
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Waimate District Council held in the Local Government Centre, Queen Street, Waimate on Tuesday 21st November 2006 at 8.30 am



Present

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

In Attendance

Chief Executive Officer (J.E. Maxwell)
Administration Officer (J Larcombe)
1 Member of the Media (Waimate Advertiser)
1 Member of the Media (Timaru Herald)
1 Member of the Media (Oamaru Mail)
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:
(i) Tuesday 17th October 2006
- EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON:
(i) Tuesday 31st October 2006

BE RECEIVED.

Mov Cr Rayner / Sec Cr Townend

Carried

Note: The meeting adjourned at 9.35am.
Note: The meeting re-convened at 9.40am.

Matters Arising - Minutes

Page 4 – Annual Report

Noted that this resolution read as follows – “In accordance with accepted practice, the report was approved prior to the completion of the Audit”.

Page 5 – Food Processors

Noted that this resolution be amended to exclude the words “on behalf of Council”

Reports

His Worship the Mayor

His Worship the Mayor reported on the following:

- Downlands Water Supply
- Motocross National Championships
- South Canterbury Justices of the Peace
- The Waimate Conspiracy
- Meetings and Functions Attended

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

Mov His Worship the Mayor / Sec Cr Rayner

Carried

Chief Executive Officer

The Chief Executive Officer reported on the following:

- Budgets 2007/08
- Public Records Act
- Local Government Official Information & Meetings Act
- Privacy Act
- Kiwi Saver
- Rates Rebate
- Letter from Caithness Farms Ltd

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

Mov Cr Henderson / Sec Cr Gibson

Carried

Corporate Services Manager

The Corporate Services Manager reported on the following:

- Unfavourable Variance- \$254,000
- Depreciation / Rates Difference.
- District Planning Invoices.
- Civil Defence.
- Conclusion.
- Timing Issues

RESOLVED, THAT THE REPORT OF THE CORPORATE SERVICES MANAGER BE RECEIVED.

Mov Cr Rayner / Sec Cr Townend

Carried

General Business

Notice of Motion – Councillor P Foley

Councillor Foley addressed Council regarding the South Canterbury District Health Board's decision to return a retained surplus of \$1.5m to Central Government.

Should future surpluses occur, it is requested that approaches be forthcoming from all South Canterbury District Councils plus our local Member of Parliament advising that such surpluses be retained and distributed to all health providers in the South Canterbury District area.

RESOLVED THAT THE TIMARU DISTRICT COUNCIL BE REQUESTED TO INVITE THE WAIMATE DISTRICT COUNCIL TO PARTICIPATE IN DISCUSSIONS REGARDING FUTURE APPROACHES WHICH MAY BE MADE TO THE SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT HEALTH BOARD, WITH REGARD TO THE RETENTION OF SURPLUS FUNDING.

Mov Cr Foley / Sec Cr Andrew

Carried

Disabled Parking Access

Approval was sought from Council to install a parking space for the use of disabled persons. The proposed siting is on the west side Queen Street at the first parking space south of High Street with the existing bike stand relocated and a kerb crossing installed.

RESOLVED THAT A DISABLED PARKING SPACE BE MARKED ON THE WEST SIDE OF QUEEN STREET AT THE FIRST PARKING SPACE SOUTH OF HIGH STREET.

AFFECTED BUSINESSES TO BE APPROACHED AND CONSULTED ACCORDINGLY.

Mov Cr Andrew / Sec Cr Rayner

Carried

Hakataramea Gun Club Access

The Hakataramea Gun Club had requested Council to supply and place 75m³ of base aggregate for access improvement. At its meeting held on Tuesday 20th June 2006, Council had resolved *“that subject to the necessary easements being signed, the request be met”*.

Moved, that the Waimate District Council supply 75 m³ of metal or a grant of \$1,000 for the construction of access to the gun club pavilion.

Mov Cr Balchin / Sec Cr Rayner

Lost

Proposed Augmentation of the Waikakahi Rural Water Scheme, Linking it with the Lower Waihao Intake

Council had previously directed that staff, in concert with the Waikakahi Water Scheme Committee, develop a cost effective alternative and a suitable financial model for the augmentation of the water scheme.

Following on from this, staff had prepared a proposal that included a financial model for supplying additional water to the Waikakahi Scheme from the Lower Waihao intake.

