



# MINUTES

## Infrastructure Committee Meeting Tuesday, 6 September 2022

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**Minutes of Timaru District Council  
Infrastructure Committee Meeting**  
**Held in the Council Chamber, Timaru District Council Building, 2 King George Place, Timaru  
on Tuesday, 6 September 2022 following the Environmental Services Committee**

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

**In Attendance:** **Community Board Members:** Jan Finlayson (Geraldine Community Board) Wayne O'Donnell (Geraldine Community Board).

**Officers:** Bede Carran (Chief Executive), Jason Rivett (Acting Group Manager Commercial & Strategy), Andrew Dixon (Group Manager Infrastructure), Catherine Irvine (Waste Manager), Erik Barnes (Acting Group Manager Recreation and Cultural Services), Paul Cooper (Group Manager Environmental Services), Beth Stewart-Wright (Director User Experience & Community Engagement), Azoor Ali (Chief Financial Officer), Claire Copeland (Executive Assistant Environmental Services), Jess Hurst (Governance and Executive Support Coordinator).

## **1 Apologies**

There were no apologies noted

## **2 Identification of Items of Urgent Business**

No items of urgent business were received

## **3 Identification of Matters of a Minor Nature**

- State Highway 1 Review
- Sewage Review

## **4 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest**

### **4.1 Declarations**

Mayor Nigel Bowen noted a conflict of interest in regards to the Airport Upgrade Update.

Cr Burt noted a conflict of interest in regards to Landfill Cover Alternative Options.

## **5 Chairperson's Report**

### **5.1 Chairpersons Report**

Attended the following meetings:

- Audit and risk workshop
- Eco Centre opening and MRF visit
- Council meeting
- Tenders and Procurement Committee
- People and performance Committee
- Workshops, including CityTown Trials
- Meeting with group Manager Andrew Dixon
- Yr3 Otago Medical Student

**Resolution 2022/14**

Moved: Cr Sally Parker

Seconded: Cr Barbara Gilchrist

That the report be accepted into the minutes.

**Carried**

**6 Confirmation of Minutes****6.1 Minutes of the Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 26 July 2022****Resolution 2022/15**

Moved: Cr Steve Wills

Seconded: Cr Paddy O'Reilly

That the Minutes of the Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 26 July 2022 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting and that the Chairperson's electronic signature be attached.

**Carried**

**7 Reports****7.1 July 2022 Emergency Event Funding Application**

The Infrastructure Group Manager and Land Transport Manager presented a report to Council a proposal to find the local share of the cost of road infrastructure recovery from the July 2022 flood event from the Council Disaster Relief fund.

This funding is to be used for the recovery and damage repairs, the Council Disaster Relief fund policy provides funding "for the replacement of infrastructure assets in the event of a natural disaster." This fund is maintained by an annual allocation from rates.

Officers noted that the fund to date has been sufficient to meet the appropriation requests. However, the increasing frequency and intensity of weather events indicates that at the next Long Term Plan consideration may be needed as to what constitutes an appropriate level of funding may be required.

**Resolution 2022/16**

Moved: Cr Steve Wills

Seconded: Mayor Nigel Bowen

That the Council share of the cost of road infrastructure recovery from the July 2022 flood event of up to \$1,225,000 excluding GST to be funded from the Council Disaster Relief fund.

**Carried**

**7.2 Airport Upgrade Update**

The Infrastructure Group Manager and the Chief Executive presented the report on the proposed upgrade to the Timaru Richard Pearse Airport with the intention to extend the existing passenger terminal at to meet future requirements and the propose to demolish the observation tower (subject to further consultation).

The upgrade would allow for an increase in flight passenger capacity, the extension floor area would meet potential future demands and level of service.

This upgrade would be an asset alongside the recently completed Airport Apron extension, which now allows two aircraft (up to 70 seats) to park and access the terminal through two gates and allows for Jets.

Cr Piddington asked if we have it right, in regards to meeting space provisions, being we still cannot do a one day round trip to Timaru, he requested a report on the flight arrivals data relating to the report, he also noted the feedback from the Heritage Aviation Society was to decline the removal of the Aviation Tower.

The Infrastructure Group Manager noted there are regular requests for meeting space at the Airport and the demand for future proofing eg the new runway plus economic development has been resounding.

Mayor Nigel asked if there was consideration to building up instead of going out eg east as proposed? It was noted this had been part of the consideration but not considered feasible

Cr Booth spoke to Venture Timaru having strategy meetings sighting the airport as a key asset second only to the port (the Airport is a key entry point and the gateway to the South Island). We should move to accommodate bigger planes (fit for purpose/master plan looking to future proof for the next 20 to 30 years).

Cr Wills noted his support for a second story option/idea.

Cr Burt asked if Air NZ had requested the upgrade. The Infrastructure Group Manager confirmed Air NZ hadn't but that feedback from Air New Zealand was to separation of the crew and equipment as well as separate the arrivals and departures areas.

