



AGENDA

Late Reports Ordinary Council Meeting Wednesday, 31 January 2024

Date: Wednesday, 31 January 2024

Time: 10.30 am

**Location: Ngā Hau e Whā, William Fraser Building,
1 Dunorling Street, Alexandra**

(A link to the live stream will be available on the Central Otago District Council's website.)

**Peter Kelly
Chief Executive Officer**

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6 REPORTS

24.1.19 OBJECTION TO ROAD CLOSURE FOR EVENT

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1. Purpose of Report

To consider an objection to a road closure for a motorsport event.

Recommendations

That the Council

- A. Receives the report and accepts the level of significance.
 - B. Considers an objection to the temporary road closure for the Cromwell Street Sprints.
 - C. Approves the temporary road closure for the Cromwell Street Sprints, with the condition that the event organisers implement the agreed-upon adjustments for access to 21 Connelly Way.
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2. Discussion

An objection has been received from a member of the public in relation to the temporary road closure for the Cromwell Street Sprints, scheduled for Sunday, 25th February.

The Cromwell Street Sprints event necessitates the temporary closure of several roads in the Cromwell industrial area. These roads include:

- Wolter Crescent
- Hughes Crescent
- Cemetery Road
- Connelly Way
- Chardonnay Street
- Pinot Noir Drive

The closure is planned from 6 am to 6 pm to facilitate the safe conduct of the event.

When a road closure is proposed under the Local Government Act then adverts must be placed once for the intention to close and one more time for the decision to close.

Roads closed under this provision must be publicly notified at least 42 days before the proposed closure, and objection may be lodged up to 28 days before the proposed closure.

Under this provision Council must advertise the intention to close the road, allowing for public submission, and then advertise the decision to proceed with the closure.

In accordance with the Local Government Act and Council's Roothing Policy – Temporary Road Closure for Events, the required procedures have been followed.

The event has been advertised through council's communication channels. Notification began on the 7th December 2023 on council's website and the Central Otago News noticeboard. Another advertisement is scheduled for Thursday 22nd February 2024.

A letter drop to all 250 affected businesses/residents occurred in December 2023. This was undertaken by the event organiser, and an additional letter drop is planned to be completed again 14 days prior to the event date.

The Roothing Policy states that submissions to temporary road closures will be received by council staff. If submissions are received then the submitter will be contacted to find out if there are any amendments that could be made to the proposed closure, which would result in the submission being withdrawn.

If the submission is not withdrawn, then the application and the submission will be referred to the Roothing Committee for a decision. This objection falls under the Council's purview to consider, given that the Roothing Committee is no longer operational.

Objection and Mitigation Efforts:

The objection has been received from a member of the public needing access to 21 Connelly Way (XS Storage) for moving furniture on the event day.

In response:

- The event organisers have agreed to adjust site fences at the end of Connelly Way to facilitate access.
- A traffic marshal will be provided to assist the objector safely in and out of the area during race intervals.

These measures address the objection while ensuring the event's smooth and safe operation.

Following the event organisers' proposed mitigation efforts to accommodate the objector's initial concern (access to 21 Connelly Way), the objector has reiterated their opposition to the event. The objector's response to the mitigation efforts is as follows:

- The objection is now broader, focusing on the overall impact of the event, which blocks a significant area of the town for 12 hours.
- The objector expressed that a shorter duration might be acceptable, but not an all-day event.
- The objector perceives the event as a reflection of a 'small town small minded selfish attitude' and strongly insists that the event should not proceed in its current format.

The temporary road closure for the Cromwell Street Sprints represents a significant undertaking that balances community interests and event safety. The objection received has been proactively addressed, ensuring minimal disruption to the public while facilitating a key community event.

Given the steps taken to accommodate the public objection, it is recommended that:

The Council approve the temporary road closure for the Cromwell Street Sprints, with the condition that the event organisers implement the agreed-upon adjustments for 21 Connelly Way.

3. Options

Option 1 – (Recommended)

Approve the temporary road closure for the Cromwell Street Sprints.

Advantages:

- The mitigation efforts to address access during the event for the objector is fair and reasonable.
- No other complaints or objections to the event occurring have been received.
- Events like the Cromwell Street Sprints often attract visitors and spectators, which can benefit local businesses and provide a boost to the local economy.
- Long standing local event with a number of supporters.

Disadvantages:

- In contradiction to the objector.
- The road closure might lead to increased traffic in other parts of the town, causing inconvenience to residents and visitors.

Option 2

Decline the temporary road closure for the Cromwell Street Sprints.

Advantages:

- Addresses the concerns of the objector.
- Access to the area will be available on the Sunday 25th February.

Disadvantages:

- No other complaints or objections to the event occurring have been received.
- There may be a large number of dissatisfied competitors and spectators of the event if the road closure is declined.

4. Next Steps

Advise the event organiser and the objector of the Council resolution.

5. Attachments

Nil

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