

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE GREY DISTRICT COUNCIL

Held in Council Chambers, 105 Tainui Street, Greymouth
on Monday 24 February 2025 commencing at 3.00pm

PRESENT: Mayor Tania Gibson (Chair)
Councillor Allan Gibson (Deputy Mayor), Councillor John Canning (left meeting at 5.00pm), Councillor Peter Davy, Councillor Kate Kennedy, Councillor Rex MacDonald, Councillor Robert Mallinson, Councillor Tim Mora, Councillor Jack O'Connor, Kaiwhakahaere Francois Tumahai (via Zoom)

IN ATTENDANCE: Joanne Soderlund (Chief Executive), Aaron Haymes (Group Manager Operations), Neil Engelbrecht (Finance Manager), Penny Kirk (Group Manager Community), Peter O'Sullivan (Group Manager Economic Development & Regulatory Services), Nelia Heersink (Community & Recreation Services Manager), Michael McEnaney (Regulatory Manager), Adrian Perrin-Smith-Kahl (Building Control Manager), Emma Topp (Business & Contracts Manager), Paddy Blanchfield (Transport & Infrastructure Manager), Amie Robinson (Waste Minimisation Officer) left meeting at 3.20pm, Megan Bourke (Communications Officer), Trish Jellyman (Democracy Advisor), The Media

Her Worship welcomed various speakers and members of the public to today's meeting.

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.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

2.1 CONFIRMATION OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 27 JANUARY 2025

RESOLUTION OCM 25/02/017

Moved: Cr Tim Mora

Seconded: Cr John Canning

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 27 January 2025 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 10 FEBRUARY 2025

RESOLUTION OCM 25/02/018

Moved: Cr Tim Mora

Seconded: Cr John Canning

That the minutes of the Risk and Assurance Sub-Committee Meeting held on 10 February 2025 be received and noted.

Carried Unanimously

3 LIST OF ACRONYMS USED

Refer page 24 of the agenda.

4 MATTERS UNDER ACTION

4.1 MATTERS UNDER ACTION

Refer page 25 of the agenda.

Cr Kennedy asked if there has been a response from WCRC regarding the Port Transfer of Responsibilities.

The CE responded that the letter will be sent within the next few days as it was held back to include the concerns raised by the Moana Foreshore Management Committee at their recent meeting.

5 AGENDA ITEMS

5.1 WASTE MINIMISATION & MANGEMENT PLAN SUBMISSIONS

Refer page 26 of the agenda.

Her Worship thanked submitters and welcomed the first speaker, Sarah Evans.

Ms Evans stated that it is interesting that the government has stopped the mandate for green waste and how it will manage this in view of their change of direction.

Her Worship spoke of the importance of people reducing their waste and how the adding in of another wheelie bin for green waste would be another huge cost to ratepayers.

Ms Evans spoke of the importance of sorting recycling properly. She stated that some councils confiscate the wheelie bins of recidivist contaminators.

Cr Kennedy commented that the Waitangi Day Picnic Committee is looking at zero waste initiatives as this is a big event. She stated that currently they have a stockpile of plastic but are looking forward to using this up and then will use much more easily disposable and compostable utensils. She stated that a guide to recycling could be put out in the Council newsletter.

Ms Evans agreed that a recycling guide would be good to see. She noted that the stickers on the inside of the bin lids are incorrect.

Her Worship thanked Ms Evans for her submission.

Mr Alex Woods spoke to his submission.

He stated that it is a waste of time having to go back and forwards over the weighbridge at McLeans Pit for different material to dump. He would like the cost of the dumping of green waste included in rates.

Her Worship stated that Council consulted on green waste and the outcome was that some people don't need to use the dump for green waste and that would mean that they were paying for a service that they weren't using.

Mr Woods stated that demolition waste is not clean fill and he would like the bylaw for disposal of waste amended. He would like this fast tracked. He is also concerned about waste coming in from outside the district.

The UIM responded that GDC does receive a percentage of the waste levy funds back from central government, this is population based and is around \$50,000 pa. He stated that this funding is used for the funding of Enviroschools, supporting recycling and waste minimisation targets.

