

**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, 30 AUGUST 2023
COMMENCING AT 10.30 AM**

PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor T Cadogan (Chairperson), Cr N Gillespie, Cr T Alley, 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: D Rushbrook (Interim Chief Executive Officer), L Fleck (General Manager - People and Culture), N McLeod (Acting Group Manager - Business Support), A Longman (Acting Group Manager - Community Vision), D Scoones (Group Manager - Community Experience), L Webster (Acting Group Manager – Planning and Infrastructure), J Muir (Three Waters Director), J Quiding (Senior Water Services Planner), A Rodgers (Principal Policy Planner), Q Penniall (Infrastructure Manager), P Fleet (Roading Manager), D McKewen (Systems and Corporate Accountant), W McEnteer (Governance Manager)

Note: Cr Alley began the meeting with a karakia.

Note: His Worship the Mayor referred to the deaths of Dr Malcolm MacPherson and Cliff Brunton. Members stood for a moment's silence as a mark of respect.

1 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

2 PUBLIC FORUM

Mary Byrne – Fluoride Free New Zealand

Ms Byrne spoke against adding fluoride to water as could be instructed by the Director General of Health. In particular, she focussed on added fluoride as having a negligible difference in tooth health compared to no fluoride. She then responded to questions.

Note: His Worship the Mayor left the meeting at 10.41 am and returned at 10.42 am. In his absence Cr Gillespie took the Chair.

Dr Neil Waddell – Fluoride Free New Zealand

Dr Waddell spoke against adding fluoride to water as could be instructed by the Director General of Health. He noted the issue of informed consent and discussed the chemistry behind the chemicals that are used. He then responded to questions.

Professor Emeritus Peter Herbison – University of Otago

Professor Emeritus Herbison spoke in favour of fluoride being added to water sources. He mentioned that the decision had been removed from council hands and has controlled by the Director General of Health. He noted that dosage was important and that the correct dose was beneficial in water supplies.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION

Moved: Browne
Seconded: Feinerman

That the public minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 19 July 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

5 REPORTS

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

23.8.2 APPOINTMENT OF ENGINEER TO CONTRACT WATER SERVICES OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE CONTRACT 2022

To consider appointing an external consultant to the role of Engineer to the Contract for the Three Waters Operations and Maintenance Contract 2022.

RESOLUTION

Moved: McPherson
Seconded: Alley

That the Council

- A. Receives the report and accepts the level of significance.
- B. Appoints Neil Jorgensen BE (Civil) CPEng, MInstD as Engineer to Contract for the Three Waters Operations and Maintenance Contract 2022.

CARRIED

23.8.3 SUPPLY OF WATER TO LARGE RESIDENTIAL LOTS

To consider the management of demand for water on subdivisions with large residential lot sizes.

After discussion it was agreed that volumetric charging might not only be relevant to large lot sections, but to irrigation in general and that an investigation into charging as a control mechanism was worth exploring regardless of lot size.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cadogan
Seconded: McPherson

That the Council

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- A. Receives the report and accepts the level of significance.
 - B. Directs staff to undertake further analysis to support consultation on changing the proportion of the uniform annual charge and the volumetric charges for water use in the 2024 Long-term Plan.
 - C. Agrees in principle, subject to further work, that volumetric charging be used as a demand management tool for water use.

CARRIED

23.8.4 AUGUST WASTEWATER COMPLIANCE STATUS UPDATE

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

RESOLUTION

Moved: Feinerman
Seconded: Paterson

That the report be received.

CARRIED

Note: Cr Gillespie assumed the Chair as the Planning and Regulatory portfolio lead.

23.8.5 TEVIOT VALLEY SPATIAL PLAN - ENGAGEMENT DOCUMENT

To provide Council with an update on the development of the Teviot Valley Spatial Plan and the draft Engagement Document to be released for feedback.

RESOLUTION

Moved: McPherson
Seconded: Feinerman

That the Council

- A. Receives the report and accepts the level of significance.
- B. Agrees to publicly notify the engagement document for feedback.

CARRIED

Note: Cr Duncan assumed the Chair as the Roding portfolio lead.

Note: Cr McKinlay left the meeting at 12.18 pm.

23.8.6 DRAFT BRIDGE STRATEGY

To inform Council of the bridge work required over the long term, the prioritisation approach to be used for the funding application to Waka Kotahi, and the 2024 Long-term Plan.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Paterson
Seconded: Alley

That the Council

- A. Receives the report and accepts the level of significance.
- B. Notes the maintenance backlog of bridge work required.
- C. Notes the prioritisation approach that optimises service levels and affordability as necessary to meet Waka Kotahi's funding requirements.
- D. Approves the approach to bridge inspections, maintenance and replacements to be included in Council's Draft Transportation Activity Management plan.

CARRIED

Note: Cr McKinlay returned to the meeting at 12.21 pm.

