

## **SOUTHLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL**

### **COUNCIL MEETING**

**25 MARCH 2009**

MINUTES of a COUNCIL MEETING of the SOUTHLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL held in the Council Chambers, 15 Forth Street, Invercargill on WEDNESDAY, 25 MARCH 2009 at 1.00 PM.

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Messrs D P Adamson, P Culling, R Hawkes, C McIntosh, L McKenzie, K McNaught, Mesdames J O'Shannessy and Y Paterson.

Mr J Troon - Venture Southland was in attendance to speak to Item 8.1.

**IN ATTENDANCE FOR  
PUBLIC FORUM:**

Mr Grant Chalmers - BNZ,  
Mr Andrew Rowland - BNZ,  
Mr Mark Walton - BNZ.  
Mr David Rose - Federated Farmers,  
Mr Doug Fraser - Federated Farmers,  
Mr David Cooper - Federated Farmers.  
Mr Steve Canny - Venture Southland.

#### 1.0 **APOLOGIES**

An apology had been received from Cr Dillon.

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

#### 2.0 **NOTIFICATION OF URGENT BUSINESS**

Moved Cr Jack, 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:

- \* AMENDING THE GOVERNMENT POLICY STATEMENT ON LAND TRANSPORT FUNDING 2009/10 - 2018/19
- \* SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION ON THE 2009 NZ COMMUNITY BOARDS' CONFERENCE HELD IN CHRISTCHURCH FROM 19 - 22 MARCH. TO BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S MANAGEMENT REPORT.

It was agreed that the items should be considered in order that any action required could be effected prior to the next meeting.

### 3.0 **MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

The following miscellaneous items were tabled for members' information:

- \* CCS disability action - Letter of appreciation for annual donation.
- \* Invercargill and Districts Citizens Advice Bureau Minutes of the Management Meeting held 25 February 2009.
- \* Gore Counselling Centre - Letter of appreciation for annual donation.
- \* Heart Children NZ Inc. - Letter of appreciation for support for 2009 Children's Big Day out.
- \* Salvation Army - Letter of appreciation for annual donation.
- \* Southland Foodbank Charitable Trust - Letter of appreciation for annual donation.
- \* Order of St John - Letters of appreciation for annual donation from the following areas - Fiordland, Northern Southland, Otautau, Riverton and Winton.

### 4.0 **PUBLIC FORUM**

Moved Cr Copland, seconded Cr Harpur  
and RESOLVED THAT STANDING ORDERS BE SUSPENDED TO ALLOW A  
PUBLIC FORUM TO BE HELD.

#### 4.1 **Mr Mark Walton - BNZ Markets Economist**

Messrs M Walton, G Chalmers and A Rowland were in attendance for this section of the meeting.

Mr Walton thanked Council for their invitation to speak to the meeting and then gave a powerpoint presentation entitled "The Ugly, The Bad and The Good". Refer Appendix I.

At the end of the presentation, Mr Walton, concluded by suggesting agriculture and dairy prospects were bright and farm prices were correcting. Australia (New Zealand's biggest trading partner) was still looking reasonably strong.

Mayor Cardno thanked the delegation for briefing Council on the current situation.

Messrs Walton, Chalmers and Rowland left the meeting at 1.46 pm.

#### **Federated Farmers**

Messrs D Rose, D Fraser and D Cooper were in attendance for this section of the meeting.

Mr Rose reminded Council that Federated Farmers had concerns with the Morrison Low Rooding Rate model used in the 2008/2009 year. Federated Farmers had funded an independent review of the model so progress could be made on finding a constructive way forward for funding roading in the Southland District.

The Morrison Low model had been reviewed by Mr Allan Kennaird of Allan Kennaird Consulting Ltd. Mr David Cooper then gave a powerpoint presentation to the meeting which summarised the findings in the review. Refer Appendix II.

As the review had only been received the previous day, a copy of the document was distributed to each of the Councillors.

The meeting agreed they needed time to read the document before they could make comment or ask questions.

Mr Rose concluded by extending an invitation to the Mayor and Councillors to meet with them to discuss the matter further.

Moved Cr Drummond, seconded Cr Dobson  
and RESOLVED THAT STANDING ORDERS BE REINSTATED.

