

**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, 12 AUGUST 2025  
COMMENCING AT 1.01 PM**

**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 (via Microsoft Teams), Cr M McPherson, Cr T Paterson

**IN ATTENDANCE:** P Kelly (Chief Executive Officer), L Fleck (Group Manager - People and Culture, Acting Group Manager - Community Vision), J Muir (Group Manager - Three Waters), S Righarts (Group Manager - Governance and Business Services), D Scoones (Group Manager - Community Experience), W McEnteer (Governance Manager)

**1 KARAKIA**

Cr Browne gave a karakia to begin the meeting.

**2 APOLOGIES**

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**RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Feinerman

**Seconded:** Cooney

That the apology received from Cr McKinlay be accepted.

**CARRIED**

**3 PUBLIC FORUM**

There was no public forum.

**4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Gillespie

**Seconded:** Paterson

That the public minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 30 July 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 REPORTS

### 25.16.2 SOUTHERN WATER DONE WELL - DECISION

The purpose of this report is to present additional matters for Council decision making in relation to Southern Water Done Well. The report includes several recommendations in relation to the Council's Water Services Delivery Plan (WSDP) and establishment of a jointly owned Council Controlled Organisation (CCO), including the potential expansion the group of three Councils to include other councils, including Timaru District Council (TDC) and / or Waitaki District Council (WDC), before or after the submission of the Water Service Delivery Plan (WSDP) on 3 September 2025.

After discussion it agreed to continue with the joint entity model and to submit the Water Services Delivery Plan. It was noted that *Southern* from part M should be deleted as any Council could be considered to be part of the water entity, not just those considered southern.

Note: Cr Claridge left the meeting at 1.25 pm and returned at 1.27 pm.

Note: Cr Duncan left the meeting at 1.43 pm and returned at 1.45 pm.

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### RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Alley  
**Seconded:** Gillespie

That the Council

- A. Receives the report and accepts the level of significance.
- i) Notes the decision made on 10 July 2025 to:
- Adopt subject to receiving further analysis prior to adoption of a Water Service Delivery Plan, a Jointly owned Council Controlled Organisation as the Council's model for the delivery of water services in accordance with section 13(1)(k) of the Local Government (Water Service Preliminary Arrangements) Act 2024.
- B. Receives the 'Southern Water Done Well Water Services Delivery Plan Model Confirmation and Adoption' report, including the further analysis on the jointly owned Council Controlled Organisation water services delivery model based on Central Otago, Clutha, and Gore District Councils as set out in Attachment 1.
- C. Receives the written notice of Waitaki District Council to exit the Southern Water Done Well Commitment Agreement as set out in Attachment 5.
- D. Agrees the Deed of Amendment and Restatement and updated Commitment Agreement between Central Otago, Clutha and Gore District Councils as set out in Attachments 6 and 7.
- E. Authorises the Chief Executive to sign the Deed of Amendment and Restatement between Central Otago, Clutha and Gore District Councils as set out in Attachment 6 on behalf of Central Otago District Council including any minor amendments that are required when finalising the document for signing.
- F. Notes the financial analysis in relation to Timaru District Council and for Waitaki District Council joining Southern Water Done Well as set out in Attachments 8 and 9 – Morrison Low Financial Analysis.
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- G. Agrees to adopt a jointly owned Council Controlled Organisation of Central Otago, Clutha and Gore District Councils (with scope for other councils to join the "SWDW joint CCO") as the Council's model for the delivery of water services in accordance with section 13(1)(k) of the Local Government (Water Services Preliminary Arrangements) Act 2024.
- H. Agrees Timaru District Council and/or Waitaki District Council may join the SWDW joint CCO and become party to the Commitment Agreement in accordance with the implementation plan set out in the Water Services Delivery Plan.
- I. Adopts the Water Services Delivery Plan set out in Attachment 5 for submission to the Department of Internal Affairs by 3 September 2025 for acceptance.
- J. Notes that in accordance with section 18 of the Local Government (Water Services Preliminary Arrangements) Act 2024 the Chief Executive must provide certification to the Department of Internal Affairs in respect of the information provided by Central Otago District Council that the Water Services Delivery Plan complies with the Local Government (Water Services Preliminary Arrangements) Act 2024 and that the information contained in the plan is true and accurate.
- K. Authorises the Chief Executive, in conjunction with the Chief Executives of Clutha and Gore District Councils to make minor amendments to the Water Services Delivery Plan (if required) in advance of submission to the Department of Internal Affairs.
- L. Agrees, following acceptance of the Water Services Delivery Plan by the Department of Internal Affairs, to establish a jointly owned Council Controlled Organisation in accordance with the Water Services Delivery Plan.
- M. Notes the willingness of the Council to explore future opportunities for collaboration with other Councils as part of a jointly owned Council Controlled Organisation water services entity.

**CARRIED**

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## **7 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next scheduled meeting is 27 August 2025.

The Meeting closed at 2.05 pm.