

Minutes of a meeting of the
Finance and Corporate Committee held in the
Edinburgh Room, Municipal Chambers, Dunedin City
Council on Wednesday 21 March, commencing at 9:00 am

Membership

Cr Doug Brown	<i>(Chairperson)</i>
Cr Andrew Noone	<i>(Deputy Chairperson)</i>
Cr Graeme Bell	
Cr Michael Deaker	
Cr Carmen Hope	
Cr Trevor Kempton	
Cr Michael Laws	
Cr Ella Lawton	
Cr Sam Neill	
Cr Gretchen Robertson	
Cr Bryan Scott	
Cr Stephen Woodhead	

Welcome

Cr Brown welcomed Councillors, members of the public and staff to the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES

No apologies were tabled.

2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

No Leave of Absence was requested.

3. ATTENDANCE

Sarah Gardner	<i>(Chief Executive)</i>
Nick Donnelly	<i>(Director Corporate Services)</i>
Tanya Winter	<i>(Director Policy, Planning & Resource Management)</i>
Sian Sutton	<i>(Director Stakeholder Engagement)</i>
Gavin Palmer	<i>(Director Engineering, Hazards & Science)</i>
Scott MacLean	<i>(Director Environmental Monitoring & Operations)</i>
Sally Giddens	<i>(Director People & Capabilities)</i>
Ian McCabe	<i>(Executive Officer)</i>
Lauren McDonald	<i>(Committee Secretary)</i>
Gerard Collings	<i>(Manager Support Services) -Item 10.2</i>

4. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

A late item was tabled for discussion on the ORC Headquarters building. Reasons for public exclusion given under the Local Government Official Information Act (LGOIMA) as Section 7(2)(a) and Section 7(2)(h).

The addition of a late item to the public excluded portion of the Finance and Corporate Committee meeting on the ORC Headquarters building.

Moved Cr Noone
Seconded Cr Woodhead
CARRIED

5. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were advised.

6. PUBLIC FORUM

Public forum was held on:

- Proposed Changes to the Wakari/Helensburgh bus routes - Speakers: Ms Andrea Irvine and Mr Peter Dowden (Bus Users Support Group)
- Peninsula Bus Service - Speakers: Jason Graham; Tony Hunter (Principal, Tahuna Intermediate) and Darin Smith (Assistant Principal, Kings High School)

Proposed Changes to the Wakari/Helensburgh bus routes

Ms Irvine outlined the reasons for opposing the staff recommendation of option 4 from the Passenger Transport Update report. The concerns included: safety issues in regard to the steepness of parts of Lynn Street; lack of parking; narrowness of the street and safety concerns for pedestrians around the pre-school. She summarised the decisions from the community meeting held, which favoured option 5 of the report.

Ms Irvine responded to questions of clarification by councillors.

Mr Dowden confirmed the support of option 5 with the benefit of two routes joining, providing a higher quality of service. He outlined his concerns for option 4 use of Lynn Street, due to its width, steepness and strength and depth of the road surface to handle the increased heavy traffic. No clarification was required by councillors.

Peninsula bus services:

Mr Graham presented a route proposal for pupils travelling to and from school on the bus. He advised the issues with the current contracted commercial service (at a cost of \$40/pupil/week). He confirmed the current contracted service would expire at the end of Term 1 resulting in pupils using the public service from term 2 (at a cost of \$28/pupil/week). Mr Graham advised that the main concern was the safety of the children over the distance that would need to be walked from the current bus stops, including busy intersections and crossing busy roads. He outlined the distance for pupils to walk to Tahuna Intermediate, Bayfield, Kings and Queens High Schools. He did not believe establishing a permanent bus stop on Portsmouth Drive would address safety concerns.

The proposal increased the number of peninsula service buses by two per day, (one in the morning and one in the afternoon) and the proposed route to travel closer to the schools, utilising existing bus stops and allowing for a safe walking distance to the schools. He explained how the proposal could be achieved through amendment to the current Peninsula bus timetable. He confirmed the Otago Peninsula Community Board supported the proposal.

Mr Graham responded to points of clarification by councillors, on the number of peninsula families attending the four schools, which he advised as being 124 families. He also responded to questions on the proposed bus route changes.

Mr Tony Hunter (Principal Tahuna Intermediate) and Mr Darin Smith (Assistant Principal Kings High School) spoke in support of the proposal. Mr Hunter advised that the current contracted school bus service was not supported by parents. The service required forty passengers per trip to pay for the service, currently the morning trip did not break even on costs. Mr Hunter advised he felt there was currently no suitable public service to address the safety concerns. Mr Hunter requested that Council investigate the alternative bus routes as outlined in Mr Graham's proposal. He saw the benefit of an improved public service in reducing the number of private vehicles on the road and increasing the patronage on the public bus services.