RESOLUTION OCM 25/02/019

Moved: Cr Allan Gibson

Seconded: Cr John Canning

1. That Council;
 - (a) Receives this report, including all submissions received as a result of the recent consultation period.
 - (b) Thanks all submitters for their submissions, including those who opted to speak to their submission at today Council meeting.
 - (c) Directs staff to take all submissions received in the Grey District and discuss collective submissions with Westland District Council and Buller District Council, and report back with a recommendation for proposed changes, if any, for inclusion in a finalised Regional Waste Minimisation & Management Plan.
 - (d) Council will consider formal adoption of a finalised Regional Waste Minimisation & Management Plan, at its March 2024 meeting.

Carried Unanimously

5.2 OUTCOME OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION: NGAHERE AREA INFRASTRUCTURE FUND - APPLICATION FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH NEW BUILD OF SHARED NELSON CREEK/NGAHERE COMMUNITY CENTRE AND NGAHERE TENNIS COURTS UPGRADE

Refer page 48 of the agenda.

Her Worship thanked submitters and stated that there were 31 response with 53.5% were opposed and 27 responses for 46.5% were in favour.

She invited Mr Murray Hay to speak to his submission.

Mr Hay stated that it is good that Nelson Creek wants a new facility, which he is not against this but there are no concept plans in place yet. He is concerned about the cost of \$500,000. He feels it is unfair to give away money from another infrastructure fund as this request sits outside their area. He believes Ngahere aligns closely to Ahaura as it does to Nelson Creek and said that it seems grossly unfair that Council has the power to give away money that belongs in one infrastructure fund, and to give it to another. He said that this sets a dangerous precedent. He would like Council to take into account what the majority of Ngahere residents want, and for Council not to support this request as it is for a project that sits outside of the Ngahere community. He stated that a lot of the Ngahere residents are aging, and a new generation with young families are moving into the area. He stated that Ngahere children go to Ahaura school. He stated

that it might be worth both towns getting together and discussing this further as people are wanting to get the community group back together. He is hoping to get a new committee together, with fresh people and to upgrade the bus shelter and tennis courts.

Cr Gibson stated that both he and Cr Mallinson have attended community meetings. He stated at these meetings it was discussed that the money is Ngahere's money and Council did not push for the money to be spent at Nelson Creek.

Her Worship thanked Mr Hay for his submission.

Mr Dave Pugh addressed the meeting.

He stated that a lot of community activity is centred on the Nelson Creek Hotel and surrounding area. He stated that when Council set up the Emergency Response Kits and sent them out the one for his community is located at Nelson Creek and the Civil Defence Muster Point is Nelson Creek. He stated that he has not attended one social activity in Ngahere itself but has attended lots of events at the Nelson Creek Reserve.

Mr Pugh stated that there was a Ngahere Community Association that was formed in 1989 with lots of people still involved but no activities have ever come out of these meetings.

Mr Pugh spoke of opportunities to use this money but he feels it makes sense to help Nelson Creek to move ahead with their projects as they have people behind the projects and have plans in place. He stated this is the best opportunity to use funds that will benefit both areas. He supports the use of the funds for the Nelson Creek project.

Her Worship thanked Mr Pugh and stated that the funds were put aside for the community and it is not for Council to decide on what they should be spent on.

Cr O'Connor asked Mr Pugh if he supports the proposed upgrade of the tennis courts. Mr Pugh supports the upgrade of the tennis courts.

Mr Peter Donaldson spoke to his submission. He stated he has lived in Ngahere all of his life, he was the Chief Fire Officer for 16 years and in brigade for 33 years. He organised tennis courts, play group and looked after the hall. He stated that the next generation could completely change Ngahere. He asked why would he give money to Nelson Creek and what advantage is there to Ngahere in giving money to Nelson Creek as once the money is gone, its gone.

Her Worship thanked Mr Donaldson for his submission.

Cr O'Connor asked Mr Donaldson if he is in favour of the upgrading of the tennis courts.

Mr Donaldson stated that he will have a look at this but he does not think it will cost \$7,000 for the upgrade.

Mr Sebastian Vos spoke to his submission. He stated that he owns the garage at Ngahere, and he, his wife and family moved to Ngahere 13 years ago. He stated they have invested everything they have in Ngahere and he and his family have been well supported and welcomed into the community. He stated he is speaking on behalf of the next generation. He said that there are lots of social activities at Nelson Creek but nothing much happening in Ngahere. He is the President of the Community Board. He stated that there is an us and them mentality amongst the older generation. Has stated it is a great community and is not just Ngahere. He supports the proposal as an individual and not on behalf of anyone else. He sees a great benefit in spending the money as it will be beneficial to everyone in the community.

