



MINUTES

Ordinary Council Meeting Tuesday, 22 March 2022

Ref: 1486604

**Minutes of Timaru District Council
Ordinary Council Meeting
Held in the Council Chamber, District Council Building, King George Place, Timaru
on Tuesday, 22 March 2022 at 3pm**

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

In Attendance: Bede Carran (Chief Executive), Steve McKnight (Group Manager Commercial & Strategy – via Zoom), Andrew Dixon (Group Manager Infrastructure), Erik Barnes (Acting Group Manager Recreation & Cultural Services), Hannah Goddard-Coles (Director Engagement & Culture), Mark Low (Strategy and Corporate Planning Manager), Jason Rivett (Financial Consultant), Nigel Davenport (Chief Executive – Venture Timaru), Tony Howey (Board Chairperson – Venture Timaru), Frazer Munro (General Manager – Timaru District Holdings Ltd.), Mark Rogers (Board Chairperson – Timaru District Holdings Ltd.), John Mackey (Audit New Zealand)

1 Opening Prayer

Rev. Ben Randell of St. Marys Anglican Church performed the opening prayer.

The waiata followed opening prayer.

2 Apologies

Nil

3 Public Forum

There were no items of Public Forum to be received.

4 Identification of Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business to be received.

5 Identification of Matters of a Minor Nature

Cr Allan Booth raised vaccination mandates in Council facilities as a Matter for Minor Nature.

6 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

Cr Allan Booth declared a conflict of interest in relation to item 9.1 Venture Timaru Quarterly Report, due to being a member of the Venture Timaru Board.

7 Confirmation of Minutes**7.1 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 15 February 2022****Resolution 2022/12**

Moved: Cr Sally Parker

Seconded: Cr Paddy O'Reilly

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 15 February 2022 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting and that the Chairperson's electronic signature be attached.

Carried

8 Schedules of Functions Attended**8.1 Schedule of Functions Attended by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors****Resolution 2022/13**

Moved: Mayor Nigel Bowen

Seconded: Cr Steve Wills

That the report be received and noted.

Carried

8.2 Schedule of Functions Attended by the Chief Executive**Resolution 2022/14**

Moved: Mayor Nigel Bowen

Seconded: Cr Stu Piddington

That the report be received and noted.

Carried

9 Reports

7.2 Resolution to Include Supplementary Reports

Approval is sought to submit the report 'Adoption of Annual Report 2020/21' to this Council meeting as presented in the Supplementary Council Agenda.

Resolution 2022/15

Moved: Cr Peter Burt

Seconded: Cr Sally Parker

That the report Adoption of Annual Report 2020/21 be received and considered at this Council meeting (22 March 2022).

Carried

7.1 Adoption of Annual Report 2020/21

The Chief Executive and financial consultant engaged to manage the carriage of the Annual Report spoke to the Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2021 with a recommendation that it be adopted.

Discussion centred on the reasons for the lateness of the Annual Report; revaluation of roading asset; aligning accounting policies; significant increase in capital programme delivery and overall a positive financial performance and result. The Auditor was invited and spoke to the audit opinion and that it was an unmodified opinion (the optimal opinion) there were 2 emphasis of matters noted, one regarding Three Waters Reform and present in all territorial authorities audit opinions and the other noting the date of adoption and reasons therefore.

Resolution 2022/16

Moved: Cr Peter Burt

Seconded: Cr Stu Piddington

That Council receive and adopt the Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2021.

Carried

9.1 Venture Timaru Quarterly Report October 2021 - December 2021

The Venture Timaru Chief Executive & Board Chairperson spoke to the Council to present the Venture Timaru quarterly report for the period ending 31st December 2021 and the draft Statement of Intent for 2022/23.

Discussion centred on being an enabler for future development (commercial or residential); keenness of enabling investors to invest in the District; creative solutions in engaging with land owners, developers and Council; attracting new events to the District; Antarctica New Zealand development, shortage of rental accommodation.

Resolution 2022/17

Moved: Cr Richard Lyon

Seconded: Cr Barbara Gilchrist

That the Council:

1. Receive and note the quarterly report for Venture Timaru;
2. Receive and note the draft Statement of Intent for Venture Timaru.

Carried

9.2 Timaru District Holdings Ltd Half Yearly Report - July 2021 - December 2021

The Board Chairperson & General Manager of Timaru District Holdings Ltd spoke to the Council to present the Timaru District Holdings Ltd (TDHL) half-yearly report for the period ending 31st December 2021 and the draft Statement of Intent for 2022/23.

Resolution 2022/18

Moved: Cr Sally Parker

Seconded: Cr Paddy O'Reilly

That the Council:

1. Receive and note the quarterly report for Timaru District Holdings Ltd.
2. Receive and note the draft Statement of Intent for Timaru District Holdings Ltd.

Carried

10 Consideration of Urgent Business Items

There were no items of urgent business to be received.

11 Consideration of Minor Nature Matters

11.1 Removal of Vaccine Mandates from Council facilities

Cr Allan Booth raised the issue of vaccine mandates and the need to retain or remove them from Council facilities.

The Acting Group Manager Recreation & Cultural Services and Director Engagement & Culture spoke to the Council regarding the vaccine mandates. Government is poised to announce changes Wednesday 23rd March 2022. Council Officers have completed background work with changes to Councils mandates to be made shortly after the Government's announcement.

12 Public Forum Items Requiring Consideration

There were no items of Public Forum to be received.

13 Resolution to Exclude the Public

Resolution 2022/19

Moved: Cr Steve Wills

Seconded: Cr Peter Burt

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
13.1 - Public Excluded Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 15 February 2022	s7(2)(a) - The withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons s7(2)(b)(ii) - The withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information	To protect a person's privacy Commercial sensitivity
13.2 - Southern Trust Events Centre Fundraising	s7(2)(i) - The withholding of the information is necessary to enable the Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)	To enable commercial or industrial negotiations

Carried

14 Public Excluded Reports

13.1 Public Excluded Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 15 February 2022

13.2 Southern Trust Events Centre Fundraising

15 Readmittance of the Public

Resolution 2022/20

Moved: Mayor Nigel Bowen

Seconded: Cr Sally Parker

That the meeting moves out of Closed Meeting into Open Meeting.

Carried

The meeting closed at 5.03pm.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nigel Bowen', with a small dot at the end.

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Mayor Nigel Bowen

Chairperson