

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE GREY DISTRICT COUNCIL**Held in Council Chambers, 105 Tainui Street, Greymouth****on Tuesday 4 June 2024 commencing at 1.00pm**

PRESENT: Mayor Tania Gibson (Chair)
Councillor Allan Gibson (Deputy Mayor), Councillor John Canning, Councillor Peter Davy, Councillor Kate Kennedy, Councillor Rex MacDonald, Councillor Tim Mora,

IN ATTENDANCE: Paul Pretorius (Acting Chief Executive), Aaron Haymes (Group Manager Operations), Gerhard Roux (Group Manager Support), Neil Engelbrecht (Finance Manager), Gemma Trezise (People and Capability Business Partner), Nelia Heersink (Community & Recreation Services Manager), Megan Bourke (Communications Officer), Shannon Beynon (Communication & Engagement Manager), Trish Jellyman (Democracy Advisor)

1 APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

1.1 APOLOGIES

RESOLUTION SCM 24/06/023

Moved: Mayor Tania Gibson

Seconded: Cr John Canning

That the apologies from Cr Robert Mallinson and Cr Jack O'Connor be accepted and leave of absence granted.

Carried Unanimously

1.2 UPDATES TO THE INTERESTS REGISTER

There were no updates to the Interest Register.

1.3 IDENTIFY ANY CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS IN THE AGENDA

Cr Kennedy declared an interest. She is a member of the Runanga Village People who have made a submission. She is also related to submitter number 6 (Kelly and Rosa Eden-Calcott), Submitter number 14 (Neil Darling) is her neighbour. She is also a member of the Grey District Mawhera Business & Promotions Association (BPA).

2 LIST OF ACRONYMS USED

3 AGENDA ITEMS

3.1 ENHANCED ANNUAL PLAN SUBMISSIONS

Her Worship thanked the Acting CE and staff for their work on the Enhanced Annual Plan, she acknowledged that the process was a little behind this year due to the changes in resourcing. She thanked the public who

have taken the time to submit to the Annual Plan. She stated that all councils are struggling fiscally at the moment and communities are suffering.

Her Worship advised that 16 submissions have been received.

RESOLUTION SCM 24/06/024

Moved: Cr Allan Gibson

Seconded: Cr John Canning

That Council:

1. Receives this report including the 16 submissions.
2. Thanks the Submitters for making a submission.
3. Considers each submission and the points raised and decides whether to change its Enhanced Annual Plan 2024-2025 to give effect to the submission.

Carried Unanimously

Submission 1 – Federated Farmers (did not attend the hearing)

Federated Farmers did not attend the meeting to speak to their submission.

The GMS, upon a question in relation to the proposed fee increase for dog registration, confirmed that it is a reasonable representation of additional costs related to an extra staff member, service agreements and potentially a new pound building.

RESOLUTION SCM 24/06/025

Moved: Cr Kate Kennedy

Seconded: Cr Allan Gibson

That Council notes the points made by the submitter and thanks them for a constructive input.

Carried Unanimously

Submission 2 – Grey District Māwhera Business & Promotions Association

The BPA did not attend the meeting to speak to their submission.

Her Worship noted that the strategy expires next year.

Cr Kennedy stated that she hopes that heritage and arts might be brought under the category of economic development going forward as it might help to guide development.

RESOLUTION SCM 24/06/026

Moved: Mayor Tania Gibson

Seconded: Cr Peter Davy

1. That Council notes the submission.
2. That Council commits to reviewing the Economic Development Strategy 2015-2025 in consultation with the BPA also with the focus on developing clear focus outcomes.

Carried Unanimously

Submission 3 – Heritage Fund - Paul Maunder

Dr Maunder spoke to his PowerPoint presentation and confirmed the need for Council to acknowledge heritage as a standing funding need rather than making it contestable.

