
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 Thursday 04 June 2026, commencing at 9.00 am

PRESENT

Mayor	Mayor Sophie Barker	
Deputy Mayor	Cr Cherry Lucas	
Members	Cr John Chambers	Cr Jo Galer
	Cr Christine Garey	Cr Doug Hall
	Cr Marie Laufiso	Cr Russell Lund via zoom
		audio visual link
	Cr Mandy Mayhem	Cr Benedict Ong
	Cr Andrew Simms	Cr Mickey Treadwell
	Cr Lee Vandervis	Cr Steve Walker
	Cr Brent Weatherall	

IN ATTENDANCE

Sandy Graham (Chief Executive), Carolyn Allan (Chief Financial Officer), Scott MacLean (General Manager City Services), David Ward (General Manager 3 Waters, Property and Urban Development), Mike Costelloe (General Manager, Arts, Culture and Economic Development), Paul Henderson (General Manager Corporate and Regulatory Services) and Nicola Morand (Manahautū - General Manager Community and Strategy) Teresa Fogarty (Destination Manager), Katie Love (Enterprise Dunedin Marketing Officer), Dr Anna Johnson (Manager City Development), Dan Hendra (Team Leader – Events)

Governance Support Officer	Lynne Adamson
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1 OPENING

Richard Chambers, Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints opened the meeting with a prayer.

2 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

3 CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved (Mayor Sophie Barker/Cr Cherry Lucas):

That the Council:

Confirms the agenda with the following alterations:

- i) That Items 11 – Amenity Requests and 12 – Completion of Annual Plan 2026/27 Deliberations and Decision making (from the 27 May 2026 meeting) be taken after Item 5 – Declaration of Interests.
- ii) Notes that the meeting will move into non-public at 10.30 am and that Item C4 – Recruitment Update will be considered at that time due to the availability of external attendees.
- iii) That the meeting would resume in public at 1.00 pm with Public Forum being the first item taken and then then continue at Item 6 – Confirmation of Minutes

Motion carried (CNL/2026/114)

4 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.

Cr Benedict Ong provided an update to his Interest Register.

Moved (Mayor Sophie Barker/Cr Cherry Lucas):

That the Council:

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

Motion carried (CNL/2026/115)

Moved (Mayor Sophie/Cr Cherry Lucas):

That the Council:

Resumes the 27 May 2026 Council meeting.

Motion carried

The meeting adjourned at 9.10 am and reconvened at 10.01 am.

6.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 23 APRIL 2026

Moved (Mayor Sophie Barker/Cr Cherry Lucas):

That the Council:

- a) **Confirms** the public part of the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 23 April 2026 as a correct record.

Motion carried (CNL/2026/116)

REPORTS

8 PROPOSED EVENT ROAD CLOSURES

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

- i) Dunedin Midwinter Carnival
ii) Matariki Drone Show

Moved (Cr Mandy Mayhem/Mayor Sophie Barker):

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) Dunedin Midwinter Carnival

Friday, 12 June 2026	3.00pm to 10.00pm	• Moray Place, between Lower Stuart Street and Princes Street • Burlington Street, between State Highway 1 and Moray Place
AND		
Saturday, 13 June 2026		

**Contingency days are Friday, 19 June and Saturday, 20 June 2026*

ii) Matariki Drone Show

Friday, 10 July 2026	6.00am to 11.59pm	• Logan Park Drive, between Anzac Avenue and Butts Road
Saturday, 11 July 2026	12.00am to 11.59pm	

Sunday, 12 July 2026	12.00am to 12.00pm	
Friday, 10 July 2026	3.00pm to 10.00pm	Anzac Avenue, between Union Street East and Butts Road

Motion carried (CNL/2026/117)

9 ŌTEPOTI DUNEDIN DESTINATION WRAP UP - SUMMER 2025/26

A report from Enterprise Dunedin provided an update on activity and performance of Ōtepoti Dunedin Destination functions over summer 2025/26. The team delivered domestic and national marketing and media campaigns, supported a vibrant summer events programme, strengthened tourism trade engagement, and supported cruise activity.

The General Manager, Arts, Culture & Economic Development (Mike Costelloe), and Destination Manager (Teresa Fogarty), Enterprise Dunedin Marketing Officer (Katie Love) spoke to the report and responded to questions.

Mayor Sophie vacated the Chair at 10.20 am and Cr Cherry Lucas assumed the Chair.
Mayor Sophie resumed the Chair at 10.31 am.

RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

Moved (Mayor Sophie Barker/Cr Cherry Lucas):

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 passing of this resolution	Reason for Confidentiality
C4 Recruitment Update	S7(2)(a) The withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of a deceased person.	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.	

C1 Ordinary Council meeting - 23 April 2026 - Public Excluded	S7(2)(b)(ii) The withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.		
	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).		
C2 Major Event Proposal Update	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.	
C3 Director Re-Appointment - Dunedin City Holdings Limited	S7(2)(a) The withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of	S48(1)(a) The public conduct of the part of the meeting would be	The report is confidential because the appointment of the directors is made

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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.

That Louise Green (Sheffield) and Ashleigh Inder (Simpson Grierson) be permitted to remain in the meeting because of their knowledge for Item C4 – Recruitment Update and that Chris Simpson (CEO Major Events) be permitted to remain in the meeting for Item C2 – Major Event Proposal Update. Their knowledge would be of assistance in relation to the matters discussed.

