

**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 TUESDAY, 20 MAY 2025 COMMENCING
AT 10.30 AM**

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

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 Scoones (Group Manager - Community Experience), L van der Voort (Group Manager - Planning and Infrastructure), P Morris (Chief Financial Officer), D McKewen (Systems and Corporate Accountant), S Reynolds (Governance Support Officer), W McEnteer (Governance Manager)

1 KARAKIA

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

2 APOLOGIES

APOLOGY

RESOLUTION

Moved: Alley
Seconded: Duncan

That the apology received from Cr Paterson be accepted.

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3 PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public forum

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were reminded of their obligations in respect of declaring any interests. Cr Feinerman declared an interest in the Ida MacDonald Roxburgh Pool Punawai Ora item. She did not participate in the discussion or vote on the item.

5 REPORTS

25.10.2 SUBMISSIONS ON THE 2025-34 LONG-TERM PLAN AND THE DRAFT LONG-TERM PLAN DOCUMENT

To consider the submissions on the 2025-34 Long-term Plan and the content for the draft 2025-34 Long-term Plan.

Norman Dalley, Chair of the Teviot Valley Community Board spoke to the Board's views on the Long-term Plan consultation items. He said that the Board was against vesting the Roxburgh Pool in Council. He noted that there were a number of people that would come on to the committee in order to keep ownership in the Teviot Valley. He also noted a lack of accompanying information needed for the community to make an informed decision. He then responded to questions.

Jayden Cromb, Chair of the Vincent Community Board spoke to the Board's views on the Long-term Plan consultation items. He went through each of the consultation items and discussed the position of the Board in each case. In addition, it was noted that the Board would like the Blossom Festival to be a line item and not part of the contestable grants process. He then responded to questions.

Staff went through each of the items, with discussion on each item. Each item was agreed in a working resolution and then there was a vote at the end, to assess each decision's effect on rates.

RESOLUTION

Moved: McPherson
Seconded: Alley

That the Council

- A. Receives the report and accepts the level of significance.
- B. Notes the submissions received and thanks the submitters for their feedback.

CARRIED

After discussion Council acknowledged that there should have been incremental changes to the volumetric water charge previously, therefore to raise it to \$2.40 was too large a jump. It was agreed that an intermediate step of \$1.60 was appropriate for the 2025/26 financial year with an increase to \$2.40 the following year.

RESOLUTION

Moved: McKinlay
Seconded: McPherson

- C. Agrees to set the volumetric water charge at \$1.60 per cubic metre with an indicative fixed charge of \$682.97, subject to the total number of rating units for the 2025/26 FY and \$2.40 per cubic metre and associated fixed charge for the 2026/27 FY.

CARRIED with Councillor Gillespie recording his vote against

After discussion it was agreed which community halls and facilities that would remain under council ownership and which would be divested. In some of the cases it was agreed that lease arrangements should be investigated as well.

Note: Cr Feinerman left the meeting at 11.23 am and returned at 11.26 am.

Note: Cr Cooney left the meeting at 11.40 am and returned at 11.42 am.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Alley
Seconded: Feinerman

- D. Agrees to the following actions for Community Halls and Facilities as outlined in the Long-term Plan:

- (i) The following halls and facilities to remain under council ownership:

- Ophir Hall
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- Poolburn Hall
 - Becks Hall, with a review post completion of the Omakau Hub
 - Clyde Hall
 - Clyde Museum, Blyth St, with a review of the continued lease arrangements
 - Clyde Railway Station, with a review of the continued lease arrangements
 - Millers Flat Hall
 - Ranfurly Hall
 - Wallace Memorial Rooms
 - Naseby Hall
 - Naseby General Store, with a review of the continued lease arrangements
 - Centennial Milk Bar with a review of the continued lease arrangements

CARRIED

RESOLUTION

Moved: Duncan
Seconded: Cooney

- D. (ii) One item was missed from the initial list of facilities to remain under Council control:
- Fenton Library

CARRIED

RESOLUTION

Moved: Alley
Seconded: McKinlay

- D. (iii) The following halls and facilities to be divested subject to further discussion:
- Patearoa Hall
 - Waipiata Hall
 - Wedderburn Hall

