
Civic Affairs Committee

MINUTES

Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Civic Affairs Committee held in the Council Chambers, Dunedin Public Art Gallery, The Octagon, Dunedin on Tuesday 17 June 2025, commencing at 10.00 am.

PRESENT

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| Chairperson | Cr Bill Acklin | |
| Deputy Chairperson | Cr Marie Laufiso | |
| Members | Cr Sophie Barker | Cr David Benson-Pope |
| | Cr Christine Garey | Cr Kevin Gilbert |
| | Cr Carmen Houlahan | Cr Cherry Lucas |
| | Cr Mandy Mayhem | Cr Lee Vandervis |
| | Mayor Jules Radich | Cr Brent Weatherall |
| | Cr Steve Walker | |
| | Cr Andrew Whiley | |

IN ATTENDANCE

Rob West (General Manager Corporate Services), Cam McCracken (Acting General Manager Arts and Culture), Jacquie Harrison (Manager Governance), Nadia Wesley-Smith (Corporate Policy Manager – Acting) and Danielle Tolson (Policy Analyst)

Governance Support Officer Jennifer Lapham

1 PUBLIC FORUM

There was no Public Forum.

2 APOLOGIES

An apology has been received from Cr Jim O'Malley.

Moved (Cr Bill Acklin/Cr Mandy Mayhem):

That the Committee:

Accepts the apology from Cr Jim O'Malley.

Motion carried

3 CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved (Cr Bill Acklin/Cr Cherry Lucas):

That the Committee:

Confirms the agenda without addition or alteration

Motion carried (CAC/2025/005)

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.

Moved (Cr Bill Acklin/Cr Marie Laufiso):

That the Committee:

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

Motion carried (CAC/2025/006)

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 CIVIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING - 11 MARCH 2025

Moved (Cr Bill Acklin/Cr Marie Laufiso):

That the Committee:

- a) **Confirms** the minutes of the Civic Affairs Committee meeting held on 11 March 2025 as a correct record.

Motion carried (CAC/2025/007)

PART A REPORTS

6 PLACE BASED COMMUNITY GROUPS - PRESENTATION TO THE CIVIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A report from Community Services advised that 5 place-based groups had been invited to present to the Civic Affairs Committee.

The following groups provided an update on the work of their individual place based group.

Arateuru Marae Council: Tania Williams provided an update on the activities of the Marae and advised that it has flourished with the support of the Dunedin City Council, allowing them to employ a full time manager and part time administrator . Ms Williams advised that the support from Council is important to ensure the Marae is able to continue to thrive.

Caversham Community Group: Greg Hughson and Tony Culling spoke on the activities of the Caversham Community Group and the importance of the funding received from the Council.

Corstorphine Community Hub: Mama Taana, Dale Pene-Smith spoke on the activities of the Corstorphine Community Hub. They commented that the key thing for the Hub was to bring smiles to people.

Greater Green Island: Lee-Anne Michelle and Melanie McNatty spoke on the activities of the Greater Green Island Place Based Group and the importance of the group to the Community. They also believed that they provided a link between the Community and Council.

Cr Houlahan left the meeting at 10.53 am and returned at 10.56 am

The Valley Project: Jen Rodgers spoke on behalf of The Valley Project and the activities they undertake. Ms Rodgers advised that group's goal was to provide social wellbeing, enhancing social cohesion and creating spaces where the community can come together.

Moved (Cr Bill Acklin/Cr Marie Laufiso):

That the Committee:

- a) **Notes** the report – Place Based Community Groups. Presentation to the Civic Affairs Committee

Motion carried (CAC/2025/008)

7 ACTIONS FROM RESOLUTIONS OF CIVIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETINGS

In a report from Civic an update was provided on the Actions from Resolutions.

The General Manager Corporate Services (Rob West) responded to questions.

Moved (Cr Bill Acklin/Cr Marie Laufiso):

That the Committee:

- a) **Notes** the Open and Completed Actions from resolutions of Civic Affairs Committee meetings.

Motion carried (CAC/2025/009)

8 CIVIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

In a report from Civic an update was provide on the Forward Work Programme.

The General Manager Corporate services (Rob West) responded to questions.