**Resolution 2022/17**

Moved: Cr Barbara Gilchrist

Seconded: Cr Peter Burt

(1) That the Infrastructure Committee confirms support the proposal to develop a master plan.

(2) That council propose to extend the existing passenger terminal at Timaru Richard Pearse Airport to meet future demand and in alignment with the master plan for the airport.

(3) That the proposed demolition of the observation tower, be subject to further consultation.

**Carried**

### **7.3 Landfill Cover Alternative Options**

The Waste Manager presented the report on the options to cover the landfill at Redruth, this landfill has an anticipated life span of approximately 25 years depending on fill rates (quantities of refuse buried).

Redruth Landfill is open to both commercial and public customers that use waste disposal services at Redruth Landfill and also provides customers with options are available divert material from landfill, when this waste is unloaded at the landfill tip face it is necessary to cover it to avoid windblown litter, to deter vermin and reduce odour from waste. The current practice for landfill cover at Redruth Landfill is to use daily cover (soil) and low level contaminated soil up to 2000 tonnes per month. This displaces air space which is a void space in the landfill that is able to receive waste. It is estimated that about 50% of the landfill material is filled with low-level contaminated soils.

The proposal looked at a number of options including soil cover (eg status quo), Hydro mulch, or landfill lids. It was reiterated by Cr Oliver the Hydro mulch does deter vermin. The main reason for the recommendation was that the current process of soil fill wastes the volume in our landfill.

#### **Resolution 2022/18**

Moved: Cr Gavin Oliver

Seconded: Cr Richard Lyon

That Council support the investigation of a spray-on Hydro mulch as an alternative option to soil cover and landfill lids and that a business case be presented on the feasibility of this option.

**.Carried**

### **7.4 Fitzgerald Road Stopping, between Looker Road and State Highway One**

The report presented by the Infrastructure Group Manager and the Land Transport Manger.

Essentially the legal road is a farm access track with land both sides owned by the one landowner. Orari Estate Holding Limited and its associated subsidiaries, the adjacent landowner requested consideration of the stopping of a section of Fitzgerald Road from Looker Road to State Highway 1 that is unsealed and not maintained by Council. They have also requested to purchase this road land if the road stopping is approved. Given the current limited public access the one landowner affected by the closure, the use of the public works act is considered appropriate.

The unsealed stretch of Fitzgerald Road linked to Orari-Rangitata Highway that is gated and advises the public of active agricultural activity.

There have been three serious crashes in this general area in the last five years. If this proposal was to go forward this safety risk could be rectified through road stopping and closing of the intersection that would support the road to zero safety strategy.

The Geraldine Community Board Chairperson reiterated their support of this road stopping.

The Manager of Infrastructure noted if the road was closed it would become freehold land owned by Council.

### **Resolution 2022/19**

Moved: Cr Barbara Gilchrist

Seconded: Cr Steve Wills

That the Infrastructure Committee consents the road stopping of a defined section of Fitzgerald Road from Looker Road to State Highway 1 in accordance with Sections 116 and 117 of the Public Works Act 1981.

**Carried**

## **7.5 Progress Updates - Key Projects**

The Group Manager of Infrastructure and the Transportation Strategy Engineer presented this report to Council covering the following projects

- Pareora Pipeline Renewal
- Downlands Water Supply Scheme Upgrade
- Te Moana Water Supply Scheme Upgrade
- 3Waters Stimulus Programme
- Road Renewal & Improvement Programme
- The CPlay Project
- CityHub Strategy (Timaru 'CityTown' Project)
- Washdyke Network Improvements
- Redruth Landfill Cell 3.5 and Gas Flare Construction
- STEC (Southern Trust Events Centre) Redevelopment

There was feedback from Cr Piddington on the increase of costs around all Councils key projects, the Infrastructure Group Manager confirmed that final costs were being gathered and considered.

Cr Booth requested information on the Redruth Land fill Gas Flare emissions measuring.

### **Resolution 2022/20**

Moved: Cr Barbara Gilchrist

Seconded: Cr Peter Burt

That the Committee receive and note the Progress Reports for Key Infrastructure Projects.

**Carried**

## **8 Consideration of Urgent Business Items**

No items of urgent business were received

## 9 Consideration of Minor Nature Matters

### 9.1 State Highway 1 Review

An update of progress was requested noting the disruption travelling North Bound, there are still patches and pot holes, is it a money issue with excise duty offering less to roads? It was confirmed by that progress is being made slowly but surely and that the work currently underway is budgeted.

The Showgrounds entry is proposed to have traffic signals on completion noting the culvert needs to be removed and replaced (along with section strengthening).

In regards to the Evans street sewer mains being replacement project it was confirmed it is on track with progress.

### 9.2 Sewage Update

A request for an update on the Sewage lines was made, Group manager of Infrastructure to confirm at the next meeting.

**The Meeting closed at 11.59am**



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**Cr Sally Parker Chairperson**



**Bede Carran  
Chief Executive  
Timaru District Council**