

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, FIRST FLOOR, CIVIC ADMINISTRATION
BUILDING, 101 ESK STREET, INVERCARGILL ON MONDAY 5 MARCH 2018 AT 4.00 PM**

PRESENT: Cr L S Thomas – Chairperson
Cr I R Pottinger – Deputy Chairperson (from 4.01)
Cr I L Esler
Cr A H Crackett

IN ATTENDANCE: Cr L F Soper
Cr R L Abbott
Mr C A McIntosh – Director of Works and Services
Mr R Pearson – Roading Manager
Mr R Pagan – Parks Manager
Mr P Horner – Manager Building Assets and Museum
Mr A Murray – Water Manager
Mr R Keen – Manager 3 Waters
Mr P Thompson – Manager Pools
Mrs M Foster – Manager Library and Archives
Ms M Short - Manager Strategy and Policy
Ms A Smith - Team Leader - Core Services
Mr A Cameron – Policy Analyst
Ms L McCoy - Building Assets Administration
Ms L Kuresa – Governance Officer

1. APOLOGIES

His Worship the Mayor Mr T R Shadbolt, Cr A J Arnold, Cr K F Arnold and Cr I R Pottinger for lateness.

Moved Cr Esler, seconded Cr Crackett and **RESOLVED** that the apologies be accepted.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

Nil.

3. MONITORING OF SERVICE PERFORMANCE

The report had been circulated.

3.1 Levels of Service

3.1.1 *Parks and Reserves*

3.1.2 *Public Toilets*

3.1.3 *Roading*

3.1.4 *Sewerage*

3.1.5 *Solid Waste Management*

3.1.6 **Stormwater**

3.1.7 **Water Supply Activity**

Parks and Reserves

In response to a question by Cr Soper, as to when the crematorium chapel refurbishing would be happening, Mr Pagan said it was programmed to happen this financial year. There had been some initial ideas of what could be done to improve the appearance of it and they would be looking at those in the next week or two.

Note: Cr Pottinger joined the meeting at 4.01 pm.

Roading

In response to a question by Cr Thomas, as to whether the amount of activity around the city regarding roading was due to the maintenance season, Mr Pearson agreed that there were a number of activities around the city and some of them were project based work. They were trying to conclude any maintenance for improvement and finish the sealing, so there were quite a few smaller areas open. During the summer break was a good time to get all that work done.

In response to a question by Cr Thomas, as to whether the work that was happening at the corner of Don and Dee Streets were PowerNet sub-station work, Mr Pearson confirmed that it was and said that PowerNet was carrying out an extensive programme throughout the inner-city where there were underground link boxes. Don Street was one of those areas where they were working on sub-station as well as in Kelvin Street.

Moved Cr Pottinger, seconded Cr Esler and **RESOLVED** that the report be received.

4. **MONITORING OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE**

The report had been circulated.

4.1 **Finances**

4.2 **Services**

4.3 **Toilets**

4.4 **Engineering Services**

4.5 **3 Waters**

4.6 **Drainage**

4.7 **Parks Operation**

4.8 **Property**

4.9 **Roading Services**

- 4.10 **Water**
- 4.11 **Parks Assets**
- 4.12 **Solid Waste**
- 4.13 **WasteNet**

Parks Operations

In response to a question by Cr Crackett, as to why Parks Operations was \$118,000 over budget for the first six months of the year, Mr Pagan said the capital expenditure had expended over the budget and that was because the budget was at the financial year and the money was being spent during the financial year. Most of that related to capital expenditure.

Moved Cr Crackett, seconded Cr Pottinger and **RESOLVED** that the report be received.

5. **REQUEST FOR A CHANGE IN THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA**

Cr Thomas said that Mr Michael Horn from the Oreti Sands Golf Club was in attendance to answer any questions for Item 5.2.7 in the agenda and asked if that item could be brought forward in the agenda. The Committee agreed.

5.2.7 ***Southland Golf Club Incorporated (Oreti Sands Golf Course)***

Mr Michael Horn, President of the Southland Golf Club Incorporated was in attendance to answer any questions that the Committee had on this matter.