## 5.0 **MINUTES**

### 5.1 SOUTHLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING DATED 25 FEBRUARY 2009 Minutes for Confirmation.

Moved Cr Jack, seconded Cr Harpur  
and RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SOUTHLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING DATED 25 FEBRUARY 2008 BE CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD.

### 5.2 ACTIVITIES PERFORMANCE AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING DATED 25 FEBRUARY 2009 Minutes for Adoption.

Moved Cr Bailey, seconded Cr Douglas  
and RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE ACTIVITIES PERFORMANCE AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING DATED 25 FEBRUARY 2009 BE ADOPTED.

### 5.3 ACTIVITIES PERFORMANCE AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING DATED 11 MARCH 2009 Minutes for Adoption.

Moved Cr Bailey, seconded Cr Douglas  
and RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE ACTIVITIES PERFORMANCE AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING DATED 11 MARCH 2009 BE ADOPTED.

### 5.4 CIVIL DEFENCE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING DATED 25 FEBRUARY 2009 Minutes for Adoption.

Moved Cr Copland, seconded Cr Drummond  
and RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE CIVIL DEFENCE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING DATED 25 FEBRUARY 2009 BE ADOPTED.

### 5.5 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING DATED 11 FEBRUARY 2009 Minutes for Adoption.

Moved Cr Copland, seconded Cr Ridley  
and RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING DATED 11 FEBRUARY 2009 BE ADOPTED.

- 5.6 POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING DATED 11 FEBRUARY 2009  
Minutes for Adoption.

Moved Cr Jack, seconded Cr Macpherson  
and RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE  
MEETING DATED 11 FEBRUARY 2009 BE ADOPTED.

- 5.7 RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING DATED 13 FEBRUARY 2009  
Minutes for Adoption.

Moved Cr Ridley, seconded Cr Duffy  
and RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT  
COMMITTEE MEETING DATED 13 FEBRUARY 2009 BE ADOPTED.

- 5.8 RESOURCE MANAGEMENT HEARING DATED 13 FEBRUARY 2009 - OBJECTION  
TO RESERVES CONTRIBUTION BRIDGE TRUST  
Minutes for Adoption.

Moved Cr Ridley, seconded Cr Duffy  
and RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT  
HEARING DATED 13 FEBRUARY 2009 - OBJECTION TO RESERVES  
CONTRIBUTION BRIDGE TRUST BE ADOPTED.

- 5.9 RIVERTON HARBOUR SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING DATED 3 FEBRUARY 2009  
Minutes for Adoption.

Moved Cr Ridley, seconded Cr Duffy  
and RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE RIVERTON HARBOUR  
SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING DATED 3 FEBRUARY 2009 BE ADOPTED.

- 5.10 RIVERTON HARBOUR SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING DATED 10 MARCH 2009  
Minutes for Adoption.

Moved Cr Dobson, seconded Cr Harpur  
and RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE RIVERTON HARBOUR  
SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING DATED 10 MARCH 2009 BE ADOPTED.

- 5.11 STEWART ISLAND JETTIES SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING DATED  
26 JANUARY 2009  
Minutes for Adoption.

Moved Cr Ford, seconded Cr Ridley  
and RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE STEWART ISLAND JETTIES  
SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING DATED 26 JANUARY 2009 BE ADOPTED.

- 5.12 WOODLANDS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AREA SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING  
DATED 16 FEBRUARY 2009  
Minutes for Adoption.

Moved Cr Jack, seconded Cr Macpherson  
and RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE WOODLANDS COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT AREA SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING DATED 16 FEBRUARY 2009  
BE ADOPTED.

5.13 SOUTHLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL ACTION SHEET  
For Adoption.

Moved Cr Douglas, seconded Cr Dobson  
and RESOLVED THAT THE SOUTHLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL ACTION SHEET  
BE ADOPTED.

6.0 **REPORTS**

6.1 DEVELOPMENT AND FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS POLICY AMENDMENTS  
140/15/4/1

Report by Mr M W Voss dated 17 March 2009.

The Development and Financial Contributions Policy had been amended to incorporate a number of improvements identified following the recent work on the LTCCP concerning Development Contributions for Wastewater in Te Anau. The focus was on more consistent application of population projections and changing the period for recovery of wastewater capital expenditure resulting in a more equitable distribution of project funding.