The Acting CE advised that Council provided in its Annual Plan enough money for Council to put the Blackball Museum as a standing expenditure against the annual donations budget without impacting rates if it is only \$500.

Cr Mora stated that Dr Maunder's issue is that he is having to apply every year.

Discussion took place around whether Council would be setting a precedent. Cr Mora stated that given the size of the donation and the fact that there are only one or two spread around key areas, he does not see this as setting precedent.

Cr Kennedy agreed that there is a policy in place that fits with this.

Cr Mora suggested this is treated as a standing donation.

The Acting CE confirmed that Council's Rates Remission Policy is an avenue that the Blackball Museum may wish to pursue as an option.

RESOLUTION SCM 24/06/027

Moved: Cr Allan Gibson

Seconded: Cr Tim Mora

That Council having heard the submitter:

1. Council confirms its commitment to preserving our district's history.
3. That Dr Maunder be advised that Council's Rates Remission Policy is available for him to apply to for a remission of rates on the Blackball Museum.

Carried Unanimously

Moved: Cr Tim Mora

Seconded: Cr Kate Kennedy

That the Blackball Working Class Museum be placed on Council's Standing Donations Order for the amount of \$500.

The motion was put and lost.

Submission 4 – Heritage West Coast - Jackie Gurden

Mrs Gurden spoke to her submission as the Chair of Heritage West Coast (HWC). She confirmed that HWC is seeking to establish a regional role as a facilitator in the heritage section. She outlined the role to the meeting. She is seeking \$25,000 per year and is trying to build the skill base in the region and to show people how apply for funding. She outlined projects that they are involved with. She stated this is about collaboration and HWC has a good track record in this area.

Cr Canning stated this is a good idea but feels this is not the right year as Council is under extreme pressure financially and a \$25,000 commitment each year for three years at this stage is outside the envelope. He suggested that the local heritage sector works together and align initiatives thereby increasing success.

Her Worship noted that WDC turned this down for the same reason.

Cr MacDonald suggested that a fund is set up to oversee this and he feels it needs to be a government generated fund otherwise it is leveraging off all the other individual heritage projects that are seeking funding. He feels it would add value but doesn't think Council should be funding it.

It was noted that there are other funding avenues available.

Cr Mora stated that one of the issues for individual organisations that approach Council for funding is that it is always a challenge but he feels that there is real value in having a coordinated approach but he accepts that Council is financially constrained.

Cr Kennedy stated she is mindful of the report on Council Museum Services which is awaited. She stated that there may be an opportunity for Council to liaise and collaborate with other organisations delivering services in that area. She would like see Council's role in this sector to continue as it is important as there is also a lot of outstanding questions about what Council is doing with its own archives and museum collections. She feels this is a role that could collaborate nicely with Council's own goals and could become a partnership.

Her Worship stated that this will have to be addressed via the LTP and she agreed that there have been a lot of constraints in these areas. She acknowledged that there will need to be some decisions made in these areas. She also stated these matters will need to be addressed by the new CE.

RESOLUTION SCM 24/06/028

Moved: Mayor Tania Gibson

Seconded: Cr John Canning

1. That Council receives the submission.
2. Council declines the request for funding noting that it is unaffordable at this time.

Motion Carried

Submission 5 – Warren and Tanya Whitmore

Mr & Mrs Whitmore were unable to speak to their submission as they were both unwell. Her Worship read a letter from them supporting their submission regarding the tar sealing of Wainui Street, Dobson. Her Worship stated that this is unfortunate that this is another roading service that has to be cut but there is no budget for the work.

Cr Canning stated that he supports the motion but he wondered if grading of the area could be done twice a year.

Resolution SCM 24/06/029

Moved: Cr Peter Davy

Seconded: Mayor Tania Gibson

1. That Council notes the submission and
2. That the tar sealing of the top part of Wainui Street, Dobson be referred to the Long Term Plan.
3. That Council staff ensure that Wainui Street, Dobson is added to roading maintenance programme for grading.