The public session concluded at 9.47 am.

Cr Brown confirmed discussion on the proposed changes to the Wakari/Helensburgh bus routes would be held under item 10.2 of the agenda.

7. PRESENTATIONS

Port Otago Ltd Six Month Interim Report.

In attendance: Chairman, David Faulkner; Deputy Chairman, Paul Rae; Chief Executive, Kevin Winders and Steven Connelly, Chief Financial Officer. A copy of the six month interim report was provided to the meeting.

Chairperson, Mr Dave Faulkner outlined the highlights of the report, including:

- *Te Rapa*, Hamilton land sales, stage 3 due for completion October 2018
- \$21 million wharf extension project is on target and budget
- *Port activity* - container volumes up 25% on last year, full exports up 17% and import containers up 24%, conventional cargo (logs) up 15% up 19% to 580,000 tonnes, 247 vessel arrivals (including 33 cruise ships) compared to 226 vessels in the previous year.
- Result for the first six months to 31/12/17 - group profit \$10.4 million, compared to last year of \$6.1 million.
- *Our People - Cultural* - introduction of a safety leadership programme for Port Otago Ltd.
- *People - Physical* - examples were shown of improved visibility on container rows, asphalt surfacing and safety barriers established at the Strathallan Street depot.
- *Good Neighbour work*- support of 30km speed limit for main street in Port Chalmers; positive engagement with members of Noise & Environment Liaison Committee.
- Noise monitor locations - investment of \$75,000 in real-time monitoring equipment, new permanent monitor in Henry Street and an upgrade of older monitor.
- *Community* - BECA consultants have provided the design for maintaining Te Rauone beach. Consent and tender preparation underway. The mural completed on cruise ship terminal has been well received by the public.
- Cruise ship visits - Expecting 119 visits next season, (a 34% increase) and the cruise ship terminal has provided improved visitor experience.
- Sponsorship of the Wildlife Hospital based at the Otago Polytechnic
- Next Generation work programme including channel deepening, and the multi-purpose wharf extension progress.

Mr Faulkner spoke in regard to the asbestos contamination at the Fryatt Street Sheds and the Rattray Street wharf. Professional advisors and contractors have been engaged to assist tenants to relocate, and for roof removal and demolishing of sheds. The costs for remedial work would impact on end of year financial results.

Mr Faulkner responded to questions from councillors.

Cr Laws left at 10:27 am and returned at 10:30 am.

The presentation concluded at 10:34 am.

8. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Cr Lawton advised that due to the teleconference link being intermittent during the 31 January committee meetings that she would abstain from the vote for adoption of the minutes.

Resolution

That the minutes of the (public portion of the) meeting held on 31 January 2018 be received and confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Cr Noone
Seconded: Cr Hope
Abstained: Cr Lawton
CARRIED

9. ACTIONS

No current items for action.

10. MATTERS FOR COUNCIL DECISION

10.1. Council Appointments

The report recommended the Council's endorsement of Mandy Bell as a trustee of the Lake Wanaka Trust and the appointment of Councillor Michael Deaker to the Dunedin City Council's Central City Advisory Panel.

Cr Lawton endorsed the appointment of Mrs Bell and confirmed her experience as both a community and business leader.

Resolution

- a) *That the appointment of Mandy Bell to the Lake Wanaka Trust be endorsed*
- b) *That Councillor Michael Deaker be appointed to the Central City Advisory Panel.*

Moved: Cr Woodhead
Seconded: Cr Noone
CARRIED

10.2. Passenger Transport Update

The report outlined the patronage on the Dunedin and Wakatipu public transport networks, and provided an update on significant public passenger transport activity, including: Bus Hub progress; Easter Weekend services; Peninsula bus services and proposed changes to the Wakari and Helensburgh routes.

A request was made for future reports to provide additional commentary on the network performance.

Peninsula School Services

Discussion was held on the Peninsula school services section of the report and public forum presentation, including impacts of proposed alternate routes, addition of an extra two buses to the timetable; the need for a consistent approach for review of the full network and impacts of changes (made in isolation) to other routes; feedback from the public meeting held by peninsula residents; ORC's level of service responsibilities under the Regional Public Transport Plan, and patronage of the public network.

Mr Donnelly advised that a review of the timetable would be undertaken to see if improvements were possible but that it was not envisaged this review would look at route variations.

Moved Cr Neill
Seconded Cr Noone

That staff will also review minor route variations for the Peninsula school bus services and to be report back to the 2 May committee meeting. Review timetables and level of service, as a whole, including bus hub implications.

