

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BULLER DISTRICT COUNCIL HELD AT THE ST JOHN'S AMBULANCE HALL, SMITH STREET, REEFTON, ON WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH 2009 COMMENCING AT 10.00AM

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive (GM Murphy), Manager Operations (SR Griffin), Manager Corporate Services (AE Oosthuizen), Manager Community and Environment (PF Casey) and PA Operations (L Hartigan).

PUBLIC FORUM

Robert Terry spoke about various issues including West Coasters putting up with third rate services.

Dawn Chandler spoke on the Healthy Inangahua Project (HIP) which has just received funding for a further year. This organisation has been set up in rural New Zealand to improve the health of residents. Inangahua is the first area to be trialled and the organisation aims to target respiratory disease and air quality in this area.

Dawn is also spokesperson for ITP which is Reefton Promotion Association and in the last six months they have been working on various projects. She also mentioned the targeted tourist rate that is being proposed and would be grateful for any further information that Council could supply. ITP are happy to work with the Buller District Council and the Department of Conservation over the rate.

APOLOGIES

An apology on behalf of Cr Roberts was sustained.

1 MEMBERS INTEREST

Cr Campbell declared his interest in item 8 and 9, Buller Health Trust.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 18 February 2009 be confirmed.

PJ McManus/MMJ Montgomery

Carried Unanimously

3 COUNCIL PROGRAMME OF WORKS

Resolved: That the report be received for information.

PJ McManus/MMJ Montgomery

Carried Unanimously

4 MATTERS UNDER ACTION

Resolved: That the report be received for information.

PJ McManus/MMJ Montgomery

Carried Unanimously

5 TENDERS AWARDED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

Resolved: That the report be received for information.

DJ Hawes/RM Sampson

Carried Unanimously

6 BULLER HOLDINGS LIMITED, WESTREEF SERVICES LIMITED AND WESTPORT HARBOUR - DRAFT STATEMENT OF INTENTS

Cr Campbell advised that under the heading of Board Operations and Membership in the three statements of intents is stated a minimum of four board members in Buller Holdings Limited, and Westport Harbour Limited but in WestReef Services Limited it lists five. Given that the Holding Company is to manage the common Board it is sensible that the statements of intents are altered to four Board members.

Cr Barnes asked if there was any progress on the renegotiation of port charges with Holcim.

The Chief Executive added that he had received an email from Ross Pickworth advising that the negotiation team is working on the charges and will contact Council as soon as it is finalized.

Cr Sampson added the Financial Forecast was unacceptable with a nil return and the Board needed to do more work to increase the return. Also the other matter she was uncomfortable with was in WestReef Services Limited Statement was the commitment to growing its revenue and profitability by expansion from within or purchasing other businesses and would like this amended so the company could not purchase another business without the approval of Council.

Cr Montgomery asked the Manager Corporate Services to check the Group Revenue figures for Buller Holdings Limited and send a breakdown to Councillors.

Mayor McManus added that these documents were only the draft copies.

Cr Montgomery asked if there was any provision in Buller Holdings Limited to attract staff as in apprenticeship type of training to keep the young people here.

Resolved: That Council receive the Draft Statement of Intent for Buller Holdings Limited, WestReef Services Limited and Buller Health Limited and ask the Directors to address the changes identified and report back to Council.

RM Sampson/MM Montgomery

Carried Unanimously

7 BULLER HOLDINGS - HALF YEAR REPORT

Cr Sampson pointed out that Director Barry McFedries appointed September 2007 should read reappointed October 2008.

Resolved: That this report be received by Council for information purposes.

PJ McManus/FTW Ratahi

Carried Unanimously

8 BULLER HEALTH TRUST - DRAFT STATEMENT OF INTENT

Cr Campbell declared his interest in the Buller Health Trust and left the meeting.

Resolved: **That this report be received by Council for information purposes.**

PJ McManus/RM Sampson

Carried Unanimously

9 BULLER HEALTH TRUST - HALF YEAR REPORT

Cr Sampson was advised the figure for accommodation and furniture was to provide accommodation for the new dentist when he first arrived and the purchase of new furniture for the flat as the other furniture was broken.

Resolved: **That this report be received by Council for information purposes.**

PJ McManus/RM Sampson

Carried Unanimously

Cr Campbell rejoined the meeting.

10 WESTPORT AIRPORT AUTHORITY - DRAFT STATEMENT OF INTENT

Cr Sampson queried the salary and wages figure which has doubled. The Manager Corporate Services to check the figure.

Resolved: **That Council receive and review the Draft Statement of Intent.**

DI Barnes/JW Halsall

Carried Unanimously

11 WESTPORT AIRPORT AUTHORITY - HALF YEAR REPORT

Resolved: That this report be received by Council for information purposes.

PJ McManus/DJ Hawes

Carried Unanimously

12 QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

Resolved: That the report be received for information.

PJ McManus/DI Barnes

Carried Unanimously

13 LTCCP POLICIES

Resolved: That Council reviews and adopts the various policies for inclusion in the Draft LTCCP.

MM Montgomery/DI Barnes

Carried Unanimously

14 DISTRICT PLAN REVIEW - OUTLINE OF TIMELINE

The Chief Executive outlined to the meeting that the Government are currently reviewing the Resource Management Act and there could be changes that will impact on the District Plan review.

