

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 Tuesday 24 September 2024, commencing at 10.00 am

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	Cr Brent Weatherall
	Cr Andrew Whiley	

IN ATTENDANCE

Sandy Graham (Chief Executive Officer), Robert West (General Manager Corporate Services), Jeanette Wikaira (General Manager Arts, Culture and Recreation), Carolyn Allan (Chief Financial Officer), Scott MacLean (General Manager Climate and City Growth), Carolyn Allan (Chief Financial Officer), Hayden McAuliffe (Financial Services Manager), Dr Anna Johnson (City Development Manager), Emily McEwan (Senior Planner City Development), Jane MacLeod (Team Leader Planning), Mark Mawdsley (Team Leader Advisory Services), Nadia Wesley-Smith (Corporate Policy Manager Acting), Alix de Blic (Senior Policy Analyst), Heath Ellis (Acting Group Manager Parks and Recreation), Owen Graham (Senior Leasing and Land Advisor), Kevin Mechen (Alcohol, Psychoactive Substances and Gambling Advisor), Jonathan Rowe (Programme Manager, South Dunedin Future), Leigh McKenzie (Waste Minimisation Officer, Waste and Environmental Solutions), Chris Henderson (Group Manager Waste and Environmental Solutions) and Clare Sullivan (Manager Governance)

Governance Support Officer Lynne Adamson

1 OPENING

The Mayor acknowledged the recent passing of the Māori King Kiingi Tūheitia Pōtatau Te Wherowhero and the crowning of the new Māori Queen Ngā Wai Hono i te Pō, wishing her well for her reign.

OPENING PRAYER

Ms Jane Johnson introduced monks Geshe Lobsang Dhonye, and Geshe Losang Gyats who then opened the meeting with a prayer on behalf of the Dhargyey Buddhist Centre.

2 PUBLIC FORUM

2.1 Erosion

Carmel Spencer spoke and distributed information on behalf of the Harington Point residents on erosion. Ms Spencer responded to questions.

2.2 Points for Consideration

Robyn Vintiner spoke on Where to from Here – points for consideration by Council for the LTP from her perspective and various other concerns.

Ms Vintiner responded to questions.

Cr Kevin Gilbert left the meeting at 10.27 am

2.3 Cargills Corner

Jo Millar reiterated earlier requests that the community would like Cargills Corner to become a Barnes dance intersection commenting on the safety issues. Ms Millar spoke of the local businesses and parking issues in the area and suggested that berms could be cut back to provide additional parking.

Cr Kevin Gilbert returned to the meeting at 10.35 am.

Ms Millar responded to questions.

3 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

4 CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved (Mayor Jules Radich/Cr Mandy Mayhem):

That the Council:

Confirms the agenda the following alteration:

That Item 20 – Aurora Energy Limited – Options Report be taken as the first report for discussion on Wednesday 25 September 2024.

Motion carried (CNL/2024/164)

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 Elected Members' Interests.
- c) **Notes** the proposed management plan for the Executive Leadership Team's Interests.

Motion carried (CNL/2024/165)

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 27 AUGUST 2024

Moved (Mayor Jules Radich/Cr Cherry Lucas):

That the Council:

- a) **Confirms** the public part of the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 27 August 2024 as a correct record.

Motion carried (CNL/2024/166)

REPORTS

15 ACTIONS FROM RESOLUTIONS OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

A report from Civic provided an update on the progress on implementation of resolutions made at Council meetings.

The Chief Executive Officer (Sandy Graham) spoke to the report and responded to questions.

Moved (Mayor Jules Radich/Cr Kevin Gilbert):

That the Council:

- a) **Notes** the Open and Completed Actions from resolutions of Council meetings.

Motion carried (CNL/2024/167)

16 FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME FOR COUNCIL - SEPTEMBER 2024

A report from Civic provided an update on the forward work programme for the 2024-2025 year.

The Chief Executive Officer (Sandy Graham) spoke to the report and responded to questions.

Moved (Mayor Jules Radich/Cr Cherry Lucas):

That the Council:

- a) **Notes** the updated Council forward work programme.

Motion carried (CNL/2024/168)

17 9 YEAR PLAN FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME - SEPTEMBER 2024

A report from Civic provided an update on the forward work programme for the development of the 9 year plan.

