
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Waimate District Council held in the Local Government Centre, Queen Street, Waimate on Tuesday 22nd March 2005 at 8.30am



Present

His Worship the Mayor, Mr J.G.Coles (Chair)
Councillors M.L. Andrew, M.J. Balchin, P.J Foley, J.S. Gibson, P.F. McIlraith,
J.O. Rayner, L.J. Shaw, A.M. Townend.

In Attendance

Chief Executive Officer (J.E. Maxwell)
Administration Officer (J.D. Larcombe)
1 Member of the Media (Timaru Herald)
1 Member of the Media (Christchurch Press)

Opening Prayer

His Worship the Mayor read the opening Prayer.

Minutes

RESOLVED, THAT THE MINUTES OF THE:

- ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 25TH JANUARY 2005 BE RECEIVED.

Mov Cr Rayner / Sec Cr Gibson

Carried

Reports

His Worship the Mayor

His Worship the Mayor reported on the following:

- Canterbury Mayoral Forum
- Zone 5 meeting
- Project Aqua costs
- Meetings attended.
- Functions

RESOLVED, THAT THE REPORT OF HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR BE RECEIVED.

Mov His Worship the Mayor / Sec Cr Rayner

Carried

Matters Arising

Project Aqua

RESOLVED, THAT COUNCIL PURSUE ALL COST RECOVERIES RELATING TO PROJECT AQUA

Mov Cr Gibson / Sec Cr Shaw

Carried

Chief Executive Officer

The Chief Executive Officer reported on the following:

- Long Term Council Community Plan
- Budget
- Consultation Policy

RESOLVED, THAT THE REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER BE RECEIVED.

Mov Cr Shaw / Sec Cr Gibson

Carried

Committee Reports

RESOLVED, THAT THE MINUTES OF THE:

- FINANCE & COMMUNITY SUPPORT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON:
 1. TUESDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 2005
 2. TUESDAY 8TH MARCH 2005
- INFRASTRUCTURAL AND ASSETS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON:
 1. TUESDAY 8TH FEBRUARY DECEMBER 2005
 2. TUESDAY 8TH MARCH 2005
- ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON:
 1. TUESDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 2005
 2. TUESDAY 8TH MARCH 2005
- FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON:
 1. TUESDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 2005

BE RECIEVED.

Mov Cr Gibson / Sec Cr Townwnd

Carried

Matters Arising

Community Grants

Councillor McIlraith referred to Council's Community Grants and requested clarification as to whether the Community Grants would be continued.

Noted that this item be referred to Council's Long Term Council Community Plan.

Chief Executive Officer
Centrecare Counselling Service

Note: Councillor Townend declared an interest in this item and vacated the meeting.

Marion Williams, C.E.O of Centrecare Counselling, was in attendance and addressed Council on the current activities of Centrecare:

- Support and advocacy service – mental and emotional care.
- Strengths
- Stresses
- Strategies
- Philosophy of Management
- Decision making
- People structure
- Environmental challenges
- History and growth
- Performance
- Performance measures
- Success factors
- General

CO1 Citizenship Ceremony

Kruger Family

Dominique Guthrie

His Worship the Mayor welcomed and introduced the Kruger family (South Africa) and Dominique Guthrie (France) and invited the recipients to undertake the New Zealand Citizenship ceremony.

The Citizenship recipients undertook the following:

- Mr Athol Kevin Kruger – Oath of Allegiance
- Mrs Alicia Annette Kruger – Oath of Allegiance
- Master Murray Kruger – Oath of Allegiance
- Kirsten Kruger – No Oath (minor)
- Murray Kruger – Oath of Allegiance
- Dominique Guthrie – Affirmation of Allegiance

His Worship the Mayor congratulated the Citizenship recipients on attaining New Zealand Citizenship and accordingly presented a New Zealand Alpine Totara as an appreciation from Council.

The Citizenship recipients were then invited to attend morning tea with His Worship the Mayor and Council.

Note: The meeting adjourned at 10-30a.m.

Note: The meeting re-convened at 11-00a.m.

Representation – Meridian Energy Irrigation Proposals

Mr Ian Moore and Robin Murphy

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL'S IRRIGATION REPRESENTATIVES BE INVITED TO UPDATE COUNCIL AT A FORTHCOMING COUNCIL WORKSHOP DAY.

Mov Cr McIlraith / Sec Cr Townend

Carried

General Business

CO 4

Ministry for Culture and Heritage

The Ministry for Culture and Heritage advised that it intended to undertake regional visits.

The Ministry's work had expanded considerably over recent years and it is believed there is much to be gained by developing a closer involvement with Local Government for exploring possibilities for reflecting cultural wellbeing in both central and local government planning and practice.

RESOLVED, THAT COUNCIL NOTE THE INTENTIONS OF THE MINISTRY FOR CULTURE AND HERITAGE WITH FURTHER INFORMATION ON WORKSHOPS TO BE ADVISED.

Mov Cr Rayner/ Sec Cr Shaw

Carried

CO1

Proposed Building Fees 2005 / 06

The Building Act 2004 requires Council to set it's fees from 31st March each year and also allows additional fees and charges to be set.

The proposed fees and charges are in accordance with those as adopted for the previous financial year and accordingly no changes are proposed to Council.

RESOLVED, THAT PURSUANT TO THE BUILDING ACT 2004 AND OTHER SUCH ACTS AND REGULATIONS, THAT COUNCIL ADOPT ITS CURRENT BUILDING FEES FROM THE 31ST MARCH 2005 UNTIL SUCH TIME AS CHANGED BY COUNCIL.

Mov Cr Shaw / Sec Cr Rayner

Carried

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Re – Development Loan – Morven Recreation Reserve

The Morven Recreation Reserve Committee had advised its current proposals for the Morven Reserve to Council.

