
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 June 2025, commencing at 09.01 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 Lee Vandervis	Cr Steve Walker
Cr Brent Weatherall	Cr Andrew Whiley

IN ATTENDANCE

Sandy Graham (Chief Executive Officer), Carolyn Allan (Chief Financial Officer), Scott MacLean (General Manager Climate and City Growth), Mike Perkins (General Manager 3 Waters and Transition - Acting), Nicola Morand (Manahautū - General Manager Policy and Partnerships), Paul Henderson (Acting General Manager Customer & Regulatory), Cam McCracken (Acting General Manager Arts, Culture and Recreation), Gill Brown (Principal Policy Advisor Housing), Karilyn Canton (Chief In-House Legal Counsel), Jackie Harrison (Manager Governance), Vicki Kestila (Masters Games Manager); John Brimble (NZMG Dunedin Chairman); Stephen Hogg (Parks Policy Analyst); Jinty MacTavish (Manager Zero Carbon); Nadia Wesley Smith (Corporate Policy Manager)

Governance Support Officer Lynne Adamson

1 OPENING

Rev Filimone Uili, Tongan Methodist Minister opened the meeting with a prayer.

Cr Marie Laufiso entered the meeting at 9.06 am

The Mayor commented on the tragic house fire which occurred in the early hours of Saturday 21 June 2025. He acknowledged the family who were all known to Council, the bravery displayed and gratitude that they all had escaped the fire.

Cr Kevin Gilbert echoed the Mayor's sentiments and spoke of the courage of a family member being at work for the Council meeting.

2 PUBLIC FORUM

There was no Public Forum.

3 APOLOGIES

There were apologies from Mayor Jules Radich and Crs Andrew Whiley and Kevin Gilbert for early departure and from Crs Marie Laufiso and Carmen Houlahan for lateness.

Moved (Mayor Jules Radich/Cr Cherry Lucas):

That the Council:

Accepts the apologies from Mayor Jules Radich and Crs Andrew Whiley and Kevin Gilbert for early departure and Cr Marie Laufiso for lateness.

Motion carried (CNL/2025/169)

4 CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved (Mayor Jules Radich/Cr Cherry Lucas):

That the Council:

Confirms the agenda without addition or alteration.

Motion carried (CNL/2025/170)

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.

Cr Christine Garey provided an update to her Interest Register.

Moved (Mayor Jules Radich/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) **Notes** the proposed management plan for the Executive Leadership Team's Interests.

Motion carried (CNL/2025/171)

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 26 MAY 2025

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 26 May 2025 as a correct record.

Motion carried (CNL/2025/172)

REPORTS

8 OTEPOTI DUNEDIN HOUSING PLAN UPDATE

A report from Policy and Partnerships provided an update on the work towards the Ōtepoti Dunedin Housing Plan 2022 and outlined the progress made by staff against each of the 15 action points of the Plan's second Implementation Plan 2024-2026.

The Manahautū (General Manager Policy and Partnerships) (Nicola Morand) and Principal Policy Advisor Housing (Gill Brown) and General Manager Customer and Regulatory Acting (Paul Henderson) spoke to the report and responded to questions.

During discussion, Cr Sophie Barker left the meeting at 9.43 am and returned at 9.46 am.
Crs Carmen Houlahan and Brent Weatherall entered the meeting at 9.50 am.

Moved (Mayor Jules Radich/Cr Cherry Lucas):

That the Council:

- a) **Notes** the update against the Ōtepoti Dunedin Housing Plan 2022 and its Implementation Plan 2024 – 2026.

Motion carried (CNL/2025/173)

7 SUBMISSION ON THE REGULATORY STANDARDS BILL

A report from Corporate Policy and Legal Services sought approval of a submission to the Finance and Expenditure Select Committee on the Regulatory Standards Bill.

The Manahautū (General Manager Policy and Partnerships) (Nicola Morand) and Chief In-House Legal Counsel (Karilyn Canton) spoke to the report and responded to questions.

During discussion Cr Carmen Houlahan left the meeting at 10.44 am and returned at 10.47 am.

Moved (Mayor Jules Radich/Cr David Benson-Pope):

That the Council:

- a) **Approves** the DCC submission, with amendments to include an additional section on the impacts on the environment, on the Regulatory Standards Bill.
- b) **Authorises** the Mayor and/or his delegate to speak to the submission.
- c) **Authorises** the Chief Executive to make minor amendments discussed at the meeting to the submission.

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, Steve Walker, Brent Weatherall, Andrew Whiley and Mayor Jules Radich (13).

Against: Cr Lee Vandervis (1).