Her Worship thanked Mr Vos. She asked for his view on the upgrade of the tennis court.

Mr Vos responded that \$7,000 will not go anywhere in this day and age but he is in favour of the upgrade and maintaining the tennis courts.

Cr Kennedy asked Mr Vos for his view on the bus stop matter.

Mr Vos stated that there is various bus stops around the area. He thinks a bus stop is a good idea as around 10 or 12 children use the bus stop.

Her Worship thanked Mr Vos and stated that Council does not want to see the community divided but it is up to the community to make these decisions.

Moved: Mayor Tania Gibson

Seconded: Cr Robert Mallinson

1. That the report is received.

Cr Mallinson stated that this is a matter to be decided by the local community. He supports the recommendation.

Cr Canning stated that there is merit in building at Nelson Creek, but the money belongs to Ngahere. He stated that he will be voting to decline the funding request but would like to invite the people from Nelson Creek back to Council when they can get a majority of people from Ngahere who actually support this initiative as it is their money.

Cr Gibson stated that he supports Cr Cannings view and stated that the matter has been out voted.

Cr Mora stated that the majority of people from Ngahere don't want this and there is a case for Nelson Creek to work harder to convince Ngahere that there is value in this joint venture. He suggested that this may be an opportunity to get the Community Board at Ngahere going again and to come back with an application on what the community wants.

Cr Kennedy stated that she is interested in what assets need upgrading in Ngahere and what needs the community wants. She is concerned that the kids don't have shelter when waiting for the bus. She stated that there may be a need for an assessment on what is needed for the tennis courts and if they would like to use the money for something purpose built that more people might be involved in.

Cr O'Connor is not in favour of giving away funding as the funds are with the Ngahere community and the community has spoken. He stated that it makes sense for \$7,000 to be spent on the tennis courts and he is in favour of this.

Cr Davy congratulated the Nelson Creek community as it is a great idea and a good project. He would like to see the two communities work together to try to find a way forward as there needs to be a lot more people in favour.

Her Worship agreed and stated that the concept at Nelson Creek is not just a hall, it is a domain for visitors and tourists and is a great facility that the community would run but more clarity is needed and ultimately, it is up to the community to decide. She stated that she hopes this does not divide the community, and advised the Nelson Creek community that there are other funding options available.

She thanked all parties for coming to speak to Council today and for the work that they all do for their communities.

RESOLUTION OCM 25/02/020

Moved: Cr John Canning

Seconded: Cr Allan Gibson

That Council considers the submissions received and;

1. Declines the request for funding of \$200,000 from the Ngahere Area Infrastructure Reserve Fund.

Carried Unanimously

5.3 COBDEN BOAT RAMP

Refer page 61 of the agenda.

Her Worship welcomed speakers to the meeting.

She spoke of the public interest in this matter last year which turned into a bit of a social media attack on Council because of a parking fine. This is what led to these discussion points for the future use. She noted that there has been a lot of volunteer effort put in to get the boat ramp in place.

Mrs Judy Hay spoke to her submission. She thanked the GMO for his work and involvement with the project. She stated the area is not just for the boaties, people go there for swimming, walking, they take their dogs walking and swimming, and have lunch there.

She stated that work first began in June 2017 and is hopeful that a public toilet may be considered in the future and there are a lot of volunteers that would assist with any work. She confirmed that donations as being sought for this facility.

Cr Mora asked if the old ablution block is still an issue. She stated that there are issues around this as not all people use facilities and not all campervans are self-contained and even if they are people would rather use other facilities than there on self-contained toilets.

Cr Davy stated that boaties communicate amongst themselves and then decide where they will fish. He stated that Council has to be careful with money but he supports the efforts of community groups but those who use the area need to contribute.

Mrs Hay stated that users are keen to donate but a donation box would not work and therefore she would like to see donations paid directly into an account. She stated that payment details would be on the sign. She stated that visiting boaties were also looking at donating to Coastguard.

Cr Davy stated that he would like donations go to a project as Coastguard are funded.

Mrs Hay stated that Greymouth is likely to become the game fishing capital of the South Island.

Cr O'Connor stated that he likes the way the group is going about this but he is concerned about the costs of public toilets as well as the ongoing maintenance costs of them.

He likes the idea of a gantry and the associated signage and the idea of a partnership with Council is appealing.

Cr Kennedy commented that the costs of servicing public toilets that are already in place around the district is huge.

