

## Council MINUTES

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Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Dunedin City Council held in the Council Chamber, Dunedin Public Art Gallery, the Octagon, Dunedin on Thursday 23 April 2026, commencing at 9.00 am

### PRESENT

<b>Mayor</b>	Mayor Sophie Barker	
<b>Deputy Mayor</b>	Cr Cherry Lucas	
<b>Members</b>	Cr John Chambers	Cr Christine Garey
	Cr Doug Hall	Cr Russell Lund
	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), Nicola Morand (Manahautū - General Manager Community and Strategy), Paul Henderson (General Manager Corporate and Regulatory Services), Mike Costelloe (General Manager, Arts, Culture and Economic Development), Karilyn Canton (Chief In-House Legal Counsel); Hayden McAuliffe (Financial Services Manager), Anna Nilsen (Group Manager Property Services), Mark Mawdsley (Team Leader Advisory Services); (Kevin Mechen (Alcohol Psychoactive Substances and Gambling Advisor); Paul Cottam (Senior Policy Analyst), Teresa Fogarty (Destination Manager), Jeanine Benson (Group Manager Transport), Simon Spiers (Team Leader Regulation Management), Rose Wunrow (Policy Analyst),

**Governance Support Officer** Lynne Adamson

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### 1 OPENING

Rev Te Ata Roy, Māori Chaplain Otago University and Otago Polytechnic opened the meeting with a prayer/karakia.

## **TRIBUTE**

Cr Mandy Mayhem paid tribute to Marshall Seifert who had recently passed away. She spoke of his enormous contribution to both the New Zealand Art World and Basketball Otago. Cr Mayhem sincerest condolences to his family and friends.

## **2 PUBLIC FORUM**

There was one speaker for Public Forum.

### **2.10. The Science of Communication**

Robyn Vintiner spoke to her handout on the science of communication.

## **3 APOLOGIES**

There was an apology for absence from Cr Marie Laufiso.

Moved (Mayor Sophie Barker/Cr Cherry Lucas):

That the Council:

**Accepts** the apology from Cr Marie Laufiso.

**Motion carried (CNL/2026/085)**

## **4 CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

Moved (Mayor Sophie Barker/Cr Cherry Lucas):

That the Council:

**Confirms** the agenda with the following alteration

That the New Year's Eve Celebration 2026 Update in the Supplementary Agenda be taken after Item 8 – Homelessness Outreach Service.

**Motion carried (CNL/2026/086)** with Cr Lee Vandervis recording his vote against

## **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 Sophie Barker/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/2026/087)**

## 6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

### 6.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - 25 MARCH 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 25 March 2026 as a correct record.

**Motion carried (CNL/2026/088)**

## REPORTS

### 7 ACTIONS FROM RESOLUTIONS OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

The Chief Executive (Sandy Graham) , Manahautū – General Manager Community and Strategy (Nicola Morand) and General Manager Arts, Culture and Economic Development) Mike Costelloe spoke to the report and responded to questions.

Moved (Mayor Sophie Barker/Cr Cherry Lucas):

That the Council:

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

**Motion carried (CNL/2026/089)**

Moved (Mayor Sophie/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:

<b>General subject of the matter to be considered</b>	<b>Reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</b>	<b>Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</b>	<b>Reason for Confidentiality</b>
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C3 Homelessness Outreach Service Procurement	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.
	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).	

**Motion carried**

The meeting moved into confidential at 9.21 am and resumed in public at 10.51 am

**8 HOMELESSNESS OUTREACH SERVICE**

A report from Policy provided an update on the establishment of a Housing Outreach Service in Ōtepoti Dunedin to support the city’s response to homelessness and contribute to achieving Functional Zero under the Ōtepoti Dunedin Housing Plan.

The report noted that Expressions of Interest had been sought and Council was now asked to determine the delivery model for the service.

Cr Russell Lund entered the meeting at 10.54 am.

The Chief Executive (Sandy Graham) and Manahautū (General Manager Community and Strategy) (Nicola Morand) and Principal Policy Advisor (Gill Brown) spoke to the report and responded to questions.

Mayor Sophie vacated the Chair at 10.42am and Cr Cherry Lucas assumed the chair.

Moved (Cr Cherry Lucas/Cr Mandy Mayhem):

That the Council:

**Adjourns** the meeting.

**Motion carried**

The meeting adjourned at 11.50 am and reconvened at 11.50 am and Mayor Sophie resumed the Chair

Cr Mandy Mayhem returned to the meeting at 11.51 am

Crs Christine Garey and Mickey Treadwell returned to the at 11.52 am

Mayor Sophie vacated the chair at 11.52 am and Cr Cherry Lucas assumed the chair.

Mayor Sophie resumed the chair at 11.53 am.

Moved (Cr Andrew Simms/Mayor Sophie Barker):

That the Council:

- a) **Notes** that an Expression of Interest process has been completed and a preferred provider identified.

