

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE REGULATORY AND BUSINESS SUPPORT OF THE GREY DISTRICT COUNCIL

Held in Council Chambers, 105 Tainui Street, Greymouth
on Monday 25 November 2024 commencing at 2.00pm

PRESENT: Cr Rex MacDonald (Chair)
Mayor Tania Gibson, Councillor Allan Gibson, Councillor John Canning, Councillor Peter Davy (via Zoom), Councillor Kate Kennedy, Councillor Robert Mallinson, Councillor Jack O'Connor, Councillor Tim Mora, Kaiwhakahaere Francois Tumahai (via Zoom)

IN ATTENDANCE: Joanne Soderlund (Chief Executive), Neil Engelbrecht (Finance Manager), Nelia Heersink (Community & Recreation Services Manager), Trish Jellyman (Democracy Advisor), Megan Bourke (Communications Officer)

1 APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

1.1 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

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.

1.4 NOTIFICATION OF LATE ITEMS

There were no late items.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

2.1 CONFIRMATION OF THE FINANCE REGULATORY AND BUSINESS SUPPORT COMMITTEE HELD ON 22 OCTOBER 2024

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION FRABS 24/11/024

Moved: Cr John Canning

Seconded: Cr Robert Mallinson

That the minutes of the Finance Regulatory and Business Support Committee held on 22 October 2024 be confirmed as true and correct.

Carried Unanimously

2.2 RECEIPT OF MINUTES OF THE RISK AND ASSURANCE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY FOR INFORMATION OF COUNCIL HELD 14 OCTOBER 2024

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION FRABS 24/11/025

Moved: Cr John Canning

Seconded: Cr Robert Mallinson

That the minutes of the Risk and Assurance Sub-Committee Meeting held on 14 October 2024 be received and noted.

Carried Unanimously

3 AGENDA ITEMS

3.1 REGULATORY, RECREATION, BUSINESS SUPPORT AND CUSTOMER SERVICES REPORT

Refer page 19 of the agenda.

In response to a question from the Chairman, the FM confirmed that the Annual Report is on track and Audit will start work on this in December. He advised that the Auditors will do this work remotely.

The FM advised that the next workshop for the Long Term Plan (LTP) will be held on 3 December. Work is continuing with Activity Management Plans (AMPs) and the project plan is on track.

The Chairman asked if there is anything Councillors can do to assist with the LTP.

The CE responded that the LTP is on track. Staff are trying to get more resourcing into the finance department which will bring some relief to the team.

Cr Mallinson requested that a full financial report is brought to the December Council meeting. He understands that there is a lack of resourcing in the finance department but stated that regular financial reporting is an essential part of internal control framework.

The FM confirmed that the quarterly financial report is almost complete and will be presented to the next Council meeting on 9 December.

Cr Mora requested that the goats in Cobden be brought to the attention of Animal Control staff as he has heard of a few near misses, and he is concerned about safety around this area.

The Chairman spoke of an idea that had been presented to capture the goats and crate them but this turned out to be cost prohibitive.

Her Worship advised that some of the goats have been relocated but there are questions around who owns the land that the goats frequent in and around the Cobden area.

In response from a question from Cr Mora, it was confirmed that the new Animal Shelter has been put off for a year. The FM advised that this will be covered in the next two workshops for the LTP and will also be worked through via the AMPs.

Cr Canning spoke of the background around sewer separation which started around 1990. He stated that in the operations report only three residents have taken steps to do anything about this. He is concerned that when this matter comes back to Council in June next year this will become problematic. He stated that people have had a good run up to this and he is not in favour of pushing this time frame out again. He feels that people have had at a maximum 34 years and a minimum of six years notice of sewer separation happening. He stated that Council needs to dig in as WCRC has given Council resource consent for discharge

and when this expires and not everyone is on the system then Council will have a problem. He stated that people are going to have to take ownership of their situation and sort it.

Cr Mora commented that people have a year or so to do this and after that time if they haven't separated then it will be done by Council at the homeowner's cost.

Her Worship noted that the next round of letters has not yet gone out. She stated that it is important that people get lead in time.

The Chairman advised that Council has a programme in place, and it is important that the programme gets through to its conclusion.

Cr Mallinson raised a Point of Order and asked if this is the appropriate committee for sewer separation to be discussed.

The Chairman advised that this matter needs to be discussed at the Operations & Capital Programme Delivery Committee meeting which will follow on from this meeting but he noted that the matter is included in this committee report.

Cr Mallinson stated that he would defer his questions to the Operations & Capital Programme Delivery Committee meeting.

It was agreed that further questions relating to sewer separation matters would be answered at the next meeting when the GMO is present.

Cr O'Connor referred to page 20 of the agenda - Freedom camping. He suggested that the "old Cobden dumpsite" be renamed as Council has invested a lot of money in this area and a new name would encourage visitors to this area.

Cr Mora stated that the name of this area is actually the Aromahana Sanctuary. It was suggested that signage may be considered for this area.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION FRABS 24/11/026

Moved: Cr Rex MacDonald

Seconded: Cr Tim Mora

That the Finance Regulatory and Business Support Committee:

1. Receives the report and notes the contents.

Carried Unanimously

The Chairman acknowledged that this is the last meeting of this committee and future business will be directed to full Council.

4 IN COMMITTEE ITEMS

That the public is excluded from this part of the meeting in relation to:

Agenda items 4.1, 4.2, 4.3 & 4.4

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:

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**Moved:** Cr Rex MacDonald**Seconded:** Cr Robert Mallinson

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
4.1 - CONFIRMATION OF IN COMMITTEE MINUTES OF FINANCE REGULATORY AND BUSINESS SUPPORT COMMITTEE HELD ON 22 OCTOBER 2024	s7(2)(c)(ii) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information would be likely otherwise to damage the public interest	s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of 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 under section 6 or section 7
4.2 - RECEIPT OF IN COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE RISK AND ASSURANCE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY FOR INFORMATION OF COUNCIL HELD 14 OCTOBER 2024	s7(2)(c)(ii) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information would be likely otherwise to damage the public interest	s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of 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 under section 6 or section 7
4.3 - IN COMMITTEE MATTERS UNDER ACTION IN COMMITTEE	s7(2)(c)(ii) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information would be likely otherwise to damage the public interest	s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of 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 under section 6 or section 7
4.4 - OVERDUE DEBTORS REPORT	s7(2)(a) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons	s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for

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5 SUB-COMMITTEE RESUMES IN OPEN MEETING

CLOSURE OR RATIFICATION OF DECISIONS IN OPEN MEETING.

The meeting concluded at 2.26 pm.

Confirmed

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R MacDonald **Date**
Chairperson