Moved Cr Macpherson, seconded Cr Jack  
and RESOLVED THAT THE REPORT ON THE DEVELOPMENT AND FINANCIAL  
CONTRIBUTIONS POLICY AMENDMENTS BE RECEIVED.

Mr Voss explained Te Anau had experienced reasonably sustained growth over a lengthy period and Council had addressed this through the use of Development Contributions (raised under the Local Government Act) as a mechanism to fund infrastructure projects to meet demand.

Recognition of those factors required amending the existing Development and Financial Policy to permit a period of greater than 10 years for contributions and to utilise population estimations through to 2039.

Mr Voss referred to the italicised sections that had been referred to in the report but accidentally omitted. - Refer Appendix III. It had been Councils intention to be fair and equitable between residents and developers, Mr Voss advised.

The amendments would now be included in the Draft Long Term Council Community Plan.

Moved Cr Ridley, seconded Cr Jack  
and RESOLVED THAT THE AMENDMENTS TO THE DEVELOPMENT AND  
FINANCIAL POLICY BE ADOPTED.

6.2 SUBMISSION TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND ENVIRONMENT SELECT  
COMMITTEE ON RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (SIMPLIFYING AND  
STREAMLINING) AMENDMENT BILL

360/15/2/1

r/09/3/3228 [dc]

Report by Mr B G Halligan dated 20 March 2009.

The report outlined some key issues with respect to the proposed Resource Management (Simplifying and Streamlining) Amendment Bill, and followed the previous report on this topic presented at the Council meeting in February 2009.

The report also included a proposed submission on behalf of the Southland District Council to the Local Government and Environment Select Committee which would hear submissions on the proposed Bill. Submissions would close on 3 April 2009.

Moved Cr Duffy, seconded Cr Douglas and RESOLVED THAT THE REPORT ON THE PROPOSED SUBMISSION TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND ENVIRONMENT SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (SIMPLIFYING AND STREAMLINING) AMENDMENT BILL 2009 BE RECEIVED.

The meeting considered the submission and agreed with the content. Council were pleased to support the clause that removed the mandatory requirement to review District Plans every 10 years.

Moved Cr Ridley, seconded Cr Copland and RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL WERE AGREEABLE TO THE PROPOSED SUBMISSION BEING REFERRED TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND ENVIRONMENT SELECT COMMITTEE FOR CONSIDERATION. REFER APPENDIX IV.

### 6.3 WESTERN SOUTHLAND HERITAGE RAILWAY PROPOSAL AT TUATAPERE

2021/0042/0

r/09/3/3821 [mc]

Report by Mr K McNaught dated 12 March 2009.

Consideration of the proposal from Colin Brown of Fairfax to develop a heritage railway site at Tuatapere including the leasing of the Tuatapere Railway Station and Goods Shed. The proposal also requested the use of the Council owned former Ohai Railway Board assets currently at Wairio.

Moved Cr Dobson, seconded Cr Harpur and RESOLVED THAT THE REPORT ON THE WESTERN SOUTHLAND HERITAGE RAILWAY PROPOSAL AT TUATAPERE BE RECEIVED.

Mr McNaught spoke to his report and explained the proposed transfer of ownership of the buildings and land.

Rail Heritage Trust of New Zealand was currently looking at Mr Browns proposal and was to give Council advice on what (if any) of the Ohai Railway Board assets could be leased or loaned to Mr Brown and also any conditions of lease.

Cr Drummond said he was disappointed the community the equipment had originated from had not been consulted. He believed the carriages that had been loaned to the Oamaru Steam Preservation Society had been returned to Southland before adequate storage and protection had been put in place. Whatever was planned for the future would be a mammoth undertaking.

Mr McNaught repeated that Council was currently waiting on advice from the Rail Heritage Trust of New Zealand. He believed Council should be made aware of the proposal and that was why it was included on the agenda. The Tuatapere Community Board had given support to the proposal at their meeting held 24 February 2009.

The members then debated the issue and various suggestions were made including giving permission to start immediate restoration work on the buildings.

Cr Bailey suggested a small committee be set up to look at the proposal. He also believed that other people were interested in some of the rolling stock.

Mr Adamson reminded the meeting the rolling stock was deteriorating and it had to be looked after. He suggested Crs Bailey, Harpur and Drummond form a sub committee to investigate options for the rolling stock in conjunction with Council Staff.