Mr Pagan said that the Lease Agreement gave Council the opportunity to negotiate the withdrawal of the lease and conditions of assets. Council needed to be wary that sometimes assets became liabilities overnight, so they had talked about that. The area of 60 hectares that had a lot of development on a lot of occasions, none of which were assets that needed to be removed, it was landform. The building was the only real asset that was there and it was not an asset that could be easily disposed of but onsite it could be of greater benefit if there were other activities in the future. Many of those people who had indicated that they wanted to go out there in the future would need some form of an asset anyway such as a clubroom facility and toilet facilities. It was one of those things that would be negotiated that would not create a major problem in the future.

In response to a question by Cr Thomas, as to what the tenure of the lease was, Mr Pagan said that the lease would expire when the Club indicated that they wanted to withdraw from lease.

In response to a question by Cr Thomas as to what the original lease, Mr Pagan said that original lease was 20 years. Under the Reserves Act there was no right of renewals but having been giving reviewed several times in the past, if the activity was still going on it could be renewed. Obviously the activity would not be carrying on, so it did prevent Council from a new lease to a new organisation.

Cr Thomas thanked Mr Horn for taking time to come along and answer further questions on this matter.

Moved Cr Thomas, seconded Cr Esler and **RESOLVED** that the report be received and that it be **RECOMMENDED** to Council that the Parks Manager

works with the Southland Golf Club on the surrender of the lease and the other conditions as required under the lease agreement.

5.1 **Other Business - Report of Councillor Alex Crackett**

5.1.1 ***Southland Cycling Strategy***

The report had been circulated and Cr Crackett took the meeting through it.

Cr Esler congratulated Cr Crackett on her sterling effort on this matter.

Cr Pearson said that the vision of the Strategy was about increasing safe cycling and participation. Cr Crackett had covered that well that Council was looking forward to increasing the safety of cyclists but it was also looking forward to increasing the participation of cyclists. The strategies that were included in the document were trying to address those two directions and part of that was the coordination of how that could be done across all councils in Southland rather than just Invercargill doing it. That was part of the future challenge that the Governance Group would be coordinating and developing further and delivered across the province.

Moved Cr Pottinger, seconded Cr Esler and **RESOLVED** that the report be received;

AND THAT

It be **RECOMMENDED** to Council that if the Cycling Strategy is available, to receive it as a tabled item.

5.2 **Report of the Director of Works and Services**

5.2.1 ***Temporary Road Closure – ANZAC Parade***

The report had been circulated and Mr Pearson took the meeting through it.

Moved Cr Pottigner, seconded Cr Crackett and **RESOLVED** that it be **RECOMMENDED** to Council that Council agrees that the proposed event, the ANZAC Parade will not impede traffic unreasonably;

AND THAT

As permitted under the Local Government Act 1974 (Section 342 and Schedule 10) approves the temporary closure for the event for the times, dates and locations as specified in the report.

5.2.2 ***Exchange of Land – Stopping of Road – Southern Greenway***

The report had been circulated and Mr Pearson took the meeting through it.

Moved Cr Pottinger, seconded Cr Crackett and **RESOLVED** that it be **RECOMMENDED** to Council that approval is given to commence the consultation to consider the stopping of legal road for the Southern Greenway as per the attached plans such that, if the road can be stopped, that an exchange of land can be undertaken with Parks.

5.2.3 ***City Water Restrictions January/February 2018***

The report had been circulated and Mr Murray took the meeting through it.

Moved Cr Pottinger, seconded Cr Esler and **RESOLVED** that the report be received.

5.2.4 **Bluff Road Ramp Upgrade**

The report had been circulated and Mr Pagan took the meeting through it.

Cr Pottinger said it was a very good design, it was safe and it was looking towards the future, so to fund something like this, Council was short of money, this was a classic case of user pays. It was done in Te Anau and everyone around New Zealand paid to drop in it. There was still the need to work out how the scheme could be run and monitors around it but he was sure that there were clubs in various fundraising people who would take on the duty. He could see that once the numbers were done, it could work out with a loan, paid off over a certain amount of time.

