

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 18 March 2025, commencing at 1.02 pm

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), Jeanette Wikaira (General Manager Arts, Culture and Recreation), Carolyn Allan (Chief Financial Officer), David Ward (General Manager 3 Waters and Transition), Paul Henderson (Acting General Manager Customer & Regulatory), Sharon Bodeker (Special Projects Manager), Jonathan Rowe (Programme Manager – South Dunedin Projects) and Dr Jean-Luc Payan (Manager Natural Hazards – Otago Regional Council).

Governance Support Officer Lynne Adamson

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Mayor acknowledged the passing of David Ellison, Upoko of Kati Huirapa Runaka ki Puketeraki and a valued staff member, Vince Simmonds (Building Inspector) and passed on deepest sympathy to their whanau and friends.

OPENING

Chaplain Mike Tonks (recently appointed Chaplain to University of Otago) opened the meeting with a prayer.

2 PUBLIC FORUM

2.1 South Dunedin Library Premises

Jo Millar, President Grey Power addressed the Council on the current situation regarding community use of the South Dunedin Library Premises. Ms Millar raised concerns about the lack of information provided on the South Dunedin Community Hub and community access to use of the library. She requested honesty and consultation on what is happening, and are you looking at excluding some communities. Can she have some communication between the council and the community to have an open and honest discussion. She thanked Council for the new footpath, a pleasure to walk along a tar sealed flat footpath.

Cr Carmen Houlahan entered the meeting at 1.11 pm.

Ms Millar responded to questions. When the first plans came out there was never a space for market rental offices. This came out of the blue as far as the community was concerned. She isn't worried about how you do it but for the community to be given the honest choice on why it changed and when.

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/2025/077)

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/2025/078)

REPORTS

6 REVENUE POLICY FOR KETTLE PARK

A report from Civic sought approval for an additional activity to be included in the Revenue and Financing Policy, in respect of the remediation of the former landfill site at Kettle Park, that would commence in 2030/31.

The report noted that Revenue and Financing Policy was required by the Local Government Act 2002. It set out how Council's operating and capital expenditure would be funded, and the sources of those funds.

The Chief Financial Officer (Carolyn Allan) and Special Projects Manager (Sharon Bodeker) spoke to the report and responded to questions.

Moved (Cr Jim O'Malley/Cr Kevin Gilbert):

That the Council:

- a) **Approves** the inclusion of a Kettle Park activity in the Revenue and Financing Policy, as shown in Attachment A, to be used in the preparation of the 9 year plan.

Motion carried (CNL/2025/079)

7 SOUTH DUNEDIN FUTURE - RISK ASSESSMENT & POTENTIAL ADAPTATION FUTURES

A report from Climate and City Growth presented the technical reports relating to the Risk Assessment and Potential Adaptation Futures for South Dunedin, and sought Council endorsement to engage with affected communities and other stakeholders.

The report noted that the South Dunedin Future programme was a joint initiative between the Dunedin City Council and the Otago Regional Council to develop a climate change adaptation plan for South Dunedin. The programme vision was "a safer and better South Dunedin, where sustainable urban regeneration leads to improved community resilience and wellbeing". The programme remained on track to deliver the final climate adaptation plan by the end of 2026.

The General Manager 3 Waters and Transition (David Ward) and Programme Manager, South Dunedin Futures (Jonathan Rowe) and Manager Natural Hazards, Otago Regional Council (Dr Jean-Luc Payan) spoke to the report and responded to questions.

Moved (Mayor Jules Radich/Cr Kevin Gilbert):

That the Council:

- a) **Notes** the background of the South Dunedin Future programme and work undertaken since the previous update report to Council on 24 September 2024.

- b) **Notes** the contents of the South Dunedin Risk Assessment report, which identifies, classifies, and prioritises risk across the area by assessing exposure to natural hazards, vulnerability to those hazards, and likelihood of occurring, before assigning corresponding risk scores. The impacts of these risks, should they be realised, are also described.
- c) **Notes** a mana whenua risk assessment has been undertaken for South Dunedin, which has identified and rated risks through a Kāi Tahu lens, based on an analysis of cultural values.
- d) **Notes** the South Dunedin Risk Assessment has undergone technical peer review, and where technical issues remain outstanding, these are acknowledged in the report or will be addressed in subsequent stages of the SDF programme.
- e) **Endorses** the attached South Dunedin Risk Assessment report for the purposes of community engagement.
- f) **Notes** the South Dunedin Risk Assessment report may be updated in future, to account for new natural hazard information or in response to updated risk analysis, including that which may result from adaptation planning work.
- g) **Notes** the contents the 7 Potential Adaptation Futures for South Dunedin and Context Summary reports, which respond to the risk assessment by outlining the options available for managing and mitigating the risks faced by South Dunedin, including the key characteristics, costs, benefits, and trade-offs involved.
- h) **Notes** the 7 Potential Adaptation Futures for South Dunedin and Context Summary reports have undergone technical peer review, and where technical issues remain outstanding, these are acknowledged in the reports or will be addressed in subsequent stages of the SDF programme.
- i) **Endorses** the attached 7 Potential Adaptation Futures for South Dunedin and Context Summary reports for the purposes of community engagement.
- j) **Notes** that there are two further stages of adaptation planning under the South Dunedin Future programme, through which further technical and economic analysis will support development of a shortlist of potential adaptation futures and then the preferred adaptation future and pathway for South Dunedin. This work will be presented as a final adaptation plan for South Dunedin.
- k) **Notes** the next stage of the South Dunedin Future programme involves engaging with the community on the findings and implications of the South Dunedin Risk Assessment and the key characteristics of the 7 Potential Adaptation Futures for South Dunedin.
- l) **Approves** the SDF programme team undertaking engagement with partners, stakeholders and affected communities on the basis of the South Dunedin Risk Assessment, 7 Potential Adaptation Futures of South Dunedin and Context Summary reports.

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, Andrew Whiley and Mayor Jules Radich (13).
Against: Crs Lee Vandervis and Brent Weatherall (2).
Abstained: Nil

The division was declared CARRIED by 13 votes to 2

Motion carried (CNL/2025/080)

The meeting concluded at 3.56 pm.

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MAYOR