The Chief Executive Officer (Sandy Graham) responded to questions.

Moved (Mayor Jules Radich/Cr Kevin Gilbert):

That the Council:

- a) **Notes** the updated Council forward work programme.

Motion carried (CNL/2024/169)

7 RESIDENTS' OPINION SURVEY RESULTS 2023/24

A report from Corporate Policy provided a summary of the annual results of the 2023/24 Residents' Opinion Survey (ROS). The 2023/24 survey was conducted over the 12 months from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 by an independent research company, called GravitasOPG.

The Corporate Policy Manager – Acting (Nadia Wesley-Smith) and Senior Policy Analyst (Alix de Blic) spoke to the report and responded to questions. Ms Wesley-Smith advised of a correction to paragraph 16, the margin of error was +/-2.7% and not +/-2.6% as presented in the report.

Ms Wesley-Smith and Ms de Blic responded to questions.

Cr Carmen Houlahan left the meeting at 11.09 am and returned at 11.12 am.

Moved (Mayor Jules Radich/Cr Cherry Lucas):

That the Council:

- a) **Notes** the annual results of the Residents' Opinion Survey 2023/24.

Motion carried (CNL/2024/170)

8 APPROVAL TO NOTIFY PLAN CHANGE 1 – MINOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE 2GP

A report from City Development sought approval to notify Plan Change 1: Minor Improvements, the first proposed plan change to the partially operative Second Generation Dunedin City District Plan (2GP). The proposed notification date was 20 November 2024.

Cr Christine Garey left the meeting at 11.27 am and returned at 11.30 am.

The City Development Manager (Dr Anna Johnson), Team Leader Advisory Services (Mark Mawdsley), Senior Planner (Emily McEwan) and Team Leader Planning (Jane MacLeod) spoke to the report and responded to questions.

Moved (Cr Jim O'Malley/Cr Christine Garey):

That the Council:

- a) **Approves** notification of Plan Change 1.
- b) **Resolves** under section 48(1)(a)(i) and section 7(2)(j) of the Local Government Official information and Meetings Act 1987 to withhold the following documents, which contain details of changes to the Plan that are proposed via Plan Change 1, until 20 November, to prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage: a summary of all proposals that have been assessed as part of the plan change; details of all proposed new scheduled heritage buildings; a report evaluating the proposed changes under RMA section 32; all proposed changes to the text of the Plan; proposed changes to the 2GP Planning Map; and assessments of heritage values for all proposed new scheduled heritage buildings.
- c) **Resolves** to delay the changes to rules associated with stormwater open watercourses from taking effect until Plan Change 1 becomes operative, noting that under section 86B(3) of the RMA these would otherwise take effect from the date of public notification
- d) **Resolves** to delegate power to lodge a submission on the plan change under Clause 6, First Schedule RMA to the Chief Executive Officer (or delegate)
- e) **Delegates** to the Chief Executive Officer (or delegate) the power to correct, or authorise the correction of, typographical errors or to make minor amendments to the content of Plan Change 1 or its accompanying section 32 report.

Division

The Council voted by division

For: Crs Bill Acklin, Sophie Barker, David Benson-Pope, Christine Garey, Kevin Gilbert, Carmen Houlahan, Marie Laufiso, Cherry Lucas, Mandy Mayhem, Jim O'Malley, Lee Vandervis, Steve Walker, Brent Weatherall, Andrew Whiley and Mayor Jules Radich (15).

Against: Nil

Abstained: Nil

The division was declared CARRIED by 15 votes to 0

Motion carried (CNL/2024/171)

Moved (Mayor Jules Radich/Cr Mandy Mayhem):

That the Council:

Adjourns the meeting until 1.00 pm.

Motion carried

The meeting adjourned at 12.27 pm and resumed at 1.01 pm.
Cr Lee Vandervis left the meeting at 12.27 pm.

9 SUSTAINABILITY FRAMEWORK

A report from Corporate Policy provided a summary on the work to date on the development of the City Portrait for adaptation for a Ōtepoti Dunedin context; revisited the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals as an alternative framework, following an SDG workshop that Councillors recently attended.

The report sought a decision on whether the City Portrait should progress to the next phase of community engagement or if Council wished to explore alternative frameworks to represent the Dunedin City Council's commitment to sustainability.