Mayor Cardno believed that by having Cr Drummond on the subcommittee, this would allow him to undertake appropriate community consultation in his area.

Mr McNaught said further consultation would take place with Mr Brown on receipt of the information from Rail Heritage. Succession planning was one issue that needed to be addressed as part of the proposal.

Moved Cr Harpur, seconded Cr Ridley  
and RESOLVED THAT THE SOUTHLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL RESOLVE TO:

- (a) ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH COLIN BROWN FOR A 33 YEAR LEASE OF THE TUATAPERE RAILWAY STATION AND A LICENCE TO OCCUPY THE RAILWAY GOODS SHED SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING SPECIFIC CLAUSES BEING INCLUDED:
  - (i) THAT THE LEASE MAY BE TERMINATED AFTER FIVE YEARS IF THE LESSEE HAS NOT SUCCESSFULLY UPGRADED, TIDIED AND PAINTED THE RAILWAY STATION WITHIN THAT PERIOD.
  - (ii) THAT UPON COMPLETION TO COUNCIL'S SATISFACTION OF THE RAILWAY STATIC DISPLAY ON THE ADJACENT LAND OWNED BY THE LESSEE THAT COUNCIL WILL TRANSFER OWNERSHIP OF THE TUATAPERE RAILWAY STATION AND GOODS SHED TO THE LESSEE FOR \$1.00 AND IN A TIMELY MANNER AND WITHOUT UNDUE DELAY, MAKE EVERY ENDEAVOUR TO TRY AND TRANSFER OWNERSHIP OF THE LAND UNDER THE TWO BUILDINGS TO THE LESSEE.
- (b) TAKE THE POSITION THAT MANAGING AND PROTECTING THE HERITAGE VALUE OF THE FORMER OHAI RAILWAY BOARD ASSETS AT WAIRIO WILL BE THE PRIORITY CONSIDERATION WHEN DECIDING THE FUTURE OF THESE ASSETS.
- (c) A SUBCOMMITTEE OF CRS BAILEY, DRUMMOND AND HARPUR BE ESTABLISHED TO LOOK AT THE ISSUES SURROUNDING THE FUTURE MANAGEMENT OF THE OHAI RAILWAY BOARD ASSETS CURRENTLY STORED AT WAIRIO.
- (d) DEFER ANY DECISION IN RELATION TO A LEASE OR LOAN TO COLIN BROWN OF THE FORMER OHAI RAILWAY BOARD ASSETS CURRENTLY STORED AT WAIRIO UNTIL THE SUBCOMMITTEE HAS HAD TIME TO CONSIDER THE ISSUES AND MAKE A RECOMMENDATION BACK TO COUNCIL.
- (e) THAT ALL LEASE, LICENCE OR LOAN AGREEMENTS BE PRESENTED TO COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL PRIOR TO EXECUTION.

6.4 SUB-LETTING OF PART RIVERTON HARBOUR ENDOWMENT LEASE - R K AND E M BICKLEY TO TAMRIN FARM HOLDINGS LIMITED

r/09/3/4153 [dc] dc:vd:1

1762/215

Report by Mrs V Dillon dated 11 March 2009.

A request had been received for approval to sub-let part of the Riverton Harbour endowment land leased to Russell and Elva Bickley.

Cr Jack declared an interest in the report under consideration and took no part in the discussion or voting.

Moved Cr Dobson, seconded Cr Macpherson and RESOLVED THAT THE SOUTHLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL CONSENT TO THE SUB-LETTING OF 38.63 HECTARES OF THE RIVERTON HARBOUR LAND LOCATED AT 215 ENDOWMENT ROAD, OTAITAI BUSH CONTAINED IN LEASE 276996.4, CERTIFICATE OF TITLE SL9D/859, BEING LOT 2, DP 4669 FROM RUSSELL AND ELVA BICKLEY TO TAMRIN FARM HOLDINGS LIMITED FOR THREE YEARS FROM 20 APRIL 2009.

6.5 LEASE OF OFFICE SPACE, OTAUTAU OFFICE - NEW ZEALAND POST

2264/0174

r/09/3/3924 [dc]

Report by Mrs V Dillon dated 16 March 2009.

