
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Waimate District Council held in the Local Government Centre, Queen Street, Waimate on Tuesday 18th April 2006 at 8.30am



Present

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

In Attendance

Asset Manager (G. Hamilton)
Corporate Services Manager (L. Rawstorn)
Administration Officer (J Larcombe)
1 member of the media (Timaru Herald)
1 Member of the Media (Christchurch Press)

Apologies

RESOLVED, THAT APOLOGIES BE RECEIVED ON BEHALF OF COUNCILLORS M. HENDERSON, P McILRAITH, AND J. RAYNER.

Mov Cr Gibson / Sec Cr Townend

Carried.

Opening Prayer

His Worship the Mayor read the opening prayer.

Minutes

RESOLVED, THAT THE MINUTES OF THE:

- ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON:
(i) TUESDAY 21st MARCH 2006
- SPORTS FUND COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON:
(i) WEDNESDAY 22nd MARCH 2006

BE RECEIVED.

Mov Cr Townend / Sec His Worship the Mayor

Carried.

Matters Arising

Building Act

Noted that the Planning and Regulatory Department would initiate the training of trades people with regard to the interpretation of the Act.

Reports

His Worship the Mayor

His Worship the Mayor reported on the following:

- Morven – Glenavy Irrigation Field Day
- Meridian Energy Power Generation
- Visit of Jim Sutton M.P.
- Waimate Volunteer Fire Brigade Service Awards
- Council District Tour
- Meetings & Functions Attended

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

Mov His Worship the Mayor / Sec Gibson

Carried.

Matters Arising

Meridian Energy Power Generation

RESOLVED, THAT COUNCIL SUPPORTS IN PRINCIPLE THE NORTH BANK TUNNEL AND HUNTER DOWNS IRRIGATION PROPOSALS.

Mov Cr Foley / Sec Cr Gibson

Carried.

District Tour

Councillor Foley requested that the full costs of the recent Council tour be advised to Council at its forthcoming Council meeting.

Chief Executive Officer

The Chief Executive Officer reported on the following:

- Audit of Council's LTCCP
- Remit – Zone 5/6 Meeting
- Charges for Mowing Services

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

Mov His Worship the Mayor / Sec Cr Townend

Carried.

Matters Arising

Mowing Service

RESOLVED, THAT COUNCIL'S PARKS AND RESERVES SUPERINTENDENT PLUS A WAIMATE URBAN WARD COUNCILLOR MEET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE WAIMATE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL AND WAIMATE A & P SOCIETY WITH REGARD TO THEIR COMPLAINTS OVER COUNCIL MOWING CHARGES.

Mov Cr Gibson / Sec Cr Townend

Carried.

Audit Report

The Audit report of the Waimate District Council for the year ended 30 June 2005 was resolved to be received.

Mov Cr Gibson / Sec Cr Townend

Carried.

General Business

Sport South Canterbury 2006/07 contract

Sport South Canterbury had requested an increase in their contract rate with Council from \$5,000 to \$7,500 per year.

Councillors Andrew and Henderson had reviewed the proposal and advise the following:

- There is support for on-going work with the Recreational Plan.
- A grant of \$1,200 has been allocated for coaching courses and holiday programmes.
- Current service levels do not indicate a 50% increase in overall contribution and involvement.
- Surplus funds are not available.

RESOLVED, THAT COUNCIL RENEW ITS CONTRACT WITH SPORT SOUTH CANTERBURY FOR 2006/07 AT THE CURRENT FUNDING LEVEL OF \$5,000 PER ANNUM.

Mov Cr Townend / Sec Cr Andrew

Carried.

Dog Microchipping

New provisions of the Dog Control Amendment Act 2003 & 2004 come into effect from the 1st July 2006.

The intention is that microchipping requirements and the National Dog Database will allow dogs to be identified by anyone working in animal control.

Effectively, the Act will require selected dogs to have a microchip inserted.

The options available to Council are:

- To provide a full microchipping service at cost, or for no cost.
- A limited service of microchipping, impounding, dangerous dogs, etc.
- To have no involvement in microchipping at all. Effectively, dog owners would need to arrange insertion of the microchips themselves.

It is recommended, at this stage, that Council should not offer a microchipping service.

RESOLVED, THAT COUNCIL DO NOT OFFER A MICROCHIPPING SERVICE TO DOG OWNERS.

THIS DECISION BE REVIEWED AT ANY TIME AND FOR ANY REASON THAT COUNCIL SHOULD SO CONSIDER APPROPRIATE.

Mov Cr Gibson / Sec Cr Balchin

Carried.

Legal Opinion

Duties of C.E.O.

Council had requested that a legal opinion be obtained regarding the situation where Council's C.E.O. is requested to take an action which does not comply with duly mandated law.