The draft proposal was finalised and approved by the Waikakahi Scheme Committee on 1st November 2006.

RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL REVIEW AND APPROVE THE PROPOSAL TO:

1. AUGMENT THE WAIKAKAHI RURAL WATER SCHEME WITH A CONNECTION TO THE SOURCE OF THE LOWER WAIHAO RURAL WATER SCHEME.
2. AGREE THE FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENT, AS OUTLINED, TO PROVIDE A BASIS FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE UPGRADE.

Mov Cr Gibson / Sec Cr Henderson

Carried

Appointment of Directors – Waimate Medical Centre

At a recent Council meeting, it was suggested that the directors of the Medical Centre set the rotation of directors, however, when this was relayed to the Directors of the Medical Centre, they were unanimous that Council should decide rotation along with appointments of the Waimate Medical Centre.

It was proposed that as Council make the appointments to the Waimate Medical Centre Ltd, it should also set the policy on the length of appointments and rotation.

It was suggested that annually one Director serving the longest time should have his or her position contested with reappointment being an option.

This would give continuity to the Board making only one appointment a year.

RESOLVED THAT ANNUALLY ONE DIRECTOR SERVING THE LONGEST TIME SHOULD HAVE HIS OR HER POSITION CONTESTED WITH REAPPOINTMENT BEING AN OPTION.

Mov Cr Townend / Sec Cr Rayner

Carried

Citizenship Ceremony

Mr Barrie Irving

Mrs Fiona Douglas

His Worship the Mayor welcomed and introduced Mr Barrie Irving and Mrs Fiona Douglas 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 Mr Irving and Mrs Douglas on attaining New Zealand citizenship and accordingly presented the appropriate Citizenship Certificates and a native NZ tree.

Mr Irving and Mrs Douglas and their guests were then invited to attend morning tea with His Worship the Mayor and Councillors.

Note: The meeting adjourned at 10.15am

Note: The meeting re-convened at 10.40am

Waimate 50 Motorsport Inc

At the October monthly meeting of the Waimate 50 Motorsport, discussion took place on the possibility of having a Waimate District Councillor representative on their committee.

As the Deputy Mayor Mr Jim Rayner has knowledge of motor racing he had made the offer to be on the Waimate 50 Committee.

Council discussed whether it was appropriate to have a Council representative appointed to Waimate 50 Motorsport.

Noted that the agenda item be received and that Council make no official appointment to the Waimate 50 Motorsport Inc committee at this time.

Waimate 50 Motorsport Inc

Waimate 50 Motorsport requested Council consideration of a grant in the sum of \$50,000 for the establishment of safety barrier structures.

It is noted that Council has outstanding resolutions seeking information from the organisation prior to any consideration of funding. These have as yet not been received, however the organisation is proceeding with its request for funding.

There is no indication that the previous requested resolutions of Council will be met.

RESOLVED THAT THE REQUEST BE DECLINED AND THAT THE ORGANISATION BE ASKED TO COMPLETE ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE COUNCIL'S EARLIER REQUESTED RESOLUTIONS.

Mov Cr McIlraith / Sec Cr Henderson

Carried

Waimate Town & Country Club Euchre Section

The Waimate Town and Country Euchre Section advised it is hosting a South Island wide tournament at the Club in March of next year. The Club were accordingly applying to Council for sponsorship.

The Town and Country Club appears to fund most of its sports sections from the proceeds of its poker machines. Accordingly Council had rarely received any requests for funding assistance.

The letter indicated they are seeking sponsors from many businesses and organisations including the Council.

The Council's Information Centre has already had a request for a large number of District Information Packs to be sent to visitors associated with this event.

RESOLVED THAT THE REQUEST FOR FUNDS BE DECLINED.

Mov Cr Henderson / Sec Cr Balchin

Carried

Life, Hope & Happiness Party

The Committee of the Life, Hope and Happiness Party wrote requesting that their hire fee for the Stadium be wholly or partly refunded.

The Life, Hope and Happiness Party has been held each year for 5 years and has rapidly grown in terms of its attendance to where for 2005 and 2006 it has been held at the Waimate Stadium. The event has been mainly sponsored by local churches and the event organisers are a small group that get together solely for this purpose.

