

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BULLER DISTRICT COUNCIL HELD
IN THE CLOCKTOWER CHAMBERS, PALMERSTON STREET, WESTPORT,
ON, THURSDAY 28 MAY 2009 COMMENCING AT 10.00AM**

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive (GM Murphy), Manager Operations (SR Griffin), Manager Community and Environmental Services (PF Casey), Team Leader – Community Services (L Hankey), Accountant (DJ Phibbs) and PA Corporate Services (MS Wilson).

PUBLIC FORUM

Pete Doncliff spoke on to the **Performing Arts Centre**, on behalf of On-Stage Productions. He was impressed with the progress to-date and congratulated Council on work carried out so far. He has been in contact with Mr Aitken (Court Theatre) who is happy with the plans. On-Stage Productions have \$1,000 set aside to contribute towards any items outside Capital Budget that they might require to allow them to use the facility. Mr Doncliff further advised that he is Vice President for the NZ Theatre Federation, and represents Canterbury / West Coast. They have scheduled a Play Competition to take place at the Westport Performing Arts Centre during June 2010, and he was after confirmation from Council that the venue would be available for their use by then.

Cr Roberts advised Mr Doncliff that the project was out for Tenders, and expected completion date is end of February 2010.

Graham Howard spoke on the **Transfer Station/Rubbish Dump**. He complained about the hours the Station is open, and also about the fact that it isn't open seven days per week. He said that by making this decision, Council is contributing to indiscriminate dumping. Mr Howard was also complaining about the fees to dump rubbish, with the cheapest \$5.00-7.50 minimum cost. He requested that Council reconsider the hours and days, and increase to seven days per week, and reduce minimum charge (for a rubbish bag) to \$2.50.

Mr Howard also spoke to Council about the old **Westport Swimming Pool**, and strongly urged Councillors to view the pool before a final decision on it's future is made.

Cr Hawes asked Mr Howard where he saw the money coming from to save the building, as indications were it currently required significant money spent on it due to the current condition of the framework.

Mr Howard responded that he would come back to Council with a proposal to save money that could be directed towards saving the structure.

Frida Inta spoke on **dye in weed spraying**. She read a letter she had received from Council regarding her submission to the 2008/09 Annual Plan, in which Council advised they would consider her suggestion. Ms Inta then read another letter she had received from Operations Manager (SR Griffin) in which Mr Griffin advised that Council had considered putting dye into the weed spray, but it was not practical to do so.

Ms Inta asked how decisions are made regarding the Annual Plan.

Cr Neylon responded that it was a democratic decision by Council.

Operations Manager (SG Griffin) to prepare a report to Council regarding the possibility of adding dye to weed spray.

Carol Keoghan addressed Council on behalf of the Performing Arts Society. The Society is in full support of the **Performing Arts Centre**. They are after reassurance from Council that the new facility will be completed by 01 April to allow the annual dancing and performing arts competitions to take place.

A reassurance was given and a promise to keep in contact with the Society.

Laurie Collins and Jerry Bullimore represented the Kumara Environmental Action Group spoke against the use of **1080** in the region as a form of possum control. They reassured Councillors they weren't against farming or environmental activities, but are concerned that 1080 is entering water supplies. They provided supporting documentation, and requested that Council review this and take a stance on the use of 1080 in the Buller. They will send the Mayor a copy of a documentary on the use of 1080 and would like it to be shown to Councillors.

As a ratepayer in the Buller District Mr Collins would like to see his drinking water is looked after. He will return to the next Council meeting for feedback from Councillors and the Mayor.

Mr Bullimore said 1080 is being proven in laboratories to sterilise rats and mice.

APOLOGIES

An apology on behalf of Cr Bainbridge was sustained.

Nothing to report.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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

PJ McManus/DI Barnes

Carried Unanimously

3 COUNCIL PROGRAMME OF WORKS

Resolved: That the report be received for information.

PJ McManus/LM Roberts

Carried Unanimously

4 MATTERS UNDER ACTION

Resolved: That the report be received for information.

DJ Hawes / RM Sampson

Carried Unanimously

Cr Hawes queried the item dated October 2007 – Sale of Land. What was this?

SR Griffin responded that it was a property that was previously owned by Department of Conservation.

Cr Sampson queried when the Stock Movement By-law would be actioned.

SR Griffin replied 1 June 2009.

5 TENDERS AWARDED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

Resolved: That the report be received for information.

PJ McManus / MMJ Montgomery

Carried Unanimously

6 RESTRICTED PARKING – PALMERSTON STREET

Resolved: That the time limit parking restrictions along Palmerston Street be extended to include Wakefield to Rintoul Streets.

MMJ Montgomery / LM Roberts

Carried Unanimously

Cr Hawes questioned if the time limits already installed are actually being policed? He suggested bigger signage to bring these restrictions to the public's attention.

