

SOUTHLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL

EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 15 FORTH STREET, INVERCARGILL

TUESDAY, 9 JUNE 2009

MINUTES of an EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of the SOUTHLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL held in the Council Chambers, 15 Forth Street, Invercargill on TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY 9, 10 and 11 of JUNE 2009 beginning at 9.00 am each day.

PRESENT: Mayor F Cardno (Chairperson), Crs J Copland, R Dobson, J Douglas, B Dillon, B Drummond, P Duffy, B Ford, G Harpur, W Jack, G Macpherson and D Ridley.

IN ATTENDANCE: Messrs D Adamson, P Culling, C McIntosh, L McKenzie W Heerdegen.
Ms N Taylor and Mesdames J O'Shannessy and Y Paterson.

APOLOGIES: Cr Bailey

Moved Cr Harpur, seconded Cr Jack
and RESOLVED THAT THE APOLOGY BE ACCEPTED.

1.0 NOTIFICATION OF URGENT BUSINESS

Moved Cr Dobson, seconded Cr Macpherson
and RESOLVED THAT SUBJECT TO 46A OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT 1987 THE FOLLOWING ITEMS BE CONSIDERED AS A MATTER OF URGENT BUSINESS:

REPLACEMENT PAGES TO BE INCLUDED IN THE EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA 9/10/11 JUNE 2009.

LATE SUBMISSION FROM A P MUSSON RECEIVED 8 JUNE 2009.

It was agreed that the replacement pages and the late submission should be considered at the meeting.

2.0 PUBLIC FORUM

Moved Cr Ridley, seconded Cr Ford
and RESOLVED THAT STANDING ORDERS BE SUSPENDED TO ALLOW SUBMISSIONS TO BE HEARD TO THE DRAFT LONG TERM COUNCIL COMMUNITY PLAN.

3.0 **REPORTS**

3.1 **SUBMISSIONS ON DRAFT TEN YEAR PLAN (LTCCP) 2009 - 2019**

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Report by Miss N Taylor and Mrs Y Paterson dated 2 June 2009 detailing submissions from the public consultation process for the Draft Ten Year Plan (LTCCP) 2009-2019 including comments from staff on the submissions received.

Moved Cr Dillon, seconded Cr Jack

and RESOLVED THAT THE REPORT ON SUBMISSIONS ON THE DRAFT TEN YEAR PLAN (LTCCP) 2009-2019 BE RECEIVED.

The following ratepayers spoke to their written submissions:

3.2 **Monowai Village Services Society Inc - Mr Terry McNamara**

Mr McNamara gave a brief history of the Monowai township and advised it was geographically challenged as it was so far from services.

The Society was opposed to the district funding of water and sewerage services - in particular sewerage at Monowai. They believed it should stay a user pays system where people paid for the costs of the services they received in their area. Equal rates suggested that everyone would receive the same quality of service, but they didn't believe that would be the case for Monowai. District wide funding would not provide incentives to communities to lower costs and do things better.

The Society did not wish to pay for other schemes inefficiencies and costs when they had dealt with theirs already and they asked for Monowai to be excluded from the "water clubbing" proposal.

They had undertaken their own maintenance and in so doing had slashed their rates bill. A monitoring and management structure was in place and maintenance was being done two monthly instead of annually. Although most work was done by one person, there was another regular holiday home owner that was also helping out. A committee of 6 people had been elected and given the authority to act on behalf of the Society and this seemed to work well.

3.3 **Queen Elizabeth II National Trust Southland - Mrs Gaye Munro**

Mrs Munro supported Council's stance in providing 100% rates relief to landowners who protected natural heritage areas with a QEII National Trust Open Space Covenant. She suggested the rates remission become automatic at the time of registration.

Council's part in the Biodiversity Southland forum reflected the values Council held for natural heritage. She believed great gains had been made in biodiversity although it had not been mentioned in the LTCCP. Weed control work was long overdue and needed to be addressed. A full provincial survey of natural heritage areas was needed and suggested councils could share an ecologist position to assist in determining ecological values of areas.

There was currently around 3,580 ha of QE II land in Southland.

3.4 Mr Ian Woodward - Riverton

Concerned that the summary of the LTCCP had been late in arriving and along with that, the submission form had not been included. He asked Council to do a direct mail out to all ratepayers in future.

Expressed his opposition to District Funding of Water and Sewerage schemes.

Supported any work that would make Mores Reserve in Riverton a better place and also supported the Riverton Pool Rate as he believed it was important for children to learn to swim.

Solid Waste - Kerbside Recycling - was against the proposal and believed greenwaste should be able to be dropped off for free at the old refuse site.

Mr Woodward also supported the road funding model currently being used so long as each sector had been correctly calculated.

3.5 Mr Ray Willett - Te Anau

Suggested a better location for the proposed new public toilets would be in the Events Centre carpark instead of the suggested location of Lions Park with the entrance on to Mokonui Street.

Tour coaches went through Te Anau on the way to Milford Sound and back and they only stopped in the town for a drink and a comfort stop. That was why he believed the Events Centre car park would be an ideal location for the toilets as it was only a short walk to the town centre. He believed camper vans could also use the car park for all day parking.

He would prefer to upgrade the current toilets and spend less than it would cost to build new facilities.

In answer to a question from Cr Jack - Mr Willett said he believed Council should provide public toilets but he suggested another option would be to locate them on Sandy Brown Road.

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.00 am and reconvened at 10.28 am.

