

**MINUTES OF A COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CENTRAL OTAGO DISTRICT COUNCIL  
HELD AT NGĀ HAU E WHĀ, WILLIAM FRASER BUILDING, 1 DUNORLING STREET,  
ALEXANDRA  
AND LIVE STREAMED VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS ON WEDNESDAY, 20 MARCH 2024  
COMMENCING AT 10.30 AM**

**PRESENT:** Cr N Gillespie (Chair), His Worship the Mayor T Cadogan (via Microsoft Teams), Cr T Alley, Cr S Browne, Cr L Claridge, Cr S Duncan, Cr S Feinerman, Cr C Laws, Cr N McKinlay, Cr M McPherson, Cr T Paterson (via Microsoft Teams)

**IN ATTENDANCE:** P Kelly (Chief Executive Officer), L van der Voort (Group Manager - Planning and Infrastructure), L Fleck (General Manager - People and Culture), J Muir (Three Waters Director), S Righarts (Group Manager - Business Support), D Rushbrook (Group Manager - Community Vision) (via Microsoft Teams), D Scoones (Group Manager - Community Experience), P Kennan (Capital Projects Programme Manager), P Penno (Community and Engagement Manager), C Martin (Project Manager – Organisational), J Thomas (Water Services Monitoring/ Compliance Officer), W McEnteer (Governance Manager)

**1 KARAKIA**

Cr Browne gave a karakia to begin the meeting.

**2 APOLOGIES**

**APOLOGY**

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**RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Alley  
**Seconded:** Claridge

That the apology for Cr Cooney and an apology for early departure from His Worship the Mayor be received and accepted.

**CARRIED**

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**3 PUBLIC FORUM**

There was no public forum.

**4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

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**RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Alley  
**Seconded:** Feinerman

That the public minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28 February 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**CARRIED**

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Note: Cr McKinlay joined the meeting at 10.32 am.

## **5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were reminded of their obligations in respect of declaring any interests. There were no further declarations of interest.

## **6 REPORTS**

Note: Mr Jeremy Anderson from the Maniototo Irrigation Company joined the meeting for item 24.3.2.

### **24.3.2 MANIOTOTO IRRIGATION COMPANY PROPOSED MERGER**

To consider the merger documents for the Maniototo Irrigation Company.

After discussion it was agreed that Council would vote in support of the proposed merger.

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#### **RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Duncan  
**Seconded:** Browne

That the Council

- A. Receives the report and accepts the level of significance.
- B. Notes the merger documents provided by the Maniototo Irrigation Company.
- C. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to vote in favour of the proposed merger.

**CARRIED**

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### **24.3.3 REPRESENTATION REVIEW - RESULTS OF PRE-CONSULTATION AND FORMAL PROPOSAL ON REPRESENTATION ARRANGEMENTS**

To consider the results of the pre-consultation of the Representation Review and to formulate the formal proposal on future representation arrangements.

After discussion it was agreed that there would be two changes proposed for the initial proposal: that the number of councillors from Vincent reduce to four and that the number of councillors appointed to community boards be reduced to one. It was agreed that the remaining arrangements would remain as the status quo.

After discussion it was agreed that there would not be a change in the spelling of the Maniototo Community Board as there had not been an overwhelming desire for change from the pre-consultation nor support from the Board or Aukaha.

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#### **RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** McPherson  
**Seconded:** Alley

That the Council

- A. Receives the report and accepts the level of significance.
  - B. Notes and acknowledges the submissions made to the pre-consultation for the Representation Review 2024.
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- C. Agrees the initial proposal for Representation Review 2024 is to keep the status quo for representation arrangements for the 2025 and 2028 local body elections with the following amendments:
- (a) Reduce the number of councillors representing the Vincent ward to four (4).
  - (b) Reduce the number of appointed councillors to one (1) for the Cromwell and Vincent Community Boards.
- D. Agrees to public consultation for the initial proposal for the Representation Review 2024.

**CARRIED**

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Note: His Worship the Mayor left the meeting at 11.20 am.

#### **24.3.4 2024-25 ANNUAL PLAN AND 2025-34 LONG-TERM PLAN - HEARINGS PROCESS REVIEW**

To consider changes to the 2025-34 Long-term Plan and 2024/25 Annual Plan hearings process.

It was noted in resolution C that the date was incorrect and should change to 2024.