Carried Unanimously

Submission 6 – Kelly and Rosa Eden-Calcott

A video from Rosa was played to the meeting displaying options for Dixon Park.

Her Worship advised that Council has been working alongside Lion's Club and Rotary for improvements to Dixon Park.

It was confirmed that the covered play area is not on Council's maintenance schedule. The GMO advised that the covered play area does not have a long term life but staff will be able to keep it going for a while. He advised that sun protection with shade sails could be an option.

Cr Canning stated that all parks are inspected annually by an independent auditor but some parks are coming towards the end of their life, including Dixon Park.

Her Worship advised that other options are being looked at and Dixon Park is our flagship park and is now at the stage where funding streams via LTP need to be investigated so that improvements can be made. The GMO stated that it is becoming increasingly challenging for Council to maintain playgrounds as rules are getting tighter and compliance costs are getting harder to meet and the more playgrounds Council has, the higher the costs.

Her Worship spoke of the work that communities did for playgrounds at Arnott Heights and Kaiata along with input from Kāinga Ora and Council.

Her Worship thanked Rosa for input.

RESOLUTION SCM 24/06/030

Moved: Mayor Tania Gibson

Seconded: Cr John Canning

- 1. That Council notes the submission and**
- 2. That Council asks staff to undertake a redevelopment plan for Dixon Part involving young people including Rosa and refers the matter of funding to the Long Term Plan.**

Carried Unanimously

Submission 7 – Chris and Julie Lourie

The GMO advised that staff are to do an inspection in this area and will come back to Council to advise what will be done to improve this.

The Acting CE stated that this is an unfortunate historic issue.

RESOLUTION SCM 24/06/031

Moved: Cr Allan Gibson

Seconded: Cr John Canning

- 1. That Council hears the submitter and**
- 2. That staff report back to Council as soon as possible on solutions for Council to consider outside of the Enhanced Annual Plan.**

Carried Unanimously

Submission 8 – Jean Rogers

Jean Rogers spoke to her submission and confirmed that the environmental impacts of natural burials are appreciable less than current burial practices.

Her Worship stated that this is something that Council needs to explore. Cr Kennedy agreed and stated that natural burials is something that is becoming more popular and is likely to be more cost effective than the current way of doing things.

Cr Mora spoke of issues when mowing and the need to make sure the Sexton knows where everything is as the area may be harder to maintain. It was noted that iwi's view would need to be considered during staff investigations.

RESOLUTION SCM 24/06/032

Moved: Cr Allan Gibson

Seconded: Cr Tim Mora

- 1. That Council hears the submitter and**

2. That staff report back to Council as soon as possible on solutions to be considered outside of the EAP, and for staff to liaise with iwi.

Carried Unanimously

Submission 9 – Poppy Gibson

Cr Gibson declared an interest in this matter and took no further part in the consideration or determination thereof.

Her Worship stated that this is another example of where Council will work with communities to make a difference.

RESOLUTION SCM 24/06/033

Moved: Mayor Tania Gibson

Seconded: Cr John Canning

1. That the submission be noted and
2. That staff in consultation with the community explore options similar to the Arnott Height's project for consideration by Council.

Carried Unanimously

Submission 10 – Martin Evans

Her Worship stated that the Cobden boat ramp is a community initiative but the fees from the Moana boat ramp go towards cleaning of the amenities and ensuring upkeep in this area is well maintained.

Cr Gibson commented that it needs to be equal for everyone as the fees for parking goes to the foreshore committees and it is user pays.

RESOLUTION SCM 24/06/034

Moved: Cr Allan Gibson

Seconded: Cr Kate Kennedy

1. That the submission be noted and
2. That the submitter be advised that the boat ramps are unmanned and that this makes distinguishing between residents' and visitors near impossible, however Council is prepared to consider a residents' concession and have asked staff to report back on it.
3. The submitter be reminded that the Iveagh Bay Freedom Camping site area was a compromise to prevent freedom camping along Iveagh Bay foreshore and the reserve.

