

**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, 26 FEBRUARY 2025
COMMENCING AT 10.33 AM**

PRESENT: Cr N Gillespie (Chair), Cr S Browne, Cr L Claridge, Cr I Cooney, Cr S Duncan, Cr S Feinerman, Cr C Laws, Cr N McKinlay, Cr M McPherson, Cr T Paterson

IN ATTENDANCE: P Kelly (Chief Executive Officer), L Fleck (General Manager - People and Culture), J Muir (Three Waters Director), S Righarts (Group Manager - Business Support), D Rushbrook (Group Manager - Community Vision), D Scoones (Group Manager - Community Experience), P Keenan (Capital Projects Programme Manager), G Robinson (Property and Facilities Manager), P Penno (Community and Engagement Manager), G Bailey (Parks and Recreation Manager), M Burnett (Parks Officer – Strategy/Planning), P Morris (Chief Financial Officer), D McKewen (System and Corporate Accountant), W McEnteer (Governance Manager)

1 KARAKIA

Cr Browne gave a karakia to begin the meeting.

2 APOLOGIES

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RESOLUTION

Moved: Claridge
Seconded: Cooney

That the apology received from Her Worship the Mayor and the apologies for early departure from Crs Browne and Feinerman be accepted.

CARRIED

3 PUBLIC FORUM

Lynne Stewart – Open Spaces and Recreation Policy

Ms Stewart addressed her submission to the Open Spaces and Recreation Policy consultation. She noted the need for more toilet blocks to be available and noted Manorburn as an example of toilet blocks being built but not open for use. She also noted that shade cloth was needed in open spaces until tree shade could replace them. Finally she mentioned the need for a place to be set aside for natural burials. Ms Stewart then responded to questions.

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION

Moved: Duncan
Seconded: Feinerman

That the public minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 29 January 2025 and the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 14 February 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were reminded of their obligations in respect of declaring any interests. Crs Cooney, Gillespie, McPherson and Paterson declared an interest in item 25.3.5. They did not discuss or vote on the item.

6 COMMUNITY BOARD CHAIR UPDATE

Note: Cr Paterson joined the meeting at 10.45 am.

25.3.2 COMMUNITY BOARD CHAIR UPDATE

Norman Dalley, Chair of the Teviot Valley Community Board joined the meeting to discuss matters of interest to the Board.

Mr Dalley commented that there had been a lot of conversation in the community around the possible transfer of the Roxburgh Pool to Council and the rates implications of that action. He advocated an open meeting with the community to discuss the pool.

He noted the assessment and posting of the Millers Flat Bridge and the disruption to heavy traffic having to detour to Roxburgh to cross the river. He also noted that there did not appear to be any comment about possible work being done on the bridge in the Long-term Plan or any work in general in the Teviot Valley.

Finally he recognised the loss of the entertainment centre to fire on Waitangi Day. He asked for assurance that there would be a like for like replacement for that staff needed to engage directly with the community around next steps.

Mr Dalley then responded to questions.

7 REPORTS

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

Note: Nichola Williams and Michelle Mehlhopt from Wynn Williams, and Andrew Strahan from GeoCo Consulting joined the meeting for item 25.3.3.

25.3.3 LOCAL WATER DONE WELL - OTAGO SOUTHLAND JOINT GROUP OF COUNCILS

To consider authorising the signing of a Joint CCO Commitment Agreement.

After discussion it was noted that this agreement was a starting point for further discussion and investigation and that details of any proposed CCO would return to Council for consideration at a later meeting.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Paterson
Seconded: Feinerman

That the Council

- A. Receives the report and accepts the level of significance.
- B. Agrees to enter into the Otago Southland Joint Group of Councils Commitment Agreement.
- C. Authorises the Chief Executive to sign the Otago Southland Joint Group of Councils Commitment Agreement as set out in Attachment 1 on behalf of Council, including any minor amendments that are required when finalising the document for signing].
- D. Agrees to rely on the alternative requirements for decision-making and consultation set out in sections 61 to 64 of the Local Government (Water Services Preliminary Arrangements) Act 2024 in accordance with section 58(a)(i).

