

**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 THURSDAY, 6 JUNE 2024
COMMENCING AT 10:31 AM**

PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor T Cadogan (Chairperson), Cr N Gillespie (via Microsoft Teams), Cr T Alley, Cr S Browne, Cr I Cooney, Cr S Duncan, Cr C Laws, Cr M McPherson, Cr T Paterson

IN ATTENDANCE: P Kelly (Chief Executive Officer), L van der Voort (Group Manager - Planning and Infrastructure), J Muir (Three Waters Director), S Righarts (Group Manager - Business Support), D Rushbrook (Group Manager - Community Vision), D Scoones (Group Manager - Community Experience), S Finlay (Chief Financial Officer), C Martin (Project Manager – Organisational), S Reynolds (Governance Support Officer), W McEnteer (Governance Manager)

1 KARAKIA

His Worship the Mayor gave a karakia to begin the meeting.

2 APOLOGIES

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RESOLUTION

Moved: Alley

Seconded: Paterson

That the apologies received from Crs Claridge, Feinerman and McKinlay and an apology for lateness for Cr Duncan be accepted.

CARRIED

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

4 REPORTS

24.7.2 ANNUAL PLAN SUBMITTERS THAT WISH TO BE HEARD.

Individual submitters will speak to their Annual Plan submission.

Gerry Eckhoff

Mr Eckhoff spoke to his submission to the 2024/25 Annual Plan. He noted the affordability for rates before responding to questions.

Gordon Stewart – Central Lakes Equestrian Centre

Mr Stewart spoke to his submission to the 2023/24 Annual Plan and on behalf of the Central Lakes Equestrian Centre. He believed that the rates for the equestrian club were calculated incorrectly and that they desired a refund. He also requested that unsealed part of Sandflat Road, Cromwell be sealed. He then responded to questions.

Dewald de Beer – Business South

Mr de Beer spoke on behalf of Business South. He noted the most pressing issues for their members were water and economic development. He advocated for a closer working relationship between Business South and council. He then responded to questions.

Note: Cr Duncan joined the meeting at 11.03 am.

Sam Inder – Central Otago Museum Trust.

Mr Inder spoke on behalf of the Central Otago Museum Trust. He noted the number of projects going on around the district in the museum space. He then responded to questions.

Grant Campbell

Mr Campbell spoke to his submission to the 2024/25 Annual Plan. He noted that he thought the rates rise was an average of 25%, not what was in the consultation document and that dams in the district were not paying enough. He then responded to questions.

Annetta and Ross Cowie

Mr and Mrs Cowie spoke to their submission to the 2024/25 Annual Plan. They noted the unaffordability of proposed rates rises and also questioned the need to the Cromwell Memorial Hall and Riverside Park projects in the current financial environment. They then responded to questions.

Trevor Goudie

Mr Goudie spoke to his submission to the 2024/25 Annual Plan. He spoke about the unaffordability of rates and questioned the cost of the Cromwell Memorial Hall project. He also noted that a lot of the consultation materials were difficult to understand. He then responded to questions.

Stan Randle – Grey Power

Mr Randle spoke to the submission to the 2024/25 Annual Plan on behalf of Grey Power. He noted that the consultation materials were complicated. He also noted that the Council needed clear priorities. He then responded to questions.

Wally Sanford

Mr Sanford spoke to his submission to the 2024/25 Annual Plan regarding the 4404:2010 Planning Standard. He noted that this work needed to be completed in the next financial year and using the older standard incurred more costs. He then responded to questions.

Campbell Hills

Mr Hills spoke to his submission to the 2024/25 Annual Plan regarding the 4404:2010 Planning Standard. He noted that he agreed with the comments that Mr Sanford had made. He also suggested that there was a disconnect between council departments expectations which had cost implications. He then responded to questions.

Note: The meeting adjourned at 12.06 pm and resumed at 12.11 pm.

Stuart Calder

Mr Calder spoke to his submission to the 2024/25 Annual Plan and noted that more planning staff needed to be hired in order to keep the cost of external consultants down. He also advocated for an urgent request channel for 224c applications that could be cost recoverable. He then responded to questions.

Kiri Spain

Ms Spain spoke to his submission to the 2024/25 Annual Plan. She noted the dearth of two bedroom homes being built within the current housing stock and that often first home buyers and people downsizing were competing for the same market. She also spoke about water availability and was in favour of volumetric charges. She then responded to questions.

Stephen Darling and John Preedy – Ettrick Fruitgrowers Association

Mr Darling and Mr Preedy from spoke on behalf of the Ettrick Fruitgrowers Association. They noted that rates increases were not sustainable considering many other costs had increased. They then responded to questions.

Gill Booth

Ms Booth spoke to her submission to the 2024/25 Annual Plan. She noted that there were a large number of ratepayers in the Teviot Valley on a fixed income that could not afford the proposed rates rise. She also spoke about borrowing through LGFA and concerns regarding parts of the Local Government Act 2002. She then responded to questions.

Note: The meeting adjourned at 1.00 pm and returned at 1.31 pm.

Note: Cr Laws left the meeting at 1.31 pm and did not return.

Note: Cr Gillespie joined the meeting at 1.49 pm.

Note: Cr McPherson left the meeting at 1.50 pm and returned at 1.54 pm.

24.7.3 SUBMISSIONS ON THE 2024-25 ANNUAL PLAN CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

To consider the submissions to the 2024-25 Annual Plan Consultation Document.

Councillors considered the recommendations that came from community board Annual Plan hearings and made resolutions as appropriate. They then considered all of the Annual Plan submissions by category before deciding on what actions should be taken.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cadogan

Seconded: Gillespie

That the Council

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

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- B. Agrees with the Teviot Valley Community Board that the grants budget for the Teviot Valley remain at \$5200 for the 2024/25 Annual Plan, and that any extra requests will be allocated from the reserves fund, as required.
- C. Agrees with the Teviot Valley Community Board that the playground upgrade be removed from the 2024/25 Annual Plan and reviewed as part of the 2025-34 Long-term Plan.
- D. Agrees with the Cromwell Community Board to increase the grant for Cromwell Museum to a total of \$41,600.
- E. Agrees with the Cromwell Community Board that the Nevis Cemetery has the same plot purchase prices as the rest of the district but interments of either ashes or bodies should be listed as per actual costs.
- F. Agrees with the Vincent Community Board that staff investigate the ownership of the area between the Businessman's Track and the Pines and work with the submitter to progress this project and report back to the Board.
- G. Agrees with the Vincent Community Board that the storage fee for the Clyde Camp will be increased to \$400 plus GST for the 2024/25 Annual Plan.
- H. Agrees with the Maniototo Community Board to investigate installing lights on the Ranfurly railway station as part of the 2025/34 Long-term Plan.
- I. Considers the submissions and adopts the staff comments as amended.
- J. Notes that building consent fees will remain at the 2023/24 level.

CARRIED

Note: Cr McPherson declared an interest in resolution K and abstained from voting on the item.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cadogan
Seconded: Gillespie

- K. Agrees with the Vincent Community Board to review the grants policy, specifically for the Blossom Festival be considered as a line item as part of the Long-term Plan 2025 - 34.

CARRIED with Cr McPherson abstaining from the vote.

5 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next scheduled meeting is 26 June 2024.

The Meeting closed at 2.36 pm.