Abstained: Nil

The division was declared CARRIED by 13 votes to 1

Motion carried (CNL/2025/174)

Moved (Mayor Jules Radich/Cr Mandy Mayhem):

That the Council:

Adjourns the meeting for 15 minutes.

Motion carried

The meeting adjourned at 11.00 am and reconvened at 11.16 am.

9 SUSTAINABILITY FRAMEWORK UPDATE

A report from Corporate Policy provided an update on the progress of developing a United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) based Sustainability Framework for the Dunedin City Council.

The Manahautū (General Manager Policy and Partnerships) (Nicola Morand) and Corporate Policy Manager (Nadia Wesley-Smith) spoke to the report and responded to questions.

Moved (Mayor Jules Radich/Cr Cherry Lucas):

That the Council:

- a) **Approves** the progression of Sustainability Framework with localised targets and indicators as follows:
 - i) Refine targets (via a councillor workshop) to merge any weakly-aligned targets with clearer ones to produce a focused framework without losing the intent of targets identified in previous iterations.

- ii) Refine and finalise the wording of proposed localised targets under each SDG.
- b) **Notes** that once targets had been refined, staff would identify draft indicators derived from the operational side of business
- c) **Notes** that staff would continue to align the SDG localised targets with the values of Te Taki Haruru to ensure the Council's commitment to the Treaty of Waitangi.

Division

The Council voted by division

For: Crs Bill Acklin, Sophie Barker, Kevin Gilbert, Cherry Lucas, Mandy Mayhem, Brent Weatherall, Andrew Whiley and Mayor Jules Radich (8).
 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 8 votes to 6

Motion carried (CNL/2025/175)

10 CARBON REMOVALS (SEQUESTRATION) UPDATE

A report from Zero Carbon provided an update on work on carbon removal options for the DCC. It set out the key considerations for the DCC with respect to carbon removals, identified options for the DCC to support growth of carbon removals in Dunedin, and provided the next steps.

The General Manager, Climate and City Growth (Scott MacLean) and Manager – Zero Carbon (Jinty MacTavish) provided an update to figures outlined in Table 2 – Indicative area of planting required to balance residual DCC emissions in 2030/21 or 2035/36 and responded to questions.

During discussion Cr Andrew Whiley left the meeting at 12.07 pm and returned at 12.09 pm.

Moved (Mayor Jules Radich/Cr Kevin Gilbert):

That the Council:

- a) **Notes** the Carbon Removals (Sequestration) update, including information about:
 - i) work to date
 - ii) key considerations for Council with respect to carbon removals
 - iii) potential roles for the DCC to support growth in Dunedin's carbon removals
 - iv) next steps.

Division

The Council voted by division

For: Crs Bill Acklin, Sophie Barker, David Benson-Pope, Christine Garey, Kevin Gilbert, Carmen Houlahan, Marie Laufiso, Mandy Mayhem, Steve Walker, Brent Weatherall and Mayor Jules Radich (11).
 Against: Crs Cherry Lucas, Lee Vandervis and Andrew Whiley (3).

Abstained: Nil

The division was declared CARRIED by 11 votes to 3

Motion carried (CNL/2025/176)

Crs Andrew Whiley and Kevin Gilbert left the meeting at 12.26 pm.

11 NEW ZEALAND MASTERS GAMES DELIVERY PLAN - 2026

A report from Events provided an overview of the plan for the delivery of the 2026 New Zealand Masters Games and noted that the plan had been developed to ensure the events sustainability in response to the financial loss incurred during the 2024 New Zealand Masters Games.

The Manahautū (General Manager Policy and Partnerships (Nicola Morand), Masters Games Manager (Vicki Kestila) and the Manager, Masters Games Trust (John Brimble) spoke to the report and responded to questions.

Moved (Cr Lee Vandervis/Cr Bill Acklin):

That the Council:

- a) **Notes** the New Zealand Masters Games Delivery Plan.

Motion carried (CNL/2025/177)

Moved (Mayor Jules Radich/Cr Steve Walker):

That the Council:

Adjourns the meeting for 40 minutes.

Motion carried

The meeting adjourned at 12.50 pm and reconvened at 1.30 pm.

Mayor Jules Radich left the meeting at 12.50 pm and Deputy Mayor Cherry Lucas assumed the Chair.

12 LGNZ ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REMITS

A report from Civic noted that the Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) 2022 Annual General Meeting (AGM) would be held on 15 – 17 July 2025 in Christchurch.

At that meeting, consideration would be given to five remits that had been submitted by local authorities. The Council needed to determine which (if any) of the remits it wished to support. The DCC delegate would vote on DCC's behalf on each remit.

