
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Waimate District Council held in the Local Government Centre, Queen Street, Waimate on Tuesday 18th September 2007 at 8.30 am



Present

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

In Attendance

Chief Executive Officer (T Alden)
Administration Officer (J Larcombe)
1 Member of the Media (Waimate Advertiser)
1 Member of the Media (Timaru Herald)

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 21 AUGUST 2007

BE RECEIVED.

Mov Cr Foley / Sec Cr Gibson

Carried

Reports

His Worship the Mayor

His Worship the Mayor reported on the following:

- Last Council Meeting for this Term of Council
- CEO and Mayor
- Primary School Visits
- Opening of Lister's 'Margaret Cruickshank Place' Wing
- Canterbury West Coast Sports Trust
- Returned Services Association Veteran's Awards

- Visit by HMNZS Te Mana
- Meetings and Functions Attended

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

Mov His Worship the Mayor / Sec Cr Rayner

Carried

Matters Arising

His Worship the Mayor expressed his gratitude for the work undertaken by Councillors over the preceding three year term of Council

Chief Executive Officer's Report

The Chief Executive Officer reported on the following:

- Dawson's Building
- Staffing
- Inducements
- Ratepayers Concerns
- Energy Efficiency
- Various Meetings
- Agenda Structure and Format
- Current Workloads/Projects

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

Mov Cr Henderson / Sec Cr Townend

Carried

General Business

Seddon Square Christmas Celebrations

Each year the Ministers Association undertakes a community event in Seddon Square being the "Carols in the Park".

This event is proposed to be held in conjunction with some of the local service clubs and consists of a barbeque and Christmas carols.

The local organiser is Pastor John Begg and it will take place on Sunday 16th December.

Pastor Begg approached Council with a request to consider some financial support towards the total cost of the event.

The total cost was advised at circa \$600 and it is considered a community event.

RESOLVED, THAT COUNCIL CONTRIBUTE THE SUM OF \$300 TOWARDS THE COST OF THE EVENT.

FUNDING TO BE PROVIDED FROM CIVIC COSTS.

Mov Cr Foley / Sec Cr Townend

Carried

Fraud Policy

Council is requested to formally adopt its Fraud Policy.

The Fraud Policy has been prepared and reviewed by a Council workshop.

RESOLVED THAT THE FRAUD POLICY AS REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE WORKSHOP OF COUNCIL BE FORMALLY APPROVED FOR ADOPTION BY COUNCIL

Mov Cr Rayner / Sec Cr Henderson

Carried

Remuneration Policy

It was proposed that an updated Councillors Remuneration Policy be adopted.

Council's previous Remuneration Policy was adopted and last updated on the 18th June 1996 and is not robust enough to meet the modern requirements of such a policy given the broader depth now required to be addressed in these documents, e.g Loyalty Rewards, Airline Clubs, Communication, Clubs & Associations, etc.

A more defined document is required which will also meet the requirement of both the Remuneration Authority and Council.

Noted that the policy be referred to the forthcoming Council workshop to be worked through and considered.

Potential and Renewal Irrigation Schemes

It was proposed that the Council give consideration to formally supporting proposed and renewed irrigation schemes and any other abstractions that have been applied for by groups and individuals in our District.

The North Bank Tunnel Concept has meant deferral of applications for water from the Waitaki and its tributaries. However these consent applications are now notified and submissions close at the end of September.

RESOLVED THAT A SUB-COMMITTEE BE FORMED TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY GROUPS WITH QUANTUM APPLICATIONS FOR WATER USE FROM THE WAITAKI RIVER.

Mov Cr McIlraith / Sec Cr Gibson

Carried

Waitaki Water Users Sub Committee

RESOLVED, THAT THE MEMBERSHIP OF THIS SUB-COMMITTEE BE COUNCILLORS J. GIBSON, A. TOWNEND AND M. BALCHIN.

Mov Cr Rayner / Sec Cr Henderson

Carried

Information Reports

The information reports for September 2007 had been circulated to all Councillors.

The following was reported:

- Asset Manager's report
- Community Services Manager's report
- Planning & Regulatory Manager's report
- Park Superintendent's Report
- Regional Fast Facts

The reports were duly received and noted.

Matters Arising

- With loss of Waitaki constituency, a form of thank you for Councillor Slee to be formulated – Councillor Townend to action.
- Waitaki River and Lakes Committee have submitted an application to Meridian Energy for the funding of a landscaping plan.
- The Shoreline Authority representatives to progress the issue of wilding trees at the Lakes. LINZ and DOC to be approached

RESOLVED, THAT COUNCILLOR FOLEY BE INVITED TO THE NEXT SHORELINE AUTHORITIES MEETING TO SUBMIT AN APPROPRIATE PRESENTATION ON THIS ISSUE.

Mov Cr McIlraith / Sec Cr Gibson

Carried

Portfolio Report from Councillor Andrew

- Poplar trees at end Point Bush Road – not appropriate.
- Friends of Knottingley Park doing a great job.
- Victoria Park looking good.
- Beautification around Kennedy Crescent – area is bland and requires upgrading.
- May visit Otaio Cemetery at next portfolio meeting.
- Maori Cemetery – can we do anything here.
- Wilderness Parks – yet to define where these are.

Note: The meeting adjourned at 10 a.m.

Note: The meeting re-convened at 10-15 a.m.

Audit Sub Committee

The Audit Sub Committee terms of reference were overviewed for the due information of Council

Quotable Value

Mr B. Bolger and Mr D. Black were in attendance and addressed Council on the recently completed 2007 revaluation.

- Waimate District is now worth \$2.65 billion.
- Over all, residential values have risen by 66%.
- Values have been audited by the Valuer General.
- Better database and mapping systems ensure valuation accuracy.
- Average Waimate house value gone from \$109,000 to \$180,000.
- Average Waimate residential land value is \$62,000.
- Larger commercial and industrial sites now sought after.
- Business growth in Waimate shows consistent increase.
- Continued pressure from dairy use in rural areas.
- Rural land average increase is 45%.
- Key drivers to values are mortgage interest rates, employment and unemployment and permanent and long term migration.

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:
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2. WAIMATE MEDICAL CENTRE

Mov Cr Gibson / 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. Waimate Medical Centre	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:

1. Council Minutes	To protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence.	7(2)(c)
2. Waimate Medical Centre	To protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence.	7(2)(c)

On Resuming

The meeting concluded at.12.43 p.m.

Confirmed at a meeting of Council held
This 23rd day of October 2007

Mayor