The situation had arisen where Council was contemplating what action it may take to express its disagreement with the microchipping requirements of the amendments to the Dog Control Act 1996.

The opinion concludes that while the C.E.O has a duty to implement the decisions of Council, he also has a duty to ensure that the Council complies with the Law.

It was advised that the C.E.O should prefer the latter duty in the event of conflict between the two duties.

RESOLVED, THAT THIS ITEM LIE ON THE TABLE AND BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA OF THE FORTHCOMING COUNCIL MEETING.

Mov Cr Townend / Sec Cr Balchin

Carried.

Costs of Roothing

A report on Rural Roothing costs prepared by Mr Robert Lowe was available for consideration of Council.

Councillors were requested to review and advise if further promotion was required or more available options.

RESOLVED, THAT THE REPORT BE RECEIVED AND NOTED.

Mov Cr Andrew / Sec Cr Townend

Carried.

Internal Audit Committee

Preliminary discussions had taken place on a proposal to form an internal Audit committee of Council.

It was requested that this item be considered at a forthcoming workshop of Council.

RESOLVED, THAT THIS ITEM BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE FORTHCOMING WORKSHOP OF COUNCIL.

Mov Cr Townend / Sec Cr Balchin

Carried.

Citizenship Ceremony

M/s Leneti Eri Bullard

M/s Sheila Paul

His Worship the Mayor welcomed and introduced M/s Leneti Bullard and M/s Sheila Paul who were in attendance to undertake the New Zealand Citizenship ceremony.

His Worship the Mayor invited the applicants to take the Oath of Allegiance and advised the applicants of an appropriate Letter of Congratulations as forwarded by the Minister of Internal Affairs.

His Worship the Mayor on behalf of Council congratulated M/s Bullard and M/s Paul on attaining New Zealand citizenship and accordingly presented the appropriate Citizenship Certificates.

M/s Bullard, M/s Paul, and family members were then invited to attend morning tea with His Worship the Mayor and Councillors.

Note: The meeting adjourned at 10.15 a.m.
Note: The meeting re-convened at 10.45 a.m.

Development Contributions Policy

Councillor P. Foley advised consideration of his proposal to determine a final time frame for completion of Council's Developments Contribution policy.

Noted that an updated Development Contributions policy will be brought forward to Council prior to its October meeting and also regular updates are to be referred to Council.

Land – Victoria Terrace

Councillor P. Foley had requested consideration be given by Council to disposing of its land on Victoria Terrace. The land currently comprises two sections and is close to all town amenities.

Moved, that Council offer its land on Victoria Terrace for sale.

Mov Cr Foley / Sec Cr Balchin

The basis of voting was (for) 3, (against) 3.

The status quo remains and the land not to be offered for sale.

Relationship – Other Councils

Councillor P.Foley had requested Council give due consideration to having a closer relationship with its neighbouring local authorities.

It was advised that there is already a high level of regular contact at the Mayoral and C.E.O levels, also reinforced by other forums such as the Canterbury Mayoral Forum.

RESOLVED, THAT WAIMATE DISTRICT COUNCIL LIASE CLOSER WITH ITS NEIGHBOURING LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

Mov Cr Foley / Sec Cr Townend

Carried.

Unofficial Meetings

Councillor P. Foley had requested that Council give due consideration to setting aside one hour each month for Elected Members only to network, test ideas and general updates, etc.

RESOLVED, THAT COUNCIL SET ASIDE ONE HOUR EACH MONTH FOR ELECTED MEMBERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF NETWORKING, GENERAL DISCUSSION, UPDATES, ETC.

Mov Cr Foley / Sec Cr Balchin

Carried.

Note: The meeting adjourned at 12.25 p.m.
Note: The meeting re-convened at 1.08 p.m.

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Information Reports

The information reports for April 2006 had been circulated to all Councillors.

The following was reported:

- Asset Management
- Planning & Regulatory
- Community Services
- Parks & Reserves
- Waitaki Lakes Shoreline Authorities
- Waimate Sport & Recreation Plan
- Meetings Attended

The information reports were duly received and noted.

Public Excluded

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

1. **CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC EXCLUDED MINUTES OF:**
 - a) ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON:
 - (i) TUESDAY 21st MARCH 2006.
2. **PRESENTATION – ALPINE ENERGY LTD**
3. **MARCH HARE MOTORBIKE RALLY**

Mov Cr Gibson / Sec His Worship the Mayor**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 |
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| 1 Council Minutes | | |
| 2 Presentation – Alpine Energy | To protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence | 48(1)(a)(i) |
| 3 March Hare Rally | | |
| 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, 2 & 3 | To protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence. | 7(2)(c) |

On Resuming

The meeting concluded at 2.00 p.m.

Confirmed at a meeting of Council held
This 16th day of May 2006

Mayor