**Motion carried (CNL/2026/090)**

Moved (Cr Andrew Simms/Mayor Sophie Barker):

- b) **Agrees** that the Homeless Outreach Service be delivered through a contracted service arrangement with the preferred provider.
- c) **Directs** staff to negotiate and finalise contractual arrangements with the preferred provider, ensuring the agreed service model delivers best public value, including consideration of cost-effectiveness and any alternative pricing options proposed.
- d) **Agrees** that the contract include provisions for regular performance monitoring and an annual review to assess effectiveness, value for money, and ongoing alignment with Council priorities.
- e) **Notes** that funding for up to three years will be incorporated into the Draft Annual Plan and provided for in the Draft Long Term Plan, subject to finalisation of contractual costs and ongoing annual review.

#### **Division**

The Council voted by division

For: Crs Cherry Lucas, Russell Lund, Andrew Simms, Lee Vandervis, Brent Weatherall and Mayor Sophie Barker (6).

Against: Crs John Chambers, Christine Garey, Doug Hall, Mandy Mayhem, Benedict Ong, Mickey Treadwell and Steve Walker (7).

Abstained: Nil

The division was declared LOST by 7 votes to 6

Moved (Mayor Sophie/Cr Steve Walker):

That the Council:

**Adjourns** the meeting until 1.10 pm

**Motion carried**

The meeting adjourned at 12.20 pm and reconvened at 1.10 pm

The discussion on the Homeless Outreach Service continued.

Moved (Cr Steve Walker/Cr Mandy Mayhem):

That the Council:

- a) **Agrees** to deliver the Homeless Outreach Service in-house by Council.
- b) **Directs** staff to immediately begin the recruitment process for 2 additional full-time equivalent staff

**Division**

The Council voted by division

For: Crs John Chambers, Christine Garey, Doug Hall, Mandy Mayhem, Benedict Ong, Andrew Simms, Mickey Treadwell, Steve Walker and Mayor Sophie Barker (9).

Against: Crs Cherry Lucas, Lee Vandervis and Brent Weatherall (3).

Abstained: Nil

The division was declared CARRIED by 9 votes to 3

**Motion carried (CNL/2026/091)**

Moved (Cr Steve Walker/Cr Mandy Mayhem):

That the Council:

- a) **Notes** the service will be in place as close as possible to the start of the 26/27 financial year.
- b) **Agrees** that the service will be subject to regular performance monitoring, with progress and effectiveness reported to Council or relevant committee, and formally reviewed on an annual basis.
- c) **Notes** that funding for the Outreach Service for up to three years will be incorporated into the Draft Annual Plan and provided for in the Draft Long Term Plan.

**Division**

The Council voted by division

For: Crs John Chambers, Christine Garey, Doug Hall, Cherry Lucas, Mandy Mayhem, Benedict Ong, Andrew Simms, Mickey Treadwell, Lee Vandervis, Steve Walker, Brent Weatherall and Mayor Sophie Barker (12).

Against: Nil

Abstained: Nil

The division was declared CARRIED by 12 votes to 0

**Motion carried (CNL/2026/092)**

The Mayor advised that due to staff availability, Item 9 – 231 Stuart Street – Proposed Sale Process would be taken next.

**9 231 STUART STREET - PROPOSED SALE PROCESS**

A report from Property and Legal Services provided an update on the potential sale of the property at 231 Stuart Street.

The report outlined the history, land status and condition of the building and provided information which related to the potential sale and recommended that Council market the property for sale on the open market through a request for proposals process.

The Chief Executive (Sandy Graham), General Manager 3 Waters, Property and Urban Development (Dave Ward), Chief In-House Legal Counsel (Karilyn Canton), Group Manager Property Services (Anna Nilsen) and Team Leader Advisory Services (Mark Mawdsley) spoke to the report and responded to questions.

During discussion Cr Russell Lund entered the meeting at 1.26 pm.

Moved (Cr Lee Vandervis/Cr Mickey Treadwell):

That the Council:

- a) **Market** the Property for sale on the open market through a request for proposals process.

**Motion carried (CNL/2026/093)** with Cr Benedict Ong recording his abstention

## **S2 NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION 2026 UPDATE**

A report from Events and Enterprise Dunedin provided an update on options to consider the preferred option for the 2026/27 New Year's Eve celebration event.

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

Mayor Sophie vacated the chair at 2.00pm and Cr Cherry Lucas assumed the chair

Mayor Sophie left the meeting at 2.03 pm

Cr John Chambers left the meeting at 2.04 pm

Mayor Sophie returned to the meeting at 2.05 pm and resumed the Chair.

Cr John Chambers returned to the meeting at 2.07 pm.

Cr Doug Hall left the meeting at 2.11 pm and returned at 2.14 pm.