CARRIED

25.3.4 UPDATE ON APPOINTMENT OF THREE WATERS PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PANELS

To consider an update on the implementation of a Professional Services Panel to support Three Waters capital programme delivery.

RESOLUTION

Moved: McKinlay
Seconded: McPherson

That the report be received for information.

CARRIED

Note: Crs Cooney, Gillespie, McPherson and Paterson declared an interest in item 25.3.5. They did not discuss or vote on the item.

Note: With the agreement of the meeting, Cr Feinerman assumed the Chair.

25.3.5 APPOINTMENT OF HEARINGS PANEL COMMISSIONERS

To consider appointing members of the Hearings Panel as independent commissioners for RMA hearings.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Feinerman
Seconded: Claridge

That the Council

- A. Receives the report and accepts the level of significance.
 - B. Appoints Crs Cooney, Gillespie, McPherson and Paterson as independent commissioners to the Hearings Panel.
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- C. Notes this arrangement will be reviewed at the inaugural Council meeting following the 2025 triennial elections.

CARRIED

25.3.6 OPEN SPACES AND RECREATION STRATEGY

To adopt the Open Spaces and Recreation Strategy 2024.

After discussion it was noted that this was a high level strategy and that individual spaces often had their own plan that went into greater detail.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Feinerman

Seconded: Browne

That the Council

- A. Receives the report and accepts the level of significance.
- B. Adopts the Open Spaces and Recreation Strategy 2024.
- C. Notes that the Open Spaces and Recreation Strategy 2024 will be reviewed in July 2026.

CARRIED

25.3.7 REVIEW OF OPEN SPACES NAMING POLICY 2024

To approve the revised Open Spaces Naming Policy 2024.

After discussion it was agreed to leave the item to lie on the table pending a workshop to further understand the section of the policy around the dual naming of spaces, in particular the order of names between Te Reo and English. The workshop would take place at the next Council meeting.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Feinerman

Seconded: Duncan

That the Council

Leave the item to lie on the table to workshop the dual naming portion of the Open Spaces Naming Policy at the next Council meeting.

CARRIED

25.3.8 UPDATE - PLAY STRATEGY

To consider an update on the play strategy.

Staff presented the latest part of their play strategy campaign and alerted members to the latest initiative regarding the strategy. It was noted that there would be QR codes placed in parks that could be scanned for the play challenge.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Paterson
Seconded: Browne

That the report be received.

CARRIED

Attachments

1 Flyer for the Play Challenge tabled at the meeting

25.3.9 PROPOSAL TO EXTEND CENTRAL OTAGO MUSEUM TRUST'S PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT

To consider extending Central Otago Museum Trust's performance agreement by one year, to align strategic decision-making about the Trust's future with Council's Long-term Plan 2025-34 and museum investment framework development.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Paterson
Seconded: Claridge

That the Council

- A. Receives the report and accepts the level of significance.
- B. Agrees to extend the term of the Performance Agreement between Central Otago District Council and Central Otago Museums Trust through to 16 December 2025.
- C. Resolves to allocate \$50,000 to Central Otago Museums Trust from 2024/25 budgets to enable the implementation of the Performance Agreement for a fourth year.
- D. Notes that any funding beyond this period will be considered within the museum investment framework and in line with Council's 2025-34 Long-term Plan budgets.

CARRIED

Note: Cr Gillespie resumed the Chair.

Note: With the permission of the meeting, items 25.3.11 – 25.3.13 were moved forward.

25.3.11 DEVELOPMENT OF AN INVESTMENT STRATEGY FOR CROMWELL ENDOWMENT LAND

To consider an update on the development of an investment strategy for Cromwell endowment land.

After discussion it was agreed that further work was needed to understand whether assets brought with endowment money also formed part of the endowment.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Laws

Seconded: Browne

That the report be received.

CARRIED

25.3.12 CAPEX REPORT ON CROMWELL MEMORIAL HALL

To provide capex updates on the Cromwell Memorial Hall Project.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Duncan

Seconded: Claridge

That the report be received.

CARRIED

25.3.13 FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2024

To consider the financial performance for the period ending 31 December 2024.

RESOLUTION

Moved: McKinlay

Seconded: Browne

That the report be received.