Carried Unanimously

Submission 11 – Mike Newport

Her Worship stated that animal control needs to be relooked at via the LTP. She stated that lifelong tags should have to bring costs down and this is worth investigating.

Cr MacDonald stated this is a very professional and a well thought out submission.

RESOLUTION SCM 24/06/035

Moved: Mayor Tania Gibson

Seconded: Cr John Canning

1. That the submission be noted and

2. **That the submitter be advised that a review of the Dog and Stock Service will be undertaken as soon as the new Chief Executive takes office.**

Carried Unanimously

Submission 12 – Runanga Village People

Cr Canning and Cr Kennedy both declared an interest and took no further part in the discussion or determination of this matter.

Her Worship asked for clarification as to who owns the berm of this area and who is responsible for it. The GMO responded that this is part of the road corridor but typically it is residents in the area that would mow the verge in front of their own properties. All verges are part of road reserve and there is an expectation that the property owner mows the grass verge.

The Acting CE stated that Council's mowing programme means that it will only be mowed twice a year and that there will be times when the area does not look tidy.

Concern was expressed that more regular mowing of these types of areas could be seen as setting a precedent.

Cr Mora commented that this means adding \$2,500 to the budget.

RESOLUTION SCM 24/06/036

Moved: Cr Allan Gibson

Seconded: Cr Rex MacDonald

1. **That the submission be noted and**
2. **That it is noted that Council mows grass verges approximately twice a year with the expectation that property owners mow their verges.**
3. **That staff investigate where this specific verge can be included in the annual mowing schedule programme of works if not already included.**

Motion Carried

Submission 13 – Jack Flood

The Acting CE advised that the consultation document on the CCO and including the library information is going out this afternoon.

RESOLUTION SCM 24/06/037

Moved: Mayor Tania Gibson

Seconded: Cr John Canning

1. **That the submission be noted and**
2. **That Council acknowledges that there are isolated cases where failure to separate services on site is due to finding engineering solutions.**
3. **That it be noted that Council in fact did signal its intentions regarding the library but is consulting further on its final intent on the matter.**

Carried Unanimously

Submission 14 – Neil Darling

Cr Kennedy declared a conflict of interest and did not take part in the consideration or determination of the matter.

RESOLUTION SCM 24/06/038**Moved: Cr Allan Gibson****Seconded: Cr John Canning**

1. That the submission be noted and
2. That staff urgently report back to Council on the Ward Street flooding problem and potential solutions.

Carried Unanimously**Submission 15 – Active West Coast**

Cr Kennedy noted the discussion about accessibility for the new library and feels that they will be happy with this. She likes the idea that it is time to review the smokefree legislation.

RESOLUTION SCM 24/06/039**Moved: Cr Tim Mora****Seconded: Cr Kate Kennedy**

1. That the submission be noted and
2. That comments regarding stormwater in the CBD be noted and it be confirmed that this will be part of consultation with the wider public.
3. It be confirmed that Council applies best practice thinking to increase recycling and limiting volumes into landfill and that it continuously improves its incentives in this regard.
4. Staff report back on an annual commitment into the future to create cycle trails.
5. Staff report back on the review of the smokefree policy as suggested in the submission.
6. It be confirmed that Council takes a conservative approach to liquor licencing and enforcement and that it believes that gains are being made.
7. That it be confirmed that Council thinking on a new library is consistent with the submission made.

Carried Unanimously**Submission 16 – Sport Canterbury****RESOLUTION SCM 24/06/001****Moved: Mayor Tania Gibson****Seconded: Cr John Canning****That**

1. The submission be noted and Sport Canterbury West Coast be thanked for constructive input.

Carried Unanimously

The meeting concluded at 2.24pm.

Confirmed

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Chairperson

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