CARRIED

RESOLUTION

Moved: Alley
Seconded: McPherson

- D. (iv) The following facilities to be divested:
- Vallance Cottage noting the need to engage with the committee.
 - Clyde Police Lock Up noting the Clyde Museum requested first rights to the building.
 - Briar herb museum and Cottage with staff investigating options and reporting back to Council.
 - Clyde Goods Shed with staff investigating options and reporting back to Council.
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- Millers Flat Bowling club noting the Millers Flat Sport and Recreation Group requested the first right of refusal.
 - Roxburgh Squash Courts

CARRIED

RESOLUTION

Moved: Alley
Seconded: McPherson

D. (v)

- Agrees the Alexandra Riding for the Disabled (old building) should be demolished.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION

Moved: Duncan
Seconded: Feinerman

D. (vi)

- Agrees to divest the Ranfurly Service Centre as part of the Long-term Plan 2027-37.

CARRIED

Note: Cr Feinerman declared an interest in the Ida MacDonald Roxburgh Pool Punawai Ora item. She did not participate in the discussion and did not vote on the item.

Note: Cr Feinerman left the meeting at 11.56 am.

After discussion it was agreed that the Council would accept the pool, but that the Roxburgh Pool Committee had to give the pool, it could not be taken. Due to the need to have budgets ready for Audit New Zealand consideration, the Council gave the pool committee a deadline to resolve that they wished to vest the pool in Council.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Gillespie
Seconded: Claridge

- E. Agrees to accept the Ida MacDonald Roxburgh Pool Punawai Ora to be vested in Council, subject to confirmation to Council of vesting by resolution from the Roxburgh Pool Committee by Monday 26 May 2025. If confirmation is not received by close of business on this date Council will not accept the transfer.

CARRIED

Note: Cr Feinerman returned to the meeting at 12.16 pm.

After discussion it was agreed that the outdoor pool in Alexandra should remain open, but that it would be reviewed again as part of the 2027-37 Long-term Plan.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Duncan
Seconded: Feinerman

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- F. Agrees to retain the Alexandra outdoor pool, subject to review in the 2027-37 Long-term Plan.

CARRIED

After discussion there was agreement with the recommendation of the Vincent Community Board in that the grant should come from Vincent General Reserves.

RESOLUTION

Moved: McPherson
Seconded: Duncan

- G. Agrees to give a grant of up to \$1.6M for the completion of the Manuherekia Valley Community Hub to be funded from Vincent General Reserves.

CARRIED

Note: The meeting adjourned at 12.23 pm and resumed at 12.55 pm.

After discussion it was noted that there was no offer for a supercars event in Cromwell and therefore no money could be allocated to it.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Alley
Seconded: Duncan

- H. On the basis that there is no offer for Central Otago to host a South Island supercars event no funding is to be allocated in the Long-term Plan 2025-34.

CARRIED

Following discussion on the potential supercars event, Councillors requested a report to Council to explore the use of the tourism reserves.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Browne
Seconded: Claridge

- I. Requests a report from the Chief Executive Officer to investigate possible uses for the tourism reserves for 2026-27 Annual Plan.

CARRIED

After discussion it was noted that the Maniototo Area School would not be ready to build until year 2 of the Long-term Plan and so the grant could wait until then. It was also agreed that the grant should come from Maniototo Ward funds.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Duncan
Seconded: Claridge

- J. Agrees to support the Artificial Turf at Maniototo Area School with a grant for \$200k in 2026/27 FY, with the money coming from the Reserve Contributions Fund - Maniototo.

CARRIED

After discussion it was agreed to support the turf with the grant coming from Vincent Reserves.

RESOLUTION

Moved: McPherson
Seconded: Claridge

- K. Agrees to support the Artificial Turf at Dunstan High School with a grant for \$300k in 2025/26 FY, with the money to be taken from Vincent General Reserves.

CARRIED

After discussion it was noted that there was consultation currently being undertaken on future water delivery.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Alley
Seconded: Gillespie

- L. Agrees to continue investigating a joint Council Controlled Organisation model for water services delivery.