Resolved: That the report be received for information.

MM Montgomery/PA Campbell

Carried Unanimously

15 ANNUAL REPORT ON DOG CONTROL POLICY AND PRACTICES 2007/2008

Cr Barnes wished to pass on Council's thanks to the Senior Animal Control Officer for the skill in which she handles a difficult job.

Resolved: **That this report be adopted and publicly notified.**

PJ McManus/DI Barnes

Carried Unanimously

16 BREAST SCREENING BUS

Cr Sampson updated the meeting and advised the National Breast Screening Group had meet with concerned parties and are regrouping to discuss the issue.

Cr Bainbridge advised that 900 signatures have been collected from the Westport area and 100 from the country area. There has been no consultation with the Buller people.

Cr Neylon would like to see a meeting set up with Christchurch Radiology Group, Breast Screening South, the National Breast Screening Group and the District Health Board before meeting the Minister. If more funding required then the joint group can approach the Minister united.

Resolved: **That the Mayor and Deputy Mayor seek a meeting with the Christchurch Radiography Group, the West Coast District Health Board, Breast Screening South and the National Breast Screening Unit to discuss the matter.**

JW Halsall/DI Barnes

Carried Unanimously

17 NOMINATION OF TRUSTEE FOR WEST COAST PRIMARY HEALTH ORGANISATION (PHO)

The Mayor nominated Cr Sampson who is the current nominee.

Resolved: That Council nominate Cr RM Sampson to the West Coast Primary Health Organisation (PHO).

PJ McManus/DJ Hawes

Carried Unanimously

18 **STOCK MOVEMENT POLICY**

The Manager Operations advised the meeting the purpose of the bylaw was to control stock movements across the road. Farmers would require a consent unless they moved stock across a road less than 15 times a month and only in daylight hours which would be a 'permitted activity'.

Cr Neylon stated that farmers would claim they had fewer than 15 stock movements in a month so they would save having to get a consent. He added that it would be difficult to police the number of crossing and Council should require farmers to seek exemptions from gaining consent.

The Manager Operations was asked to note the proposed changes and bring the draft back to the April Council meeting for approval before it goes out for public consultation.

Resolved: That Council resolves to initiate the process outlined in Section 155 of the Local Government Act 2002 to give public notice of its intention to make a Stock Movement Bylaw for a period of not less than two months. That any submissions received during the consultation process be considered before the law is made and the changes identified to be included in the Bylaw for presentation next month.

PJ McManus/DJ Hawes

Carried Unanimously

19 **WESTPORT AIRPORT SECURITY**

Cr Hawes stated that Council should reassure the public that they are taking every care to protect cars that are parked at the Airport.

Mayor McManus added that the public need to be aware that it is an at risk area even though there are cameras operating. He would like the Property and Reserves Officer to check the signage regarding storing cars at their own risk.

Resolved: That Council endorses the provision of two extra cameras at the Airport for security surveillance.

DJ Hawes/KL Bainbridge

Carried Unanimously

20 **WESTPORT AIRPORT POLICY**

Cr Sampson would like the wording changed in the paragraph concerning the existing hangers to read:

'users are required to maintain and paint their buildings in colour combination as used on the main terminal'

The Manager Operations pointed out that existing leases need to be checked to see if Council can require the users to maintain and paint their buildings. All new leases will have the clause added.

Resolved: That Council adopts the policies and recommendation as proposed and check the existing leases regarding the requirements of maintaining and painting the existing hangers.

PJ McManus/DJ Hawes

Carried Unanimously

The meeting adjourned to welcome four members of the Labour Caucus.

21 **ADOPTION WALKING AND CYCLING STRATEGY**

The Manager Operations advised that this document was still relevant but the emphasis on walking and cycling has been taken away by the new Government and any expenditure to meet the requirements will be subject to the Annual Budget round.

Resolved: That Council receives the report and adopts the West Coast Regional Walking and Cycling Strategy.

PJ McManus/KL Bainbridge

Carried Unanimously

22 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Department of Internal Affairs - Local Authorities (Members' Interests) Act 1968 - Review

Robert Terry - Lodging a Formal Complaint

Marg Milne - Proposal for old Swimming Pool Site

Mayor McManus advised he has spoken to Marg and the letter would be forwarded for inclusion in the LTCCP

Federated Farmers of New Zealand - Long Term Council Community Plans

Families Commission - Family Day 15 May 2009

The Manager of Solid Energy Centre to arrange a suitable event.

Office of Hon Simon Power - Funding of Community Law Centres

Brian McCarthy Q.S.M. - Local Body Amalgamation

Letter to be sent advising that Council are working with other Local Council on shared services and that is continuing.

Cancer Society - Tobacco Litter in the Community

Graeme Neylon - Resignation Buller Holdings

23 PUBLIC FORUM RESPONSE

Robert Terry and Dawn Chandler's presentations to be actioned by Mayor McManus and the Chief Executive.

24 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.

Performance Bond

ST Dellaca

Contract

Buller District Council and Roadmarkers N.Z. Ltd

DJ Hawes/DI Barnes

Carried Unanimously

14 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 - January 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	Stephen Griffin - Manager Operations	Landfill Site Development	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/DJ Hawes

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/DJ Hawes

Carried Unanimously

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 12.40pm

Confirmed Date