

**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 FRIDAY, 4 APRIL 2025 COMMENCING  
AT 10.32 AM**

**PRESENT:** Her Worship the Mayor T Alley (Chairperson), Cr N Gillespie (via Microsoft Teams), Cr S Browne (via Microsoft Teams), Cr L Claridge (via Microsoft Teams), Cr I Cooney, Cr S Feinerman, Cr C Laws, Cr N McKinlay, Cr M McPherson (via Microsoft Teams), Cr T Paterson

**IN ATTENDANCE:** P Kelly (Chief Executive Officer), J Muir (Three Waters Director), S Righarts (Group Manager - Business Support), D Rushbrook (Group Manager - Community Vision), L van der Voort (Group Manager - Planning and Infrastructure), W McEnteer (Governance Manager)

**1 KARAKIA**

The Chief Executive Officer gave a karakia to begin the meeting.

**2 APOLOGIES**

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**RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Alley  
**Seconded:** Paterson

That the apology received from Cr Duncan be accepted.

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**3 PUBLIC FORUM**

There was no public forum.

**4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

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**RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Laws  
**Seconded:** Cooney

That the public minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 26 March 2025 and the Emergency Council Meeting held on 31 March 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

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**5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were reminded of their obligations in respect of declaring any interests. Crs Gillespie and Paterson declared an interest in item 25.6.2. They did not join the discussion or vote on the item.

## 6 REPORTS

Note: Crs Gillespie and Paterson declared an interest in item 25.6.2. They did not join discussion or vote on the item.

### 25.6.2 NEW FAST TRACK ACT REQUIREMENTS

To provide Council with an update on the Fast-Track Approvals Act 2024 and to recommend nominating Councillors for overseeing comments and participation in the expert panel as detailed in the Act.

After discussion it was agreed that Cr Gillespie would be Council's nomination for an expert panel to hear a fast track application and that Her Worship the Mayor and Cr Browne would approve the Key Issues Report on behalf of Council.

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#### RESOLUTION

**Moved:** McPherson  
**Seconded:** McKinlay

That the Council

- A. Receives the report and accepts the level of significance.
- B. Endorses the proposed process for responding to applications under the Fast Track Approvals Act.
- C. Nominates Cr Gillespie to the expert panel to consider the application for the Bendigo-Ophir Gold project under the Fast Track Approvals Act.
- D. Nominates Her Worship the Mayor and Cr Browne to approve Council's comments (Key Issues Report) for the Bendigo-Ophir Gold project under the Fast Track Approvals Act.

**CARRIED**

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Note: Stuart Cross from Morrison Low and Andrew Strahan from GeoCo joined the meeting for item 25.6.3.

### 25.6.3 SOUTHERN WATER DONE WELL

To consider the options for water delivery for Central Otago.

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#### RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Paterson  
**Seconded:** Laws

That the Council

- A. Receives the report and accepts the level of significance.
- B. Approves option 1 - Joint Water Services CCO as the preferred water services delivery model option for Central Otago District Council, to proceed with public consultation on.
- C. Approves the following water service delivery model options to include in the public consultation as other practicable options:
  - (i) Option 2 - In-House Business Unit

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(ii) Option 3 - Standalone Council-Controlled Organisation

**CARRIED**

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**7 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next scheduled meeting is 30 April 2025.

The Meeting closed at 11.30 am.

Unconfirmed