use CBay when men are present. The request was for the pool to open for mother and children only sessions. It was noted that the community is now more diverse and there are a wide variety of needs that can challenge the Council services provided. It was suggested that the submitters could make use of the private training pool available in Timaru. A report was requested on the logistics of this suggestion.

Resolution 2021/81

Moved: Cr Peter Burt

Seconded: Cr Steve Wills

That Council received and considered the community feedback on Recreational Facilities.

Carried

7.6 Long Term Plan 2021-31 Deliberations: Roding and Footpaths Group of Activities

Council considered a summary of the community feedback on the plans and projects relating to Roding and Footpaths over the period of the Long Term Plan 2021-31.

Support from the community was received for an active transport programme, particularly for the MyWay on demand public transport system. There appears to be some community confusion over where the responsibility for MyWay falls, this information will be passed onto Environment Canterbury.

In regard to the two requests for seal extensions received, there is currently no budget in year one for seal extensions, but there is \$300,000 per annum in the budget thereafter.

Widening of Woodbury Road is included in the seal widening programme, there is limited funding, however this road is expected to be in the top three priorities.

The funding of security cameras in the CBD was discussed, Police are consulted in regard to the placement of cameras, and feedback is expected if the cameras are not working.

Resolution 2021/82

Moved: Cr Barbara Gilchrist

Seconded: Cr Stu Piddington

That Council received and considered the community feedback on the Roothing and Footpaths activity.

Carried

7.7 Long Term Plan 2021-31 Deliberations - Infrastructure Services - Airport, Sewer, Stormwater, Waste Minimisation, Water Supply

Council considered a summary of community feedback on the plans and projects for key Infrastructure Services over the period of the Long Term Plan 2021-31.

The report provided a summary of the topics raised relating to the following activities:

- Timaru Airport
- Sewer Services (no specific submissions relating to sewer)
- Stormwater
- Waste Minimisation
- Water Supply.

Submissions were received on the upgrade of the Timaru Airport and runway extension. It was noted that this work will be undertaken when required.

There is support for waste minimisation, and the contamination rate is reducing. The waste levies have increased, and this is now to be reflected in the fees and charges.

The increase in fees for the Downlands and Te Moana rural water schemes only apply to new connections or allocations to the schemes. This is due to additional treatment and capacity available in the water schemes following scheme upgrades.

Council discussed whether the cost of dumping rubbish could include the impact on carbon prices, this could help the community understand the impact. This cost is currently built into rates. However education is considered the most effective way to ensure understanding of the financial benefits to re-using and recycling of waste.

The waste levy is due to increase each year by \$10, this could be separated out from the other waste charges as the scope of the levy has changed.

Resolution 2021/83

Moved: Cr Barbara Gilchrist

Seconded: Cr Peter Burt

1. That Council received and considered the community feedback on Airport, Sewer, Stormwater, Waste Minimisation and Water Supply activities.
2. That Council approves the increased fees associated with new connections or allocations for the Downlands and Te Moana rural water schemes to \$8,000 per unit of water including GST and \$6,500 including GST per tank.
3. That Council approves increases in waste fees and charges to reflect the Government waste levy increases from 1 July 2021 from \$10 per tonne to \$20 per tonne excluding GST and future annual increases.

Carried

7.8 Long Term Plan 2021-31 Deliberations - Governance, Strategy, Economic Development and Community Support

Council considered a summary of community feedback on the plans and projects for the Governance, Strategy and other Community Support related topics over the period of the Long Term Plan 2021-31.

Accessibility

The development of an accessibility framework was proposed. An accessibility audit of new and existing facilities will be added to the Audit and Risk Committee programme.

Business Improvement District

Council agreed that the Business Improvement District (BID) policy be adopted, with officers to update the missing component of the policy. This policy will not be implemented until a request is received from a group that wishes to generate a BID.

Le Quesnoy

Council considered a funding request from the New Zealand Memorial Museum Trust – Le Quesnoy, noting Council had previously donated \$10,000 to the project. Council agreed not to contribute any further funds to the project.

Contestable Fund

Deputy Mayor Steve Wills chaired the discussion on the Contestable Fund proposal, as the Mayor had submitted on this topic.

The contestable annual fund would be available to groups to help fund and develop walking and cycling trails.