Mr Donnelly advised that a timetable reviewed would not be able to be completed by 2 May 2018.

Crs Deaker, Woodhead and Kempton spoke against the motion as the withdrawal of the contracted school bus services was a matter for the Ministry of Education and the schools contracted to that service to establish a solution.

Proposed changes to the Wakari and Helensburgh routes

Discussion was held on the route options detailed in the report and the health and safety concerns expressed in regard to Lynn Street during public forum session.

Mr Collings advised that infrastructure costs were not a consideration to the options contained in the report, with the focus being on provisions of the best level of service achievable with the changes, within the Regional Public Transport Plan (RPTP). He confirmed the staff recommendation was for Option 4 which would provide the key outcomes required in the RPTP and would also increase service coverage.

Resolutions

Proposed changes to the Wakari and Helensburgh routes

- a) *That this report be received, and*
- b) *That the changes to the Wakari and Helensburgh services outlined in Option 4 are endorsed and to be implemented as soon as practicable.*

A division was called. The vote was tied at For:6, Against:6
Chairperson, Cr Brown advised he would not use the casting vote as Committee Chairperson and the **motion was lost**.

An amended motion (b) was moved for Option 5. (Option 5 is similar to Option 4 except Route 33 is rerouted via Greenhill Avenue/Forresbank Avenue, Balmacewen Road and Chapman Street. This avoids the problematic section of Lynn Street which the other options do not)

b) That the changes to the Wakari and Helensburgh services outlined in Option 5 are endorsed and to be implemented as soon as practicable.

Moved: Cr Noone
Seconded: Cr Brown
CARRIED

a) That this report be received

Moved: Cr Deaker
Seconded: Cr Brown
CARRIED

Peninsula School Services

A new motion was tabled.

(c) That staff review minor route variations for the Peninsula school bus service and report back to the Finance and Corporate committee as soon as possible.

Moved: Cr Neill
Seconded: Cr Noone
CARRIED

A Division was called. **The motion was lost.**
Vote - For: Crs Bell, Hope, Neill and Noone.

10.3. Director's Report

The report informed the significant financial and corporate activity and presented account payments to the Committee for endorsement.

Resolution

- a) That this report is received.*
- b) That the payments summarised in the table above and detailed in the payments schedule, totalling \$10,399,224.80, be endorsed.*

Moved: Cr Noone
Seconded: Cr Woodhead
CARRIED

11. MATTERS FOR NOTING

11.1. Financial Report to 31 January 2018

The report provided a summary of the Council's financial performance compared to budget for the seven months ended 31 January 2018, and a summary of the financial position as at that date.

Resolution

- a) *That this report is received.*

Moved: Cr Noone
Seconded: Cr Woodhead
CARRIED

11.2. Treasury Report

The report provided information on the management and performance of the Council's short term deposits and the managed fund, for the six months ended 31 December 2017.

Cr Hope left the room at 12:02 pm and returned at 12:04 pm.

Resolution

That this report be received

Moved: Cr Neill
Seconded: Cr Brown
CARRIED

11.3. Implementation of distance technology for governance meetings

The report provided a brief to Council on staff expectations for the performance of video conference facilities to be installed at the new Council Chamber in Philip Laing House, Dunedin.

A request was made for training to be provided for attendance and chairing of meetings via video conference and for an assurance of bandwidth stability for continuity of video link throughout meetings.

Resolution

That:

- 1) *Council **receive** this report.*

Moved: Cr Brown
Seconded: Cr Deaker
CARRIED

12. NOTICES OF MOTION

No Notices of Motion were advised.

13. RECOMMENDATIONS OF MEETINGS

13.1. Recommendations of the Audit and Risk Subcommittee Resolution

Recommendations of the public portion of the Audit and Risk Subcommittee meeting held on 8 March, for adoption.

Moved: Cr Noone
Seconded: Cr Robertson
CARRIED

14. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

Resolution

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

- *Adoption of the minutes of the public excluded portion of the Finance and Corporate Committee meeting held on 31 January 2018.*
- *Adoption of the recommendations of the public excluded portion of the Audit and Risk Subcommittee meeting held on 8 March 2018.*
- *Late Item - Head Office accommodation.*

Also move that Mr Ian McCabe be permitted to remain at this meeting, after the public has been excluded, because of their knowledge of Headquarters accommodation requirements. This knowledge, which will be of assistance in relation to the matter to be discussed.

Moved: Cr Brown
Seconded: Cr Noone
CARRIED

The meeting resumed in public session on the motion of Crs Brown and Noone.

15. CLOSURE

The meeting was declared closed at 12:25 pm.

Chairperson


2/5/2018