Mrs Hay stated that there are a lot of volunteers ready to start work on projects.

Her Worship thanked Mrs Hay for her submission.

Moved: Mayor Tania Gibson

Seconded: Cr Allan Gibson

1. That the report is received.

Cr Canning in favour of recommendations 1 -6, and 8 but not recommendation seven.

Cr MacDonald would like recommendation 3 investigated to ensure that there are no unintended consequences. He does not support recommendation 7 as he does not like Council to be seen as taking business of others. He complimented the Greymouth Boating Club on being very proactive.

The GMO advised that the port entry fees have never been collected and the practicalities around this would be very difficult to administer as they would cost in staff time especially during weekends.

He advised that most places charge recreational users a launching fee but he is not aware of anywhere where there is a fee for crossing a bar.

Cr Mora commended the Greymouth Boating Club on their projects and stated this has been great to see. He supports recommendations 1-6 but cannot support an extra \$20,000 as per recommendation 7.

Her Worship stated that it is the ongoing maintenance costs that are a concern and other organisations have been turned down for this reason.

Cr O'Connor stated that the work of the Greymouth Boating Club aligns with Cobden community group but he is also concerned about the taking away from local businesses as they are the ones paying tourism tax and other types of levies. He is in favour of recommendations 1-6 but not 7 as he cannot see how another block of toilets can be justified financially.

In response to an earlier question from Cr Kennedy, the GMO confirmed neither Westland or Buller charge boat launching fees.

Her Worship asked the GMO if there have been any concerns around the launching area during busy times. He confirmed that he has not received any complaints. He stated that the area is busy when the recreational boaties are launching or coming in but they are well organised, they do this all the time around other parts of the country and what happens here is typical of what happens in other areas.

Her Worship thanked Mrs Hay and members of the Greymouth Boating Club for their efforts to date.

RESOLUTION OCM 25/02/021

Moved: Mayor Tania Gibson

Seconded: Cr Robert Mallinson

That Council:

1. Notes the contents of this report.
2. Requests that staff continue to monitor activity related to peak demand boating visits to the area, the impacts on local residents and report back to Council in relation to alternative parking arrangements to accommodate users where demand unreasonably impacts local residents and is not meeting the needs of visitors.
3. Instructs staff to remove the Port access fee for recreational watercraft from the draft fees schedule for the LTP 2025/34.
4. Provides permission for the Greymouth Boating Club Incorporated to construct a concrete wash down pad and water connection for boat washing at the Cobden boat ramp, subject to prior staff approval of the design, safety and all consenting requirements being met, and allows for an operational cost of \$1500 per annum in the Draft 2025/34 LTP.
5. Provides permission for the Greymouth Boating Club Incorporated to erect a steel weighing gantry at the Cobden boat ramp, subject to prior staff approval of the design, safety and any consenting requirements being met.
6. Permits the collection of voluntary donations from the community by the Greymouth Boating Club Incorporated for maintenance of the Cobden boat ramp and associated facilities, including placement of associated signage on an existing sign structure at the boat ramp, subject to the following conditions,
 - That due to the funds being collected in a Council controlled public place all funds donated are spent on features in the Cobden boat ramp recreational area and,
 - The club reports annually to Council the amount of funds donated to them and the expenditure made by them into the location.
 - As is consistent with work in public places, that all work undertaken in the location is approved by Council or agreed by staff where within their delegation.

Carried Unanimously

Moved: Cr Tim Mora

Seconded: Mayor Tania Gibson

7. That Council instructs the Group Manager Operations to write to the Cobden Boating Club Inc thanking them for their request to install a public toilet facility at the Cobden boat ramp/

recreation area and declines this request due to operational budget constraints and agrees to consider the proposal again at a future date.

Against Cr Kennedy

Carried

5.4 MAYOR'S UPDATE

Refer page 73 of the agenda.

RESOLUTION OCM 25/02/022

Moved: Cr Rex MacDonald

Seconded: Cr Peter Davy

3.1 That the Mayor's activity report for the period 1 to 31 January 2025 be received.

Carried Unanimously

5.5 CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S UPDATE: 1 - 31 JANUARY 2025

Refer page 75 of the agenda.