The submission was made based on the success of the stimulus funding and the outcome of cycleways that are already being established. The fund would be capped year on year, and would be funding for capital expenditure but not operational expenditure. The addition of an annual contestable fund was supported and could be applied for by groups who want to develop or extend walking or cycling tracks. Criteria would need to be developed.

It was agreed that this fund would not support repeated applications from groups for the same section of cycleway or walkway, however applications for new sections of track will be considered.

Donations and Loans Funding

Concern was raised on the need to review Council funding, and that a review of the Donations and Loans policy, should be undertaken with a report to be provided to Council.

Community Strategic Plans

The development of strategic plans for the Geraldine, Temuka and Pleasant Point CBDs were discussed. Geraldine has begun the process and is seeking additional funds to enable the completion of its plan. It is expected that each Community Board would have differing plans and approaches dependent on their needs.

Venture Timaru

Cr Allan Booth declared a conflict of interest for this item, and did not partake in the discussion.

Council considered allocating funds to Venture Timaru for district promotion, tourism and events.

Should an increase of funding be provided to Venture Timaru, this would enable further funding of \$330,000 to be accessed from the Ministry for Business Innovation and Employment. This is based on its funding criteria which includes Council contribution, and will be matched.

Clarification was sought from Venture Timaru during the meeting, that the release of extra funds from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment is guaranteed. If the amount is agreed by Council, Venture Timaru will need to update its Statement of Intent and advise Council of its plans for the funding.

New Policies and Strategies

The preparation of a report on the alignment of the council existing strategy and policy platform with the Council's strategic direction and prioritised approach is approved. This would be in preparation for the next Long Term Plan process, March 2023.

Rangitata Huts

A submission was received on the Rangitata Huts. The reserve management plan expired in 2017, engagement with the community is needed to ensure their expectations are aligned with what Council can provide. There has been some sea inundation in this area as well as the river mouth being regularly opened by ECan.

Work is underway to combine this plan with others into one overarching reserve management plan.

Saltwater Creek

Funding support for addressing issues at Saltwater Creek was discussed. These issues have been raised regularly by the Timaru Rowing Club based at Saltwater Creek. The possibility of ECan putting in place a targeted rate was suggested. It is recognised there is a need for work to take place in this area, and the Rowing Club is aware it will need to provide funds to assist.

Council agreed that \$25,000 will be tagged to assist the Rowing Club to explore options.

Accessibility**Resolution 2021/84**

Moved: Cr Barbara Gilchrist

Seconded: Cr Sally Parker

That an Accessibility Framework be developed to assist officers in delivery of new and existing services and facilities and that a project to review facilities' accessibility be added to the audit programme.

Carried**Business Improvement District****Resolution 2021/85**

Moved: Cr Steve Wills

Seconded: Cr Paddy O'Reilly

That the proposed Business Improvement District Policy be adopted, noting that this establishes a policy that would enable a Business Improvement District to be created, should any business community within the district wish to do so.

Carried**NZ Memorial Museum Trust – Le Quesnoy****Resolution 2021/86**

Moved: Cr Steve Wills

Seconded: Cr Sally Parker

That Council declines the request from the New Zealand Memorial Museum Trust – Le Quesnoy, for a donation equivalent to \$1 per resident for Museum and Visitor Centre in Le Quesnoy.

Carried**Contestable Fund****Resolution 2021/87**

Moved: Cr Richard Lyon

Seconded: Cr Steve Wills

That Council approves the establishment of a contestable annual fund of \$100,000 to be available to groups to fund and develop walking and cycling trails from 2021/2022.

Carried**Community Funding****Resolution 2021/88**

Moved: Cr Barbara Gilchrist

Seconded: Cr Richard Lyon

That the Community Funding framework be reviewed, including the Donations and Loans Policy to ensure it is fit for purpose and aligns with Council's strategic direction.

Carried

District Township Strategic Planning

Resolution 2021/89

Moved: Mayor Nigel Bowen

Seconded: Cr Stu Piddington

1. That a report be prepared for Council on options to support and partner on a place based planning approach.
2. That Council contributes \$100,000 (\$40,000 for Geraldine, \$30,000 for Temuka and \$30,000 for Pleasant Point) to enable this process to occur.

