



Minutes of an ordinary meeting of Council held in the
Novotel Queenstown Lakeside Conference Room
on Thursday 27 May 2021 at 8:00 am

Membership

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| Cr Andrew Noone | <i>(Chairperson)</i> |
| Cr Michael Laws | <i>(Deputy Chairperson)</i> |
| Cr Hilary Calvert | |
| Cr Alexa Forbes | |
| Cr Michael Deaker | |
| Hon Cr Marian Hobbs | |
| Cr Carmen Hope | |
| Cr Gary Kelliher | |
| Cr Kevin Malcolm | |
| Cr Gretchen Robertson | |
| Cr Bryan Scott | |
| Cr Kate Wilson | |

Welcome

Chairperson Noone welcomed Councillors, members of the public and staff to the meeting at 08:02 am. Staff present included Sarah Gardner (Chief Executive), Nick Donnelly (GM Corporate Services), Gwyneth Elsum (GM Strategy, Policy and Science), Gavin Palmer (GM Operations), Richard Saunders (GM Regulatory & Communications), Amanda Vercoe (GM Governance, Culture and Customer), Dianne Railton and Liz Spector (Governance Support), Jean-Luc Payen (Manager Natural Hazards), Tim van Woerden (Natural Hazards Analyst), and Sharon Hornblow (Natural Hazards Analyst).

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received for Cr Kelliher and Cr Kevin Malcolm. Cr Hope joined the meeting via Zoom at 8.30am.

Resolution

That the apologies for Cr Kelliher and Cr Malcolm be accepted.

Moved: Cr Noone

Seconded: Cr Laws

CARRIED

2. PUBLIC FORUM

Trish Fraser (Secretary) and Bruce Farmer (Chair) from Sustainable Glenorchy spoke about transportation, mitigating climate change and moving to zero fossil fuels for the Glenorchy and surrounding area. Mr Farmer advised that the community would like to suggest a trial that incorporates Glenorchy, surrounding areas and businesses, to reduce costs and be more efficient. He said the community have set up Glenuber for locals to share rides, which reduces the carbon footprint, and as Glenorchy is a tourist destination a robust bus service is needed. Ms Fraser said the main message is that Sustainable Glenorchy would really like to be part of a trial and if that is a consideration of ORC, they are ready and waiting with an engaged community. Ms Fraser provided a handout for Councillors.

3. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

There were no changes to the published agenda.

4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were advised.

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution

That the minutes of the (public portion of the) Council meetings held on 14 April 2021 and 29 April 2021 be received and confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Cr Wilson

Seconded: Cr Hobbs

CARRIED

6. ACTIONS (STATUS OF COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS)

The status report on the resolutions of the Council Meeting was reviewed. Ms Gardner advised that a Harbour Plan paper will be brought to Council in June 2021 and confirmed that the Delegations item has been completed.

7. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

7.1. Natural Hazards Adaptation in the Head of Lake Wakatipu

The paper updated Council on progress with the Head of Lake Wakatipu natural hazards adaptation project. The project area includes the communities of Glenorchy and Kinloch. Gavin

Palmer (GM Operations), Jean-Luc Payen (Manager Natural Hazards), Tim van Woerden (Natural Hazards Analyst) were present to speak to the report and respond to questions.

Dr Palmer acknowledged Professor James Brasington (University of Canterbury) and Dr Paula Blackett (NIWA), who were present for the report and are also part of the team. Mr Payan spoke to the report on the Head of the Lake Wakatipu, which has a full description of the work to date and what will be happening in the next couple of years. Cr Deaker asked about the ramifications to lakeside communities, and whether the risk is beyond the head of the lake should there be an earthquake/tsunami. Mr Payan confirmed there will be other research work undertaken that would look at the full lake, including Queenstown. Dr Palmer explained that this is a pilot, and it is an approach that could be done in other communities in Otago with hazards risks.

