

Council MINUTES

Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Dunedin City Council held in the Council Chamber, Dunedin Public Art Gallery, The Octagon, Dunedin on Wednesday 20 March 2024, commencing at 1:02 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Mayor Jules Radich
Deputy Mayor Cr Cherry Lucas

Members

Cr Bill Acklin	Cr Sophie Barker
Cr David Benson-Pope	Cr Christine Garey
Cr Kevin Gilbert	Cr Carmen Houlahan
Cr Marie Laufiso	Cr Mandy Mayhem
Cr Jim O'Malley	Cr Lee Vandervis
Cr Steve Walker (via zoom audio visual link)	Cr Brent Weatherall
Cr Andrew Whiley (via zoom audio visual link)	

IN ATTENDANCE Sandy Graham (Chief Executive Officer), Leanne Mash (Deputy CEO/General Manager Business and Community Engagement), Robert West (General Manager Corporate Services), Carolyn Allan (Chief Financial Officer),

Governance Support Officer Lynne Adamson

1 OPENING

George Lethbridge opened the meeting with a prayer on behalf of the Muslim community.

2 PUBLIC FORUM

There was no Public Forum.

3 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

4 CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved (Mayor Jules Radich/Cr Cherry Lucas):

That the Council:

Confirms the agenda without addition or alteration.

Motion carried (CNL/2024/053)

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were reminded of the need to stand aside from decision-making when a conflict arose between their role as an elected representative and any private or other external interest they might have.

Moved (Mayor Jules Radich/Cr Cherry Lucas):

That the Council:

- a) **Notes** the Elected Members' Interest Register; and
- b) **Confirms** the proposed management plan for Interests.
- c) **Notes** the proposed management plan for the Executive Leadership Team's Interests.

Motion carried (CNL/2024/054)

REPORTS

6 POTENTIAL SALE - AURORA ENERGY LIMITED - STATEMENT OF PROPOSAL AND COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT PLAN

A report from Legal Services and Finance advised that Aurora Energy Limited (Aurora) was an electricity distribution business that owned and operated regulated electricity distribution networks in Dunedin, Central Otago (including Wānaka) and Queenstown Lakes.

The report sought Council's approval to the draft statement of proposal and draft communication and engagement plan.

Cr Carmen Houlahan entered the meeting at 1.07 pm.

Moved (Mayor Jules Radich/Cr Cherry Lucas):

That the Council:

Adjourns the meeting for 5 minutes.

Motion carried

The meeting adjourned at 2.05 pm and reconvened at 2.10 pm.

Moved (Mayor Jules Radich/Cr Bill Acklin):

That the Council:

- a) **Adopts** the statement of proposal (consultation document)]referred to in this report.
- b) **Approves** the communication and engagement plan referred to in this report.
- c) **Decides** that a further summary document to summarise the statement of proposal is not required under section 83(1)(a)(ii) of the Local Government Act 2002.
- d) **Delegates** to Council’s Chief Executive Officer the authority:
 - i) To make any amendments to the statement of proposal and/or communication and engagement plan as are requested by Council.
 - ii) To make minor editorial changes to the statement of proposal.
 - iii) To amend the communication and engagement plan if the Council’s Chief Executive Officer considers that further or different consultation would assist in the consultation process.
- e) **Includes** in the statement of proposal a section on the strategic value of Aurora Energy.
- f) **Includes** the updated section on Aurora Energy Returns.

Division

The Council voted by division

For: Crs Bill Acklin, Sophie Barker, David Benson-Pope, Christine Garey, Kevin Gilbert, Carmen Houlahan, Cherry Lucas, Mandy Mayhem, Jim O'Malley, Lee Vandervis, Steve Walker, Brent Weatherall, Andrew Whiley and Mayor Jules Radich (14).

Against: Nil

Abstained: Cr Marie Laufiso (1).

The division was declared CARRIED by 14 votes to 0 with one abstention

Motion carried (CNL/2024/055)

7 ANNUAL PLAN 2024/25 COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT PLAN

A report from Civic advised that following the granting of Royal Assent of the Water Service Acts Repeal Act 2024 (the Repeal Act) on 16 February 2024, Council resolved to defer the 10 year plan 2024–2034 by one year, and instead prepare an Annual Plan for 2024/25. The draft Plan was an update to year four of the 10 year plan 2021-31.

The report recommended a community engagement approach for the draft Plan which utilised both online digital content and print-based engagement practices, as well as in person opportunities.

The Chief Executive Officer (Sandy Graham) and General Manager Business and Community Engagement (Leanne Mash) spoke to the report and responded to questions.

Moved (Mayor Jules Radich/Deputy Mayor Cherry Lucas):

That the Council:

- a) **Approves** the attached Annual Plan 2024/25 Communication and Engagement Plan.

Motion carried (CNL/2024/056)

The meeting closed at 2.52 pm

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MAYOR