

Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of Council held in the
Council Chamber at Level 2 Philip Laing House,
144 Rattray Street, Dunedin on
Thursday 29 April 2021 at 1:00 PM

Membership

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

Welcome

Chairperson Andrew Noone welcomed Councillors, members of the public and staff to the meeting at 01:04 pm. 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), Amanda Vercoe (GM Governance, Culture, and Customer), Liz Spector (Governance Support Officer), Eleanor Ross (Manager Comms Channels), Ryan Tippet (Media Communications Lead), Rebecca Borland (Team Leader Comms and Engagement), Lisa Gloag (Manager Comms and Engagement), and Garry Maloney (Manager Transport).

Chairperson Noone spoke about the passing of former Dunedin City Council Mayor Dave Cull and asked for a moment of silence in respect.

1. APOLOGIES

No apologies were recorded. Councillor Forbes, Councillor Malcolm and Councillor Wilson were present via electronic link.

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Resolution

*That the late paper, **Long Term Plan - Engagement Approach**, be accepted and be considered first in the order of business.*

Moved: Cr Noone

Seconded: Cr Laws

CARRIED

3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were advised.

4. MATTERS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

4.1. Long Term Plan - Engagement Campaign

The report was provided to update Councillors on the consultation campaign for the ORC's Long-term Plan 2021-31 (LTP) and engagement to date, and on the delivery of the associated hardcopy of the Long Term Plan Consultation Document. Richard Saunders (General Manager Regulatory and Communications) was present to speak to the report and respond to questions. Cr Noone said while Council's intention was for all Otago residents to receive a physical copy of the consultation document, that hadn't occurred due to unforeseen issues at the contractor level. He noted there had been delivery problems in Cromwell, Mosgiel and other more localised areas resulting non-delivery of the consultation document to approximately 12% of ratepayers. Cr Noone said while that was disappointing, many other opportunities had been provided to review the Consultation Document. Chief Executive Sarah Gardner said staff requests Councillor input into the press release planned for later in the day.

Main points of the Councillor discussions included ways staff was providing additional opportunities for engagement with residents who had not received the consultation document and what, if any, recourse there was from the contractor for the non-delivery. Staff noted an additional print run of the document had been ordered and copies sent to grocery stores and libraries in the affected communities. Mr Saunders indicated staff were working through details of the non-delivery with the contractor and would update the Council on the outcome of those discussions.

Cr Hope said she had written a motion she wanted Council to resolve. She moved:

On behalf of the Otago Regional Council, we sincerely apologise to the ratepayers of Otago for the incomplete delivery of the ORC's LTP Consultation Document. We wish to engage with all residents who wish to share their thoughts or comment on the LTP.

Cr Wilson suggested that the deadline for submissions be extended for a week to allow those who had not had an opportunity to read the document to submit. Cr Hope agreed to include this in her motion which became:

On behalf of the Otago Regional Council, we sincerely apologise to the ratepayers of Otago for the incomplete delivery of the ORC's LTP Consultation Document. We wish to engage with all residents who wish to share their thoughts or comment on the LTP, therefore, the Otago Regional Council will accept late submissions through 16 May.

Cr Laws seconded Cr Hope's motion.

Cr Wilson left the meeting.

Following discussions of the motion, Cr Hobbs moved an amendment to the motion, substituting "regret" for "apology". Following discussions of the proposed amendment, with concerns voiced about apologising for an issue not in staff's control, the motion to amend Cr Hope's motion was put by Cr Noone and a division called as follows:

Amendment:

On behalf of the Otago Regional Council, we sincerely regret the incomplete delivery of the ORC's LTP Consultation Document by our contractor. We wish to engage with all residents who wish to share their thoughts or comment on the LTP, therefore, the Otago Regional Council will accept late submissions through 16 May.

Moved: Cr Hobbs

Seconded: Cr Robertson

FAILED

A division was called:

Vote

For: Cr Hobbs

Against: Cr Calvert, Cr Deaker, Cr Forbes, Cr Hope, Cr Laws, Cr Kelliher, Cr Malcolm,
Cr Noone, Cr Robertson, Cr Scott

Abstained: nil

Following the failure of the amendment, the motion of Cr Hope then become the substantive motion which was put by Cr Noone:

Resolution

On behalf of the Otago Regional Council, we sincerely apologise to the ratepayers of Otago for the incomplete delivery of the ORC's LTP Consultation Document. We wish to engage with all residents who wish to share their thoughts or comment on the LTP, therefore, the Otago Regional Council will accept late submissions through 16 May.

Moved: Cr Hope

Seconded: Cr Laws

CARRIED

A division was called:

Vote

For: Cr Calvert, Cr Deaker, Cr Hope, Cr Laws, Cr Kelliher, Cr Malcolm, Cr Noone,
Cr Scott

Against: Cr Forbes, Cr Hobbs, Cr Robertson

Abstained: Nil

Following approval of the resolution to apologise, Cr Noone moved:

Resolution

That the Council:

- 1) **Receives** this report.
- 2) **Notes** that the communications campaign to raise awareness of the LTP consultation period has been carried out in accordance with the approved communications and engagement plan with the exception of non-delivery of the Consultation Document as itemised.
- 3) **Notes** that there has been a gap in delivery of the hard copy of the consultation documents to some urban areas, and additional copies of the document have been put in libraries and most supermarkets in these areas for residents to access.
- 4) **Notes** that there will be a media release acknowledging the delivery issue and advising residents how they can access a copy of the document.

Moved: Cr Noone

Seconded: Cr Hope

CARRIED

4.2. Approval of Draft Regional Public Transport Plan 2021-2031 for Consultation

The report was provided for Councillor decision on whether to adopt the Draft Otago Regional Public Transport Plan 2021-2031 for public consultation. Garry Maloney (Manager Transport) and Gavin Palmer (General Manager Operations) were present to speak to the report and respond to questions.

A main point of Councillor discussion was around the need for better public transport services for those living in areas other than the two urban centres of Dunedin and Queenstown as well as how to encourage mode shift. Cr Deaker noted some typographical and spelling errors in the draft document and said he would detail these with Mr Maloney by email after the meeting. Cr Robertson then stated the overarching principles of document were solid and she said there is enough flexibility in the draft plan to address any issues raised during the submission process. Cr Noone agreed and said the hearing panel commissioners and external transport expert will bring back their recommendations to Council after the submission process to finalise the Plan in late June.

Cr Deaker left the meeting at 03:10 pm.

Cr Scott left the meeting at 03:10 pm.

Cr Calvert left the meeting at 03:09 pm.

Cr Calvert returned to the meeting at 3:12 pm.

Following further discussion, Cr Calvert moved:

Resolution

That the Council:

- 1) **Receives** this report.
- 2) **Approves** the Draft Regional Public Transport Plan 2021-2031 for consultation.
- 3) **Delegates** to the Council Chairperson, the power to approve minor editorial changes to the Draft Regional Public Transport Plan 2021-2031 subsequent to this meeting.

Moved: Cr Calvert

Seconded: Cr Hobbs

CARRIED

5. CLOSURE

There was no further business and Chairperson Noone declared the meeting closed at 3:25 pm.

Chairperson

Date

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