Resolution

That Council:

- 1) **Acknowledges** the need for natural hazards adaptation planning in the head of the Lake Wakatipu project area.
- 2) **Notes** the program of work completed to date.
- 3) **Endorses** the use of the Adaptation Pathways approach in reference to Glenorchy.
- 4) **Supports** the continued collaboration with project partners.

Moved: Cr Scott

Seconded: Cr Deaker

CARRIED

7.2. Forbury Park

The paper outlined an approach to managing natural hazards risks throughout Otago, through agreed principles, and to understand how those principles might guide decision making on future land uses at green-field or brown-field sites, notably Forbury Park in South Dunedin. Gavin Palmer (GM Operations), Jean-Luc Payen (Manager Natural Hazards), Sharon Hornblow (Natural Hazards Analyst) and Anita Dawe (Manager Policy & Planning [via Zoom]), were present to speak to the report and respond to questions.

Chair Noone noted that a letter regarding Forbury Park was received from Ingrid Leary MP for Taieri, which was circulated to Councillors for their information.

Ms Gardner advised that staff are aware of the interest and stated there hasn't been any conversation with staff about Forbury Park, and following the discussion at the Oamaru Council meeting in March 2021, staff prepared the Forbury Park report to give a baseline position, in the event there is any proposal for Forbury Park. Ms Gardner said this is a baseline position, and it is really important that staff educate and help people to understand the dynamics of these systems and places. Ms Gardner noted that there is different information in the community suggesting that everything can be mitigated for a particular proposal. ORC staff cannot make that assessment because we have not been in that conversation.

Following discussions, Cr Scott moved:

Resolution

That Council:

- 1) **Receives** this report.

Moved: Cr Scott
Seconded: Cr Deaker
CARRIED

Following lengthy discussion, Chair Noone moved:

Resolution

- 1) *That the Forbury Park paper be laid on the table while staff prepared revised recommendations.*

Moved: Cr Noone
Seconded: Cr Hobbs
CARRIED

Discussion on the Forbury Park paper resumed at 10.00am, following the end of the Public Council Agenda. Following discussion on the revised staff recommendation, Cr Scott moved:

Resolution

That Council:

- 1) **Notes** the characteristics and natural hazards, based on current information, associated with the Forbury Park site.
- 2) **Endorses** the following positions on potential future redevelopment of the Forbury Park site:
 - a. *Future developments require very careful consideration of natural hazards and to take account the likely changes to the physical environment (including the effects on groundwater for the long term (100 years and longer) of the site.*
 - b. *The Draft RPS 2021 where it seeks to ensure that levels of risk from natural hazards do not exceed a tolerable level, are identified and assessed to determine their likelihood and consequence before any consideration of a development proposal.*
 - c. *The application of a precautionary approach to identifying, assessing and managing risk using avoidance or adaptive management.*
 - d. *The examination of opportunities to use the site to mitigate flood hazard for the wider South Dunedin area when considering any proposal for redevelopment.*

Moved: Cr Scott
Seconded: Cr Deaker
CARRIED

7.3. ECO Fund Applications - March 2021 Funding Round

The report was provided to seek Council approval to fund the recommended ECO Fund applications for the March 2021 round. Gavin Palmer (General Manager Operations) and Euan Hind (Partnership Lead - Biodiversity [via Zoom]), were present to speak to the report and respond to questions. Cr Deaker provided an update on the March 2021 funding round, and thanked the Councillors and staff who were involved in the decision process.

Resolution

That Council:

- 1) **Receives** this report.
- 2) **Approves** the funding recommendations of the ECO Fund Decision Panel for the March 2021 round to a total value of \$123,525.
- 3) **Notes** that the annual review of the ECO Fund is due in July.

Moved: Cr Deaker

Seconded: Cr Hope

CARRIED

7.4. Governance Updates May 2021

The report was to seek approval for updates to key governance documents for the Otago Regional Council. Amanda Vercoe (GM Governance, Culture & Customer) was present to speak to the report and respond to questions.

