

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BULLER DISTRICT COUNCIL HELD
IN THE CLOCKTOWER CHAMBERS, PALMERSTON STREET, WESTPORT
ON WEDNESDAY 19 AUGUST 2009 COMMENCING AT 10.00AM**

PRESENT:

His Worship the Mayor PJ McManus (Chairperson), Crs KL Bainbridge, DI Barnes, PA Campbell, JW Halsall, DJ Hawes, GT Neylon, FTW Ratahi and RM Sampson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive (GM Murphy), Manager Operations (SR Griffin), Manager Community and Environment (CM Scanlon), Manager Corporate Services (AE Oosthuizen) and PA Chief Executive (LM Pablecheque).

PUBLIC FORUM

Ian Ryder, Neil Mouat, Tony Sole and Tobias Pueno spoke against the Punakaiki water and sewer projects. They said because of the short tourist season the businesses do not have the cashflow to pay for such systems, even with a Government subsidy. It was also felt that the current water supply would be satisfactory if some minor maintenance and upgrades were made.

Graham Howard reported on a survey he had undertaken with 200 residents regarding Council's newsletter. He said other West Coast Councils publish their newsletter less frequently and also distribute it with the rate demands. He hoped Council would consider reducing the frequency, print on non-glossy paper, black and white copy and include with rate demands.

Frida Inta presented information about the chemicals involved with the roadside weedspraying. She also felt the amount quoted by the Manager Operations for having dye included in the spray was excessive and could be done for a lot less.

APOLOGIES

Apologies on behalf of Crs Montgomery and Roberts were sustained.

1 MEMBERS INTEREST

Councillor Halsall declared his interest in public excluded item 3.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 22 July 2009 be confirmed.

PJ McManus/KL Bainbridge

Carried Unanimously

3 COUNCIL PROGRAMME OF WORKS

The Manager Corporate Services acknowledged that the costs for the holding company investigations needed to be updated.

Resolved: That the report be received for information.

DI Barnes/PJ McManus

Carried Unanimously

4 MATTERS UNDER ACTION

Cr Sampson reported that notification had been received that the breast screening bus would be coming to Westport early next year. She was endeavouring to have the advertising material changed to reflect the Westport visit rather than indicating the need to travel to Greymouth for screening.

Resolved: That the report be received for information.

DI Barnes/PJ McManus

Carried Unanimously

5 QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT AND FINANCIAL REPORT

Resolved: That the report be received for information.

DI Barnes/PJ McManus

Carried Unanimously

6 STOCK MOVEMENT BYLAW

Resolved: **That the report be received for information.**

PJ McManus/GT Neylon

Carried Unanimously

7 WAIVER OR MODIFICATION SECTION 67 OF THE BUILDING ACT

The Manager Community and Environment provided details of the waivers.

Resolved: **That Council note the waivers granted under delegated authority.**

PJ McManus/DJ Hawes

Carried Unanimously

8 ROAD RENAMING

Cr Barnes felt the recommendation was rather weak and hoped that in the future more historical names would be used.

Resolved: **That the block between the intersections of Coates Street/Shellswell Street and Craddock Drive situated at the northern end of Derby Street be officially named Beach Drive.**

PJ McManus/DI Barnes

Carried Unanimously

9 PUNAKAIKI WATER AND SEWER PROJECTS CONSULTATION

Mayor McManus was concerned about the implications if the Government made changes to the drinking water standards.

The Manager Operations advised that Government funding was available for existing systems.

Cr Neylon said the proposals should not have got to the consultation stage and he questioned spending \$25,000 to pursue funding when it was obvious from the start the scheme would be unaffordable for the ratepayers even if a subsidy was obtained.

Mayor McManus believed Council had an obligation to investigate the subsidies available.

Resolved: That Council after considering the submissions received from the ratepayers of Punakaiki and that Council not proceed with the provision of a water and sewer supply under the provisions of the Tourist Demand Subsidy Scheme. Council continues to advocate on behalf of the ratepayers of Punakaiki for a safe water supply.

PA Campbell/DJ Hawes

Carried Unanimously

10 **RESTRICTING PARKING PALMERSTON STREET**

The Manager Operations explained the new proposal whereby loading zones have been established outside a section of New World and Whanake Gallery. He said more parking space would be available in the block when historical 'no parking' areas were removed. Business owners in the area have been consulted and seem satisfied with the compromise.

Mayor McManus said to allay concerns about monitoring any restricted areas he said the police could be asked to do an occasional blitz of the area.

Cr Neylon was concerned about setting a precedent as other property owners might also want limited parking outside their business.

Resolved:

- 1. That restricted 10 minute parking be established on Palmerston Street outside the entrance to New World and the Whanake Gallery.**
- 2. That a review of Palmerston Street parking be undertaken over the next 12 months.**

PJ McManus/KL Bainbridge

Carried Unanimously

11 **WESTREEF SERVICES LIMITED - STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Resolved: That Council adopt the WestReef Services Limited Statement of Intent for the year ending 30 June 2010.

PJ McManus/PA Campbell

Carried Unanimously

12 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Hon Simon Power - Terry Brothers Rating Sale

The Chief Executive said he had contacted the Greymouth District Court as suggested but they have been unable to provide any details.

Inangahua Community Board - Water Supplies

It was agreed that the Manager Operations liaise with the West Coast Regional Council on this matter.

Remuneration Authority - Local Government Elected Members Determination

13 DOCUMENTS FOR CONSENT AND SEAL

Resolved: **That the transactions be approved and the fixing of the Common Seal under authorised signatories on the appropriate documents be ratified.**

Easement

Ministry Education

Contract

Buller District Council and Avery Bros

Lease

Buller District Council and Mawhera Incorporation

Stock Underpass

Buller District Council and Ernsbrooke Stud Limited

PJ McManus/FTW Ratahi

Carried Unanimously

14 PUBLIC FORUM RESPONSE

Punakaiki Residents - all affected ratepayers will be advised in writing of Council's decision.

Graham Howard to be advised that students at Reefton Area School and Buller High School are currently undertaking projects centred around how Council communicates with its ratepayers.

Frida Inta to be advised that Council still intends to operate a register for those property owners who do not want weedspray to occur in the vicinity of their property. In addition she be advised that the cost of using dye in the weedspray does not necessarily just reflect the additional cost of the material.

15 PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED

Buller Promotion Association Agenda - 21 July 2009

16 PUBLIC EXCLUDED

Resolved: **That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.**

Item No	Minutes/Report of:	General Subject	Reason for Passing Resolution Section 7 LGOIMA 1987
1	Property Officer - Bede Brown	Property Lease	Section 7(2)(j) - Enable the local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)
2	John Rodger - Rates Officer Alison Cordery - Assistant Accountant	Debt Recovery	Section 7(2)(j) - Enable the local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)
3	Pat McManus - His Worship the Mayor	Possible Sale of Building	Section 7(2)(j) - Enable the local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including

			commercial and industrial negotiations)
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PJ McManus/DI Barnes

Carried Unanimously

Resolved: That the Council revert to open meeting and the resolutions and disclosures made whilst the public were excluded remain confidential.

FTW Ratahi/DI Barnes

Carried Unanimously

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 12.30pm

Confirmed Date