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

Moved (Cr Cherry Lucas/Cr Bill Acklin):

That the Council:

- a) **Delegates** to the voting delegate (the Mayor) the authority to determine the DCC's voting position for the remits submitted to the LGNZ AGM.

Motion carried (CNL/2025/178) with Crs Christine Garey; Marie Laufiso and Lee Vandervis recording their votes against.

13 9 YEAR PLAN 2025 - 2034 UPDATE REPORT

A report from Civic sought approval for updated significant forecasting assumptions relating to Green Island landfill, interest rates and 3 waters, which would be used in the completion of the draft 9 year plan 2025-34.

The Chief Executive Officer (Sandy Graham), Chief Financial Officer (Carolyn Allan), Financial Services Manager (Hayden McAuliffe) and Special Projects Lead (Sharon Bodeker) spoke to the report and responded to questions.

Moved (Cr Cherry Lucas/Cr Steve Walker):

That the Council:

- a) **Approves** the updated significant forecasting assumptions at Attachment A, to be used in the completion of the draft 9 year plan 2025-34.
- b) **Notes** the updated wording in the Revenue and Financing Policy, as presented in paragraph 17 of the report.

Motion carried (CNL/2025/179)

14 HEREWEKA / HARBOUR CONE MANAGEMENT PLAN - NOTICE OF INTENT

A report from Parks and Recreation sought approval to commence the public consultation process described in section 41(5) of the Reserves Act 1977 to proceed with review of the Hereweka / Harbour Cone Management Plan.

The General Manager, Climate and City Growth (Scott MacLean) and Parks and Recreation Planner (Stephen Hogg) spoke to the report and responded to questions.

Moved (Cr Sophie Barker/Cr Cherry Lucas):

That the Council:

- a) **Approves** the Statement of Proposal and commencement of the public consultation process described in section 41(5) of the Reserves Act 1977.

Motion carried (CNL/2025/180)

15 FREEDOM CAMPING 2024/25 END OF SEASON REPORT

A report from Parks and Recreation provided a summary of 2024/25 Freedom Camping Season Statistics.

The General Manager, Climate and City Growth (Scott MacLean) and Parks and Recreation Planner (Stephen Hogg) spoke to the report and responded to questions.

Moved (Cr Christine Garey/Cr Mandy Mayhem):

That the Council:

- a) **Notes** the Freedom Camping 2024/25 End of Season Report.

Motion carried (CNL/2025/181)

16 APPROVAL TO GRANT ELECTRICITY EASEMENT TO AURORA ENERGY LIMITED - PART OCEAN BEACH DOMAIN - LOCAL PURPOSE RESERVE (COASTAL CONSERVATION), DUNEDIN

A report from Parks and Recreation discussed an application by Aurora Energy Limited for the grant of an electricity easement over part of Ocean Beach Domain - Local Purpose Reserve (Coastal Conservation) in Dunedin.

The General Manager, Climate and City Growth (Scott MacLean) 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) **Grants**, as owner of Ocean Beach Domain - Local Purpose Reserve (Coastal Conservation), pursuant to Section 48 of the Reserves Act 1977, an easement in gross to Aurora Energy Limited for an electricity transformer and installation of new electricity equipment and any associated cabling over part of the Ocean Beach Domain - Local Purpose Reserve (Coastal Conservation), contained in Record of Title 266834. The easement terms and conditions will be those outlined in this report.
- b) **Decides** the criteria for exemption from public notification has been met.
- c) **Acting** under its delegation from the Minister of Conservation dated 12 June 2013 and pursuant to Section 48 of the Reserves Act 1977, approves an easement in gross to Aurora Energy Limited for an electricity transformer and installation of new electricity equipment and any associated cabling over part of the Ocean Beach Domain - Local Purpose Reserve (Coastal Conservation), contained in Record of Title 266834.

Motion carried (CNL/2025/182)

17 RESOLUTION TO STOP PART OF WHITES ROAD, WAIKOUAITI

A report from Property and Legal Services recommended concluding the road stopping process for 0.4752 hectares of land at Whites Road, near Waikouaiti, as the public notification process had been completed and no objections were received.

The Chief In-House Legal Counsel (Karilyn Canton), Group Manager, Property Services (Anna Nilsen) and Strategic Property Advisor (Paula Dickel) spoke to the report and responded to questions.