The Corporate Policy Manager – Acting (Nadia Wesley-Smith) and Senior Policy Analyst (Alix de Blic) responded to questions.

Cr Marie Laufiso left the meeting at 1.06 pm and returned at 1.10 pm.

Moved (Mayor Jules Radich/Cr Marie Laufiso):

That the Council:

Adjourns the meeting for five minutes.

Motion carried

The meeting adjourned at 1.11 pm and resumed at 1.18 pm.
Cr Lee Vandervis entered the meeting at 1.18 pm.

Moved (Cr Kevin Gilbert/Cr Sophie Barker):

That the Council:

- a) **Decides** to cease development of the City Portrait to the community engagement stage.

Division

The Council voted by division

For: Crs Bill Acklin, Sophie Barker, Kevin Gilbert, Cherry Lucas, Mandy Mayhem, Jim O'Malley, Lee Vandervis, Brent Weatherall, Andrew Whiley and Mayor Jules Radich (10).

Against: Crs David Benson-Pope, Christine Garey, Carmen Houlahan, Marie Laufiso and Steve Walker (5).

Abstained: Nil

The division was declared CARRIED by 10 votes to 5

Motion carried (CNL/2024/172)

Moved (Cr Kevin Gilbert/Cr Sophie Barker):

That the Council:

- b) **Requests** staff to develop alternative frameworks for consideration, based on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

Division

The Council voted by division

For: Crs Bill Acklin, Sophie Barker, Kevin Gilbert, Cherry Lucas, Mandy Mayhem, Jim O'Malley, Brent Weatherall, Andrew Whiley and Mayor Jules Radich (9).

Against: Crs David Benson-Pope, Christine Garey, Carmen Houlahan, Marie Laufiso, Lee Vandervis and Steve Walker (6).

Abstained: Nil

The division was declared CARRIED by 9 votes to 6

Motion carried (CNL/2024/173)

Moved (Cr Kevin Gilbert/Cr Sophie Barker):

That the Council:

- c) **Notes** that staff would provide an update report on progress by December 2024.

Division

The Council voted by division

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

Against: Cr Lee Vandervis (1).

Abstained: Nil

The division was declared CARRIED by 14 votes to 1

Motion carried (CNL/2024/174)

10 SOUTH DUNEDIN FUTURE - RISK ASSESSMENT UPDATE AND PROGRAMME CHANGES

A report from Climate and City Growth provided an update on technical work relating to the South Dunedin Risk Assessment, describes constraints faced in finalising this technical report, and associated implications for the South Dunedin Future programme.

The General Manager, Climate and City Growth (Scott MacLean) and Programme Manager, South Dunedin Future (Jonathan Rowe) spoke to the report and responded to questions.

Moved (Mayor Jules Radich/Cr Mandy Mayhem):

That the Council:

- a) **Notes** a review of the draft risk assessment for South Dunedin has identified information gaps and data limitations that have prevented finalisation of this technical report.
- b) **Notes** work underway to address identified information gaps and data limitations, including bringing forward completion of an updated flood model and collection of building floor level information for South Dunedin.
- c) **Notes** the associated delay in finalising the risk assessment and spatial adaptation options for South Dunedin, which are now expected to be presented to Councils and released publicly in February 2025.
- d) **Notes** a copy of this report will be considered by Otago Regional Councillors on 25 September 2024.

Motion carried (CNL/2024/175)

Moved (Mayor Jules Radich/Cr Marie Laufiso):

That the Council:

Adjourns the meeting for ten minutes.

Motion carried

The meeting adjourned at 2.37 pm and Cr Bill Acklin left the meeting.
The meeting resumed at 2.56 pm.

18 REVIEW OF DUNEDIN'S LOCAL ALCOHOL POLICY

A report from Civic noted that the Dunedin City Council's Local Alcohol Policy (LAP) took effect on 1 February 2019 and was required to be reviewed no later than six years after it came into force, i.e. by 1 February 2025.

The General Manager Corporate Services (Robert West) and Alcohol, Psychoactive Substances and Gambling Advisor (Kevin Mechen) spoke to the report and responded to questions.

Cr Bill Acklin returned to the meeting at 2.59 pm.