23.8.7 DRAFT ROADING BUDGETS FOR SUBMISSION TO WAKA KOTAHI

To consider council's co-funding submission to Waka Kotahi for the 2024 – 27 period.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Paterson
Seconded: Gillespie

That the Council

- A. Receives the report and accepts the level of significance.
- B. Approves the recommended approach with budget increases to maintain levels of service and address medium term bridge and pavement risks.
- C. Approves draft maintenance and renewal budgets for submission to Waka Kotahi

2024/25	\$16.0M
2025/26	\$15.8M
2026/27	\$14.9M
Total	\$46.7M

CARRIED

23.8.8 PROCUREMENT STRATEGY FOR TRANSPORT ACTIVITIES

To consider the revised Central Otago District Council Procurement Strategy for Transportation Activities 2023 and an extension to current Roading Maintenance Contract.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Alley
Seconded: McPherson

That the Council

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- A. Receives the report and accepts the level of significance.
 - B. Notes Waka Kotahi's endorsement of the Central Otago District Council Procurement Strategy for Transportation Services.
 - C. Approves the Procurement Strategy for Transportation Activities 2023.
 - D. Notes Waka Kotahi's approval to extend the roading services contract to a latest expiry date of 30 June 2024.
 - E. Approves an extension to the roading services contract to Fulton Hogan with a new expiry of 30 June 2024.
 - F. Approves the use of the Procurement Strategy for Transportation Activities 2023 in the tender of Council's new road maintenance contract.
 - G. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to do all that is necessary to give effect to Council's resolution.

CARRIED

23.8.9 PLACES OF REMEMBRANCE PROJECT

To consider a proposal to recognise public streets/roads in Central Otago that are named after soldiers with a new name blade that includes a poppy.

After discussion it was noted that at this time it was an initiative with the Alexandra / Clyde RSA. However, should other RSAs wish to participate, there was opportunity to do that.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Duncan
Seconded: Gillespie

That the Council

- A. Receives the report and accepts the level of significance.
- B. Approves the proposal to add a poppy to name blades of roads named after individuals who have served.

CARRIED

Note: The meeting adjourned at 12.46 pm and returned at 1.15 pm.

Note: His Worship the Mayor resumed the Chair.

Note: Cr Gillespie returned to the meeting at 1.16 pm.

Note: Cr McKinlay returned to the meeting at 1.17 pm.

Note: Cr Duncan returned to the meeting at 1.21 pm.

23.8.10 ELECTORAL SYSTEM REVIEW

To consider the electoral system to be used by Central Otago District Council for the 2025 Triennial Elections.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cadogan
Seconded: Gillespie

That the Council

- A. Receives the report and accepts the level of significance.
- B. Agrees that Council retains the current First-Past-the-Post voting system and gives public notice not later than 19 September 2023 of the right to demand a poll on the electoral system to be used by Council.

CARRIED

Note: Cr McPherson left the meeting at 1.25 pm.

23.8.11 FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31 MAY 2023

To consider the financial performance for the period ending 31 May 2023.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cadogan
Seconded: Alley

That the report be received.

CARRIED

6 MAYOR'S REPORT**23.8.12 MAYOR'S REPORT**

His Worship the Mayor gave an update on issues and events since the last meeting. In particular he noted the passing of former Mayor Dr Malcolm MacPherson and former Deputy Mayor Cliff Brunton.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cadogan
Seconded: Gillespie

That the Council receives the report.

CARRIED

7 STATUS REPORTS**23.8.13 AUGUST 2023 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**23.8.14 MINUTES OF THE CROMWELL COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD ON 1 AUGUST 2023**

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cadogan
Seconded: Duncan

That the unconfirmed Minutes of the Cromwell Community Board Meeting held on 1 August 2023 be noted.

CARRIED

23.8.15 MINUTES OF THE MANIOTOTO COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD ON 3 AUGUST 2023

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cadogan
Seconded: Duncan

That the unconfirmed Minutes of the Maniototo Community Board Meeting held on 3 August 2023 be noted.

CARRIED

9 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next scheduled meeting is 27 September 2023.

10 RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cadogan
Seconded: Alley

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
Confidential Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting	s7(2)(a) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons 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
23.8.16 - Consultancy Service Agreement - EnviroNZ	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	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
23.8.17 - Appointment of the Independent Chairperson of the Audit and Risk Committee	s7(2)(a) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons	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
23.8.18 - August 2023 Confidential Governance Report	s7(2)(b)(i) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would disclose a trade secret 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
23.8.19 - Confidential Minutes of the Cromwell Community Board Meeting held on 1 August 2023	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
23.8.20 - Confidential Minutes of the Maniototo Community Board Meeting held on 3 August 2023	s7(2)(a) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural	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

	persons, including that of deceased natural persons	which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7
23.8.21 - Appointment of District Licensing Committee	s7(2)(a) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons	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

CARRIED

The public were excluded at 1.52 pm and the meeting closed at 2.23 pm.