Moved (Cr Lee Vandervis/Cr Steve Walker):

That the Council:

- a) **Resolves** that under Section 342 of the Local Government Act 1974 the part of unformed road described as Sections 2 and 3 SO 592616 is stopped.
- b) **Notes** that no objections were submitted during the notice period and the consent of the Minister of Land has been obtained.
- c) **Authorises** a public notice declaring that the road was stopped.

Motion carried (CNL/2025/183)

18 DECLARING GIFT OF LAND AT PORTOBELLO FROM THE OTAGO PENINSULA AGRICULTURAL AND PASTORAL SOCIETY TO BE RESERVE

A report from Parks and Recreation sought approval to declare approximately 1.1734 hectares of land owned by The Otago Peninsula Agricultural and Pastoral Society (the Society) and being gifted to the Council to be a reserve subject to the Reserves Act 1977, and further to classify that land to be recreation reserve.

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

Moved (Cr Christine Garey/Cr Steve Walker):

That the Council:

- a) **Notes** the information contained in this Report.
- b) **Resolves** to declare the land contained in Records of Title OT8A/574, OT185/76, OT324/9, OT8A/575, OT312/56, OT220/89, OT405/76, OTA1/1440 and OT8B/525 comprising approximately 1.1734 hectares, owned by The Otago Peninsula Agricultural and Pastoral Society and being gifted to the Council, as a reserve held for the purposes of recreation under section 14 of the Reserves Act 1977 and further;
- c) **Resolves** to classify the land contained in Records of Title OT8A/574, OT185/76, OT324/9, OT8A/575, OT312/56, OT220/89, OT405/76, OTA1/1440 and OT8B/525 comprising approximately 1.1734 hectares, owned by The Otago Peninsula Agricultural and Pastoral Society and being gifted to the Council, as a recreation reserve under section 16 of the Reserves Act 1977.

Motion carried (CNL/2025/184)

19 PROPOSED EVENT ROAD CLOSURES

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

- i) Motorsport Event - Silverstream Valley / Flagstaff Whare Flat Roads

ii) Emersons Dunedin Marathon - Various Streets

iii) Motorsport Event - Dukes Road North

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

Moved (Cr David Benson-Pope/Cr Lee Vandervis):

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) Motorsport Event - Silverstream Valley / Flagstaff Whare Flat Roads

Saturday, 6 September 2025	8.00am to 6.00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Silverstream Valley Road, between 345 Silverstream Valley Road and Flagstaff Whare Flat RoadFlagstaff Valley Road, between Silverstream Valley Road and 83 Flagstaff Whare Flat Road
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ii) Emersons Dunedin Marathon - Various Streets

Saturday, 13 September 2025	5.00pm to 11.59pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Ward Street overbridge - entire length
Sunday, 14 September 2025	12 midnight to 3.00pm	
	8.30am to 1.00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Portobello Road, between Shore Street and 430 Portobello Road (Glenfalloch)Marne Street, between Portobello Road and Larnach RoadDoon Street, between Portobello Road and Glengyle StreetFryatt Street and Wickcliffe Street - full lengthKitchener Street and Birch Street - full lengthAnzac Avenue, between Union Street East and Ravensbourne Road,Logan Park Drive - full lengthButts Road, between Dundas Street and Anzac Avenue

iii) Motorsport Event - Dukes Road North

Sunday, 2 November 2025	8.00am to 6.00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Dukes Road North, between Sinclair Road and Carncross Street
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Motion carried (CNL/2025/185)

20 DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS OPTIONS REPORT

A report from Civic advised that the Draft Development Policy was consulted on as part of the 9 year plan. There were 15 submissions on the draft policy, 13 of which were opposed to the increases in the proposed development contribution charge.

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

Moved (Cr Cherry Lucas/Cr Bill Acklin):

That the Council:

- a) **Approves** capping to \$27,170 development contribution charges for the Warrington, Seacliff, Karitane, Waikouaiti, and Middlemarch areas of benefit, to align with the Dunedin Central Greenfields area of benefit.
- b) **Approves** phasing in increases in development contribution charges of \$6,000 or more.
- c) **Approves** phasing increases in development contributions over a three year period.
- d) **Notes** that following a decision by Council, the Development Contributions Policy will be updated to reflect the decisions made by Council.

Motion carried (CNL/2025/186)

RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

Moved (Cr Cherry Lucas/Cr Mandy Mayhem):

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
C1 Ordinary Council meeting - 26 May 2025 - Public Excluded	s48(1)(d) Check to make report confidential.	.	
C2 Appointment of Director to Dunedin City Holdings Limited	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.

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.

Adjourns the meeting

Motion carried (CNL/2025/187)

The meeting moved into confidential at 2.10 pm and concluded at 2.23 pm.

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MAYOR