Resolution

That the Council:

- 1) **Receives** this report.
- 2) **Adopts** the updated terms of reference for the Data and Information Committee.
- 3) **Approves** the nomination of Councillor Kate Wilson to be the alternate representative for the Otago Catchment Community Governance Group.
- 4) **Approves** Councillor Kate Wilson be nominated to replace Councillor Michael Laws on the Queenstown Transport Governance Group
- 5) **Adopts** the updated Standing Orders, with amendments to Standing Order 9.1 and Standing order 21.3.

Moved: Cr Laws

Seconded: Cr Calvert

CARRIED

7.5. Documents Signed Under Council Seal

The paper was to inform the Council of delegations which have been exercised during the period 17 February 2021 through 12 May 2021.

Resolution

That the Council:

- 1) **Receives** this report.

Moved: Cr Laws
Seconded: Cr Noone
CARRIED

8. RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED AT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

8.1. Recommendations of the Public Portion of the Strategy and Planning Committee

Resolution

- 1) **Adopt** the resolutions of the 12 May 2021 Strategy and Planning Committee.

Moved: Cr Robertson
Seconded: Cr Wilson
CARRIED

8.2. Recommendations of the Governance, Communications and Engagement Committee

Resolution

That the Council:

- 1) **Adopt** the resolutions of the 13 May 2021 Governance, Communications and Engagement Committee meeting.

Moved: Cr Deaker
Seconded: Cr Laws
CARRIED

9. CHAIRPERSON'S AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORTS

9.1. Chairperson's Report

Resolution

That the Chairperson's report be received.

Moved: Cr Robertson
Seconded: Cr Calvert
CARRIED

9.2. Chief Executive's Report Resolution

That the Chief Executive's report be received.

Moved: Cr Robertson
Seconded: Cr Calvert
CARRIED

Sarah Gardner provided an update on Three Waters. Ms Gardner advised that Councillors will need to decide the Council's position, for the best option for delivery of water services in Otago. Ms Gardner said that more information should be available before the end June 2021, and she will work through the best option to share the information, either a report to Council or a workshop.

The meeting adjourned for a break at 9.40am and resumed at 10.00am.

Discussion on revised staff recommendations on the Forbury Park paper (7.2) continued at 10.00am, as noted previously.

Cr Laws left the meeting at 10:23 am.

10. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

Resolution

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

- *Minutes of the public-excluded Council Meeting of 14 April 2021*
- *Bus Driver Living Wage*

Moved: Cr Wilson
Seconded: Cr Noone
CARRIED

Cr Robertson left the meeting.

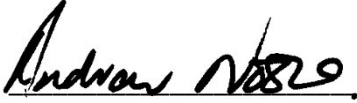
The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under [section 48\(1\)](#) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

| General subject of each matter to be considered | Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter | Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution |
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| <i>1.1 Minutes of the public excluded Council Meeting of 14 April 2021</i> | To protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons – Section 7(2)(a); To protect information which if public | |

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| | <p>would;</p> <p>ii. unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information – Section 7(2)(b)(ii);</p> <p>To protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence where the making available of the information would be likely to:</p> <p>i. prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, where it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied – Section 7(2)(c)(i);</p> <p>To enable the council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities – Section 7(2)(h);</p> <p>To enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) – Section 7(2)(i).</p> | |
| <p><i>3.1 Bus Driver Living Wage</i></p> | <p>To enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) – Section 7(2)(i);</p> <p>To enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities – Section 7(2)(h).</p> | <p>Section 48(1)(a);</p> <p>Subject to subsection (3), a local authority may by resolution exclude the public from the whole or any part of the proceedings of any meeting only on 1 or more of the following grounds:</p> <p>(a) that the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist.</p> |

11. CLOSURE

There was no further business and Chairperson Noone declared the meeting closed at 11.21am.



Chairperson

23 June 2021

Date