CARRIED

After discussion it was agreed that money earned from mining agreements from Howkswood Mining should go into emergency fund with the rates contribution for the Roding Emergency Works Fund.

RESOLUTION

Moved: McPherson
Seconded: Laws

- M. Agrees that income received from mining agreements with Hawkswood Mining is recognised in the budgets and is allocated as follows;
- \$165k to the Roding Emergency Works Fund per annum.
 - \$120k to the Emergency Event Fund per annum.

CARRIED with Cr Duncan recording his vote against

RESOLUTION

Moved: McKinlay
Seconded: Cooney

- N. Agrees that subject to resolution M above, the rates contribution be reduced from \$165k to \$100k for the 2025/26 FY for the Roding Emergency Works Fund.

CARRIED with Cr Duncan recording his vote against

After discussion there was agreement with the Vincent Community Board that the Blossom Festival should be a line item, at least for Year 1 and Year 2 of the Long-term Plan 2025-35.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Feinerman
Seconded: Cooney

- O. Agrees that the Blossom Festival be a line item for \$24,500 for the 2025/26 FY and 2026/27 FY to be funded from District Tourism Reserves.

CARRIED with Cr McPherson abstaining from the vote

After discussion it was agreed that staff could explore both the feasibility of district event fund and a review of museum, arts and heritage sector and bring the results back to Council for their consideration.

RESOLUTION

Moved: McPherson
Seconded: Claridge

- P. Requests the Chief Executive Officer to consider the feasibility of a district event fund in the wider ratings review in 2025-26.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION

Moved: McPherson
Seconded: Cooney

- Q. Requests the Chief Executive Officer to bring a paper to Council with a full review of operating models, funding and the use of community space for the museum, arts and heritage sector.

CARRIED

Note: Cr Feinerman left the meeting at 2.43 pm and returned at 2.44 pm/.

Note: Cr Browne left the meeting at 2.47 pm and did not return.

RESOLUTION

Moved: McPherson
Seconded: Laws

- R. Notes the submissions received on the policies consulted on and adopts the policies as written in the agenda, subject to minor editorial amendments:
- (a) Significance and Engagement Policy
 - (b) Development and Financial Contributions Policy
 - (c) Revenue and Financing Policy
 - (d) Fees and charges

CARRIED

RESOLUTION

Moved: Alley
Seconded: McPherson

- S. Approves the receipt of the following late submission for consideration as part of the 2025-34 Long-term Plan:

(a) Staff submission on the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

- T. Agrees to an addition to the Fees and Charges 2025-26:

Fast Track Charges / Applications for consent under the Fast Track Act 2024

All costs incurred by Council consulting and providing assistance before the application is lodged (whether or not the application is subsequently lodged) will be recovered on a time

charge/hourly rate. All costs incurred by Council in undertaking all functions under the Fast Track Act 2024 when the substantive application is lodged will be recovered on a time charge/hourly rate.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION

Moved: McPherson
Seconded: Feinerman

- U. Receives and notes the submissions made in appendix 6 on other matters not specifically consulted on in the Long-term Plan and endorses the staff responses to the submitters.

CARRIED

After discussion it was agreed that extreme financial hardship applications must come to Council for its consideration, which it will do on a case by case basis.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Gillespie
Seconded: Laws

- V. Agrees to retain the Rates Remissions Policy as notified, with the amendment that extreme financial hardship applications must come to Council for decision on a case by case basis.

CARRIED

Note: Cr Duncan left the meeting at 4.06 pm and did not return.

RESOLUTION

Moved: McPherson
Seconded: Alley

- W. Agrees to the Mayor and Chief Executive approving any minor editorial changes and changes required as a result of the above resolutions to the draft 2025-34 Long-term Plan, ahead of the final audit commencing.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION

Moved: Alley
Seconded: Gillespie

- X. Approves the draft Long-term Plan 2025-34 for release to Audit New Zealand.

CARRIED

6 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next scheduled meeting is 28 May 2025.

The meeting closed at 4.18 pm.