New Zealand Post had leased an office at Council's Otautau Area office for many years. The current lease was due to expire on 28 June 2009 and New Zealand Post had sought Council consent to enter into a new lease for a further two year term.

Moved Cr Drummond, seconded Cr Harpur and RESOLVED:

- (a) THAT THE REPORT DATED 16 MARCH 2009 REGARDING A LEASE OF OFFICE SPACE AT COUNCIL'S OTAUTAU OFFICE TO NZ POST BE RECEIVED.
- (b) THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE REISSUE OF A LEASE TO NEW ZEALAND POST LIMITED OVER OFFICE SPACE AT 174 MAIN STREET, OTAUTAU, FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS FROM 28 JUNE 2009 AND THAT THE DRAFT LEASE AS APPENDED TO THE REPORT BE APPROVED.

6.6 VACANCY - DIPTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AREA SUBCOMMITTEE

240/20/6/3

r/09/02/2832 ah

Report by Alyson Hamilton dated 20 February 2009.

A vacancy had occurred on the Dipton Community Development Area Subcommittee due to one of the members, namely Mrs Barbara Groundwater, relocating to Omakau.

At a recent meeting of the subcommittee, Mrs Kathleen English was nominated to fill the vacancy.

Mrs English is a resident of Dipton and resides at 160 Breakneck Road, Dipton.

Moved Cr Bailey, seconded Cr Jack and RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF MRS KATHLEEN ENGLISH TO FILL THE VACANCY ON THE DIPTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AREA SUBCOMMITTEE AS A RESULT OF THE RESIGNATION OF MRS BARBARA GROUNDWATER.

## 7.0 MEMORANDA

### 7.1 MAYOR'S MONTHLY UPDATE

240/10/7/2

r/09/3/3878

Memorandum by Mayor F Cardno dated 16 March 2009.

Mayor Cardno referred to the following activities:

- \* Attendance at a Zone 6 meeting hosted by Central Otago District Council where matters discussed included Mayors Taskforce for Jobs, the relationship between the new Government and Local Government and an update from Local Government New Zealand.
- \* Attendance at the re-opening of the St James Theatre in Gore, the Bride of the Year contest in Winton and the White Hill Classic Bike race (with 500 entries).
- \* Supporting the Riverton Te Hiko museum and heritage centre in the Trust Power Volunteer Awards final in Palmerston North.

Moved Cr Jack, seconded Cr Duffy

and RESOLVED THAT THE MEMORANDUM ON THE MAYOR'S MONTHLY UPDATE BE RECEIVED AS INFORMATION.

### 7.2 MANAGEMENT REPORT

140/45/2/1

r/09/3/3866

Memorandum by Mr D Adamson dated 16 March 2009.

Updates had been received on the following matters:

- \* Resource Planning
- \* Building Control
- \* Dog and Animal Control
- \* NZTA Technical Audit
- \* Contracts
- \* Te Anau Airport
- \* Zone 6 Southland & Otago Local Government NZ Meeting.

The supplementary information from Mr C Dolan, Manager, Area Offices, and accepted as a late report at the start of the meeting, was referred to at this point. The NZ Community Boards' Conference had been held in Christchurch on 19 - 22 March and Mr Dolan had provided a summary of the topics covered at the conference.

Moved Cr Ridley, seconded Cr Harpur

and RESOLVED THAT THAT THE MEMORANDUM BEING THE MARCH 2009 MANAGEMENT REPORT BE RECEIVED.

### 7.3 SISTER CITIES WORKSHOP

100/45/2/2

r/09/3/3658 [dc]

Memorandum by Cr P Duffy dated 10 March 2009.

Moved Cr Duffy, seconded Cr Douglas

and RESOLVED THAT THE MEMORANDUM ON THE SISTER CITIES WORKSHOP BE RECEIVED AS INFORMATION.

7.4 BUILDING CONSENTS AND VALUES FOR FEBRUARY 2009

300/40/1/3

r/09/3/3419 [dc]

Memorandum by Mr K O'Connor dated 5 March 2009.

Moved Cr Harpur, seconded Cr Bailey  
and RESOLVED THAT THE MEMORANDUM ON BUILDING CONSENTS AND  
VALUES FOR FEBRUARY 2009 BE RECEIVED AS INFORMATION.