Adjourns the meeting for 5 minutes.

Motion carried (CNL/2026/118)

The meeting moved into non-public at 10.30 am and reconvened in public at 12.17 pm.

9 ŌTEPOTI DUNEDIN DESTINATION WRAP UP - SUMMER 2025/26 (CONTINUED)

The discussion continued on the report from Enterprise Dunedin which provided an update on activity and performance of Ōtepoti Dunedin Destination functions over summer 2025/26.

The General Manager, Arts, Culture & Economic Development (Mike Costelloe), and Destination Manager (Teresa Fogarty), Enterprise Dunedin Marketing Officer (Katie Love) spoke to the report and responded to questions.

During discussion it was moved (Mayor Sophie/Cr Cherry Lucas):

That the Council:

Adjourns the meeting and reconvenes at 1.00 pm.

Motion carried

The meeting resumed in public at 1.00 pm.

2 PUBLIC FORUM

2.1 Steve Lucas – Flood Mitigation in South Dunedin

Mr Lucas spoke on behalf of his father who had recently passed away. His advised that his father had lived in South Dunedin since 1995 and commented that on the impact the 2015 flood had on his health and well-being. Mr Lucas said his father was always concerned that there might be another flood and if so, would he be covered by insurance or could he, actually afford the insurance. He had the faith that this would not occur again, therefore in 2024, when the second flood occurred, his father would not leave his property.

Mr Lucas responded to questions and implored Council to address the issues in South Dunedin.

Cr Benedict Ong returned to the meeting at 1.11 pm and Cr Jo Galer returned at 1.12 pm.

2.3 **Kim Hayward, Stu Hayes, Athol Parks and Leon Chu**

Messrs Hayward, Hayes, Parks and Chu spoke on the statement of position on tourism development in Dunedin. They commented on the benefits for the city and the need for tourism representation at the governance level when it comes to planning and have a seat at the tourism table. They spoke of the need to retain and the retention of destination marketing and spoke of recent achievements e.g. the return of international flights to Dunedin Airport. Mr Hayward commented on the importance of visibility of the iSite to the city.

Messrs Hayward, Hayes, Parks and Chu responded to questions.

Cr Benedict Ong left the meeting at 1.18 pm.

2.4 **Rosie Dickie (Manager) and Mike Hammond (Chair) South Dunedin Community Network**

Ms Dickie introduced herself and Mr Hammond and explained their roles and the history of the South Dunedin Community Network. She spoke of their work and advocacy for South Dunedin.

Ms Dickie thanked Council for the use of the free space at Elliot House and spoke of the value this provided to local community groups.

Ms Dickie and Mr Hammond thanked Council for the funding provided and responded to questions.

9 **ŌTEPOTI DUNEDIN DESTINATION WRAP UP - SUMMER 2025/26 (CONTINUED)**

The discussion continued on the Ōtepoti Dunedin Destination Wrap Up.

The General Manager, Arts, Culture & Economic Development (Mike Costelloe), and Destination Manager (Teresa Fogarty), Enterprise Dunedin Marketing Officer (Katie Love) spoke to the report and responded to questions.

Moved (Mayor Sophie Barker/Cr Cherry Lucas):

That the Council:

- a) **Notes** the Ōtepoti Dunedin Destination Wrap Up – Summer 2025/26

Motion carried (CNL/2026/119)

10 **FESTIVAL AND EVENTS PLAN WRAP UP - YEAR 1**

A report from Enterprise Dunedin provided an update on the implementation, activity, and performance of the refreshed Festival and Events Plan during its first year of operation in 2025/26.

The General Manager, Arts, Culture & Economic Development (Mike Costelloe), Destination Manager (Teresa Fogarty) and Team Leader – Events (Dan Hendra) spoke to the report and responded to questions.

Moved (Mayor Sophie Barker/Cr Cherry Lucas):

That the Council:

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- a) **Notes** the Festival and Events Plan Wrap Up – Year 1 report.

Motion carried (CNL/2026/120)

7 APPROVAL TO MAKE THE DISTRICT PLAN (2GP) FULLY OPERATIVE

A report from City Development sought approval to make the partially operative Dunedin City Second Generation District Plan (2GP) fully operative in accordance with the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA).

The report noted that this step was required under clauses 17 and 20 of the First Schedule to the RMA to reflect the legal status of a district plan when all appeals to the plan had been resolved.

The General Manager, 3 Waters, Property and Urban Development (David Ward) and Manager City Development (Dr Anna Johnson) spoke to the report and responded to questions.

Cr Doug Hall left the meeting at 2.17 pm and returned at 2.20 pm

Moved (Cr Cherry Lucas/Cr Steve Walker):

That the Council:

- a) **Approves** the Dunedin City Second Generation District Plan (2GP) as fully operative with effect from 17 June 2026.

Motion carried (CNL/2026/121)

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That Chris Simpson (CEO Major Events) be permitted to remain in the meeting for Item C2 – Major Event Proposal Update. His knowledge would be of assistance in relation to the matters discussed.

Adjourns the meeting for 15 minutes.

Motion carried (CNL/2026/122)

The meeting moved into confidential at 2.35 pm and concluded at 4.36 pm.

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MAYOR