

**Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the
Southland Regional Council, held in Regional House,
corner North Road and Price Street, Invercargill, on
Thursday, 26 November 2020 at 1.00 pm**



Present:	Chairman N Horrell	(Chair) – until 1.06 pm
	Cr A Baird	
	Cr I L Esler	
	Cr R L Guyton	via Zoom digital
	Cr L R Ludlow	
	Cr B E Mager	via Zoom digital
	Cr L McCallum	Chairman from 1.06 pm
	Cr P G McDonald	
	Cr J A McPhail	
	Cr E Roy	
	Cr D H Stevens	
In Attendance:	A Kubrycht	(GM People and Capability)
	W Falconer	(GM Strategy & Engagement) from 1.06 pm
	J Streat	(GM Operations)
	T Hawkins	(Finance Manager)
	G Jefferies	(Communications & Engagement Manager)
	P Haynes	(Catchment Operations Manager)
	L Tamati	(Communications & Engagement Advisor)
	T Adendorff	(Financial Accountant)
	J Brown	(Executive Assistant)

1 Welcome (*Haere mai*)

The Chairman welcomed members to the Extraordinary meeting called to consider two items, including the adoption of the Annual Report for the last financial year. He noted that he would be leaving the meeting shortly (to travel to other meetings in Wellington on Council's behalf), and at that time Cr McCallum would assume the chair.

2 Apologies (*Nga Pa Pouri*)

Resolved:

Moved Cr McCallum, seconded Cr McDonald, that an apology for absence be accepted on behalf of Cr Cook, and for early departure from Chairman Horrell.

Carried

3 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4 Notification of Extraordinary and Urgent Business (*He Panui Autaia hei Totoia Pakihi*)

4.1 Supplementary Reports

There were no supplementary reports provided to the meeting.

4.2 Other

There were no other items of business raised by Councillors for inclusion in the agenda.

5 Questions (*Patai*)

There were no questions.

6 Staff Report – 20/C/104

⇒ Item 1 – Adoption of 2019/20 Annual Report

Ms Kubrycht introduced this item, which had been provided for Council to consider and adopt the 2019/20 Annual Report and Annual Report Summary. It was noted that the Organisational Performance & Audit Committee (OPAC) had been through the report at length, whilst the auditors had also been present to respond to any questions or matters that were raised. Changes required by that committee had been reflected in an updated message from the Chairman and CE, which discussed the challenges Council faces going forward. Also Te Reo translations had been provided for the four groups of activities.

Cr McCallum supported the changes that had been made, noting a good balance had been achieved in the messaging provided. He also suggested the following changes from a consistency and clarity perspective:

- when referring to the COVID19 pandemic, the full term should be used, rather than just “pandemic” – this was agreed;
- including how much the financial loss of marine fee income had been this year (\$400,000 approximately). It was noted that going forward the loss would be upwards of \$2.8M.

The Chairman noted that 2020 had been a tumultuous year in many ways, but only part of that year was reflected in the financial report. Notwithstanding that, there were also some very positive aspects to celebrate, which had been highlighted.

Resolved:

Moved Cr Baird, seconded Cr McCallum, that Council, having considered the content of the Draft Annual Report for 2019/20 and Draft Annual Report Summary for 2019/20, and having obtained further information and explanation:

- (1) pursuant to Section 98, Local Government Act 2002 adopt the Annual Report for 2019/20, and the Annual Report Summary for 2019/20;**
- (2) request the Chairman and Chief Executive to sign the financial statements and associated documents for forwarding to the auditors.**

Carried

[The Chairman left the meeting at this time. Cr McCallum assumed the Chair at this time – 1.06 pm
W Falconer also attended the meeting at this time.]

⇒ Item 2 – Results of Public Consultation on “Shovel Ready” Projects

The purpose of this item was to inform Councillors about the outcome of the community consultation on the “shovel ready” projects.

In speaking to the item, Mr Streat noted Council had a significant opportunity to take advantage of government investment, as part of the COVID19 funding, to prepare for adverse events.

It was noted public consultation to gain feedback around what may be considered the opportunities and commitments needed to support the co-investment with central government had been undertaken, and the feedback had been positive. It was evident the community clearly recognised the value that this opportunity presented.

Ms Falconer noted Gore District Council had been the most engaged of the submitters and wished to engage with Council and collaborate throughout the project, which was viewed very positively by staff.

In response to questions from the meeting, Mr Haynes advised that each section of the project would be individualised, and local opportunities to tender for the work to be undertaken would be provided. The focus was on employment, and reporting on all of these aspects was a high priority for government. Separate tenders will be issued, to ensure maximum opportunity for a variety of companies to participate. The meeting noted that the first works would commence in the Maitua and Waiau, in the New Year.

Cr McPhail thanked the staff for the consultation process that had been developed at relatively short notice. He felt that the benefits of the work would be seen in the Maitua in particular – providing resilience to climate change given recent events. He noted he had chaired the meeting in Gore and those who had attended were very positive when they were advised of the proposed works.

Resolved:

Moved Cr Roy, seconded Cr McDonald, that Council:

- 1. note the results of the consultation;**
- 2. confirm that Council will proceed with the “shovel ready” programme of works and the contract executed with the Ministry for Business Innovation and Employment entitled “Infrastructure Reference Group Programme of Floodplain Risk Management Funding Agreement for Southland Regional Council’s Climate Resilience Programme, and advise the Ministry accordingly;**
- 3. direct that staff formally reply to each of the submitters, thanking them for their feedback and advising them of its decision.**

Carried

1 Extraordinary and Urgent Business (*Panui Autaia hei Totoia Pakihi*)

There was no extraordinary or urgent business.

Termination

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1.14 pm.