Carried

Economic Development, District Promotion, Tourism and Events

1. Council considered allocating a further \$180,000 per year for events, rate funded to Venture Timaru pending confirmation that the release of extra funds from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment is guaranteed.
2. The submissions on District Promotion, Tourism and Events are to be forwarded to Venture Timaru for consideration.
3. The Venture Timaru Statement of Intent will need to be updated if further funding is received.

Strategy and Policy

Resolution 2021/90

Moved: Cr Stu Piddington

Seconded: Cr Steve Wills

That a report be prepared for Council consideration on the alignment of our existing strategy and policy platform with Council's strategic direction and integrated and prioritised approach to review in preparation for the next Long Term Plan by March 2023.

Carried

Timaru Rowing Club

Resolution 2021/91

Moved: Cr Stu Piddington

Seconded: Cr Steve Wills

That Council provides \$25,000 to support work with the Timaru Rowing Club to explore options for remedial work at Salt Water Creek.

Carried

7.9 Key Issue: Climate Change - How much should Council do?

Council was provided with a summary of community feedback received on the options consulted on relating to how much Council should do to prepare for climate change over the period of the Long Term Plan 2021-31 (LTP).

Many submissions were received on this topic, with a majority in favour of doing more now. Some of those that did not support Council involvement were of the view this is not Local Government's role. However there are legislative requirements that require Local Government to take this matter into consideration.

Additional resource is required in order to proceed with the preferred option. There are also passionate community members who are willing to contribute their time and expertise.

Robust discussion was held about the level at which Council should invest in climate change.

Resolution 2021/92

Moved: Cr Barbara Gilchrist

Seconded: Mayor Nigel Bowen

That Council

1. Considered the feedback received from the community on the options consulted on relating to how much Council should do to prepare for climate change.
2. Approves Option 3, do even more, with \$585,000 per annum of funding allocated to the climate change work programme acknowledging an additional rates increase required to fund this for the final Long Term Plan 2021-31.

In Favour: Clrs Nigel Bowen, Peter Burt and Barbara Gilchrist

Against: Clrs Allan Booth, Richard Lyon, Gavin Oliver, Paddy O'Reilly, Sally Parker, Stu Piddington and Steve Wills

Lost 3/7

Resolution 2021/93

Moved: Cr Steve Wills

Seconded: Cr Richard Lyon

That Council

1. Considered the feedback received from the community on the options consulted on relating to how much Council should do to prepare for climate change.
2. Approves Option 2, do more, with \$360,000 per annum of funding allocated to the climate change work programme acknowledging an additional rates increase required to fund this for the final Long Term Plan 2021-31.

In Favour: Clrs Richard Lyon, Gavin Oliver, Paddy O'Reilly, Sally Parker, Stu Piddington and Steve Wills

Against: Clrs Nigel Bowen, Allan Booth, Peter Burt and Barbara Gilchrist

Carried 6/4

7.10 Key Issue: Aigantighe Art Gallery Redevelopment - What's the best option?

Council was provided with a summary of community feedback received on options for the redevelopment of the Aigantighe Art Gallery (adjoining 1978/1995 extension buildings).

There were positive submissions received through the consultation process. The community wishes for the gallery to remain on the site and believe if the gallery was moved, the separation would remove the original purpose of this property.

Discussion was held about the trust deed, meetings have been held with the family members, they would like to see options of two storied versus single stories designs. The existing footprint restrictions could affect the most desirable option, so negotiations should continue.

Procurement options were discussed, and the possibility of a design and build to deliver the gallery. There was support for a room for local artists to use, and it is important that the design be sympathetic to the current building.

Transparency with the family and community is considered very important on this project.

Resolution 2021/94

Moved: Cr Steve Wills

Seconded: Cr Richard Lyon

1. That the Timaru District Council proceeds with Option 1 (construct a new facility on the current Wai iti Road site) for the redevelopment of the Aigantighe Art Gallery as outlined in the Long Term Plan 2021-31 Public Consultation Document.
2. That negotiations continue with the Grant family on the trust deed as the existing footprint restrictions could affect the most desirable option.
3. That the procurement method be fully tendered with a focus towards design and build and the process be transparent.