The Committee had decided to clear and sell both mature and some younger trees to enable border-dyking of the area to take place.

It was proposed that a facility of up to \$35,000 for the year 2005/06 would be sufficient with the account being back in credit by 2007/08.

RESOLVED, THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE REQUESTED LOAN OF UP TO \$35,000 FOR THE 2005/06 YEAR.

Mov Cr Shaw / Sec Cr Rayner

Carried

CO 1

Local Government (Rating) Amendment Act 2004

Council were advised that it should seriously consider the Local Government (Rating) Act 2004, which now requires all property owners' names to be accessible for public scrutiny along with all other database information.

It was proposed that an application form to exempt the owners names from being shown be included in the April rates invoices.

RESOLVED, THAT AN APPLICATION FORM TO EXEMPT OWNERS NAMES FROM BEING SHOWN ON PUBLIC DATABASE BE INCLUDED IN THE APRIL RATES INVOICES

Mov Cr McIlraith / Sec Cr Shaw

Carried

CO1

Proposed Mayoral Party

Care of the Elderly

Mr John Foley wrote requesting Council establish a Mayoral working party on Care of the Elderly in the Waimate District.

It was advised that Council was well positioned in this core area of local health to adopt an active role in its promotion and initiation.

The following was proposed;

- Promote to the region the high standard of care presently available with its high community involvement
- As need arises, to assist in advocacy e.g. home care, help workers remuneration,
- If, when appropriate, assist in the establishment of extra and new services.

Council noted the following:

- Care of aged in Waimate is considered sufficient.
- Any ad-hoc body for aged would be other than Council.
- Council consider it is well served as regards needs for a health committee.
- Payment to Health workers not considered a role of Council.

RESOLVED, THAT THE LETTER BE RECEIVED

Mov Cr Andrew / Sec Cr Rayner

Carried

CO1

Notice of Motion

Councillor A. Townend had advised the following Notice of Motion;

“That a Councillor only forum be arranged to discuss governance issues.

The Chief Executive Officer take recommendations for speakers from Local Government New Zealand only.

Mov Cr Townend / Sec Cr Balchin

AS AN AMENDMENT

The Chief Executive Officer to recommend three facilitators at the Council forum of which one will be from Local Government N.Z.

Cr McIlraith / Sec Cr Foley

The amendment became the substantive motion which was put and Carried.

Doctor Daniel Williams

Crown Public Health

Doctor Williams was in attendance and addressed Council on water standards citing the “Walkerton Outbreak” in Canada as a prime example.

This outbreak of E-Coli had resulted in 230 cases with 7 deaths and drinking water being boiled for six months.

The following was noted:

- E-Coli is an emerging problem.
- Prevention better than cure.
- Cause fatalities, costs and time off work.
- History of poor water quality in many rural areas.
- Have documented water borne outbreaks.

Challenges

- Ageing infrastructure
- Protozel treatment.
- Catchment contamination.
- Water sources close to Agriculture.
- Quality assurance.
- Costs to users
- Future compliance likely to be required.
- Complacency.

Note: The meeting adjourned at 12-50p.m.

Note: The meeting re-convened at 1-30 p.m.

Mr Neil Bennett
Land Transport New Zealand

Mr Neil Bennett, Southern Regional Manager of Land Transport New Zealand was in attendance and addressed Council.

- Funding partners with W.D.C
- Financial assistance based on ability to pay.
- W.D.C land values now doubled.

WDC

- Urban 45.2 km Rural 1289.7 km
- Sealed 41.9 km urban and 592.1 km rural.
- 183 bridges – 145 single lane.

Role

- Monitor number of RAMM outputs
- Will continue to monitor closely

Evaluation Process

- Collect data.
- Analyse trends
- Benchmark across urban / rural networks.
- Audits.

Emerging Trends

- 10 year forecasts basic.
- Incomplete and outdated inventory databases.
- Move to advanced Asset management “patchy”.
- Little evidence of trade – offs.

Intentions

- Make better use of current reporting.
- Guidance to research programmes.
- Further predictive modelling developments.
- Increase in advice through internal audits.

Public Excluded

RESOLVED, THAT THE PUBLIC BE EXCLUDED FROM THE FOLLOWING PARTS OF THIS MEETING, NAMELY:

- 1 Confirmation of the Public Excluded Minutes of:

- (a) Ordinary meeting of Council held on:
 - (i) Tuesday 25th January 2005
- (b) Finance & Community Support Committee Meeting held on:
 - (i) Tuesday 8th February 2005
 - (ii) Tuesday 8th March 2005

- 2 Consideration of Directors
- 3 Management – Resource Recovery Park
- 4 Forestry Managers Position
- 5 Waimate Timber Processing Ltd
- 6 Walker MacGeorge & Co – McLay Place Units

Mov Cr Rayner / Sec Cr Shaw

Carried

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
1(a) Council and Committee Minutes	To protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence	48(1)(a)(i)
2 Consideration of Directors	To protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence	48(1)(a)(i)
3 Management – Resource Recovery Park	To protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence	48(1)(a)(i)
4 Forestry Managers Position	To protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence	48(1)(a)(i)
5 Waimate Timber Processing Ltd	To protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence	48(1)(a)(i)
6 Walker MacGeorge & Co - McLay Place Units	To protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence	48(1)(a)(i)

This resolution is made in reliance of Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act or Section 6 or Section 7 or Section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982, as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public, are as follows:

Items 1 to 6	To protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence	7(2)(c)
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On Resuming

The meeting concluded at 4.33pm

Confirmed at a meeting of Council held
This 24th day of May 2005

Mayor