3.6 Mr Peter Tait - Stewart Island

Referred to the number of abandoned cars on Stewart Island as they were not creating a good impression for tourists. Mr Tait suggested creating a system of charging all vehicles a return freight charge when they arrived on the Island.

Was also concerned at the proposal to district fund sewerage. If it was limited to operational costs then there was merit in the idea but if it extended to the cost of connection then it would financially penalise existing commercial properties. Mr Tait was also concerned that a number of commercial accommodation providers on the Island had not met their obligations with regard to sewerage connections.

Expressed concern about a grant made to Youth Hostels NZ to assist in establishing a hostel on Stewart Island. Mr Tait was asked if he was aware that the grant had been for the environmental/educational component of the building.

Questioned the need to spend \$40,000 on a new waterfront playground when there were only 12 children at the school. He thought the money would be better spent on footpaths and toilets at the popular beaches.

Thought needed to be given to future traffic planning because of the narrow roads, large number of vehicles and increasing number of tourists. Some roads could be made one way and footpaths built were possible. Mr Tait believed Stewart Island itself was a playground.

Reference was made regarding the proposed visitor levy and asked that Council poll the community about the administration of the fund. His final point was that he was pleased Council was not planning to build a water scheme on the Island.

3.7 Mr J R and Mrs K E Murrell - Te Anau

Requested clearance of trees and scrub and bracken between Lake Manapouri and road be continued. Suggested tourists liked to view the lake from the road. Also that provision of 15 to 17 car parks be made in the beech copse behind the toilet.

Mr Murrell said that the Te Anau sewerage should be treated in Te Anau and not piped to Manapouri. He suggested that the gas could be used to generate electricity. Mr Murrell was advised by the meeting that no definite plans had been made for how the sewerage would be treated however it was expected the present ponds in Te Anau would continue to pre-treat effluent and it was intended that the treated effluent would be piped to Manapouri.

Mr Murrell asked that Council construct a new street with all underground services to the same distance to allow him to develop sections.

Mr Murrell was asked if he was the owner of all of the sections 7 - 12 Murrell Avenue. The submitter responded that he was not.

A further question was asked regarding whether Mr Murrell knew what the community's opinion was regarding the removal of the trees. Mr Murrell said he believed he had support.

3.8 Mr Chris Wills - Gore

Mr Wills did not attend the meeting.

3.9 Mr J B Mason - Edendale

Reminded Council that both Environment Southland and SDC agree the quality and quantity of drinking water may not be guaranteed in the future. Councils LTCCP did not indicate how this problem would be handled and suggested Council encourage the installation of rainwater tanks in townships. Quality advice had to be given to residents so they could make their own decisions.

When asked whether it should be mandatory for houses to have water tanks, he suggested it was better to lead rather than to order.

3.10 Mrs Susan Samson - Otautau

Mrs Samson made her submission using the telephone conference system.

Opposed to ratepayers contributing to Stadium Southland and believed lifestyle block owners should not be penalised as they were not a profit making business. Didn't believe a three bin kerbside recycling system was needed as there was already a recycling centre in Ohai. Opposed to ratepayers contributing to Venture Southland - believed it should be user pays.

Agreed with "water clubbing" as it would be good for Ohai.

3.11 Mr John Wilson - Riverton

Was unhappy with Council's approach to roading rates and believed there was a more equitable way to fund roading. Council should live within inflationary percentages or just slightly above.

Also suggested Council go back to 29% of the rate take being by Uniform Annual Charge and not the 25% currently being suggested. Referred to the world wide recession and believed the LTCCP was a "wish list". He also didn't believe the roads were in that bad a condition.

It was pointed out that 90% of the roading budget was spent on rural roads but only 77% was funded from rural ratepayers.

At the conclusion of the morning session, Mr Adamson read the definition of "lifestyle" as given by Quotable Values, to the meeting.

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 11.48 am and resumed at 1.00 pm.

3.12 Mrs Pat Veltkamp Smith - Nightcaps

Expressed disappointment that the summary document had been late in arriving.

Suggested rebates should be offered to people who planted trees. Discussed "lifestyle blocks" and suggested they should be reclassified as "residential". People in Ohai/Nightcaps were beautifying adjacent sections which otherwise would be left to become overgrown.

3.13 Federated Farmers of New Zealand - Messrs R Pemberton, D Fraser, D Rose and D Cooper

Proposed rate increase of 6.93% for the current year was too high with a total increase of 84% over 10 years. Asked Council to make better use of targeted rates for spending that would benefit tourism oriented businesses. Would also advocate to increase FAR and were willing to work with SDC towards that. Questioned the use of the Morrison Low model as the basis for allocating roading expenditure and asked Council to go back to the GHD variation of the PWC/MWH model. Encouraged Council to maintain UAC at 29%. Also asked Council to reconsider the increases in expenditure on items such as Strategy and Advocacy, District Support and Council Offices.

A Powerpoint presentation was given that referred to the above points.

Mr Alan Kennaird of Alan Kennaird Consulting entered the meeting by the telephone conference system and spoke in support of the Federated Farmers submission. He referred to the following two internationally accepted principles - Allocation of costs to where costs are incurred or to those who incur them, or Allocation of costs based on benefits received.

When asked if other Councils were using a better road rate model, Mr Kennaird advised most were just using capital value. He would support using more than just a capital value model. Although a lot of travel originated outside the District, that was irrelevant. An amount should be assigned to each landuse category as it was an appropriate measure of land use. Allocation of roading rate should be based on the benefit gained.

3.14 Mr Steve Chandler - Southern Wood Council

Supported endeavours to find a fair and equitable rating system although would prefer to see no road rates being funded by rates but instead being covered by national road user charges or a national levy.