Carried

7.11 Key Issue: Developing Aorangi Park and Stadium - When should we do this?

Council was provided with a summary of community feedback received on options for when Council should undertake development of Aorangi Park and Stadium, in accordance with the Aorangi Park Master Plan, adopted by Council in February 2021.

Council has received overwhelming support to pursue this development and the option of bringing forward the design, planning and build phase to year 3.

A request has been received to increase the number of courts to 6, to cater for basketball and netball requirements, and a design and build option could be considered after the success of the new Selwyn recreation centre.

The expectation is that all sports that will benefit from this stadium will undertake fundraising. They have indicated they are all prepared to form a fundraising group. It was agreed that a target amount needs to be set on the fundraising.

It is expected that a project manager will be required to arrange the extensive stakeholder engagement required.

South Canterbury Netball has indicated that as their current building does not fit with the new courts, the building could be donated to a community project, and that could be their contribution.

The fundraising target would be set at \$2.3m which is 10% of the proposed project cost for the sporting codes involved.

Resolution 2021/95

Moved: Cr Stu Piddington

Seconded: Cr Steve Wills

That Council

1. Considered the feedback from the community on the options consulted on regarding when Council should undertake development of Aorangi Park and Stadium.
2. Council determines to carry out planning and design in 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 – Years One and Two of the LTP at a cost of \$300,000 per annum, with the build commencing in 2023/2024 – Year Three of the LTP, including considering:
 - (a) 6 new courts instead of the proposed 3 new courts
 - (b) For procurement to be explored as a design and build option.

In Favour: Clrs Nigel Bowen, Peter Burt, Barbara Gilchrist, Gavin Oliver, Paddy O'Reilly, Sally Parker, Stu Piddington and Steve Wills

Abstained: Clrs Allan Booth and Richard Lyon

Carried

Resolution 2021/96

Moved: Mayor Nigel Bowen

Seconded: Cr Steve Wills

That a Gym for the 50 plus age group be provided within Aorangi Park.

Carried

Resolution 2021/97

Moved: Cr Richard Lyon

Seconded: Mayor Nigel Bowen

That a fundraising goal be set at \$2.3m for the sporting codes that are involved with the Aorangi Park and Stadium.

Carried

7.12 Key Issue: Timaru City Hub - What is Council's role in the regeneration?

Council was provided with a summary of community feedback received on options for Council's role in the regeneration of the Timaru City Hub over the period of the Long Term Plan 2021-31.

The project is not yet fully scoped, however suggestions received were to replace the tiles, more parking and fewer cars. Testing and data gathering will be important to support decisions made.

General agreement is that the community wants to see the Heritage Hub at one end of town and a strong link to Caroline Bay at the other end, with more availability to use outdoor areas.

Council discussed that a reset is needed in the CBD, closing streets has been trialled in other towns and not worked. There needs to be a focus on planning, engaging and getting this right as the three years will pass quickly.

There was support that the Geraldine, Temuka and Pleasant Point town developments should also be supported, and there is the opportunity for some learnings to be transferred.

Council discussed approval of option two now, with the ability to reconsider funding in three years time once a detailed plan was developed. The first three years will be needed to plan, identifying projects and engaging with community and stakeholders.

Resolution 2021/98

Moved: Cr Allan Booth

Seconded: Cr Peter Burt

That Council

1. Considered the feedback from the community on the options consulted upon regarding what Council's role should be in the regeneration of the Timaru City Hub.
2. Agreed on option 2 – Council having an enabling role in the Timaru City Centre regeneration.

Carried

Resolution 2021/99

Moved: Cr Richard Lyon

Seconded: Cr Paddy O'Reilly

That Council agrees to provide \$200,000 each to Geraldine, Temuka and Pleasant Point towns in year 3 of the Long Term Plan 2021-31 to enable enhancement of their towns following the completion of their strategic plans.

Carried

At 4.49pm – Cr Barbara Gilchrist left the meeting.

7.13 Revenue and Financing Policy Amendment - Footpath Funding

Council considered a summary of community feedback following consultation on Council's proposal to amend the Revenue and Financing Policy, including the funding of footpaths as set out in the Revenue and Financing Policy Statement of Proposal. This feedback will inform Council's decision-making in relation to the adoption of the Revenue and Financing Policy for inclusion in the Long Term Plan 2021-31.