Moved that the request for the remission of the stadium hire charge be declined

Mov Cr Henderson/ Sec Cr Andrew

As an Amendment

MOVED, THAT THE REQUEST BE REFERRED TO THE STADIUM COMMITTEE FOR ITS DUE CONSIDERATION

Mov Cr Gibson / Sec Cr Townend

The amendment became the substantive motion which was put and

Carried

Canterbury Triennial Agreement

Environment Canterbury had requested approval in pursuing an amendment to the Canterbury Triennial Agreement. The Council is requested to approve the amendment.

A Triennial Agreement is required by the Local Government Act 2002 and the original version was duly agreed and adopted in 2003. The current proposal by Environment Canterbury is for the addition of a new Clause numbered 7 in the

draft to make it explicit that the agreement refers to the Canterbury Regional Policy Statement.

RESOLVED THAT THE WAIMATE DISTRICT COUNCIL APPROVES THE AMENDMENT TO THE CANTERBURY TRIENNIAL AGREEMENT AS OUTLINED IN CLAUSE 7 OF THE DOCUMENT.

Mov Cr Townend / Sec Cr Henderson

Carried

Pareora Huts

The Department of Conservation wrote seeking comment from Council on the house/huts currently sited on Department land within the Pareora River.

Options include:

1. Relocation of the huts away from the river onto adjoining land owned by the Pareora Reserve Society.
2. Permanent removal of the huts on DOC land by way of a short term phase-out lease.
3. Permanent removal of the huts on DOC by way of a 'life of the current owner' type lease.
4. Granting an on-going fixed term concession with a clause indemnifying the Crown in the event of loss of property or loss of life. This would also not allow huts destroyed by flooding to be rebuilt on this site.

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL TAKE NO ACTION IN THIS MATTER.

Mov Cr Gibson / Sec Cr Balchin

Carried

Information Reports

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

The following was reported:

- Asset Manager's report
- Planning & Regulatory Manager's report
- Community Services Manager's report
- Cr James Gibson – meetings attended
- Memo from Ashburton DC
- Press Release from South Canterbury Irrigation Trust & Meridian Energy
- Letter from Meridian Energy

The reports were duly received and noted.

Matters Arising

Noted that a submission go forward to Environment Canterbury with regard to the Representation Review.

His Worship the Mayor

Councillors Ad-hoc Meetings

His Worship the Mayor addressed Council advising that he was aware that five Councillors, being a majority of Council, had held a meeting at which decisions regarding percentage rate increases had been arrived at.

His Worship advised that he considered this was a matter of grave concern and noted that not all Councillors and His Worship had been invited to this meeting.

Councillor Gibson also addressed Council, advising that his understanding was that His Worship the Mayor had been presented with an ultimatum which indicated that the Councillors concerned had majority numbers to determine policy outcomes.

It was further advised that such actions by Councillors was not considered appropriate or democratic and such meetings would put these Councillors in the situation of being pre-emptive and bias in decision making.

Council's Chief Executive Officer advised his disapproval of such actions and meetings of Councillors which are not considered appropriate.

His Worship the Mayor advised that he required a full written report arising from this meeting.

Queen Street / Gorge Road Subdivision

RESOLVED THAT THE FOLLOWING MOTION TAKEN "IN COMMITTEE" BE CONFIRMED IN OPEN MEETING:

THAT COUNCIL UNDERTAKE THE QUEEN STREET / GORGE ROAD SUBDIVISION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PARTICULARS AS OUTLINED IN THE REPORT AS PRESENTED TO COUNCIL.

Mov Cr Rayner / Sec His Worship the Mayor

Carried

Note: The meeting adjourned at 12.40pm

Note: The meeting re-convened at 1.30pm

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 17th OCTOBER 2006
2. **STADIUM SOCIETY – ALPINE ENERGY GRANT**
3. **CEO PERFORMANCE REVIEW**

4. ALPINE ENERGY REPORTS**5. QUEEN STREET SUBDIVISION****Mov Cr Henderson / Sec Cr Rayner****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. Council Minutes	To protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence	48(1)(a)(i)
2. Stadium Society		
3. CEO Performance Review		
4. Alpine Energy Reports		
5. Queen Street Subdivision		

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 - 5	To protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence.	7(2)(c)
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On Resuming

The meeting concluded at 3.30pm.

Confirmed at a meeting of Council held
This 19th day of December 2006

Mayor