7.5 NON-NOTIFIED RESOURCE CONSENTS - FEBRUARY 2009

360/15/3/5

r/09/3/3810 [mc] dc jg1

Memorandum by Miss J Green dated 11 March 2009.

Moved Cr Jack, seconded Cr Ridley  
and RESOLVED THAT THE MEMORANDUM ON THE NON-NOTIFIED RESOURCE  
CONSENTS PROCESSED BY THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT  
STAFF UNDER DELEGATION FROM THE COUNCIL DURING FEBRUARY 2009  
BE RECEIVED AS INFORMATION.

7.6 ELECTORAL SYSTEM FOR 2010 TRIENNIAL LOCAL ELECTIONS

240/10/4/6

r/09/2/3190 [kk]

Memorandum by Mrs V Dillon dated 2 March 2009.

Moved Cr Copland, seconded Cr Douglas  
and RESOLVED THAT THE MEMORANDUM DATED 1 MARCH 2009 ON  
ELECTORAL SYSTEM FOR THE 2010 TRIENNIAL LOCAL ELECTIONS BE  
RECEIVED AS INFORMATION.

8.0 VENTURE SOUTHLAND

8.1 ACTIVITY REPORT

930/15/2/3

r/09/3/3945

Memorandum by Mr Jeff Troon dated 11 March 2009.

Mr Troon referred to the following projects:

- \* Southland Silica Opportunity Assessment.
- \* Rural Broadband Extensions.
- \* InverNET Network Development.
- \* KAREN Point of Presence
- \* Work with national and International Agencies.
- \* Radio Astronomy, including Square Kilometre Array (SKA).
- \* Foundation for Research Science and Technology.
- \* Promote the Use of Collaboration Software.
- \* Enterprise Training (ETP)
- \* Topoclimate.
- \* Crops for Southland.
- \* Digital Collaboration and Teleconferencing.
- \* Geographic Information Systems (GIS) work.
- \* Unwin Radar.
- \* Lightning Station.
- \* Mentoring.
- \* Facilitation of the Local Resource Support for ESA Rocket Tracking.
- \* Work with Key Stakeholders to Facilitate "Good Practices" Dairy Shed.

- \* Destinalional Marketing, Visitor Sector, Media, Outdoor Australia, New Zealand Geographic, Tourism New Zealand "What do you say UK", Christchurch Press, The Independent (UK), NZ Memories and Seaspray Magazine, Catlins Visitor Guide and Southland Visitor Guide.
- \* Conference and Convention Bureau,
- \* Brand Programme,
- \* Community and Events,
- \* Single Events, and
- \* Local Initiatives Update.

Cr Douglas thanked Venture Southland for "lending" Kathryn Cowie to the organising committee of the Meridien Energy White Hill Wind Farm Classic. She had provided valuable assistance in the running of the race, he said.

## 9.0 **URGENT ITEMS**

### 9.1 **AMENDING THE GOVERNMENT POLICY STATEMENT ON LAND TRANSPORT FUNDING 2009/10 - 2018/19**

100/30/3/1

R/2009/3/4163

Memorandum by Mr David Adamson dated 20 March 2009.

Council had received a paper from the Ministry of Transport on 19 March 2009 regarding Amending the Government Policy Statement on Land Transport Funding for the 2009/10 - 2018/19 period.

The document required comment back to the Ministry by 5.00 pm on Thursday, 2 April 2009.

The second part of the report was a brief analysis of the document that had been prepared by Local Government New Zealand as they were requesting comment from Local Authorities by 5.00 pm on Wednesday, 25 March 2009 to enable them to lodge a submission.

Moved Cr Drummond, seconded Cr Jack  
and RESOLVED THAT THE MEMORANDUM ON AMENDING THE GOVERNMENT POLICY STATEMENT ON LAND TRANSPORT FUNDING 2009/10 - 2018/19 BE RECEIVED AS INFORMATION.

Mr Adamson asked if Council wanted to make any further points on the documents.

The meeting discussed the memorandum and made the following points:

- \* Importance of feeder roads on to the main highways.
- \* The option of "Bulk Funding" had not been picked up.
- \* Possible increased pressure on local renewals.
- \* Funding would be directed to the five major cities (Auckland, Hamilton, Tauranga, Wellington and Christchurch) to the detriment of the smaller areas.

