



Waimate District Council

Agenda

Extraordinary Meeting of Council to be held at the Local Government Centre, Queen Street, Waimate

Date: Monday 21 & Tuesday 22 May 2007

Time: At 8.50 am

Attention: His Worship the Mayor (Chair)

J O Rayner

M J Balchin

A M Townend

J S Gibson

M L Andrew

M Henderson

P J Foley

P F McIlraith

Councillors are reminded of the provisions of the Local Authorities' (Members' Interest) Act 1968, which provides for restrictions on the making of contracts between Local Authorities and members thereof as well as providing that a member of a Local Authority or Committee shall not vote on a question in which he or she has a pecuniary interest.

1. Apologies

2. Mayor's Address

8.50 am

3. Annual Plan Hearings

Time	Name	Description	Submission Number
9.00am	Holiday Park operators Various speakers	A full independent feasibility study should be carried out into Council's proposed project to upgrade camping facilities at Knottingley Park.	7
9.10am	Martin Mehrtens	Questions what impact Hunter Downs irrigation will have on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) rural social fabric b) effluent loading on streams and creeks, especially after flooding c) will the scheme mean corporate style ownership? d) traffic loadings eg Serpentine Valley Rd 	19
9.20am	Suzanne Smart	Should change the signage on the yellow shed, could include Whitehorse or Bushtown.	14
9.35am	Peter Hayman	Supports all submissions pertaining to expenditure, who and how much has to be paid is the real problem.	Cross 3
9.45am	Lawrence Rawstorn and Rob Moffat	<p>Minor changes to Council Roading budget proposed due to new information arising. Street lighting additional \$10,400 as advised by Genesis Electricity. \$20,000 reduction in budget for stock effluent disposal, due to advice from Timaru District that they will be administering maintenance of a defined site at Pareora. Reduction in budget of \$14,000 for community focused activities due to advice from Transit New Zealand that this funding can be distributed to Waimate District from a regional cluster, thus saving on administration costs.</p> <p>An amendment to Council's LTCCP is entirely unnecessary because of the major administrative cost and resources necessary to complete a document that will be underutilised and of interest only to Accountants and Auditors. Proposes that changes in relation to Queen St Subdivision, Civil Defence and Water scheme upgrades, be highlighted in all versions of Council's Annual Plan and Annual Report produced until the production of Council's next full LTCCP for 2009/19.</p> <p>Waimate District's Rural Water Committee Chairmen, have arranged to meet on Wednesday 18 April 2007, at which time, their recommendations for fees and charges for year</p>	31,32,33

ended 30 June 2008 will be made. Note also that final advice is yet to come from Timaru District on their Downlands rates charges. Propose that Council's budget be adjusted for these pieces of late information.

10.00am	Morning Tea		
10.30am	Regent Theatre	That Council make provision for the repair and upgrading of the Regent Theatre, to comply with regulations.	3
10.40am	Robert Pringle	Concerns are: LTCCP of Roothing has not materialised, maintenance of Haka Pass, cattle stops to replace grates on Haka Pass, culverts to remove flood water off Cattle Creek/Haka Road, rates on non collection properties - hard to justify this fee under user pays, dog registration fee, Civil defence budget should be slashed further, general concern over rate increase 8% and increase in budget cuts.	28
10.50am	Zeta Pringle	Civil defence concern over what happened in our area last year; budget needs to be cut further. Roothing: not yet seen LTCCP promised two years ago, rural road conditions, maintenance on Haka Pass, remove gates and replace with cattle stops, road maintenance. Rate collection for non collection of rubbish - justify it to us, the fee per property, concern over rates increase and yet budgets being slashed in many areas.	28a
11.00am	Murphy Farms	a) Concern that Roothing is in deficit. How can Council justify a decrease in capital spending from 2006/07? Grading patterns do not well match farming patterns in Morven/Glenavy area, making roads dangerous. b) Why are re-inspections for non-compliance fees not charged as special inspections? \$100 fee for seizure of stereo is laughable. c) Why does 50:50 funding split not apply to Roothing, Aerodrome, Liquor and Gaming Licensing? d) Oppose the building of a multi purpose community centre e) Provision for funding computers in the library for school children should be dropped	29
11.15am	Federated Farmers	Comprehensive 6 page submission from Federated Farmers. Introduction: expresses appreciation for consultation on rural issues, any increases in rates to farmers, without a corresponding defining benefit will be resisted, restraint urged in Council expenditure, request cents per dollar of rates collected breakdown of Council expenditure.	15

General Points: Expresses interest in Content of Council's Annual Plan with regard to: detailed costs of Council services, funding mechanisms for Council services, amendments to Council's Long Term Council Community Plan, Council income and expenditure in terms of average rural property and average urban property.

In relation to Annual Plan Summary:

- 1) Council expenditure be brought under control
- 2) Support planned reduction of \$53,000 in Civil defence spending.
- 3) Support Council policy of not fully funding depreciation on roads and bridges.
- 4) All "people services" be funded by Uniform Annual General Charges and User pays charges.
- 5) That Council separate commercial activities from the provision of service to ratepayers. Commercial risk should be left to property developers.
- 6) The beneficiaries of the sewerage extension should pay a sewerage target rate.
- 7) Commend Council for delaying planned capital upgrade work to comply with Central Government drinking water standards. Recommend an economic focus.
- 8) Recommend proceeding with the sale of Dawson's building, at a price that recovers Council's costs.
- 9) Delete the proposed new aviary building at Victoria Park.
- 10) Make representations to the Central Government initiated Rates Inquiry detailing the problems of the current local government property rating system.

12.00 noon	Jim Firth	Council does not adequately inform the community through the development and presentation of the current Annual Plan documentation.	27
12.15pm	Whitehorse Recycling – Jim Firth	Concerned that Council has not made any provision for capital expenditure within the Waste Management budget for years ending 30 June 2008 and following.	26
12.30 pm	Lunch		
1.20 pm	Tom O'Connor	Waimate Civil Defence system should be decentralised. Volunteer CD Co-ordinator be appointed in the meantime. Volunteer first response officers be recruited for each population	16

		centre, approaches be made to Mackenzie and Timaru District Councils for a joint Civil defence strategy and regional civil defence co-ordinator.	
1.30 pm	Melanie Milne	Extensive concerns about Civil Defence	Cross 8
1.40 pm	Simon Chambers (Ministry of Civil Defence Management)	Concern re indications on page 2 of Annual Plan Summary, and pages 65+66 of Annual Plan, that some Civil Defence Services will cease, pointing out that Council has statutory responsibilities and responsibilities to contribute to the Canterbury CDEM group.	9
2.00 pm	Neil Barltrop	a) Does not support new multi purpose facility, concept is thin, existing facilities are underutilised b) Supports feasibility study for a library building. c) Supports retention of the Dawson's building. Council has a responsibility to maintain our unique streetscape. The BNZ building should serve as a reminder. d) Can the sewerage treatment facilities cope with expansion? e) Climate change should be discussed, as it is a Council responsibility. f) Supportive of the move to rejoin Local Government New Zealand	21
2.10 pm	Andrew Quigley	For the third year, draws Council's attention to the problem of failing septic tanks on Timaru Rd. Resident has to have his tank pumped out every two months, despite living alone, and failing septic tanks on neighbouring properties overflow into nearby stormwater drains. Need piped sewerage disposal.	24

Tuesday 22 May has been allocated to make decisions