



Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of Council held
at Regional House, Stafford Street, Dunedin,
144 Rattray Street, Dunedin
on Wednesday 30 March 2022 at 9:00am

Membership

Cr Andrew Noone *(Chairperson)*
Cr Michael Laws *(Deputy Chairperson)*
Cr Hilary Calvert
Cr Michael Deaker
Cr Alexa Forbes
Cr Carmen Hope
Cr Gary Kelliher
Cr Kevin Malcolm
Cr Gretchen Robertson
Cr Bryan Scott
Cr Kate Wilson

Welcome

Chairperson Noone welcomed Councillors, members of the public and staff to the meeting at 9:02 am. Staff present included Amanda Vercoe (GM Governance, Culture and Customer), and staff present electronically Sarah Gardner (Chief Executive), Nick Donnelly (GM Corporate Services), Gwyneth Elsum (GM Strategy, Policy and Science), Gavin Palmer (GM Operations), Richard Saunders (GM Regulatory and Communications), Dianne Railton (Governance Support Officer - Minute-taker), Liz Spector (Governance Support Officer), Mike Roesler (Corporate Planning Manager), Sean Geary (Management Accountant), David Cooper (Principal Advisor - Iwi Relationships and Strategic Stakeholders), Jo Galer (Manager Communications and Marketing) and Rebecca Borland (Team Leader Marketing and Brand).

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies. Cr Deaker, Cr Forbes, Cr Robertson and Cr Scott attended the meeting electronically.

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

The agenda was confirmed as published. Chair Noone advised that the meeting would move to public excluded for any discussions on staffing and contractual arrangements.

3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were advised.

4. MATTERS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

4.1. Annual Plan 2022-23

The report was originally provided to Council at its meeting of 23 March 2022 to consider supporting material for community engagement on the proposed Annual Plan 2022-2023 (proposed AP) and direct staff to begin that engagement. At that meeting it was resolved to lay the report on the table and for it to be reconsidered at an additional Council meeting to be held on or before 30 March 2022.

Nick Donnelly (GM Corporate Services) advised that he had received an email from Councillors through the Chair following the 23 March 2022 meeting, requesting staff to find operational efficiencies to reduce the proposed rates rise with no reduction to service levels. Mr Donnelly requested Councillor guidance as to where expenditure reductions should be made. Mrs Gardner noted Council had already consulted on the proposed 18% rates increase during 2021-2031 Long Term Plan consultations.

Cr Laws asked whether expenditures could be reduced through staff vacancies. Mrs Gardner replied many of the vacancies are for roles already existing in the current structure. Mrs Gardner said any change to staffing levels should be discussed in public excluded.

Cr Malcolm asked if anything had been identified to lessen the rates burden, such as moving projects to future years. Mrs Gardner noted service requests had been added to the LTP at the last minute by Councillors, such as the Harbour Plan, the Lakes Strategic Plan, moving the Air Plan to Year 2, and additional costs added such as the Rating Scheme Review and increased transport levels of service. Mrs Gardner said while reductions could be found, it would be important to have clarity on the impact any such reductions would have on existing work plans and community expectations.

Resolution: Cr Noone Moved, Cr Hope Seconded

That the meeting moves into non-public under LGOIMA 48(1)(a), Section 7(2)(a) to allow discussions about contractual arrangements with staff and suppliers.

MOTION CARRIED

The public meeting moved into public excluded at 10.05am and resumed at 11.08am.

Mike Roesler (Manager Corporate Planning) provided a summary of the scheduled engagement for consultation with community and stakeholders. Following further discussion Cr Wilson moved:

Resolution CM22-150: Cr Wilson Moved, Cr Hope Seconded

That the Council:

- 1) **Notes** this report provides supporting information for community engagement on the proposed Draft Annual Plan 2022-2023.

A division was called:

Vote

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| For: | Cr Calvert, Cr Deaker, Cr Forbes, Cr Hope, Cr Laws, Cr Kelliher, Cr Malcolm, Cr Noone, Cr Robertson, Cr Scott and Cr Wilson |
| Against: | Nil |
| Abstained: | Nil |

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution CM22-151: Cr Wilson Moved, Cr Hope Seconded

That the Council:

- 1) **Endorses** the supporting information for community engagement on the proposed Draft Annual Plan 2022-2023 and include a comment in the Chairs message that Council encourages all ratepayers to have their say especially on matters of affordability.

A division was called:

Vote

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| For: | Cr Deaker, Cr Forbes, Cr Hope, Cr Malcolm, Cr Noone, Cr Robertson, Cr Scott and Cr Wilson |
| Against: | Cr Calvert, Cr Laws and Cr Kelliher |
| Abstained: | Nil |

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution CM22-152: Cr Wilson Moved, Cr Hope Seconded

That the Council:

- 1) **Authorises** community engagement for the proposed Draft Annual Plan 2022-23 to begin.

A division was called:

Vote

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| For: | Cr Deaker, Cr Forbes, Cr Hope, Cr Malcolm, Cr Noone, Cr Robertson, Cr Scott and Cr Wilson |
| Against: | Cr Calvert, Cr Laws and Cr Kelliher |
| Abstained: | Nil |

MOTION CARRIED

5. CLOSURE

There was no further business and Chairperson Noone declared the meeting closed at 11:59am.

Andrew Noone 25 May 2022
Chairperson Date