RESOLUTION OCM 25/02/023

Moved: Cr Allan Gibson

Seconded: Cr Jack O'Connor

3.1. That the Chief Executive's update for the period 1 January to 31 January 2025 be received.

Carried Unanimously

5.6 DOCUMENTS EXECUTED UNDER THE COMMON SEAL OF COUNCIL

Refer page 77 of the agenda.

RESOLUTION OCM 25/02/024

Moved: Her Worship Tania Gibson

Seconded: Cr John Canning

That the following documents be executed under the Common Seal of the Council:

1. Memorandum of Agreement of Lease Rental between Grey District Council and The Order of St John Northern Region Trust Board, formerly named "The Order of St John Northern Region (SI) Trust for Ground Lease, Waterwalk Road, Greymouth.

Carried Unanimously

Her Worship welcomed the new GM's, Mrs Penny Kirk and Mr Peter O'Sullivan to their first meeting.

5.7 CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31 JANUARY 2025

Refer page 78 of the agenda.

Cr Mallinson thanked staff for making the requested changes to the financial report but stated he still has some concerns around budgeted variances versus actual figures, and subsidies and grants.

The CE advised that the issues around subsidies and grants is a timing issue and relates to the new Library build.

She advised that personnel costs relate to the Enhanced Annual Plan, she will bring a paper to Council in the near future on how these will be dealt with. She acknowledged that there is room for improvement with the budgeting process and how the Enhanced Annual Plan process played out but said there have been a lot of time pressures around this.

Cr O'Connor stated that it is pleasing to see that the Procure to Pay Implementation is progressing.

The FM advised that the project is 95% there.

RESOLUTION OCM 25/02/025

Moved: Cr Tim Mora

Seconded: Cr Kate Kennedy

That Council:

- a) Receives the report and notes the contents.

Carried Unanimously

5.8 OPERATIONS AND CAPITAL PROGRAMME REPORT

Refer page 95 of the agenda.

Her Worship advised that the letter submitted to the Minister regarding the Arnott Heights matter has been resubmitted as there has been a reshuffle in Parliament.

The TIM confirmed that sealing on Rotomanu Road is yet to be completed.

Her Worship asked the GMO for an update on the slip at Barrytown.

The GMO responded that staff are working with WCRC and WCRC are talking with NZTA to ascertain what can be done and if other parties are able to contribute. He stated that the road is a public asset and is at risk in this area.

Her Worship stated that the main highway is an NZTA asset therefore it would be good to get NZTA on board.

Cr MacDonald passed on his thanks to the Operations Team and WCRC for opening up mouth of New River as this has eased the minds of constituents in this area and has caused Saltwater Creek to drop markedly. He noted that the Greymouth Joint Floodwall Committee are investigating solutions for this area.

Cr MacDonald stated that it is good to see the construction of the new cell at McLeans Pit as it shows the technical aspect and expense with the new cell in order to get it up and running.

Cr Kennedy stated that she is supportive of the GMO's work with outside agencies regarding the Barrytown slip as it is one of those situations where a heavy rainfall event could impact on a property and roading in this area.

Cr Kennedy stated that it is great that the processed material at McLeans Pit can be used for top coursing on gravel roads. She asked if this stockpile will last for some time.

The GMO responded that there is a significant stockpile of processed material available.

The UIM stated this stockpile is quite a windfall for Council.

Her Worship commented that there are a lot of examples around the Coast where Council could do a lot of work but money is often not available on time from NZTA.

Her Worship asked the UIM for an update on current water issues.

The UIM advised that the precautionary Boil Water Notice for Blackball has been lifted as of this afternoon. He stated that the Conserve Water Notice for Council water supplies are still in place and all water supplies are being closely monitored day to day. He stated that weather conditions are improving with cooler temperatures and some rain but fine periods are forecast for the next ten days.

He advised that the Runanga water supply is still struggling to meet demand and staff are actively looking for leaks. He confirmed that an influx of breaks and leaks have been reported and these are being prioritised based on size.

RESOLUTION OCM 25/02/026

Moved: Cr Rex MacDonald

Seconded: Cr Kate Kennedy

That Council

1. Receives the Operations and Capital Programme Report and notes the contents herein.

Carried Unanimously

5.9 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & REGULATORY SERVICES REPORT

Refer page 105 of the agenda.

RESOLUTION OCM 25/02/027

Moved: Mayor Tania Gibson

Seconded: Cr John Canning

That Council

1. Receives the Economic Development & Regulatory Services Report and notes the contents herein.

Carried Unanimously

5.10 COMMUNITY REPORT

Refer page 114 of the agenda.