Southern Wood Council want to work with Council regarding designated heavy traffic routes.

3.15 Mr Alistair Wilson - Southland Farm Forestry Association

Supported beautification projects and activities associated with parks and reserves as well as Councils involvement in forestry. Expressed concern about keeping rate increases low in the short term by means of debt and then increasing later in the cycle. Properties must be rated in the correct category and he believed those that damaged the roads should pay to repair them.

3.16 Mr Peter Phiskie

Although in attendance, did not speak to his submission as it had already been covered by the Federated Farmers submission.

3.17 Mr Earl Hagaman - Mr Scenic Circle Hotels

Mr Hagaman made his submission using the telephone conference system.

Spoke to his submission in favour of linking the Haast/Hollyford areas by the development of a road. Mr Hagaman believed that if the highway structure was to be extended and improved during this economic downturn there could be no better use of funds than to complete this link of highway.

Sponsorship and possible toll roads were discussed.

It was explained that in the past, several different alternatives had been mooted at various times and if Council supported this proposal, they could then be asked to support others.

3.18 Mr Darryl King - Tuatapere

Mr King said his property adjoined a large forestry operation and he was concerned at trees being planted too close to the boundary. Power cuts, shedding leaves, root invasion and trees falling on power lines were all problems he thought could be resolved if forestry trees were planted a minimum distance of the estimated mature height plus five metres back from the boundary fence.

Council suggested this issue could be addressed as part of the forthcoming District Plan Review. An information pack that included the dates of the public meetings was given to Mr King.

3.19 Mr B K Thomson - Riverton

Referred to the short time from delivery of summary document to the closing date for submissions. Mr Thomson was also not in favour of District Funding of Water and Sewerage Schemes. Also opposed to Council providing funding assistance to Stadium Southland and the Rugby World Cup. Believed the three bin kerbside service was too much for the average ratepayer and there was nothing wrong with the current system.

3.20 Mr Noel Carran - Riverton

Delivery of the summary document was too late for people to make submissions. Was not in favour of District funding of water and sewerage schemes, or of the Riverton Museum complex.

Also not in favour of the three bin kerbside collection service and suggested it would be cheaper to give each household a compost bin.

The meeting adjourned for afternoon tea at 3.12 pm and resumed at 3.30 pm.

3.21 Mr Dave Marshall - Invercargill

Requested to work more closely with Council regarding maintenance of roads as his trucks travelled on them every day. He also asked to be kept informed and notified of aspects of the Council's decision-making that concerned his business operation.

He urged Council to listen to the people that were regular users of the roads. It was suggested to Mr Marshall that he use the Council 0800 number to report roading problems. He advised he usually prepared a list of affected roads and handed it in to Council to be actioned.

Mr Adamson advised that Council would only look at the areas currently using wheelie bins.

3.22 Mr John and Mrs Ailsa Broughton - Tuatapere

Mrs Broughton spoke to her submission and explained their property was surrounded by eucalyptus forests. She felt the big overseas companies that owned the forestry had not listened to their concerns about problems with spray drift, ragwort and other weed infestations and also the cutting down of mature Kowhai trees. Proliferation of wasps was another problem they had to deal with.

Council suggested this was another issue that could be addressed as part of the forthcoming District Plan Review. An information pack that included the dates of the public meetings was given to Mrs Broughton.

3.23 Mr T Philpott on behalf of Mrs Bev Evans - Nightcaps

Mr Philpott said he was In favour of District Funding of Water and Sewerage Schemes.

He asked Council to cut back the amount of the contribution to Stadium Southland, Southland Museum and Venture Southland due to the recession and the need to focus on other areas. Refuse collection costs should be user pays based on the number of kilometres travelled to collect the bins. Also opposed to increasing the UAC back up to 29%.

3.24 Mr T E King - Invercargill

Asked Council to support and actively lobby for Government completion of the road linking Southland and Westland via Fiordland.

Mr King believed that as the Government was looking at infrastructural developments over the next few years it was appropriate to raise the issue at this time. There would be no cost to Council he stated but he wanted Council's support to lobby Government.

3.25 Mrs Dorothy Mollett - Wallacetown

Not in favour of the proposal to District fund water and sewerage operations. She referred to the Heads of Agreement the Council had signed on behalf of the Wallacetown Community with the Alliance Freezing Company. The recently commissioned sewerage scheme in Wallacetown used the treatment and disposal facilities at the freezing works and paid an annual charge for use of that facility. The agreement would expire on 30 June 2041.

- 3.26 Wallacetown Community Board - Mr Frank Shearing and Mr Craig Spriggs
Suggested the Wallacetown sewerage scheme should continue as a stand-alone scheme because it was unique in its partnership with the Alliance Freezing Company.

The Community Board were totally opposed to District funding of water and sewerage schemes.

The meeting adjourned for the day at 4.47 pm.

SOUTHLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL

RECONVENED EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 10 JUNE 2009

All Councillors and staff as listed the previous day were present when the meeting reconvened.

Apology from Cr Bailey continued.

3.27 Community Trust of Southland - Mr John Prendergast

Supported Councils contribution of \$50,000 a year to Stadium Southland and the proposal to help fund the Rugby World Cup. Asked that an asset management plan be prepared for the future maintenance of the proposed covered sports centre in Winton.

Mr Prendergast then explained the long term investment and grants strategy for the Trust.

The meeting asked for further information about the following issues:

- * Investment Bonds for Local Authorities,
- * The Trust relationship with Milford Sound, and
- * Quick access to funding if an unexpected option arose.