Moved (Cr Steve Walker/Cr Carmen Houlahan):

That the Council:

- a) **Approves** the draft Local Alcohol Policy, subject to legal review, for public consultation via the special consultative procedure under the Local Government Act (2004).

Motion carried (CNL/2024/176)

Moved (Cr Steve Walker/Cr Carmen Houlahan):

That the Council:

- b) **Notes** that the Chair of the Hearings Panel, Cr O'Malley has exercised his delegation to appoint the panel which is Cr O'Malley (Chair) and Crs Barker, Benson-Pope, Garey, Gilbert, Walker and Whiley.

Motion carried (CNL/2024/177) with Cr Bill Acklin recording his vote against

Moved (Cr Steve Walker/Cr Carmen Houlahan):

That the Council:

- c) **Notes** that the panel would consider the submissions and report back to Council to seek approval of the final LAP.

Motion carried (CNL/2024/178)

11 SUBMISSION ON A NEW STRATEGY TO PREVENT AND MINIMISE GAMBLING HARM

A report from Civic sought approval of a submission to the Ministry of Health Manatū Hauora (the Ministry of Health) on a draft Strategy to Prevent and Minimise Gambling Harm.

The General Manager Corporate Services (Robert West) and Alcohol, Psychoactive Substances and Gambling Advisor (Kevin Mechen) spoke to the report and responded to questions.

Following discussion, it was agreed to add a comment recognising the impact of lotto as a form of gambling and concern at the lotto advertising on television.

Moved (Mayor Jules Radich/Cr Carmen Houlahan):

That the Council:

- a) **Approves** the draft Dunedin City Council submission to the Ministry of Health Manatū Hauora on a New Strategy to Prevent and Minimise Gambling Harm.
- b) **Authorises** the Chief Executive to make any minor editorial amendments to the submission.
- c) **Notes** that the Mayor or delegate would speak to any hearings in regard to the submission.

Motion carried (CNL/2024/179)

12 LITTER COMPLIANCE POLICY 2024

A report from Waste and Environmental Solutions noted that the Dunedin City Council's current Litter Compliance Policy was approved on 25 May 2021 and was due for review on 1 July 2024. The review had been completed, and the resulting draft Litter Compliance Policy 2024 was approved for public notification on 31 July 2024.

The consultation period had been completed and approval was now sought for the updated policy to be adopted.

The General Manager, Climate and City Growth (Scott MacLean) spoke to the report and responded to questions.

Moved (Cr Jim O'Malley/Cr Mandy Mayhem):

That the Council:

- a) **Revokes** the existing Litter Compliance Policy 2021;
- b) **Adopts** the proposed Litter Compliance Policy 2024.

Motion carried (CNL/2024/180)

13 SUBMISSION ON THE OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT REVIEW

A report from Corporate Policy sought approval of a draft Dunedin City Council submission to the Otago Regional Council on the Air Quality Management Review.

The General Manager, Climate and City Growth (Scott MacLean) and Senior Policy Analyst (Alix de Blic) spoke to the report and responded to questions.

Councillors made the following amendments to the submission:

- Inclusion of mention to agricultural spraying with issues with aerial discharge of herbicide being incorporated.
- Inclusion of the requirement of active monitoring of air quality.
- Inclusion of examples of health impact on general food beyond Mahika kai
- Add mention of the impact of examples of measure to reduce vehicle idling
- Add mention around solid burner misuse (to burn rubbish including plastic for example)
- Inclusion of the addition of buses to the Waikouaiti Coast route.

Moved (Cr Jim O'Malley/Cr David Benson-Pope):

That the Council:

- a) **Approves** the draft DCC submission, with minor additions suggested by the Councillors, on the Otago Regional Council on the Air Quality Management Review.
- b) **Authorises** the Chief Executive to make any minor editorial changes to the submission if required.

Motion carried (CNL/2024/181)

Moved (Mayor Jules Radich/Cr Cherry Lucas):

That the Council:

Extends the meeting beyond 6 hours.

Motion carried

19 GIFT OF LAND AT PORTOBELLO FROM THE OTAGO PENINSULA AGRICULTURAL AND PASTORAL SOCIETY

A report from Parks and Recreation dealt with the gifting of approximately 1.1735 hectares of land owned by The Otago Peninsula Agricultural and Pastoral Society to the Council.