Her Worship commented that 67 new members for the library during January is great to see as well as 365 children participating in events.

Cr Kennedy asked if tenants in Council's Pensioner Housing units are allowed to have a cat as she has a constituent who would like to have a cat. She noted that the information on Council's website is dated 2015.

The CM advised that the Retirement Housing Policy has been updated since 2015 and will be reviewed shortly. She will follow up on the rules around cat ownership for tenants.

The GMO advised that what is on Council's website is guidance and lease agreement is the legal agreement and this takes precedence.

RESOLUTION OCM 25/02/028

Moved: Mayor Tania Gibson

Seconded: Cr Tim Mora

That Council

1. Receives the Community and Recreation Services Report and notes the contents herein.

Carried Unanimously

5.11 KEITH ROAD PLAYGROUND REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT, PAROA

Refer page 126 of the agenda.

Cr Gibson declared an interest and took no further part in the discussion or decision.

Her Worship stated that it has been inspiring to work with this group. She stated that the planning and communications from the group has been amazing. She stated that Council has supported the group via the Contestable Fund and the UIM and his staff have met with the group regularly. She stated that those involved are doing a superb job in trying to achieve a positive outcome.

Cr Canning stated his only reservation is the commitment to ongoing maintenance funding. He feels that the group should be cautious about coming to Council for future and ongoing funding as money is tight but he is in support of the project going ahead.

Her Worship advised that the pros and cons of toilets, barbeques and maintenance have been discussed with the group regularly.

Cr O'Connor stated that he is in favour of the project as it is fantastic for the area which is a newly developed part of town in view of new subdivisions in this area. He stated that it is good to see contributions from the Reserves Subdivision and for the community to come together and enhance this. He feels it is important that Council is in support. He stated that playground stocks around the district are limited and dated.

Her Worship noted the huge development in this area.

RESOLUTION OCM 25/02/029

Moved: Mayor Tania Gibson

Seconded: Cr Rex MacDonald

That Council

1. Receives the report; Keith Road Playground Redevelopment Project, Paroa.
2. Confirms approval of stage 1 of the proposed redevelopment under the Special Assets Policy, that will see a pump track built, which will support multiple age groups.
3. Approves an additional annual funding via the Parks & Reserves budget, for maintenance of \$1,500.00 ex GST per year.
4. Confirms support funding of \$25,000.00 ex GST, funding from the Reserves Subdivision Contributions, reserve, to support improved community and recreation in the area and that approved support funds be administered by Council to support elements of stage one.
5. Confirms that the community group can access up to 100m³ of gravel from McLeans Pit, to support the stage one development.
6. Notes that further discussion for any additional funding, will likely be proposed for consideration by Council for stage 3 of the project at a future date.
7. Confirms ongoing, in-principle, support for the proposed playground redevelopment.

Carried Unanimously

5.12 APPOINTMENT OF A COMMISSIONER FOR THE GREY DISTRICT LICENSING COMMITTEE

Refer page 135 of the agenda.

Her Worship stated this would not be an easy role.

Cr Canning stated Mrs Van Der Geest does a very good job and he totally endorses the recommendation.

RESOLUTION OCM 25/02/030

Moved: Mayor Tania Gibson

Seconded: Cr John Canning

- 3.1. That Council nominates Mrs Rachel Van Der Geest for appointment by the Chief Executive to serve as Commissioner for the Grey District Licensing Committee.

Carried Unanimously

5.13 OPEN DRAIN - 30 GOLF LINKS ROAD

Refer page 139 of the agenda.

Cr Gibson asked if this is on private land and if so why has it come to Council.

The UIM confirmed it is privately owned land but is a difficult situation for other property owners in the vicinity and direction from Council is needed.

Her Worship asked the UIM if the other properties are aware of problems around this matter.

The UIM responded that there are other properties around the area, and a number are still to connect to the Kaiata sewage scheme. He stated that staff need to take this up with residents to remove any potential risk of septic tank overflows.

Cr Kennedy noted that stormwater runoff is draining back into private drainage.

The UIM advised that this stormwater can be collected and redirected into the Council stormwater system.

The GMO advised that it is possible that a subdivider may have subdivided land and this could have contributed to the issues in this area but this is not certain.