Mr Prendergast replied that CTOS would be interested in looking at Investment Bonds or similar, Milford Sound was in the Otago Community Trust area and special requests outside the usual funding rounds could be looked at on a case by case basis.

3.28 Mr Wayne Harpur - Invercargill

Asked Council to give support in advocating a legislative change that would enable areas outside of Auckland to conduct a binding referenda on Council amalgamations.

Mr Harpur referred to the discussions held in 1997 regarding amalgamation and although it didn't go ahead, the LA's had all worked together. He suggested one option would be for each Council to control an area they were particularly experienced in e.g. Southland District could have control of all roading, Gore District could be the Arts centre and the Invercargill City could be the Library Hub.

Mr Harpur was asked if he thought it was a democratic process for one Council to "rule" because of their greater population.

He believed Southland was a "community of interest" with all communities feeding in to each other. Southland should be in the "driving seat" and not let central government dictate the terms and conditions of amalgamation. There were all sorts of options that could be looked at, he concluded.

3.29 Mr F Adcock - Winton

Referred to the condition of the Winton Memorial Hall as it urgently needed borer control, particularly under the stage. Also believed the kitchen and supper room needed upgrading and a dishwasher installed.

Assessments were being undertaken of all Council halls and when the information became available it would be referred to the Winton Community Board, Mr Adcock was advised.

3.30 Southland Warm Homes Trust - Messrs Phil Hancock and Greg Buzzard

The Southland Warm Homes Trust had been operating for 11 months and Council was asked to assist with \$35,000 each year for a further four years, 2009/2010, 2010/2011, 2011/2012 and 2012/2013.

908 homes had been assessed so far with a long waiting list for assessment and installation. The initiative had provided work for up to 35 people and it was anticipated that number could increase to 40 in the near future.

The meeting referred to advertising in the rural areas and co-ordination of assessment visits.

3.31 Mrs Christine Henderson - Lumsden

Supported planting native trees and shrubs and would like to see more bird and bee friendly trees. Agreed with the Warm Homes initiative. Questioned the cost of the upgrade to the Lumsden Public Toilets. Also supported prepaying for upgrading of new water and sewerage schemes and repaying over 40 years and remission for protected indigenous estate in private hands.

Believed the District Plan needed reviewed with regard to provisions for protection of the landscape. A further concern was the impact of heavy vehicles on the roading network, and suggested that should be recognised in the roading rate. Loss of smoothness of sealed roads was unfortunate but inevitable given the heavy traffic on the roads.

Supported a protective fire-free zone around all environmentally sensitive indigenous areas. Dark sky lighting and the effects of street lighting were matters that could be addressed at the time the District Plan was reviewed. Further clarification regarding the statement "look to protect eco-systems and manage natural resources" so that old mistakes were avoided.

An information pack on the proposed review of the District Plan was given to Mrs Henderson.

Supported tertiary treatment of sewerage and believed in future this may be an energy source via composting. Water was a finite resource and drinking water should have priority.

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.16 am and reconvened at 10.43 am.

3.32 Sustainable Transport Charitable Trust - Mr Ken Wuschke

Suggested that Council develop a disabled accessibility plan for all footpaths under SDC control to make the District's footpaths network completely barrier free for all users by 2019.

Council should consider walking, cycling and public transport as an everyday transport option. Cycle ways would bring benefit to the district as both tourists and ratepayers would use them.

Mr Wuschke was advised Council were developing an Alternative Transport Strategy to provide framework for Walking and Cycling facilities and potential Passenger Transport within the District.

3.33 Roslyn Road Residents - Mrs Patsy Gordon

Mrs Gordon spoke on behalf of the Roslyn Road Residents and explained that Roslyn Road was the closest road to Invercargill that was in the District roading network. It was an unsealed road and had a number of potholes on it.

The state of the road affected businesses and as there were 18 houses on 33 sections, there was a lot of traffic. The residents believed they could get the road sealed for a lot less than the price that had been quoted in the past.

It was explained that the road didn't meet the NZTA guidelines to obtain a subsidy for the work.

The group were asked if they had considered using "ottoseal" as it had been used on other roads in the district for far greater traffic numbers. It was agreed residents and staff would look at using it on the 2.8 km section of road as a trial.

If there were pothole problems on the road, Councils 0800 number should be called and a request for service lodged.

3.34 The Roothing Company - Mr Dave Wilson

Believed Council needed to seal 45 kms per year to maintain the present sealed road network. Currently, Council was only sealing 19 kms a year. Roads constructed in the 1960's were reaching the end of their life. There was not enough work in Southland for Contractors and there needed to be a consistent flow of work to retain a well resourced, trained, quality contracting base in Southland.

Another point of concern was that Tenders were going out too late in the season. Contractors needed sufficient lead in time (at least 3 months).

It was clarified that sealed roads were more expensive to maintain than gravel roads.

Mr Wilson suggested there would be large increases in roading material costs once the recession had passed.

3.35 Venture Southland - Mr Simon Henshaw

Requested that Council consider road safety issues surrounding the 12 kms of unsealed road between Haldane and Porpoise Bay in the Catlins. As the benefits would primarily be to visitors to the area, it was suggested funding should be secured from non-Catlins sources, including the National Land Transport Programme. It was asked for that to be included in the LTCCP.

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 11.36 am and reconvened at 1.14 pm.

