

## Council MINUTES

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**Minutes of an emergency meeting of the Otago Regional Council held in the Council Chamber, Level 2 Philip Laing House, 144 Rattray Street, Dunedin on Wednesday 8 March 2023, commencing at 3:31 PM.**

### **PRESENT**

Cr Gretchen Robertson (online)      *(Chairperson)*  
Cr Lloyd McCall                              *(Deputy Chairperson)*  
Cr Alexa Forbes (online)  
Cr Gary Kelliher (online)  
Cr Michael Laws (online)  
Cr Kevin Malcolm  
Cr Tim Mephram  
Cr Andrew Noone  
Cr Bryan Scott  
Cr Alan Somerville

### **WELCOME**

Deputy Chairperson Lloyd McCall welcomed Councillors, members of the public and staff to the meeting at 3:31 pm and led the meeting in a karakia. Staff present were Nick Donnelly (GM Corporate Services), Amanda Vercoe (GM Governance, Culture and Customer) and Liz Spector (Governance Support). Staff present electronically were Pim Borren (Interim Chief Executive) and Richard Saunders (GM Communications).

## 1. APOLOGIES

**Resolution: Cr Noone Moved, Cr Mepham Seconded:**

- 1) *That the apologies for Cr Weir, Cr Wilson be accepted.*

**MOTION CARRIED**

*Cr Malcolm left the meeting at 3:32pm which caused the quorum to be lost.*

*Chair McCall moved to adjourn the meeting for ten minutes to allow Cr Robertson to physically join the meeting which would cause the quorum to be regained. Cr Scott seconded the motion for a ten-minute adjournment and the motion passed. Members present following the departure of Cr Malcolm were Cr McCall, Cr Mepham, Cr Noone, Cr Scott, and Cr Somerville. Members present electronically were Cr Forbes, Cr Kelliher, Cr Laws, and Cr Robertson.*

*Cr Robertson physically joined the meeting at 3:42pm and Deputy Chair McCall called the meeting back to order at 3:43 pm. Members present were Cr McCall, Cr Mepham, Cr Noone, Cr Robertson, Cr Scott, and Cr Somerville constituting a quorum. Members present electronically were Cr Forbes, Cr Kelliher and Cr Laws.*

*Cr Robertson then moved that she vacate the Chair for this meeting under ORC Standing Orders 14.1 and requested Deputy Chair McCall to continue chairing. Cr Scott seconded Cr Robertson's motion to vacate the chair for the meeting, and the motion passed.*

## 2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Deputy Chair McCall confirmed the agenda as presented.

## 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No changes to the Councillor Declarations of Interests were noted.

## 4. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

**Resolution: Cr McCall Moved, Cr Noone Seconded:**

- 1) *That the meeting moves into confidential session to consider the report **Local Government Funding Agency Requirements for Funding Drawdown.***

**MOTION CARRIED**

The general subject 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\(1\)](#) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

| <b>General subject of each matter to be considered</b>                          | <b>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</b>  | <b>Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</b>  |
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| <i>Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA) Requirements for Funding Drawdown</i> | To protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons – Section 7(2)(a)<br><br>To maintain legal professional privilege – Section 7(2)(g) | Section 48(1)(a): Subject to subsection (3), a local authority may by resolution exclude the public from the whole or any part of the proceedings of any meeting only on 1 or more of the following grounds: |

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|  |  | (a) that the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist. |
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This resolution was made in reliance on [section 48\(1\)\(a\)](#) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by [section 6](#) or [section 7](#) of that Act or [section 6](#) or [section 7](#) or [section 9](#) of the Official Information Act 1982, as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public.

**5. CLOSURE**

There was no further business and Deputy Chairperson Lloyd McCall declared the public portion of the meeting closed at 3:47 pm.



Chairperson

22 March 2023

Date