The General Manager Climate and City Growth (Scott MacLean), Acting Group Manager Parks and Recreation (Heath Ellis) and Senior Leasing and Land Advisor (Owen Graham) spoke to the report and responded to questions.

Moved (Cr Lee Vandervis/Cr Carmen Houlahan):

That the Council:

- a) **Notes** the information contained in this Report
- b) **Approves** the terms of the Agreement for Sale and Purchase executed between The Otago Peninsula Agricultural and Pastoral Society and the Council and accepts the gift of land.
- c) **Authorises** the public notification of Council's intention to declare the land referred to in the Agreement for Sale and Purchase as a recreation reserve under section 14 of the Reserves Act 1977.

Moved (Mayor Jules Radich/Cr Jim O'Malley):

That the Council:

Adjourns the meeting for five minutes.

Motion carried

The meeting adjourned at 3.53 pm and reconvened at 3.56 pm.

Cr Bill Acklin left the meeting at 3.53 pm.

Cr Houlahan, Gilbert and Garey entered at 3.58 pm.

A procedural motion was moved:

Moved (Mayor Jules Radich/Cr Marie Laufiso):

That the Council:

- a) **Lay** the item on the table.

Motion carried (CNL/2024/182)

14 PROPOSED EVENT ROAD CLOSURES

A report from Transport sought approval for temporary road closure applications relating to the following events:

- a) Green Island Market Day
- b) Rainbow Run
- c) New Zealand Track and Field Championships

Moved (Cr David Benson-Pope/Cr Christine Garey):

That the Council:

- a) **Resolves** to close the roads detailed below (pursuant to Section 319, Section 342, and Schedule 10 clause 11(e) of the Local Government Act 1974 (LGA 1974)):

i) Green Island Market Day

Saturday, 7 December 2024	7.00am to 3.00pm	Main South Road Green Island, from Howden Street to Church Street. Jenkins Street, from Main South Road to Shand Street. Parking restrictions will be in place in Howden and Shand Streets.
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ii) Rainbow Run

Sunday, 20 October 2024	11.00am to 12.30pm	Logan Park Drive, from Anzac Avenue to Butts Road.
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iii) 2025 New Zealand Track and Field Championships

Thursday, 6 March 2025 to Sunday, 9 March 2025	7.00am to 8.00pm	Logan Park Drive, from Anzac Avenue to Butts Road.
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Motion carried (CNL/2024/183)

RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

Moved (Mayor Jules Radich/Cr Steve Walker):

That the Council:

Pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, exclude the public from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting namely:

General subject of the matter to be considered	Reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the	Reason for Confidentiality
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**passing of this
resolution**

C1 Ordinary Council
meeting - 27 August
2024 - Public Excluded

S7(2)(a)
The withholding of the
information is necessary
to protect the privacy of
natural persons,
including that of a
deceased person.

S7(2)(g)
The withholding of the
information is necessary
to maintain legal
professional privilege.

S7(2)(h)
The withholding of the
information is necessary
to enable the local
authority to carry out,
without prejudice or
disadvantage,
commercial activities.

S7(2)(i)
The withholding of the
information is necessary
to enable the local
authority to carry on,
without prejudice or
disadvantage,
negotiations (including
commercial and
industrial negotiations).

s48(1)(d)
Check to make report
confidential.

C2 Confidential
Council Actions from
Resolutions at Council
Meetings

S7(2)(a)
The withholding of the
information is necessary
to protect the privacy of
natural persons,
including that of a
deceased person.

S7(2)(g)
The withholding of the
information is necessary
to maintain legal
professional privilege.

S48(1)(a)
The public conduct of
the part of the
meeting would be
likely to result in the
disclosure of
information for
which good reason
for withholding exists
under section 7.

S7(2)(h)
The withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.

S7(2)(i)
The withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).

C3 Confidential
Council Forward Work
Programme -
September 2024

S7(2)(h)
The withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.

S48(1)(a)
The public conduct of the part of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists under section 7.

C4 Confidential 9 Year
Plan Forward Work
Programme -
September 2024

S7(2)(h)
The withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.

S48(1)(a)
The public conduct of the part of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists under section 7.