Moved (Cr Bill Acklin/Cr Marie Laufiso):

That the Committee:

- a) **Notes** the Civic Affairs Committee forward work programme.

Motion carried (CAC/2025/010) with Cr Vandervis recording his vote against.

9 CIVIC AFFAIRS ACTIVITY REPORT FOR THE PERIOD UNTIL 30 APRIL 2025

In a report from Civic an update was provided on the work undertaken in the administration of Council governance.

The General Manager Corporate Services (Rob West) and Governance Manager (Jackie Harrison) responded to questions.

Moved (Cr Bill Acklin/Cr Kevin Gilbert):

That the Committee:

- a) **Notes** the Civic Affairs Activity Report

Motion carried (CAC/2025/011)

Moved (Cr Bill Acklin/Cr Marie Laufiso)

That the Committee:

- a) Adjourns the meeting for 5 minutes.

Motion carried

The meeting adjourned at 11.31 am and reconvened at 11.45 am.

PART B:

10 SMOKEFREE DUNEDIN POLICY REVIEW

The Corporate Policy Manager – Acting (Nadia Wesley-Smith) and Policy Analyst (Danielle Tolson) spoke to the report and responded to questions.

Moved (Cr Bill Acklin/Cr Marie Laufiso):

That the Committee:

- a) **Notes** the contents of this report
- b) **Recommends** Option 3 That the Council amends the Smokefree Dunedin Policy “to include smokefree spaces and events” to progress the review of the Smokefree Dunedin Policy

The Council voted by division

For: Crs Marie Laufiso, Mayor Jules Radich, Brent Weatherall, Andrew Whiley and Bill Acklin (5).
Against: Crs Sophie Barker, David Benson-Pope, Christine Garey, Kevin Gilbert, Carmen Houlahan, Cherry Lucas, Mandy Mayhem, Lee Vandervis and Steve Walker (9).
Abstained: Nil

The division was declared LOST by 9 votes to 5

Moved (Cr Kevin Gilbert/Cr Mandy Mayhem):

That the Committee:

- a) **Recommends** Option 4 “that the Council amends the smokefree Dunedin Policy “to introduce smokefree areas based on the sensitive sites in the Legal High policy” to progress the review of the Smokefree Dunedin Policy.

The Committee voted by division

For: Crs Sophie Barker, David Benson-Pope, Christine Garey, Kevin Gilbert, Carmen Houlahan, Cherry Lucas, Mandy Mayhem, Mayor Jules Radich, Lee Vandervis and Steve Walker (10).
Against: Crs Marie Laufiso, Brent Weatherall, Andrew Whiley and Bill Acklin (4).
Abstained: Nil

The division was declared CARRIED by 10 votes to 4

PART A

11 SOUTH DUNEDIN LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY COMPLEX BUILDING NAME

A report from Corporate Policy advised of the name offered to the Dunedin City Council (the DCC) by mana whenua for the South Dunedin library and community complex.

The General Manager Corporate Services (Rob West) spoke to the report and responded to questions.

Moved (Cr Bill Acklin/Cr Marie Laufiso)

That the Committee:

- a) Adjourns the meeting for 5 minutes.

Motion carried

The meeting adjourned at 12.50 pm and reconvened at 12. 55 pm.

Moved (Cr Bill Acklin/Cr Marie Laufiso):

That the Committee:

- a) **Accepts** with gratitude the name of “Te Whata o Kaituna” for the name of the building in South Dunedin.
- b) **Recommends** South Dunedin Community Library as the preferred name for the new library and asks staff to consult with the community on the preferred name and report back to the July 2025 Council meeting.

The Committee voted by division

For: Crs Sophie Barker, David Benson-Pope, Christine Garey, Kevin Gilbert, Carmen Houlahan, Marie Laufiso, Cherry Lucas, Mandy Mayhem, Mayor Jules Radich, Lee Vandervis, Steve Walker, Andrew Whiley and Bill Acklin (13).

Against: Cr Brent Weatherall (1).

Abstained: Nil

The division was declared CARRIED by 13 votes to 1

The meeting concluded at 1.33 pm

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CHAIRPERSON