
Timaru District Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Timaru District Council held in the Council Chamber, District Council Building, King George Place, Timaru on 18 September 2018 at 3pm

Present Mayor Damon Odey (Chairperson), Cirs Nigel Bowen, Peter Burt, Dave Jack, Richard Lyon, Paddy O'Reilly, Sally Parker, Kerry Stevens and Steve Wills

Apologies Proposed Clr O'Reilly
Seconded Clr Stevens
"That the apologies from Clr Andrea Leslie, and Raewyn Hessel of the Pleasant Point Community Board, be accepted."
Motion carried

In Attendance Lloyd McMillan (Temuka Community Board)
Chief Executive (Bede Carran), Group Manager Community Services (Sharon Taylor), Group Manager Corporate Services (Tina Rogers), Group Manager Environmental Services (Tracy Tierney), Group Manager Infrastructure (Ashley Harper), People and Capability Manager (Symon Leggett), Corporate Planning Manager (Mark Low), Building Control Manager (Jayson Ellis), Communications Manager (Stephen Doran) and Council Secretary (Joanne Brownie)

Opening Prayer Mike Coe of Connect Community Church offered a prayer for the work of the Council.

Karakia The Mayor opened the meeting with a karakia

1. Public Forum

Jo O'Sullivan, Deputy Principal, Timaru South School Pareora Campus petitioned the Council to consider providing assistance with a number of issues relating to the impending closure of the school's Pareora Campus in December 2018. A community meeting has been held to talk through the issues and suggest ways of retaining the recreational facilities.

The issues identified by the community include –

- closure of the playground and with that, the informal meeting place of the youth of this area.
- closure of the school/community swimming pool
- Anzac monument is located on the school grounds
- the school is the local civil defence centre.

The playground is situated on one half of the school section, and includes a tennis court, basketball court, community swimming pool, playing field and playground equipment. The pool has a new liner, pump and cover and is open to the community, with oversight and maintenance assistance provided by a parent.

The playground is in the centre of town and is safe and visible. When the school closes there will be no place for the young people to play. There are at least 60 school age children in the community including 25 children who bus to secondary school. At weekends the school is a place for the young people to play sport and socialise.

The property includes a number of relocatable buildings that are likely to be relocated to other Ministry of Education facilities, leaving a permanent building on the property.

The disposal process is set out in legislation and is overseen by Land Information NZ. When the property is no longer required by the Crown, the community understands that a local authority can request the property under the Public Works Act for recreational values.

In recent months the Pareora Hall has been sold (due to lack of use), the Hall Society's constitution says that the sale funds are to be used within the community. A new committee is to be formed to decide where the money from the sale of the hall is to be spent. The playground equipment has been gifted to the Pareora community.

The community is asking if

Council can help to retain the playground facilities on its existing site into the future

supported by the funds from the sale of the Pareora Public hall, Council could buy the land that the playing field, playground, basketball court and swimming pool are on, for the community of Pareora

Council representatives could talk to the community once Council has given the matter due consideration.

Proposed the Mayor
Seconded Clr Jack

"That the public forum item be added to the agenda for discussion later in the meeting."

Motion carried

2. **Suffrage Day Celebrations**

The meeting acknowledged Suffrage Day on 19 September and recorded its appreciation for the Suffrage Day camellias supplied every year for the Council meeting, by the National Council of Women.

Identification of Urgent Business

Proposed Clr Bowen
Seconded Clr Lyon

“That the passenger transport option site visit opportunity be considered as urgent business, with the public excluded, at this meeting.”

Motion carried

3. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

4. Confirmation of Minutes Council Meeting 7 August 2018

Proposed Clr Parker
Seconded Clr O'Reilly

“That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 7 August 2018, be confirmed as a true and correct record.”

Motion carried

5. Schedule of Functions Attended by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors

Proposed Clr Wills
Seconded Clr Stevens

“That the schedule of duties and functions attended by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors be received and noted.”

Motion carried

6. Schedule of Functions Attended by the Chief Executive

Proposed Clr Parker
Seconded Clr Jack

“That the schedule of duties and functions attended by the Chief Executive be received and noted.”

Motion carried

7. Statement of Proposal for the Identification of Priority Thoroughfares and Strategic Routes Relating to Earthquake Prone Buildings

The Council considered a report by the Building Control Manager and Corporate Planning Manager presenting the Statement of Proposal (SOP) for the identification of priority thoroughfares and strategic routes relating to earthquake prone buildings.

It was suggested that tick boxes be added to the submission form to provide an opportunity for submitters to indicate if they support/oppose the SOP.

Proposed Clr Stevens
Seconded Clr Wills

a “That the Statement of Proposal and Summary “Identifying Timaru District’s Priority Buildings” – identification of priority thoroughfares and strategic routes, be adopted for public release and submissions be invited in accordance with sections 83 and 87 of the Local Government Act 2002.

b That the Mayor and Chief Executive be delegated authority to amend the dates for consultation if deemed appropriate.”

Motion carried

8. Letter and Business Plan – Centennial Park

The Mayor advised the meeting that a young primary school student, Isla Cowan has submitted a business case and design for a café and dog walking business at Centennial Park. The Mayor commended Isla on her initiative and her well thought out proposal.

9. Consideration of Urgent Business - Pareora School Playground

The Council considered the issue raised in the Public Forum in regard to the closure of the Pareora School and the consequential impact for the community of the potential loss of the playground facilities. Council acknowledged there are a number of issues that need to be investigated in relation to the school closure, including contact with the RSA in regard to the Anzac memorial, possible purchase of the land, potential for continuation of the pool as a community facility, Council maintaining the playground equipment, etc.

Proposed the Mayor
Seconded Clr Wills

“That all issues associated with possible Council involvement in the retention of the recreational facilities at the Pareora School be investigated and reported back to Council, including the process, costs and structure.”

Motion carried

10. Exclusion of the Public

Proposed the Mayor
Seconded Clr Burt

“That the Council resolves to exclude the public on the grounds contained in Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act:

Rating Valuation Contract

**Passenger Transport Site
Visit**

Section 7(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.”

Motion carried

11. Readmittance of the Public

Proposed the Mayor
Seconded Clr Jack

“That the public be readmitted to the meeting.”

Motion carried

The meeting concluded at 3.40pm.

Chairperson