CARRIED

Note: The meeting adjourned at 12.30 pm and returned at 1.01 pm.

25.3.10 REGIONAL DEALS PROPOSAL

To consider the Regional Deals light touch proposal and support its submission to Central Government alongside Queenstown Lakes District Council and Otago Regional Council.

Staff introduced the regional deals proposal, the parameters that were offered by central government and the various themes that proposals must address.

After discussion it was agreed to proceed to the next stage of the proposal and it was noted that there were multiple off ramps where Councillors could choose whether to continue with the regional deals programme.

RESOLUTION

Moved: McPherson

Seconded: Feinerman

That the Council

A. Receives the report and accepts the level of significance.

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- B. Approves the proposal for submission to Central Government under the Regional Deals framework.

CARRIED

8 MAYOR'S REPORT

25.3.14 MAYOR'S REPORT

RESOLUTION

Moved: Gillespie
Seconded: Cooney

That the Council receives the report.

CARRIED

Note: Cr McPherson left the meeting at 1.48 pm and did not return.

9 STATUS REPORTS

25.3.15 FEBRUARY 2025 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: Gillespie
Seconded: Browne

That the report be received.

CARRIED

10 COMMUNITY BOARD MINUTES

25.3.16 MINUTES OF THE VINCENT COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD ON 4 FEBRUARY 2025

RESOLUTION

Moved: Feinerman
Seconded: Browne

That the unconfirmed Minutes of the Vincent Community Board Meeting held on 4 February 2025 be noted.

CARRIED

25.3.17 MINUTES OF THE CROMWELL COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD ON 10 FEBRUARY 2025

RESOLUTION

Moved: Feinerman

Seconded: Browne

That the unconfirmed Minutes of the Cromwell Community Board Meeting held on 10 February 2025 be noted.

CARRIED

11 COMMITTEE MINUTES

25.3.18 MINUTES OF THE AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 28 JANUARY 2025

RESOLUTION

Moved: Feinerman

Seconded: Browne

That the unconfirmed Minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting held on 28 January 2025 be noted.

CARRIED

12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next scheduled meeting is 26 March 2025 and it was noted that the meeting would be held in Ranfurly.

13 RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

RESOLUTION

Moved: Gillespie

Seconded: Duncan

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	Plain English Reason
Confidential Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting	s7(2)(a) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural	To protect a person's privacy

	<p>persons, including that of deceased natural persons</p> <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)(f)(ii) - the withholding of the information is necessary to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the protection of Council members, officers, employees, and persons from improper pressure or harassment</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> <p>s7(2)(j) - the withholding of the information is necessary to prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage</p>	<p>Commercial sensitivity</p> <p>To protect people from harassment</p> <p>Legal professional privilege</p> <p>To enable commercial activities</p> <p>To enable commercial or industrial negotiations</p> <p>To prevent use of the information for improper gain or advantage</p>
<p>25.3.19 - Award of Three Waters Reticulation Operations Contract</p>	<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)(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>	<p>Commercial sensitivity</p> <p>To enable commercial or industrial negotiations</p>

<p>25.3.20 - Award of Three Waters Facilities Operations Contract</p>	<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)(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>	<p>Commercial sensitivity</p> <p>To enable commercial or industrial negotiations</p>
<p>25.3.21 - Improving Digital Connectivity in Central Otago</p>	<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)(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>	<p>Commercial sensitivity</p> <p>To enable commercial or industrial negotiations</p>
<p>25.3.22 - Risk Register Update</p>	<p>s7(2)(j) - the withholding of the information is necessary to prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage</p>	<p>To prevent use of the information for improper gain or advantage</p>
<p>25.3.23 - February 2025 Confidential Governance Report</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>	<p>Legal professional privilege</p> <p>To enable commercial activities</p> <p>To enable commercial or industrial negotiations</p>
<p>25.3.24 - Confidential Minutes of the Cromwell Community</p>	<p>s7(2)(b)(ii) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the</p>	<p>Commercial sensitivity</p>

Board Meeting held on 10 February 2025	information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information	
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CARRIED

The public were excluded at 1.49 pm and the meeting closed at 2.40 pm.