3.36 NZ Transport Agency - Mr Ian McCabe

Advised New Zealand Transport Agency were looking for alignment between Council's LTCCP and the Regional Transport Plan. Mr McCabe commented on the Government's Roothing Policy Statement. He also stated that NZTA would like to see the ability of development and financial contributions to be charged for the State Highway network.

There was some discussion about NZTA's past processes and ability to retain development contributions for specific projects and that Council may be better to hold funding to improve State Highways or local roads.

A discussion on signage adjacent to State Highways followed as well as clarification of slipways off State Highways.

Council agreed that Mr McCabe should be invited to attend a future meeting to clarify further points of interest to the Councillors.

3.37 Mrs Dorothy Bulling - Te Anau

Referred to the summary document not arriving in time for residents to be able to give sufficient thought to putting in a submission.

Ratepayers needed a better solution than being called on to pay the operating shortfall for the Te Anau/Manapouri Airport. She suggested turning the airport into a limited liability company and allowing shares to be sold. She asked what would happen if it still wasn't making a profit after 10 years.

Council were urged not to continue with the three bin kerbside recycling project. It was a city solution but not for small towns and rural ratepayers.

The LTCCP did not state whether the current recycling centres would remain if the three bin system was introduced.

3.38 Mr Lloyd Matheson - Te Anau

Footpath - Asked that the Kepler subdivision walkway be extended to include a footpath to connect the entire length of Sandy Brown Road in conjunction with linking Kepler Heights subdivision, Alpine Terrace subdivision, Caswell St and SH 94. Requests provision of a footpath be included in the LTCCP.

Haast-Hollyford Road - believed linking the lower Hollyford Road through to the Haast Road was a key issue for long term roading but had not been planned in the LTCCP.

Kerbside Recycling - Needed to be more public education of the benefits of the system. Supported the three bin system as long as the end result was justified and worked for the environment and sustainability.

Airport - supported the development of the airport but believed Council would not raise the necessary funds from any sale of the Waiiau airstrip.

Wastewater - The proposal to dispose treated sewage onto land adjacent to the airport was not the best use of that land.

3.39 Mrs Shirley Mouat - Manapouri

Opposed to the three bin collection system because of the cost. Also opposed to a rates increase to support the airport. Council should find other ways to fund it. Offering shares to the public would be one way to do it.

Opposed to pumping sewerage from Te Anau to Manapouri. Stated the cost would be prohibitive.

Asked how Manapouri was going to sustain the costs of upgrading water pressure and bringing drinking water up to the Government's new standards. Had no other ideas for the provision of water but thought it looked as if it would be expensive.

3.40 Mr Allan Youldon - Manapouri

Mr Youldon put in an apology for not attending the meeting.

3.41 Real Journeys Ltd - Fiona Black - Te Anau

Ms Fiona Black made her submission using the telephone conference system.

Ms Black referred to the following matters:

Milford Community Trust - concerned that the larger community would be hit with the costs and also the length of tenure of the trustees (4 years).

Public toilets in Lion Park - opposed to the toilets facing onto Mokonui Street. Believed there was a feeling afoot that coaches were not welcome on the waterfront.

Car Park in Manapouri - wanted to see road markings painted on the park so cars would park in an orderly way. The mud on the car park in winter was also a problem as was the mud on the path from the bus park to Pearl Harbour.

SIESA - concerned at the age of the generators and that they were vulnerable. Also supported the provision of footpaths and street lights on Stewart Island.

Recycling - Real Journeys received negative feedback from members of the public because of the lack of public facilities.

Supports the provision of Civil Defence Emergency Management services.

In response to a question from the meeting - Ms Black said she was against user pays toilets as in her experience, tourists did not carry cash.

The meeting adjourned for afternoon tea at 3.15 pm and reconvened at 3.45 pm.

3.42 Mr Keith and Mrs Susan Milne - Otautau

The economic boom times were over and there would be lower farming profits for some time. Asked Council to treat farming fairly with regard to rates.

Opposed to roading rates and believed that Council and management were out of touch proposing to load more roading costs onto Southland's productive sector. Reference was made to the condition of their road - Waicola Road. Mr Milne was advised that he should contact the 0800 number when maintenance needed to be done.

It was suggested the Roading Engineer for the Area be asked to inspect the road.

3.43 Jesse Bythell - Otautau

Suggested a footpath from Otautau to the Arboretum be constructed as it was currently safer to drive than to walk. Use of native plants in beautification schemes was supported.

Concerned that the LTCCP made no mention of protecting or enhancing biodiversity values even though the Council could have control through subdivision and land use regulation.

An information pack on the review of the District Plan that included Public Meeting dates was given to Ms Bythell.

Supports the improvements to the Ohai-Nightcaps-Wairio scheme particularly the storage capacity and drinking water.

3.44 Amanda Banhidi - Tokanui

Ms Banhidi did not attend the meeting.

3.47 Mr Martin Hall - Invercargill

Stated Council needed to look at its business plan and stop the increase in rates because of the current economic times. Was concerned at where Council was going.

Opposed to Council's current approach to allocating roading expenditure. City people don't pay for rural roads but rural people have to pay towards the Stadium.

Opposed to the proposed move to reduce the UAC. The use of land and capital value was no reflection of that person's use of Council services.

3.45 NZ Landcare Trust - Janet Gregory - Gore

Requested that funding for employment of a biodiversity co-ordinator (\$10,000 per annum) be continued in the LTCCP from July 2010 to June 2013. Current funding was in place until June 2010.

Biodiversity Inventory - requested funding of \$15,000 per year for five years to assist with undertaking a biodiversity inventory for Southland. Funding would also be available from Biodiversity Advice and Environment Southland. It was intended that 100 properties this year would be inspected to identify areas of significance, threats and management needs.

