

TIMARU DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE BUDGET/ANNUAL PLAN MEETING OF THE TIMARU DISTRICT COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, DISTRICT COUNCIL BUILDING, KING GEORGE PLACE, TIMARU ON TUESDAY 14 MARCH 2017 AT 9AM

PRESENT Mayor Damon Odey, Cirs Dave Jack, Andrea Leslie, Richard Lyon, Paddy O'Reilly, Sally Parker, Kerry Stevens, Tracy Tierney and Steve Wills

APOLOGY Clr Peter Burt

IN ATTENDANCE Chief Executive (Bede Carran), Group Manager Infrastructure (Ashley Harper), Group Manager Environmental Services (Chris English), Group Manager Corporate Services (Tina Rogers), Group Manager Community Services (Sharon Taylor), Communications Manager (Stephen Doran), Council Secretary (Joanne Brownie)

OPENING PRAYER The Mayor offered a prayer for the work of the Council.

• **PROPOSED ANNUAL PLAN AND BUDGET FOR THE PERIOD 1 JULY 2017 TO 30 JUNE 2018**

The Council considered the draft budget and fees and charges for the 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 year and the covering report by the Group Manager Corporate Services and Corporate Planning Manager.

Also considered were -

- The submission from the SC Aero Club in regard to the proposed new airport car park
- The summary of Temuka, Pleasant Point and Geraldine Community Board recommendations
- The updated infrastructure table of projects.

Councillors asked questions and sought clarification on a number of items. Arising from the general budget discussion, it was noted that social housing requirements could be considered, along with other housing providers, as part of the next Long Term Plan.

Appendix B

The Council considered the additional projects that have been proposed and require additional funding, and which were not included in the draft Budget as per Appendix B. The priorities recommended by the Community Boards for these projects were noted.

The Council agreed that all five projects in the appendix be included in the Budget –

- CBay programme room alterations
- earthquake prone buildings identification and swimming pool audits
- street tree replacement,
- accelerated LED streetlighting renewals
- and parking machine upgrade to allow eftpos transactions.

Theatre Royal

The Council considered a report by the Group Manager Corporate Services and the Property Manager on the future upgrading required for the Theatre Royal. Councillors agreed that a project of such magnitude should be part of the Long Term Plan, rather than the Annual Plan - planning for the theatre's upgrading should be considered in conjunction with other major projects and future planning for other cultural and sporting amenities in the District. It was suggested that the orchestra pit also be included in the upgrading proposal. There was some concern at possible lengthy delays to the proposed project, as a result of it being deferred to the LTP, especially the effect of a delay on the use of the theatre until upgrades are completed.

The Council was advised that reports on what work is required and the options for the theatre upgrading, will now be prepared in the next 3-6 months and these reports will inform the consultation.

Proposed Cllr Stevens
Seconded Cllr Wills

“That the Theatre Royal proposal be considered as part of the Long Term Plan, in conjunction with other major projects and cultural/sporting amenities planning.”

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Airport Carpark Upgrading

The Council discussed the letter from the SC Aero Club, in regard to separate access to 6 dedicated carpark spaces for the club at the airport. The club is proposing that it partners with Council to undertake surfacing of the area assigned to the club, in exchange for a 3 year rent holiday and no rental being charged for the ground used for the club's carpark and lane.

While Council acknowledged the value of the aero club to the community, there was reluctance to offer the club a rent holiday. Discussion took place on whether an alternative option could be put in place to accommodate all concerned.

Proposed Cllr Stevens
Seconded Cllr Lyon

“That the Council agrees that

- Council funds a half share (\$6,000) for aero club access and carparks and that amount be included in Appendix B (additional proposed expenditure)
- the SC Aero Club contributes a half share (ie \$6,000) of the costs
- there be no rent holiday for the club
- the lease to continue at the same rate until 2020.”

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Geraldine Community Board Recommendations (additional to Appendix B)

The Council considered the various recommendations from the Geraldine Community Board (in addition to the priorities for Appendix B items). It was agreed that the recommendations be referred to Group Managers for investigation and response.

Aoraki Development – Draft 2017/18 Statement Of Intent

The Council considered the draft Aoraki Development Statement of Intent for 2017/18.

Proposed Clr Wills
Seconded Clr Jack

“That the Aoraki Development Ltd Statement of Intent 2017/18 be approved.”

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Rate Increase

The Group Manager Corporate Services advised that with the updated infrastructure capital expenditure, the removal of the Theatre Royal project and the inclusion of the six projects in Appendix B, the total rate increase would be 2.6%.

Annual Plan Consultation

The Council agreed that as a result of decisions made at this meeting, there is no need for an additional consultation process as there is no significant deviation from the current Long Term Plan.

Proposed Clr Stevens
Seconded Clr Wills

- a “That the Council notes the proposed 2017/18 Draft Annual Plan and Budget.
- b That the Community Boards’ comments be noted and the recommendations be investigated as necessary.
- c That the table of updated infrastructure projects be accepted.
- d That the projects presented in Appendix B, including the Airport Carpark upgrading, be included in the Budget.
- e That as there is no significant variation to the current Long Term Plan, Council does not undertake any additional consultation.”

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The meeting concluded at 11am.

Chairperson