This policy will allow grouping of the funding across the district and ensure the standard of footpaths are addressed. Rural communities will benefit from this amendment as there has been under investment in these areas previously.

Resolution 2021/100

Moved: Cr Allan Booth

Seconded: Cr Steve Wills

That Council

1. Considered all feedback received on the proposed amendments to the Revenue and Financing Policy particularly in relation to the funding of footpaths.
2. Adopts the Revenue and Financing Policy as presented, including the amendment to the funding of footpaths, for inclusion in the Long Term Plan 2021-31.

In Favour: Clrs Allan Booth, Peter Burt, Gavin Oliver, Paddy O'Reilly, Sally Parker, Stu Piddington and Steve Wills

Against: Clrs Nigel Bowen and Richard Lyon

Carried 7/2

7.14 Long Term Plan 2021-31 Deliberations - Financial Strategy, Rates and Funding

Council considered a summary of community feedback on the Financial Strategy, Rates and Funding related topics and seeking Council decisions over the period of the Long Term Plan 2021-31.

A full rating review was proposed to provide a clean slate approach including a rating differential review. Funding of \$100,000 over two years was proposed to support this review.

Other changes to the budget would be modelled and will take into account funding impacts such as the loss of Waka Kotahi funding along with the impact on the borrowing level of Council.

A press release will be produced to explain this to the community prior to the meeting reconvening on Tuesday 8 June.

Resolution 2021/101

Moved: Cr Richard Lyon

Seconded: Cr Peter Burt

That Council approves a full rating review to be undertaken in the next three years of the LTP, including funding of \$50,000 in year one and \$50,000 in year two of the LTP.

Carried

7.15 Rates Discount Policy

Council considered a summary of feedback from the community consultation as part of the Long Term Plan process on the proposal to repeal the Rates Discount Policy.

Nine submissions were received, this policy provided a 2.5% discount for those that pay their annual rates at the first instalment.

On 2 March 2021 Council agreed in principle to repeal the policy.

Resolution 2021/102

Moved: Cr Peter Burt

Seconded: Cr Allan Booth

That Council

1. Receives and considered the community feedback on the Rates Discount Policy as part of the Long Term Plan 2021-31 consultation process.
2. Repeals the Rates Discount Policy.

Carried

7.16 Disaster Recovery Fund

Council discussed the disaster recovery fund. Currently there is \$200,000 annually allocated to this fund, however after the recent flooding events it was agreed that this amount should be increased to \$400,000 annually.

The Rangitata flooding event in 2019 resulted in \$800,000 being withdrawn from the fund.

Resolution 2021/103

Moved: Cr Allan Booth

Seconded: Cr Peter Burt

That Council increases the allocation to the disaster recovery fund to \$400,000 annually from year 2 to year 10 of the Long Term Plan 2021-31.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 5.42pm on 2 June and reconvened on Tuesday 8 June 2021 at 11.45am, following completion of the Standing Committee meetings.

Present: Mayor Nigel Bowen (Chairperson), Cr Allan Booth, Cr Peter Burt, Cr Richard Lyon, Cr Gavin Oliver, Cr Paddy O'Reilly, Cr Sally Parker, Cr Stu Piddington, Cr Steve Wills

In Attendance: Temuka Community Board - Gaye Broker
Chief Executive (Bede Carran), Group Manager People & Digital and Acting Group Manager Community Services (Symon Leggett), Group Manager Infrastructure (Andrew Dixon), Acting Group Manager Commercial and Strategy (Ashley Harper), Group Manager Environmental Services (Paul Cooper), Strategy and Corporate Planning Manager (Mark Low), Drainage & Water Manager (Grant Hall), Parks & Recreation Manager (Bill Steans), Land Transport Manager (Suzy Ratahi), Manager of Property Services and Client Representative (Nicole Timney), Art Gallery Manager (Cara Fitzgerald), Exhibitions Curator (Hamish Pettengell), Recreation Facilities Manager (Craig Motley), Development Manager (Rosie Oliver), Policy Analyst (Fabia Fox), Governance Advisor (Jo Doyle), Governance Support Officer (Joanne Brownie)

Apology

Moved: Mayor Nigel Bowen

Seconded: Cr Peter Burt

That the apology from Councillor Barbara Gilchrist be received and accepted.