Cr Crackett said that funding that Council had released to Venture Southland for the sole purpose of community development and funding applications and wondered if this was a project that could be included in that. Mr Pagan said that he had spoken to Bobbi Brown from Venture Southland and she was looking into that along with other things that had been put forward. At the end of day, from a Tourism point of view, did it have a link to tourism? Bobbi Brown seemed to think it did.

Mr Pagan said that preliminary talks with recreational users and the semi-commercial users indicated that there had been no huge opposition to the user pays situation.

Cr Thomas said that there had been some extensive meetings over a long period of time with a lot of stakeholders within this, including boat owners, other recreational users and the Bluff Community Board, so there had been a lot of work going into and it was getting near the end of it because everyone saw the need as to how it should be funded. It was a definite asset and user pays was something that boaties brought up and they were more than happy with it. There was no other non-commercial way of getting to Stewart Island from Bluff or Invercargill except flying or going by ferry. He asked about a plan to manage the swimmers who used that area to jump off the jetty.

Mr Pagan said that swimming options had been discussed in the earlier meetings and it had become more vocal in this hot summer. The Bluff Community Board discussed this matter at its previous meeting and they had put it back to the community to look at what needed to be done and try and work through it. They were mindful of the safety factor and Council was not saying that people should not be swimming in that area or should not be boating but it was a matter of the community identifying what it needed and maybe looking at adjacent areas they could use.

Cr Esler said there were extensive discussions and submissions at the previous Bluff Community Board meeting but it came down to the fact that it was not safe to have children in the water while there were boats going in and out in that area.

Moved Cr Crackett, seconded Cr Pottinger and **RESOLVED** that the report be received and that it be **RECOMMENDED** to Council on the extent of work that Council wishes to be undertaken and permission to seek additional funders.

5.2.5 ***Parks Week***

The report had been circulated and Mr Pagan took the meeting through it.

Moved Cr Thomas, seconded Cr Esler and **RESOLVED** that the report be received.

5.2.6 ***Extreme Weather Conditions***

The report had been circulated and Mr Pagan took the meeting through it.

Moved Cr Esler, seconded Cr Crackett and **RESOLVED** that the report be received.

6. **URGENT BUSINESS**

6.1 **Condition of the Centre Plots in the City**

Cr Thomas said there had been a lot of comments about the centre plots and the condition of those, particularly along State Highway. If you looked along Tay Street at the moment it was like a small jungle and people were saying the Council should be getting that done but it was a State Highway issue.

Mr Pearson said that Cr Thomas was correct in saying that the State Highway was responsible for maintaining the centre plots along Tay Street, Dee Street and Clyde Street areas. There had been several discussions in the last few weeks about that responsibility and whether it had been delegated to the City, which had not been delegated. Council may recall that 18 months ago there was delegation that related to Parking but it did not include anything to do with vegetation control. Council was trying to work closely with NZTA to encourage them to continue to maintain the centre plots at the earliest possible time.

In response to a question by Cr Thomas, as to whether State Highway had previously maintained those centre plots, Mr Pearson said that Parks Operations used to undertake some of the work on behalf of their contractor but there had been a change of network operating network contract, so there was an area there where he believed that there was some misalignment between the new current contractor and the old contractor.

In response to a question by Cr Pottinger, as to what was happening to the centre plots on Queens Drive, Mr Pearson said that was part of the work that Council maintained through its maintenance contractor. During the dry period Council had not necessarily enforced a full mowing regime, mainly to protect some of the grass. Staff were aware that everybody's lawns were a bit wild at the moment with lots of growth going on, so they were working on bringing them back to standard.

7. **PUBLIC EXCLUDED SESSION**

Moved Cr Crackett, seconded Cr Pottinger and **RESOLVED** that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

(a) Report of the Director of Works and Services

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
(a) Muslim Burial Sites – Eastern Cemetery	Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)	Section 7(2)(i)
Request to Award Contract 824 – Library Refurbishment	Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)	Section 7(2)(i)
Request to Award Contract 825 – Splash Palace Changerooms	Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)	Section 7(2)(i)