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#### **RESOLUTION**

**Moved: Browne**  
**Seconded: Alley**

That the Council

- A. Receives the report and accepts the level of significance.
- B. Notes due to time frames there will be no changes made to the hearings and deliberations process this year.
- C. Approves the following procedural amendments to Long-term Plan and Annual Plan hearings process from 1 July 2024:
  - (a) 'Hearings' will be renamed to 'hearing of oral submissions'.
  - (b) There will be time between the hearing of oral submissions and deliberations to allow for staff analysis and comments on the oral submissions.
  - (c) Hearings of oral submissions will allow for submissions to be made outside of work hours or via audiovisual link.
  - (d) Oral submitters will be given the option to present in English, New Zealand sign, or Te Reo.

**CARRIED**

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Note: Cr McKinlay assumed the Chair as the Three Waters and Waste portfolio lead.

#### **24.3.5 CROMWELL WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT NITROGEN REDUCTION PROJECT**

To consider nitrogen removal requirements for the Cromwell wastewater treatment plant.

After discussion it was agreed that staff should investigate ways of reducing energy costs at the Cromwell wastewater plant, and the network in general.

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**RESOLUTION**

**Moved:**           **Feinerman**  
**Seconded:**       **Laws**

That the Council

- A.    Receives the report and accepts the level of significance.
- B.    Approves a moving bed biofilm reactor (MBBR) process upgrade to the Cromwell wastewater treatment plant.
- C.    Directs staff to commence design and prepare documents for construction procurement.
- D.    Agrees that the procurement of a contractor is dependent on the construction budget being approved in the 2024 Annual Plan.
- E.    Instructs staff to investigate ways of reducing energy costs of the Cromwell wastewater plant.

**CARRIED**

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**24.3.6       MARCH WASTEWATER COMPLIANCE STATUS UPDATE**

To consider progress on achieving Otago Regional Council Consent (ORC) compliance for Central Otago District Council (CODC) wastewater activities.

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**RESOLUTION**

**Moved:**           **Claridge**  
**Seconded:**       **McPherson**

- A.    That the report be received.
- B.    Notes that the Wastewater Compliance updates will now come to Council every two months.

**CARRIED**

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Note: Cr Gillespie resumed the Chair.

Note: Cr Duncan left the meeting at 11.55 am and returned at 11.56 am.

**24.3.7       PROPOSED EDEN HORE CENTRAL OTAGO EXHIBITION**

To consider permitting a two-year feature exhibition of the Eden Hore Central Otago collection at Toitū Otago Settlers Museum.

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**RESOLUTION**

**Moved:**           **Duncan**  
**Seconded:**       **Browne**

That the Council

- A.    Receives the report and accepts the level of significance.
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- B. Approves the concept of a two-year feature exhibition at Dunedin's Toitū Otago Settlers Museum, of the Eden Hore Central Otago garments and stories, to be launched in autumn 2025.

**CARRIED**

## **7 STATUS REPORTS**

Note: Cr McKinlay left the meeting at 12.19 pm.

### **24.3.8 MARCH 2024 GOVERNANCE REPORT**

To report on items of general interest, receive minutes and updates from key organisations, consider Council's forward work programme, business plan and status report updates.

#### **RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Alley  
**Seconded:** Browne

That Council receives the report.

**CARRIED**

## **8 COMMUNITY BOARD MINUTES**

### **24.3.9 MINUTES OF THE MANIOTOTO COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD ON 15 FEBRUARY 2024**

#### **RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Alley  
**Seconded:** Feinerman

That the unconfirmed Minutes of the Maniototo Community Board Meeting held on 15 February 2024 be noted.

**CARRIED**

## **9 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next scheduled meeting is 24 April 2024.

## **10 RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC**

#### **RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Alley  
**Seconded:** Laws

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

The general subject matter 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 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 for the passing of this resolution
<b>Confidential Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting</b>	<p>s7(2)(b)(ii) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information</p> <p>s7(2)(g) - the withholding of the information is necessary to maintain legal professional privilege</p> <p>s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities</p> <p>s7(2)(i) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)</p>	s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7
<b>24.3.10 - Omakau Hall - Closure and Disposal</b>	s7(2)(i) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)	s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7
<b>24.3.11 - March 2024 Confidential Governance Report</b>	<p>s7(2)(b)(ii) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information</p> <p>s7(2)(g) - the withholding of the information is necessary to maintain legal professional privilege</p> <p>s7(2)(i) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry on,</p>	s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7

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CARRIED

The public were excluded at 12.25 pm and the meeting closed at 12.34 pm.