Carried

8 Long Term Plan Deliberation

The Council reviewed the additional Budget items, identified before the adjournment of the meeting on 2 June. Since that time, financial modelling has been carried out to determine the effect on the rates, should all the items be included in the Budget. Also taken into consideration was the significant reduction in funding expected from Waka Kotahi (NZTA) which may have a material effect on the roading asset. A summary paper was presented illustrating the rates impact of including the additional items.

It was noted that if all items are approved, and with the reduced Waka Kotahi funding, Council's debt will be at the maximum according to Council's Treasury Management Policy.

The additional items include –

Item	Amount	Funding and Financing Source
Theatre Royal	\$600,000	Loan
CPlay	\$490,000	Loan
Play Strategy - year 4	\$45,000	Rates
Golf Strategy - year 1	\$15,000	Rates
Temuka Aviary – bring into year 1 from year 3	\$350,000	Loan
Botanic Gardens – year 3	\$60,000	Rates
Cycle Track Investigations – year 1	\$20,000	Rates
Geraldine Nature and Sculpture Trail	\$50,000 – year 1 \$15,000 – year 2 to year 10	Rates
Cycle Trails Contestable Fund – from year 1 to year 10	\$100,000	Rates
Community Board Strategic Plans – year 1	\$100,000	One-off
Venture Timaru events – per annum	\$180,000	Rates

Saltwater Creek weir – year 1	\$25,000	Rates
Aorangi Stadium – bring into year 3	\$800,000	Loan Revenue of \$2.3m through community fundraising
Rural towns CBD upgrade – year 3	\$0.6m	Loan
Rating Review	\$50,000 – year 1 \$50,000 – year 2	Rates
Disaster Relief Fund – year 2 to year 10	\$200,000	In addition to annual \$200,000

Rates Increase

Taking into account the reduced funding from Waka Kotahi and the addition of all the extra items identified, the rates increase for the financial year commencing 1 July 2021 would be 11.5% and the rates increase for year 2-10 would be 4.9%. It was noted that the reduction in Waka Kotahi funding will result in a reduced level of service in the roading activity.

Waka Kotahi Funding

The Group Manager Infrastructure explained that the reduction in NZTA funding will equate to \$7.5m over the first 3 years of the Long Term Plan. (NZTA approves funding on a 3 year basis). Maintenance will be reduced by \$1m, and road pavement resurfacing and renewals will be reduced by \$4.5m and the remaining \$2m will need to be funded by way of rates or loan.

Waka Kotahi project funding will be announced in August. This will include Council's minor roading programme, most of which relates to road safety. It is hoped that the majority of these projects will be approved.

Motion

Moved: Cr Allan Booth

Seconded: Cr Peter Burt

That having considered the impact of changes from the submissions, against the existing draft Long Term Plan budget, Council approves the additional items identified, noting that the approved additional items will result in a total rates increase of 11.5% for 2021/22 (Year 1) and a 4.9% increase for the following nine years (Years 2 to 9); and

Council approves the amendment to the draft Financial Strategy 2021-31, increasing the limit on rates increases from 10.5% to 11.5% in 2021/22 and retaining the 7% limit for the following nine years of the Long Term Plan.

Carried

Attachments

1 Rates Impact Summary of Scenarios x3 for Long Term Plan hearing 31 May 2021

9 Consideration of Urgent Business Items

There was no urgent business.

10 Consideration of Minor Nature Matters

There were no matters of a minor nature.

1 Public Forum Items Requiring Consideration

There was no public forum.

12 Exclusion of the Public

Resolution 2021/104

Moved: Mayor Nigel Bowen

Seconded: Cr Steve Wills

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting on the grounds under section 48 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Plain English Reason
Audit and Risk Committee Appointment	s7(2)(a) - The withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons	To protect a person’s privacy

Carried

The Mayor conveyed Council’s appreciation to the staff for their work on the budget and Long Term Plan, with particular note to the additional work undertaken out of normal working hours, in order that Council was in an informed position to make its final decisions at this meeting.

The meeting concluded at 12.24pm.

Minutes confirmed 29 June 2021.

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Mayor Nigel Bowen
Chairperson