Cr Barnes suggested it needs to be looked at from a practical point of view.

Cr Montgomery is in favour of the Palmerston Street parking restriction being extended to take in Wakefield to Rintoul Streets, but believes staff from Palmerston Street businesses need to be encouraged not to park outside any businesses.

7 TOURISM WEST COAST – REVIEW OF CONSTITUTION

Resolved: That Council accepts the proposals of Tourism West Coast in regard to the changes in its governance.

PJ McManus / DI Barnes

Carried Unanimously

8 REVIEW CCO EXEMPTION FOR WEST COAST RURAL FIRE AUTHORITY AND APPROVE CCO EXEMPTION FOR TOURISM WEST COAST

Resolved: Given the nature and scope of the activities of the West Coast Rural Fire Authority, and cost benefit available from being exempted, Council, per Section 1 of the Local Government Act 2002, exempts the West Coast Rural Fire Authority as a Council Controlled Organisation.

Resolved: Given the nature and scope of the activities of Tourism West Coast, and cost benefit available from being exempted, Council, per Section 7 of the Local Government Act 2002, exempts the Tourism West Coast as a Council Controlled Organisation.

PJ McManus / DJ Hawes

Carried Unanimously

9 CLASS 4 GAMBLING POLICY REVIEW

Resolved: That Council appoints Cr's Barnes, Neylon and Montgomery as Council representatives to the working group.

Resolved: That a proposed draft policy be provided to Council for consideration prior to public consultation at the July 2009 meeting or before.

RM Sampson / DI Barnes

Carried Unanimously

10 WESTREEF SERVICES LIMITED QUARTERLY REPORT (Un-audited)

Resolved: That the report be received for information.

PJ McManus / DJ Hawes

Carried Unanimously

Cr Barnes queried the dividend paid. This was explained by the Mayor.

11 REWARD FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO IDENTIFICATION OF LITTERERS

PJ McManus / LM Roberts

Carried Unanimously

Cr Neylon said it is everybody's civic duty and civic pride to report litterer's with no expectation of a reward.

Mayor McManus added that educating the public not to litter was the key.

Cr Montgomery agreed.

Cr Barnes said ratepayers need buy-in with Council's aim to reduce littering.

Resolved: That Council resolve to decline to introduce a reward for people who provide information leading to the identification of a litterer.

12 PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED

Tourism West Coast – Minutes 08 April 2009

13 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Brian R Bayley – Regarding closing the South Island Road Link.

Response: Mayor McManus to write to John Key in support of Mr Bayley.

Cr Hawes asked if Mayor McManus could point out that this road link is part of Council's Vision 2050.

Cr Neylon would like further information.

PJ McManus / RM Sampson

Cr Neylon against - Carried

Northern Buller Community Resource Centre – letter of thanks

14 PUBLIC FORUM RESPONSE

Peter Doncliff – No response required

Graham Howard – Cr Montgomery said she also objects to the dump being closed Tuesdays and Wednesdays, while staff are actually on-site.

Cr Roberts reiterated that dumping using official Council rubbish bags is free, and reminded Councilors that the closure dates were debated and agreed within Council.

Cr Sampson suggested that official Council rubbish bags are made available at the Transfer Station for people to purchase and put their rubbish in. Cost would then be \$2.50 (\$3.00) per bag, rather than the minimum charge of \$7.50 per load.

Cr Montgomery discussed efficiencies with Councilors, and said that comparisons she has seen show the amount of rubbish Buller dumps is minimal.

Cr Barnes suggested the issue be re-visited and requested a report.

SR Griffin was asked to provide the cost to Council to extend the opening hours.

Cr Roberts does not believe that fly-dumping has become any more of a problem to Council since the dump hours were changed, than what it previously was.

Frida Inta – SR Griffin to investigate the practicalities and cost of adding dye to weed spray and respond to Ms Inta.

Laurie Collins – Cr Neylon suggested a workshop to discuss this issue involving interested parties including CHP, DOC and Council.

Carol Keoghan – no response required.

15 DOCUMENTS FOR CONSENT AND SEAL

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

PJ McManus / LM Roberts

Carried Unanimously

Crs Montgomery and Barnes would like further information on the transfer of Mawhera Corporation to the Buller District Council.

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	Chief Executive - Gary Murphy	Westport Harbour – April Report	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	Chief Executive - Gary Murphy	Directors Appointments	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	Manager Community and Environment – Trish Casey	Westport Performing Arts Centre Tender	Section 7(2)(j) - Enable the local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)

PJ McManus / RM Sampson

Carried Unanimously

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

PJ McManus / MMJ Montgomery

Carried Unanimously

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 12.35 pm

Confirmed Date