

**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 APRIL 2025
COMMENCING AT 10.30 AM**

PRESENT: Her Worship the Mayor T Alley (Chairperson), Cr N Gillespie (via Microsoft Teams), 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), J Muir (Three Waters Director), S Righarts (Group Manager - Business Support), D Rushbrook (Group Manager - Community Vision), D Scoones (Group Manager - Community Experience), L van der Voort (Group Manager - Planning and Infrastructure), G Bailey (Parks and Recreation Manager), G Robinson (Property and Facilities Manager), R Williams (Community Development Advisor), G Crystall (Facility Experience Manager), A Longman (Head of Destination), A Crosbie (Senior Strategy Advisor), D McKewen (Systems and Corporate Accountant), W McEnteer (Governance Manager)

1 KARAKIA

Cr Claridge gave a karakia to begin the meeting.

2 APOLOGIES

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RESOLUTION

Moved: Alley
Seconded: Browne

That the apology for the early departure received from Her Worship the Mayor be accepted.

CARRIED

3 PUBLIC FORUM

Don Sparks / Mike Direen – Freeholding land in Dunstan Road, Alexandra

Mr Sparks spoke on behalf of the lease holders regarding the land proposed to be freeholded in Alexandra. He noted the methods of valuation and noted the pieces of land that were proposed to be kept by Council.

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cooney
Seconded: Claridge

That the public minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 4 April 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. There were no further declarations of interest.

6 COMMUNITY BOARD CHAIR UPDATE

25.7.2 COMMUNITY BOARD CHAIR UPDATE

Jayden Cromb, Chair of the Vincent Community Board joined the meeting to discuss matters of interest to the Board.

Mr Cromb gave an update on recent activities in the Vincent Ward. He noted that the freezing pipe issue was being resolved in Ophir and that the plaza for the Haehaeata – Riverside Park project would open shortly. He spoke to the recent round of grants for the Vincent Community Board and the recent hearing on the Lower Manorburn Dam reserve management Plan.

7 REPORTS

25.7.3 CLASS 4 GAMBLING AND BOARD VENUE POLICY

To consider adopting the Class 4 Gambling and Board Venue Policy.

The following speakers spoke to their submission:

Jarrold True – Gaming Machine Association (Teams)

Mr True spoke in support of keeping the status quo for the gambling policy. He suggested that the sinking lid policy would restrict venues being able to relocate to potentially better premises and that a sinking lid may lead to an increase in online gambling.

Ben Hodges – New Zealand Community Trust (Teams)

Mr Hodges spoke in support of keeping the status quo for the gambling policy. He noted that he did not believe there was a link between the current policy and problem gambling.

Charles Egwuba and Paris Collett – Problem Gambling Foundation (Teams)

Dr Egwuba and Ms Collett spoke in support of changing the gambling policy to a sinking lid. They spoke to the work being undertaken to reduce gambling related harm. They then responded to questions.

Richard Kinley – Otago Rugby Football Union (Teams)

Mr Kinley spoke in support of the money given by gambling funds to help with their programmes in the Otago union. As an example, he noted that there were no affiliation fees for junior rugby and that came from gambling machines. He then responded to questions.

Michael Bouchard - Te Whatu Ora (Teams)

Dr Bouchard spoke in support of changing the gambling policy to a sinking lid. He noted the comments from Dr Egweba and also noted their evidence was from peer reviewed literature. He then responded to questions.

David George

Mr George spoke in support of changing the gambling policy to a sinking lid and spoke of the harm that gambling had done to his own family. He then responded to questions.

After discussion it was agreed that for the moment the status quo would remain for the gambling policy, but the councillors would be watching closely to see what services would be deployed to Central Otago, and not based elsewhere but cover the region.

RESOLUTION

Moved: McKinlay
Seconded: Duncan

That the Council

- A. Receives the report and accepts the level of significance.
- B. Adopts the Class 4 Gambling and Board Venue Policy Status Quo.

CARRIED with Cr McPherson abstaining from the vote

Attachments

- 1 Presentation from Jarrod True - Gambling Policy
- 2 Presentation from Ben Hodges - Gambling Policy
- 3 Presentation from Charles Egwuba - Gambling Policy

Note: Cr Paterson left the meeting at 12.26 pm.

25.7.4 ALCOHOL RESTRICTIONS IN PUBLIC PLACES

To consider adopting the Alcohol Restrictions in Public Places Bylaw for a five-year period from 1 June 2025.

The following speakers spoke to their submission:

Senior Sergeant Clint Wright, Sergeant Adam Elder and Constable Rhys Harpur – New Zealand Police

Representatives from the New Zealand Police spoke in support of the increased liquor bans for the Teviot as proposed. They noted that as officers they were given a great deal of discretion when dealing with incidents of this nature and that these new additions would add to their 'toolbox' of interventions. They then responded to questions.

RESOLUTION

Moved: McPherson
Seconded: Browne

That the Council

- A. Receives the report and accepts the level of significance.
- B. Adopts the Alcohol Restrictions in Public Places Bylaw in appendices two and three of the report.