C5 Confidential
documents for
notification of 2GP
Plan Change 1: Minor
improvements

S7(2)(j)
The withholding of the information is necessary to prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage.

S48(1)(a)
The public conduct of the part of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists under section 7.

C6 Dunedin City
Holdings Group -
Director Re-
appointments

S7(2)(a)
The withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons,

S48(1)(a)
The public conduct of the part of the meeting would be likely to result in the

	including that of a deceased person.	disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists under section 7.
C Project Procurement Options	S6(a) The making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation, and detection of offences and the right to a fair trial.	S48(1)(a) The public conduct of the part of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists under section 6 and 7.
	S7(2)(h) The withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.	

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act, or Section 6 or Section 7 or Section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982, as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as shown above after each item.

Motion carried (CNL/2024/184)

The meeting moved into confidential at 4.00 pm and resumed in public on Wednesday 25 September 2024 at 10.00 am.

Messrs Tim Loan (Chair, DCHL); Stephen Thompson (Chair Aurora Energy Ltd); Peter Hocking (General Manager DCHL) were in attendance.

Governance Support Officer: Lauren Riddle

20 AURORA ENERGY LIMITED - OPTIONS REPORT

The Legal Services and Finance report provided information to assist Council, whether to retain ownership of Aurora Energy Limited (Aurora) or to sell Aurora.

The report provided the background to the public consultation held through March to May 2024 on the proposal to sell Aurora to repay Aurora’s debt and to establish a diversify fund, which would provide income for Council.

The Chief Executive Officer (Sandy Graham) introduced the report. The Chief In-House Legal Counsel (Karilyn Canton); Chief Financial Officer (Carolyn Allan), Hayden McAuliffe (Financial

Services Manager), Tim Loan (Chair DCHL), Peter Hocking (General Manager DCHL) and Stephen Thompson (Chair Aurora Energy Ltd) responded to questions of the report.

The meeting adjourned at 10:34am due to a fire alarm and all attendees evacuated the Dunedin Public Art Gallery.

The meeting reconvened at 10:45am with the continuation of questions to staff.

Cr Andrew Whiley returned to the meeting at 10:48 am.

Cr Carmen Houlahan returned to the meeting at 10:49 am.

Cr Brent Weatherall left the meeting at 11:10 am and returned at 11:11am.

Cr Carmen Houlahan left the meeting at 11.59 am and returned at 12.02 pm.

Cr Andrew Whiley left the meeting at 12.15 pm and returned at 12.20 pm.

Moved (Mayor Jules Radich/Cr Brent Weatherall):

That the Council:

- a) **Agrees** to retain ownership of Aurora Energy Limited.
- b) **Advises** Dunedin City Holdings Ltd (DCHL) of Council's decision to retain Aurora Energy Limited.
- c) **Notes** that the Investment Plan will be redrafted as part of the 9 Year Plan with the focus on increasing the capital value of Council's investment assets rather than generating cash returns.
- d) **Notes** that staff will prepare draft 9 Year Plan budgets on the following basis:
 - i) No dividend will be budgeted from DCHL from the 2026/27 year.
 - ii) Increased debt levels will be required to meet Council's proposed capital programme.
 - iii) Revenue assumptions will require a review of future rates rises.

With the leave of the meeting, Mayor Radich and Cr Weatherall agreed to remove recommendations c) and d) from the resolution.

The recommendation was then moved (Mayor Jules Radich/Cr Brent Weatherall):

That the Council:

- a) **Agrees** to retain ownership of Aurora Energy Limited.
- b) **Advises** Dunedin City Holdings Ltd (DCHL) of Council's decision to retain Aurora Energy Limited.

The Council voted by division

For: Crs Bill Acklin, Sophie Barker, David Benson-Pope, Christine Garey, Kevin Gilbert, Carmen Houlahan, Marie Laufiso, Mandy Mayhem, Jim O'Malley, Steve Walker, Brent Weatherall, Andrew Whiley and Mayor Jules Radich (13).

Against: Crs Cherry Lucas and Lee Vandervis (2).

Abstained: Nil

The division was declared CARRIED by 13 votes to 2

Motion carried (CNL/2024/185)

The meeting was declared closed at 12.59 pm.

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MAYOR