RESOLUTION OCM 25/02/031

Moved: Cr Allan Gibson

Seconded: Cr Tim Mora

That Council;

1. Receives this report; Open Drain 30 Golf Links Road, Kaiata.
2. Notes the situation of the property owner and the significant work they have completed to ensure the open drain is operable.
3. Confirms that the open drain on the private land is deemed to be a 'private common drain', servicing numerous properties and that maintenance of the drain is the responsibility of the property owner and benefiting users.
4. Confirms it is unable to refund funds spent on the open drain by the property owner given its defined status. Noting such an action would set a significant precedent across the district.
5. Directs staff to action;

- (a) Further investigation into the possible septic tank overflows and if confirmed, initiate enforcement to ensure connection to the new sewer lateral provided to each property.
- (b) To programme work to collect water run-off from Golf Link Road, which is currently running down the driveway of 30 Gold Link Road and redirect to the Golf Link Road Stormwater reticulation.

Carried Unanimously

5.14 RETIREMENT HOUSING - HEALTHY HOMES STANDARDS - HEATING UPGRADES

Refer page 146 of the agenda.

Her Worship stated that Council has no other option but to keep our elderly residents warm and comfortable.

It was confirmed that there are 87 housing units.

The CE confirmed that there is financial capacity to fund the upgrades.

Cr O'Connor stated that a previous contractor did not do the job properly the first time around.

Cr MacDonald suggested that staff look into what type of heating is to be installed as some are expensive to run and pensioners are on limited incomes.

The GMO confirmed that staff have carried out a thorough review of what type of heating options can be used.

RESOLUTION OCM 25/02/032

Moved: Mayor Tania Gibson

Seconded: Cr Tim Mora

1. That Council;
 - (a) Receives the report and notes the requirements under the healthy homes standards.
 - (b) Approves unbudgeted funding of up to \$290,000.00 GST Excl by way of loan funding.
 - (c) Directs staff to complete final investigation to determine all required heating upgrades, seek pricing and present proposals for procurement and installation work to the Tenders Subcommittee and report back to Council on progress via the Operations and Capital Programme report.

Carried Unanimously

6 MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

There were no miscellaneous items.

7 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

7.1 RECEIPT OF MINUTES FROM OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

Refer page 151 of the agenda.

Cr O'Connor stated that the new beach access work at Cobden has been done by a group of volunteers who have done a great job. He thanked those involved for their efforts.

Her Worship agreed and thanked Cr Davy for his work with this community project.

RESOLUTION OCM 25/02/033

Moved: Mayor Tania Gibson

Seconded: Cr Peter Davy

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The Minutes of the following outside organisation be received:

1. Minutes of the Te Tai o Poutini Plan Committee Meeting held on 13 December 2024.
2. Minutes of the Cobden Aromahana Sanctuary and Recreation Areas Inc (CASRA) Committee Meeting held on 21 January 2025.

Carried Unanimously

8 IN COMMITTEE ITEMS

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

Agenda items 8.1 – 8.8

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:

RESOLUTION OCM 25/02/034

Moved: Mayor Tania Gibson

Seconded: Cr Jack O'Connor

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
8.1 - CONFIRMATION OF IN COMMITTEE MINUTES OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 27 JANUARY 2025	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
8.2 - RECEIPT OF IN COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE RISK AND ASSURANCE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY FOR	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	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

<p>INFORMATION OF COUNCIL HELD 10 FEBRUARY 2025</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7</p>
<p>8.3 - IN COMMITTEE MATTERS UNDER ACTION IN COMMITTEE</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>8.4 - OVERDUE DEBTORS REPORT</p>	<p>s7(2)(a) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons 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</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>8.5 - HISTORY AND FUTURE OF 50 PRESTON ROAD PROPERTY</p>	<p>s7(2)(a) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>8.6 - COUNCIL OWNED LAND - ENQUIRIES TO PURCHASE</p>	<p>s7(2)(a) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to</p>	<p>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</p>

	enable Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities	withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7
8.7 - REVIEW OF LEASES WITH RENT REVIEW ARRANGEMENTS	<p>s7(2)(a) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons</p> <p>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</p> <p>s7(2)(i) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)</p>	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
8.8 - LIBRARY STRUCTURE	s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities	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

Carried Unanimously

9 COUNCIL RESUMES IN OPEN MEETING

CLOSURE OR RATIFICATION OF DECISIONS IN OPEN MEETING.

The meeting concluded at 6.07 pm

Confirmed

T Gibson

Chairperson

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Date