Weed Control Capacity - requested council work in a co-ordinated way with landowners when spraying roadsides and reserves.

3.48 Mr Malcolm McKenzie - Winton

Referred to the visual pollution caused by some dairy wintering sheds in Southland - some blended in with the countryside and others did not .e.g., red roofs etc.

A further issue of concern was bright lighting in wintering sheds and the possibility this may be a matter of concern in the future. Sides of shed painted white with large amounts of perspex in the roof meant at nights they could be seen several kilometres away. It wasn't only sheds that projected light upwards as lighting at intersections needed to be angled correctly, he concluded.

3.46 Simon McRae - Wyndham

Believed there were flawed and inadequate guidelines and standards on wind farm applications and processes. Asked that Council pressure government to set national guidelines and standards for the siting of wind farms and put a moratorium on new developments until those issues had been resolved.

Another problem was that there were no restrictions on minimum distances that turbines must be situated from residential properties.

There were also potentially huge costs involved in challenging wind farms. There was inadequate financial protection for neighbouring properties - because of reduced land values. Noise and related health problems was another matter of concern. Didn't want photomontages used because there were no standards or guidelines. Iconic areas should be identified and protected.

When asked where the evidence came from regarding reduction in land values, Mr McRae said it was overseas data. The noise factor was questioned by the meeting.

Mr McKenzie - Group Manager, Regulatory Services, advised that if an application for a wind farm was made to Council, they had a legal obligation to process the application but the Government could be asked to hear the application.

3.49 Southland Community Wastebusters Trust - Mr Malcolm McKenzie and Ms Gretchen Ledington

The Trust was very supportive of moving to a three bin system but had some concerns. Believed there was not enough information available to the public in the draft LTCCP's on the proposal. The system should be user pays i.e. households were charged per bin pick up or per weight basis to provide a better incentive to reduce waste. Business waste made up 40% of the waste stream. Local operators should be given priority in the tender process to support the local economy and suggested Southland Enterprises needed to be protected. Long term contracts should be avoided because technology was constantly changing.

Recycling should still be undertaken in a volatile market - materials could be stored until new markets were found.

Moved Cr Jack, seconded Cr Harpur
and RESOLVED THAT STANDING ORDERS BE REINSTATED.

The meeting adjourned for the day at 5.32 pm.

SOUTHLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL
RECONVENED EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY 11 JUNE 2009

MINUTES of a RECONVENED EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of the SOUTHLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL held in the Council Chambers, 15 Forth Street, Invercargill on THURSDAY, 11 JUNE 2009 at 9.00 am.

PRESENT: Mayor Cardno (Chairperson), Crs J Copland, R Dobson, J Douglas, B Dillon, B Drummond, P Duffy, B Ford, G Harpur, W Jack, G Macpherson and D Ridley.

IN ATTENDANCE: Messrs D Adamson, P Culling, C McIntosh and L McKenzie.
Ms A Robson, C Tan, N Taylor, Messrs W Heerdegen, R Hawkes, J Laskewitz and Mesdames Y Paterson and J O'Shannessy.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE: Messrs D Cooper, D Fraser, D Rose and R Pemberton - representing Federated Farmers.

1.0 **APOLOGIES:**

Cr L Bailey
Cr P Duffy for lateness.

Moved Cr Dillon, seconded Cr Jack
and RESOLVED THAT THE APOLOGIES BE ACCEPTED.

2.0 **SUMMARY AND CONSIDERATION OF COMMENTS MADE ON SUBMISSIONS**

Ms Taylor advised the submissions were usually discussed in alphabetic order but this time it was intended to consider the major issues first then refer to the remainder of the submissions.

* **District Funding of Water and Sewerage**
32 submissions had been received regarding this matter.

Council had asked for additional information on this issue with both Monowai village and Wallacetown being excluded from the rate. Ms Robson advised that if Monowai and Wallacetown were excluded from the District Funding of Water and Sewerage, the rate would be between \$235 - \$236 in the 09/10 year - an increase of \$1 per property. In the 18/19 year, that figure would be \$502 - \$510 - an increase of \$8.

Cr Duffy entered the meeting at 9.07 am.

The meeting debated the "water clubbing" proposal with some Councillors believing the cost to some communities would be too great even though others would benefit. It should be a "user pays" system and maybe Council could look

at “smarter ways” of doing maintenance. It was suggested there would be more acceptance from local residents if the rate was for a community service.

Another point put forward was that it would be of benefit to the whole district and Council should bear in mind it would spread the cost across every scheme and all communities would benefit in time.

It was confirmed that the cost was for maintenance and renewals only, not for expansions or new schemes although Resource Consents would be funded from the District Water and Sewerage Fund.

Federated Farmers representatives entered the meeting at 9.20 am.

Mayor Cardno warned the meeting that water would have to be “managed” in the future as it was a precious resource. There was huge wastage in the district and people needed to be educated about water use.

Some water schemes were losing consumers and if the water rate was increased further losses could be expected.

Possible changes in Government Policy surrounding water use, regulation and subsidies as well as the impact of the new maintenance contract and investigations into maintenance costs and possible efficiencies indicated any decision should be delayed for twelve months and considered again at that time.

The following resolution was put to the meeting:

Moved Cr Drummond, seconded Cr Jack
and RESOLVED THAT ANY DECISION ON DISTRICT FUNDING OF WATER AND SEWERAGE SCHEMES (WATER - SEWERAGE CLUBBING) BE DEFERRED FOR 12 MONTHS.

