

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE GREY DISTRICT COUNCIL**Held in Council Chambers, 105 Tainui Street, Greymouth****on Thursday 14 November 2024 commencing at 1:00 pm**

- PRESENT:** Mayor Tania Gibson (Chair)
- Councillor Allan Gibson (Deputy Mayor), Councillor John Canning, Councillor Peter Davy, Councillor Kate Kennedy, Councillor Rex MacDonald, Councillor Robert Mallinson, Councillor Tim Mora, Councillor Jack O'Connor,
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Joanne Soderlund (Chief Executive), Aaron Haymes (Group Manager Operations), Gemma Trezise (People and Capability Business Partner), Megan Bourke (Communications Officer), Trish Jellyman (Democracy Advisor)

1 APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**APOLOGY****RESOLUTION** SCM 24/11/061**Moved:** Mayor Tania Gibson**Seconded:** Cr Rex MacDonald

That the apology received from Kaiwhakahaere Francois Tumahai 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

There were no declarations of interest.

2 LIST OF ACRONYMS USED**3 AGENDA ITEMS****3.1 COUNCIL'S COMMITTEE SYSTEM: REVIEW OF CURRENT SYSTEM**

Refer page 7 of the agenda.

Her Worship advised that the committee system has been trialled since the beginning of the current triennium. She stated that it is time consuming and Council is now looking at streamlining this.

Cr Canning stated that one of the unforeseen results of the current system has been to reduce Council meetings to rubber stamping as decisions have already been made. He is in favour of putting some meetings back to the main Council meeting.

Cr Gibson advised that Kw Tumahai is in favour of going back to the previous system.

Her Worship noted that Council did change from the portfolio system in order to trial the current system.

Cr Mallinson supports the recommendation but asked if the Terms of Reference for the Risk and Assurance Committee (RAC) would be reviewed. Her Worship responded that Mr Rob Caldwell (Chair of the RAC) is coming in tomorrow to meet with herself and the CE to go through both the current and previous versions of the Terms of Reference.

Cr Davy asked about the future of the Tenders Subcommittee. It was confirmed that the status quo will remain but the minutes of this committee will go to full council.

The GMO advised that Council makes decisions about spend whereas the Tenders Subcommittee role is to go through the process of letting the tender out to a particular contractor, but Council makes the decision as to whether to go ahead with a project in the first place.

Cr Mora supports the first recommendation. He endorses why the decision was made in the first place which was to give Kw Tumahai voting rights at full Council meetings. He acknowledged the amount of extra staff and councillor time the current committee structure takes up. He stated that the committee system muddled the waters a little and he feels that going back to full Council will be more efficient.

Her Worship agreed and stated that staff were getting caught up with agendas and this will allow for more work to be done.

Cr Gibson stated that sometimes there is a need for urgency with regard to the Tenders Subcommittee and he feels that for this reason there is not a better way to manage this subcommittee in view of its regulatory role.

Cr Kennedy stated that Kw Tumahai has advised that Ngati Waewae are very well embedded with Council processes and discussions and he has expressed that this will be a better way for Ngati Waewae going forward and he is supportive of the change.

Her Worship advised that any major agenda items going to Council that would impact on iwi are consulted with iwi.

Cr Mallinson asked if the Council meeting start time could perhaps be 2pm rather than 3pm.

Her Worship advised that some councillors still work but noted that the start time was previously discussed. She also noted that sometimes workshops are held prior to Council meetings.

Cr Mora stated that he feels that there was real value in having the Grey District Resilience Committee in place. He would like to see West Coast Civil Defence Emergency Management report to full Council on a regular basis. It was agreed this would be included in the operations report along with the inclusion of any staff training in this area.

Cr Mallinson suggested that the word "abeyance" in recommendation 2 be changed to dissolved. All present agreed.

Cr Davy stated the Commercial and Economic development is very important. It was agreed that any matters relating to commercial / economic development will be reported to full council.

Her Worship stated that going forward the full council meeting will be a much bigger meeting. She said that Council will not be doing less but just changing the format to one meeting.

Her Worship stated that the reason for today's Extraordinary Council meeting was for Council to agree to the change to the current committee structure which will then enable the meeting dates for the 2025 Council meetings, Tenders Subcommittee, Risk and Assurance, Creative Communities Committee and Sport

New Zealand Rural Travel Fund Committee to be set and to go forward to the 9 December 2024 Council meeting for confirmation.

RESOLUTION SCM 24/11/062**Moved: Mayor Tania Gibson****Seconded: Cr Allan Gibson**

That Council:

1. Notes the contents of the report and;

Moved: Cr Tim Mora**Seconded: Cr Allan Gibson**

2. Refers to resolution IC 22/10/08 made at the Inaugural Meeting of Council held on 31 October 2022 for the creation of committees and appointment of chairpersons and confirms that the following committees will now be dissolved:

Finance, Regulatory & Business Support Committee
Operations & Capital Programme Delivery Committee
Commercial & Economic Development Committee
Grey District Resilience Subcommittee

3. Confirms the following committees, Chairs and current membership will continue for the remainder of the 2022-2025 triennium:

Council
Risk and Assurance Subcommittee
Tenders Subcommittee
Chief Executive Employment Committee
Members Code of Conduct Committee
Animal Control Committee
Civic Awards Committee
Creative Communities Committee
Sport New Zealand Rural Travel Fund Committee

4. Council meetings be held once-monthly on the fourth Monday, unless this falls on a Public Holiday whereby the meeting will move to Tuesday. Meetings will normally commence at 3 pm.

5. Council's Delegation Manual be reviewed accordingly.

Carried Unanimously**4 MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS****5 COUNCIL RESUMES IN OPEN MEETING****CLOSURE OR RATIFICATION OF DECISIONS IN OPEN MEETING.**

The meeting concluded at 1.13 pm

Confirmed

T Gibson
Chairperson

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Date

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