CARRIED

Note: Cr McPherson left the meeting at 12.29 pm and returned at 12.31 pm.

Note: Cr Paterson returned to the meeting at 12.31 pm.

25.7.5 PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCES POLICY RENEWAL

To consider adopting the Psychoactive Substances Policy for five years.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Alley
Seconded: Feinerman

That the Council

- A. Receives the report and accepts the level of significance.
- B. Adopts the Psychoactive Substances Policy.

CARRIED

25.7.6 FREEDOM CAMPING ENFORCEMENT OPTIONS

To consider options for controlling freedom camping within the Central Otago District.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Claridge
Seconded: Laws

That the Council

- A. Receives the report and accepts the level of significance.
- B. Agrees not to development a Freedom Camping Bylaw but develop a bylaw under the Reserves Act 1977.
- C. Notes that any Freedom Camping enforcement actions required will be undertaken using existing legislation.
- D. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to do all that is necessary to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED

Note: The meeting adjourned at 12.41 pm and returned at 1.11 pm.

Note: Cr Feinerman assumed the Chair as the Community Vision and Experience portfolio lead.

25.7.7 OUR PLACE IN THE WORLD - A VISION FOR CENTRAL OTAGO DISTRICT.

To seek endorsement of *Central Otago - Our Place in the World*, a vision for Central Otago.

Staff presented a video highlighting the work on the Central Otago Vision project. After discussion it was noted that there should be a set of indicators to track progress of the project and that work would continue to align both the district vision and regional identity and that that should come back to Council for its consideration.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Paterson
Seconded: Duncan

That the Council

- A. Receives the report and accepts the level of significance.
- B. Formally endorses *Central Otago - Our Place in the World* – a vision for Central Otago District.
- C. Notes that a set of indicators to track progress will be developed and brought back to Council for approval.
- D. Notes that work to align the district vision with the regional identity work will continue and will be brought back to Council.

CARRIED

25.7.8 TŪHURA - OTAGO MUSEUM'S DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2025-26

To present the draft Annual Plan 2025-26 from the Tūhura - Otago Museum Trust Board for review and feedback, and to consider their request for a 2.1% percent increase on the annual levy charged to Central Otago District Council.

RESOLUTION

Moved: McPherson
Seconded: Claridge

That the Council

- A. Receives the report and accepts the level of significance.
- B. Approves the request to fund a proposed levy increase of 2.1% percent in 2025/26 for the Tūhura - Otago Museum, noting this is an additional \$767, and will increase the payment from \$36,530 to \$37,297, from existing budgets.
- C. Notes the projected levy amount for the 2026/27 financial year is \$38,416, and adjusts the budget in the 2026/27 – 2033/34 financial years, to \$38,416.

CARRIED

25.7.9 CROMWELL MEMORIAL HALL OPERATIONS DECISIONS

To make Council aware of the process the operations team is following to provide regular updates to the Cromwell Community Board and Council on planned activities to develop the operating

model for the Cromwell Memorial Hall and to review the recommendations from the first report to Cromwell Community Board (attached).

After discussion it was agreed that once the building stage is completed that there should be a six-monthly reporting cycle on the status of operations for the first three years.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Gillespie
Seconded: Laws

That the Council

- A. Receives the report and accepts the level of significance.
- B. Approves that the Cromwell Memorial Hall will be run as a Council run facility with funding included in the 2025-2034 Long-term Plan.
- C. Approves a full operational review to be completed after three years of being open in the 2030-2040 Long-term Plan.
- D. Directs staff to produce a six monthly report to Council on operations following the opening of the facility.
- E. Approves that Cromwell Community Board member Sarah Browne be appointed as an advisor to the Cromwell Memorial Hall project team.
- F. Notes the process the operations team will go through to provide Cromwell Community Board and Council with regular updates on operational progress to the facility opening in July 2026.

CARRIED

25.7.10 DESTINATION MANAGEMENT UPDATE

To provide an update on the Central Otago Destination Management Plan implementation and Tourism Central Otago workstreams.

Staff gave a presentation on recent work in the destination management space.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Feinerman
Seconded: Duncan

That the report be received.

CARRIED

Attachments

- 1 Presentation on Destination Management
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Note: Her Worship the Mayor left the meeting at 2.42 pm and did not return.

Note: With the permission of the meeting, Cr Paterson assumed the Chair.

Note: Cr Duncan left the meeting at 2.52 pm.

25.7.11 CAPEX REPORT ON CROMWELL MEMORIAL HALL

To provide capex updates on the Cromwell Memorial Hall Project.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Browne
Seconded: McKinlay

That the report be received.

CARRIED

Note: Cr Duncan returned to the meeting at 2.57 pm.

25.7.12 FORECAST 2 CHANGES FOR THE 2024/25 FINANCIAL YEAR

To consider a second revised budget for the financial year 2024/25 including forecast budget changes and estimated capital expenditure projects to carry forward into 2025/26.

RESOLUTION

Moved: McPherson
Seconded: McKinlay

That the Council

- A. Receives the report and accepts the level of significance.
- B. Authorises the second 2024/25 revised operating budgets as in table 1 in the report.
- C. Authorises the second 2024/25 capital projects revised budget in table 2 in the report.

