
Minutes of the Finance and Community Support
Committee Meeting of the Waimate District
Council held in the Local Government Centre,
Queen Street, Waimate on Tuesday 12th April
2005 at 8-30 a.m.



Present

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

In Attendance

Chief Executive Officer (J.E. Maxwell)
Corporate Services Manager (L.E. Rawstorn)
Administration Officer (J.D. Larcombe)

Apologies

RESOLVED, THAT APOLOGIES BE RECEIVED ON BEHALF OF M. ANDREW.

Mov Cr McIlraith/ Sec Cr Townend

Carried

Minutes

RESOLVED, THAT THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND COMMUNITY
SUPPORT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 8th MARCH 2005, BE
RECEIVED.

Mov Cr Gibson / Sec His Worship the Mayor

Carried

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Councillor A.M. Townend

Councillor Townend advised the meeting that as she had received additional or
accompanying information after the agenda had been circulated to Councillors, then
the meeting was procedurally incorrect and should be adjourned.

It was advised that the committee was considered in breach of Standing Orders
2.12.4, 2.15.2 and 2.15.8.

RESOLVED, THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED UNTIL TUESDAY 19TH APRIL 2005.

Mov Cr Townend / Sec Cr Balchin

Carried

Note: The meeting adjourned at 8-42 a.m.

Note: The meeting re-convened on Tuesday 19th April 2005 at 1-17 p.m.

Present

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

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

A3 CORPORATE SERVICES MANAGER FINANCIAL REPORT

The Corporate Services Manager submitted the quarterly financial report for the period ending March 2005.

The following items were reported:

- Notes to the accounts
- Budget to actuals.

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

Mov His Worship the Mayor / Sec Cr Andrew

Carried

CO 9 Borough Council Honours Board

It was reported that Mr Doug Bailey had researched the required information to produce a Borough Council Honours Board.

The information had been collated through to the amalgamation in 1989.

An estimate to complete the Board had been advised as \$2,357.

RESOLVED, THAT THE HONOURS BOARD BE COMPLETED AND PUBLICLY DISPLAYED ALONGSIDE THE CURRENT DISTRICT COUNCIL HONOURS BOARD.

Mov Cr Foley / Sec His Worship the Mayor

Carried

CE 6/1 Project Aqua Costs

The Hon Marion Hobbs, Minister for the Environment, had written advising that she acknowledged Council's request for a higher rate of assistance from the Ministry of the Environment for the provision of community assistance arising from the costs associated with Project Aqua.

The Minister advised that she believed the contribution to be appropriate, and accordingly declined Council's request for a higher rate of contribution.

RESOLVED, THAT THE LETTER FROM THE HON MARIAN HOBBS BE RECEIVED.

Mov His Worship the Mayor / Sec Cr Townend

Carried

CO 1 Information Reports

The April 2005 information reports had been circulated to all Councillors.

CO 1 Meetings Attended

Councillors reported on meetings attended.

A3 Council Funding Policy

Council's Funding Policy sets the respective contributions of ratepayer groupings to the funding of specific activities.

The current policy has been in place for some years now, and includes splits between rural and urban ratepayers and between rates and other revenue that have been based on factors that are not explicitly stated.

The district has recently undergone a revaluation that has seen major differences between land categories in terms of percentage increases in capital value.

This has the effect of shifting the rates burden between sectors and particularly between rural and urban ratepayers.

A review and the creation of specified criteria for determining the splits was advised as appropriate at this time.

RESOLVED THAT THE FUNDING POLICY TO BE FURTHER REVIEWED BY COUNCIL WHICH HAD BEEN LAST UPDATED IN THE YEAR 2000.

THE REVIEW TO TAKE PLACE DURING 2005.

Mov His Worship the Mayor / Sec Cr Shaw

Carried

Budgetry Considerations

Council considered that a further review of its current budget would be appropriate in order to process its Funding Policy and considered that a maximum of 3% rate increase should be achievable.

Activities for Consideration

- Rooding
- Council Yard
- Economic Development
- Travel and Conferences
- Consultant Costs
- Promotions Budget

Areas Considered for Review

- Mayoral Expenditure
- District & Local Issues
- Promotions
- District Library
- Local Government Centre
- District Plan
- Building Control
- Stormwater
- Solid Waste Disposal

RESOLVED, THAT COUNCIL STAFF BE REQUESTED TO ACHIEVE NO MORE THAN A MAXIMUM OF 3.5% RATES INCREASE BY FURTHER REVIEWING ITS 2005/06 BUDGET.

Mov Cr Balchin / Cr Shaw

Carried

Note: The meeting adjourned at 3-15 p.m.

Note: The meeting re-convened at 3-30 p.m.

Specific Amounts to be Reviewed

Fees

- Increase building control revenue by \$10,000
- Increase compliance monitoring by \$5,000

Expenses (Reduction of the following)

- Economic Development Grant - \$20,000
- Conferences & Training - \$10,000
- Stormwater - \$20,000
- Strawberry Fare - \$1,500
- Scholarship - \$3,000
- Recycling - \$10,000
- Community Grants - \$20,000
- Sports Grants - \$20,000

RESOLVED, THAT THE REDUCTIONS BE INCORPORATED INTO COUNCIL'S BUDGET NOTING THAT PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS WOULD BE FORTHCOMING ON THESE PROPOSALS.

Mov Cr McIlraith / Sec Cr Townend

Carried

Noted that should the above submissions be accepted, then Council's rate increase would be circa 1.9%.

Note In consideration of this item, Council had suspended Standing Orders in accordance with the resolution passed at its Extraordinary meeting held on Tuesday 19th April 2005.

Public Excluded

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

- 1 Report – Alpine Energy
- 2 Report – Corporate Services Manager

Mov His Worship the Mayor / Sec Cr Gibson

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 Report – Alpine Energy	To protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence	48(1)(a)(i)
2 Report – Corporate Services Manager		

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

The meeting concluded at 5-20 p.m.

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

Mayor