Mr Adamson referred to the proposed change in funding in the road safety budget. There had been a significant decrease in road fatalities in recent years and it would be a shame to see the good work undone, he commented. Widening bridges and easing curves was not the approach for rural roads as the job would be just too big.

The amendment document also signalled a strong focus on investment in the State Highway network - especially on routes of national importance. Council was

concerned that the bulk of funding might bypass rural areas leaving little room to upgrade the rural roading network.

No mention was made of the FAR and R funding policy, Mr Heerdegen said. Council believed an adjustment to FAR rate would allow Councils to increase their investment in land transport activities. Council also believed regions should have full access to their share of "R" funding.

Cr Duffy referred to the tonnages the rural roads had to carry coupled with the lower number of ratepayers to fund the maintenance.

Mr Heerdegen suggested the cost benefit analysis was being skewed in favour of the major cities. Dunedin was no longer classed as one of the main centres, he concluded.

Moved Cr Jack, seconded Cr Drummond  
and RESOLVED THAT THE SOUTHLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL FORWARD A SUBMISSION ON THE GOVERNMENT POLICY STATEMENT ON LAND TRANSPORT FUNDING 2009/10 - 2018/19 TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEW ZEALAND - REFER APPENDIX V.

9.2 SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION ON THE 2009 NZ COMMUNITY BOARDS' CONFERENCE HELD IN CHRISTCHURCH FROM 19 - 22 MARCH 2009

100/30/3/3

R/09/3/4318

Memorandum by Mr C Dolan dated 23 March 2009.

The Memorandum was considered in conjunction with Item 7.2 - Chief Executive Management Report.

10.0 **EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC**

Moved Cr Ford, seconded Cr Ridley  
and RESOLVED THAT PURSUANT TO SECTION 48(1) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT 1987 THAT THE PUBLIC BE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING WHILE THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS IS TRANSACTED:

SOUTHLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES DATED  
25 FEBRUARY 2009  
SECTIONS 7(2)(f), 7(2)(i), AND 7(2)(j)

ACTIVITIES PERFORMANCE AUDIT COMMITTEE CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES  
DATED 25 FEBRUARY 2009  
SECTIONS 7(2)(f), 7(2)(i), AND 7(2)(j)

ACTIVITIES PERFORMANCE AUDIT COMMITTEE CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES  
DATED 11 MARCH 2009  
SECTIONS 7(2)(f), 7(2)(i), AND 7(2)(j)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES DATED 11 FEBRUARY 2009  
SECTIONS 7(2)(a), 7(2)(f), 7(2)(i), AND 7(2)(j)

RIVERTON HARBOUR SUBCOMMITTEE CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES DATED  
10 MARCH 2009  
SECTIONS 7(2)(f), 7(2)(i), AND 7(2)(j)

COMMUNITY HOUSING RENT REVIEW  
SECTIONS 7(2)(f), 7(2)(i), AND 7(2)(j)

- 7(2)(f) MAINTAIN THE EFFECTIVE CONDUCT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS ARISING DIRECTLY FROM THE NEED TO PROTECT MEMBERS AND STAFF FROM IMPROPER PRESSURE OR HARASSMENT.
- 7(2)(i) ENABLE THE COUNCIL TO CARRY OUT NEGOTIATIONS WITHOUT PREJUDICE OR DISADVANTAGE (INCLUDING COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL NEGOTIATIONS);
- 7(2)(j) PREVENT THE DISCLOSURE OR USE OF OFFICIAL INFORMATION FOR IMPROPER GAIN OR ADVANTAGE.

10.1 **EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC - STAFF**

Moved Cr Ford, seconded Cr Ridley  
and RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OFFICERS AND PUBLIC LISTED BELOW BE PERMITTED TO REMAIN AT THE MEETING AFTER THE PUBLIC HAVE BEEN EXCLUDED BECAUSE OF THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF

- (a) MEETING PROCEDURE AND/OR  
(b) THE SUBJECT MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE  
GROUP MANAGER CUSTOMER AND FINANCIAL SERVICES  
GROUP MANAGER REGULATORY SERVICES  
GROUP MANAGER SERVICES AND ASSETS  
SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 3.40 pm.

**CONFIRMED:**

**CHAIRPERSON:**

**DATE:**