CARRIED

25.7.13 TE KOROWAI PROGRAMME

To consider an update on the Te Korowai programme and the formation of a working group.

After discussion it was agreed that Her Worship the Mayor and Crs Feinerman and McPherson would form a working group to work through elected member questions for the Te Korowai programme. It was also noted that staff should be in contact with the community members that originally enquired about the CouncilMARK programme.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Feinerman
Seconded: Browne

That the Council

- A. Receives the report and accepts the level of significance.
- B. Appoints Her Worship the Mayor, Cr Feinerman and Cr McPherson to a working group to look at elected member questions on behalf of Council.

CARRIED

25.7.14 PROPOSED REMIT FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEW ZEALAND - SECURITY SYSTEM PAYMENTS

To seek Council's support for a remit to be submitted to Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ).

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cooney
Seconded: Feinerman

That the Council

- A. Receives the report and accepts the level of significance.
- B. Agrees to support the Security System Payments remit for submission to Local Government New Zealand.

CARRIED

25.7.15 2025 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEW ZEALAND CONFERENCE AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

To consider the Central Otago District Council's involvement in the 2025 Local Government New Zealand conference in Christchurch and to register delegates for the Annual General Meeting.

It was noted that the dates for the conference were incorrect in the report and they were verbally corrected. After discussion it was agreed that Cr Paterson would attend the session in addition to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

RESOLUTION

Moved: McPherson
Seconded: Claridge

That the Council

- A. Receives the report and accepts the level of significance.
- B. Approves the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Cr Paterson to attend the 2025 Local Government New Zealand Conference in Christchurch.
- C. Approves the Mayor as the presiding delegate, and the Deputy Mayor as the alternate delegate for the Annual General Meeting.

CARRIED

8 MAYOR'S REPORT**25.7.16 MAYOR'S REPORT**

Her Worship the Mayor had left the meeting, so her report was taken as read.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Gillespie

Seconded: McPherson

That the Council receives the report.

CARRIED

9 STATUS REPORTS

Note: Mr Craig Gilchrist from Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs joined the meeting for item 25.7.17.

Note: Neil left the meeting at 3.30 pm and did not return.

25.7.17 APRIL 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.

Mr Gilchrist gave a presentation on the Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs programme and updated Councillors on recent successes.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Duncan

Seconded: Laws

That the report be received.

CARRIED

Attachments

1 Presentation on Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs

10 COMMUNITY BOARD MINUTES

25.7.18 MINUTES OF THE VINCENT COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD ON 18 MARCH 2025

RESOLUTION

Moved: McPherson

Seconded: Feinerman

That the unconfirmed Minutes of the Vincent Community Board Meeting held on 18 March 2025 be noted.

CARRIED

25.7.19 MINUTES OF THE TEVIOT VALLEY COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD ON 20 MARCH 2025

RESOLUTION

Moved: McPherson

Seconded: Feinerman

That the unconfirmed Minutes of the Teviot Valley Community Board Meeting held on 20 March 2025 be noted.

CARRIED

25.7.20 MINUTES OF THE MANIOTOTO COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD ON 27 MARCH 2025

RESOLUTION

Moved: McPherson

Seconded: Feinerman

That the unconfirmed Minutes of the Maniototo Community Board Meeting held on 27 March 2025 be noted.

CARRIED

25.7.21 MINUTES OF THE CROMWELL COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING HELD ON 25 MARCH 2025

RESOLUTION

Moved: McPherson

Seconded: Feinerman

That the unconfirmed Minutes of the Cromwell Community Board Meeting held on 25 March 2025 be noted.

CARRIED

11 COMMITTEE MINUTES

25.7.22 MINUTES OF THE ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 17 MARCH 2025

RESOLUTION

Moved: McPherson

Seconded: Feinerman

That the unconfirmed Minutes of the Assessment Committee Meeting held on 17 March 2025 be noted.

CARRIED

Note: Cr Claridge left the meeting at 3.37 pm.

12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next scheduled meeting is 8 May 2025.

13 RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

RESOLUTION

Moved: Duncan
Seconded: McKinlay

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)(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	Commercial sensitivity
	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	To protect people from harassment
	s7(2)(g) - the withholding of the information is necessary to maintain legal professional privilege	Legal professional privilege
	s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities	To enable commercial activities
	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)	To enable commercial or industrial negotiations
	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	To prevent use of the information for improper gain or advantage

25.7.23 - Proposal to freehold ground lease at Dunstan Road, Alexandra	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)	To enable commercial or industrial negotiations
25.7.24 - Application by Lake Dunstan Charitable Trust Excess Water Charges	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	Commercial sensitivity
25.7.25 - Risk Register Update	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	To prevent use of the information for improper gain or advantage
25.7.26 - April 2025 Confidential Governance Report	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 s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities	Commercial sensitivity To enable commercial activities
25.7.27 - Confidential Minutes of the Cromwell Community Board Meeting held on 25 March 2025	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	Commercial sensitivity

CARRIED

The public were excluded at 3.39 and the meeting closed at 4.12 pm.