After the resolution was put to the meeting and before the vote was taken, the following points were made:

- * Residents should be encouraged to use tanks for collection of water for gardening, vehicle cleaning etc.
- * Council needed to show leadership on this issue, particularly with the long term in mind.

The motion was put to the meeting and carried.

* Roading issues

Ms Robson referred to figures used in the calculation of funding requirements for roading for the period of the plan. Audit NZ required inflation to be added into the figures and it had been calculated at approx 3%. That would be adjusted if inflation was less.

It was agreed to removed \$200,000 from the roading expenditure (sealed and unsealed maintenance) to reflect recent tender prices. The remainder of the roading programme to be left as in the draft LTCCP (including no seal extensions). Council also requested that over the next 12 months, staff look further at roading levels of service, costs and maintenance delivery and work with Council to look at ways to reduce the cost of roading.

Moved Cr Jack, seconded Cr Ridley
and RESOLVED THAT \$200,000 BE REMOVED FROM ROADING EXPENDITURE (SEALED AND UNSEALED MAINTENANCE) FROM THE DRAFT LTCCP AND DRAFT ROADING ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLAN.

The Roading Manager advised the meeting indices were now running 3% higher for sealing work than when the LTCCP was put together. A project was underway to identify the "core costs" associated with roading but it would be some time before it was completed.

The meeting then discussed maintenance of gravel roads and the need to provide good quality surfaces.

The meeting adjourned for Morning Tea at 10.12 am and reconvened at 10.30 am.

* Roading Rate Model and Sector Percentage Shares

Reference was made to the "Lifestyle" blocks and the definition used by Quotable Values - Council valuation contractor. The following is the definition provided by QV for a lifestyle block.

Generally in a rural area, where the predominant use is for a residence and, if vacant, there is a right to build a dwelling. The land can be of variable size but must be larger than an ordinary residential allotment. The principle use of the land is non-economic in the traditional farming sense, and the value exceeds the value of comparable farmland.

Ms Robson tabled an Analysis of Lifestyle Roading Rate Paper for members information.

A suggestion was made to shift 1% from the "lifestyle" category and put it on to the "residential" category but it was pointed out that a lot of lifestyle blocks did have an income e.g. baleage, hay etc., as they had once been part of a working farm.

The valuation process was explained with the request that when Council became aware of anomalies, they were passed on to Quotable Values to correct on their database.

The meeting discussed the present road rating model and supported its retention including the amendments as listed in the LTCCP 2009 - 2019.

Moved Cr Copland, seconded Cr Dillon
and RESOLVED THAT THE CURRENT SHARE OF COSTS FOR THE ROADING RATE AS DETAILED IN THE DRAFT LONG TERM COUNCIL COMMUNITY PLAN BE USED AS THE BASIS FOR ESTABLISHING THE ROAD RATE FOR 2009/2010.

* Haast-Hollyford Road

Had not been included in the plan at this stage. If the plan was promoted as a priority by the Regional Transport Committee or other parties, then the Council may lend support at that time for the project to be progressed.

The Westland District Council had recently mooted the idea of a cycle track connecting the Haast-Hollyford areas.

Moved Cr Jack, seconded Cr Dillon
and RESOLVED THAT NO FURTHER ACTION BE TAKEN ON PROVISION
OF A HAAST-HOLLYFORD ROAD.

Federated Farmers representatives left the meeting at 11.21 am.

Discussion took place on the condition of tourist roads and It was suggested
the Minister of Tourism be lobbied (strongly) regarding Central Government
funding to complete sealing the Southern Scenic Route.

* Uniform Annual Charges

A paper was tabled showing the implications of possible amendments to the
UAC. Ms Robson reminded the meeting that this would be part of the Revenue
and Financing Policy and if Civil Defence/SRFA were added into the UAC, the
Policy would have to be amended.

It was agreed that "Public Health" should be included as a Uniform Annual
Charge but Civil Defence/SRFA would be considered at another time.

Moved Cr Douglas, seconded Cr Duffy
and RESOLVED THAT THE COLLECTION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH
SERVICE RATE BE CHANGED FROM THE CURRENT LAND VALUE BASIS
TO A UNIFORM ANNUAL CHARGE PER DWELLING.

* Grants

Stadium Southland - An ongoing annual contribution to Stadium Southland of
\$50,000 per year.

Moved Cr Jack, seconded Cr Copland
and RESOLVED THAT THE SOUTHLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL APPROVE A
GRANT OF \$50,000 PER YEAR TO STADIUM SOUTHLAND.

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.03 pm and reconvened at 12.45 pm.

Grants - continued

Rugby World Cup - requesting a "one off" contribution of \$29,000 in 2010/2011
for costs associated with the Rugby World Cup games being held in
Invercargill.

It was confirmed that although a team would be hosted locally, it did not mean
it would necessarily stay locally. The grant was not for payment of players but
to cover ancillary costs associated with the local games.

Moved Cr Macpherson, seconded Cr Copland
and RESOLVED THAT A ONE-OFF CONTRIBUTION OF \$29,000 IN
2010/2011 BE INCLUDED IN THE LONG TERM COUNCIL COMMUNITY
PLAN FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE RUGBY WORLD CUP GAMES
BEING HELD IN INVERCARGILL.

Warm Homes Trust - Request for funding of \$35,000 per annum for the period
2009/2010 to 2013/14 to continue home insulation initiatives.

Moved Cr Dobson, seconded Cr Jack
and RESOLVED THAT FUNDING OF \$35,000 PER ANNUM FOR FOUR YEARS (2009/2010, 2010/2011, 2011/2012 AND 2012/2013) BE APPROVED FOR THE SOUTHLAND WARM HOMES TRUST TO CONTINUE HOME INSULATION INITIATIVES.

New Zealand Landcare Trust - Requesting continued funding of \$10,000 per annum for three years (2010/2011, 2011/2012 and 2012/2013) for the position of Biodiversity Southland Co-ordinator, and funding of \$15,000 per annum for five years (2009/2010 to 2013/2014) to undertake a Biodiversity inventory. To be funded from the District Plan Review Budget.

Moved Cr Ridley, seconded Cr Harpur
and RESOLVED:

- a. THAT CONTINUED FUNDING OF \$10,000 PER ANNUM FOR THREE YEARS (2010/2011, 2011/2012 AND 2012/2013) BE APPROVED FOR THE CONTINUING EMPLOYMENT OF THE BIODIVERSITY SOUTHLAND COORDINATOR.
- b. THAT FUNDING OF \$15,000 PER ANNUM FOR FIVE YEARS (2009/2010, 2010/2011, 2011/2012, 2012/2013 AND 2013/2014) BE APPROVED TO BIODIVERSITY SOUTHLAND TO UNDERTAKE A BIODIVERSITY INVENTORY WITH FUNDING TO BE PROVIDED FROM THE DISTRICT PLAN REVIEW BUDGET.

It was suggested the employment of an Ecologist (as referred to in the previous submissions) should be looked at in conjunction with Environment Southland as it was believed it was a regional issue.

- * Kerbside Recycling - Would not be rated for until the 2010/2011 year. It was agreed that the correct information needed to be circulated to the public regarding the final destination of recycled goods e.g. was there a market for plastic, bottles, papers etc., with the ultimate destination of the goods being advised.

A tender document was being worked on for a regional three bin collection service and it was hoped tender prices would be presented to Council late in the year (2009). If it did not proceed, Council would need to review the current system as well as looking at the wheelie bin contract.

- * Te Anau Manapouri Airport - submissions made on the airport would be referred to the Te Anau Community Board.
- * Sewerage Te Anau - Clarification was provided about the proposed Te Anau Sewerage Treatment Plant and possible piped disposal to land adjacent to the Te Anau/Manapouri Airport.
- * Cemetery Funding - Standardisation of interment fees was agreed by the meeting.
- * Consultation - Because of problems with the delivery of the Summary Document of the LTCCP as unaddressed mail, it was agreed that \$20,000 be included in the budget to cover the cost of using the addressed mail service.

Moved Cr Drummond, seconded Cr Harpur
and RESOLVED THAT AN ADDITIONAL \$20,000 PER ANNUM BE INCLUDED IN THE CORPORATE PLANNING BUDGET FOR THE ADDITIONAL COST OF POSTAGE, PRINTING AND DELIVERY OF THE SUMMARY STATEMENT OF PROPOSAL.

- * Representation and Advocacy - Requesting Council to provide support in advocating a legislative change that would enable areas outside of Auckland to conduct a binding referenda on Council amalgamations.

Moved Cr Drummond, seconded Cr Ford
and RESOLVED THAT THE SOUTHLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL DID NOT SUPPORT THE PROPOSED CHANGE IN LEGISLATION.

- * Kerbside Recycling - There was a need to advise submitters that the three bin recycling and waste collection was not confirmed yet and would be considered at a later date.

Request for recycling bins to be put in the main part of Te Anau to be referred to the Te Anau Community Board.

Moved Cr Copland, seconded Cr Harpur
and RESOLVED:

- a. THAT COUNCIL CONFIRMED THE AMENDMENTS LISTED ABOVE TO BE INCORPORATED IN THE FINAL LONG TERM COUNCIL COMMUNITY PLAN TO BE PRESENTED TO COUNCIL FOR ADOPTION ON 30 JUNE 2009.
- b. THAT COUNCIL AGREED THAT SUBMITTERS BE REPLIED TO WITH AN OUTLINE OF COUNCIL'S DECISION AND THE REASONS FOR ITS DECISION USING STAFF COMMENTS PROVIDED IN THE REPORT AND ANY FURTHER POINTS AS INDICATED AT THE MEETING.

Moved Cr Ridley, seconded Cr Jack
and RESOLVED THAT A VOTE OF THANKS BE PASSED ON TO ALL STAFF INVOLVED IN THE PRODUCTION OF THE TEN YEAR PLAN FOR THEIR WORK IN THE PREPARATION OF THE DOCUMENT.

3.0 **LATE SUBMISSION**

Submission from Mr A P Musson referred to the following points - Renaming of Traill Park Rugby Field, Council to provide fuel with the use of human waste sewage and use a design process to show an economic structure of the town centres growth in combination with housing.

Submission to be replied to by Council staff.

4.0 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Moved Cr Drummond, seconded Cr Ridley
and RESOLVED THAT LEAVE OF ABSENCE BE GRANTED TO THE FOLLOWING
COUNCILLORS:

CR DOBSON	12 JUNE 2009 TO 17 JULY 2009
MAYOR CARDNO	1 JULY 2009 TO 20 JULY 2009
CR HARPUR	1 JULY 2009 TO 29 JULY 2009
CR MACPHERSON	13 JULY 2009 TO 8 SEPTEMBER 2009
CR DOUGLAS	9 JULY 2009 TO 9 AUGUST 2009

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 2.30 pm.

C O N F I R M E D:

C H A I R P E R S O N:

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