Mayor Sophie vacated the chair at 2.26 pm and Cr Cherry Lucas assumed the chair

Moved (Cr Cherry Lucas/Cr Mandy Mayhem):

That the Council:

**Adjourns** the meeting.

**Motion carried**

The meeting adjourned at 2.27 pm and reconvened at 2.29 pm.

Mayor Sophie resumed the chair at 2.29 pm.

Moved (Cr Andrew Simms/Mayor Sophie Barker):

That the Council:

- a) **Notes** the New Year's Eve Celebration 2026 Update report

**Motion carried (CNL/2026/094)** with Cr Lee Vandervis recording his vote against

Moved (Cr Andrew Simms/Mayor Sophie Barker):

That the Council:

- b) **Decides** that the 2026/27 New Year's Eve celebration would be a family-friendly event in the Octagon, that included city activations, a headline covers band, and a midnight fireworks display
- c) **Approves** a budget of \$159,000, for the 2026/27 event with the increase of \$27,800, to be funded from the existing Festivals and Events plan delivery budget

### **Division**

The Council voted by division

For: Crs John Chambers, Russell Lund, Benedict Ong, Andrew Simms, Lee Vandervis, Brent Weatherall and Mayor Sophie Barker (7).

Against: Crs Christine Garey, Doug Hall, Cherry Lucas, Mandy Mayhem, Mickey Treadwell and Steve Walker (6).

Abstained: Nil

The division was declared CARRIED by 7 votes to 6

**Motion carried (CNL/2026/095)**

Cr Steve Walker left the meeting at 2.38 pm and returned at 2.40 pm.

## **10 FEEDBACK ON DCHL GROUP DRAFT STATEMENTS OF INTENT 2026/27**

A report from Civic noted that the draft 2026/27 Statements of Intent of the Dunedin City Holdings Limited (DCHL) Group companies had been presented to the 19 March 2026 Finance and Performance Committee for feedback. A Councillor workshop had been held and this report presented the feedback for approval.

Moved (Cr Cherry Lucas/Mayor Sophie Barker):

That the Council:

- a) **Approves** the proposed feedback on the draft Statements of Intent.
- b) **Notes** the approved feedback would be provided to Dunedin City Holdings Limited for its consideration in preparing the final DCHL Group Statements of Intent.

**Motion carried (CNL/2026/096)** with Cr Brent Weatherall recording his vote against and Cr Benedict Ong recording his abstention.

Moved (Mayor Sophie/Cr Cherry Lucas):

That the Council:

**Adjourns** the meeting until 3.05 pm

**Motion carried**

The meeting adjourned at 2.56 pm and reconvened at 3.05 pm.

**11 LOCAL ALCOHOL POLICY - FURTHER CONSULTATION**

A report from Civic provided an update on the review of the DCC's Local Alcohol Policy, and to sought approval to engage with broader stakeholders and the public on possible LAP content options.

The General Manager Corporate and Regulatory Services (Paul Henderson), Alcohol, Psychoactive Substances and Gambling Advisor (Kevin Mechen) and Senior Policy Analyst (Paul Cottam) spoke to the report and responded to questions.

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

That the Council:

**Extends** the meeting beyond 6 hours.

**Motion carried**

The discussion on the Local Alcohol Policy – Further Consultation continued.

Moved (Cr Doug Hall/Cr Christine Garey):

That the Council:

- a) **Approves** further stakeholder and public engagement on a range of possible Local Alcohol Policy content options noted in this report.
- b) **Notes** that the engagement would inform the draft Local Alcohol Policy to formally consult on later this year.

**Motion carried (CNL/2026/097)** with Crs Brent Weatherall and Benedict Ong recording their votes against

**12 HEARINGS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS - PROPOSED PARKING CHANGES MARCH 2026**

A report from Civic presented the recommendations of the Hearings Committee meetings held on 20 March 2026 and 14 April 2026 on proposed changes and corrections to parking restrictions for approval.

The Chairperson (Cr Cherry Lucas) spoke to the recommendations and responded to questions. The Group Manager Transport (Jeanine Benson), Team Leader Regulation Management (Simon Spiers) and Policy Analyst (Rose Wunrow) provided support answering questions.

Moved (Mayor Sophie/Cr Cherry Lucas):

That the Council:

**Adjourns** the meeting

**Motion carried**

The meeting adjourned at 4.06 pm and reconvened at 4.07 pm

Moved (Cr Cherry Lucas/Cr Mandy Mayhem):

That the Council:

- a) **Adopts** the proposed changes to traffic and parking restrictions shown in the March 2026 update of the Dunedin City Council's traffic and parking restrictions database: [Dunedin Parking Controls - March 2026 \(TPC53, TPC54\)](#)
- b) **Adopts** the proposed changes to parking restrictions for the Harbour Arterial Stage 3 project shown in the September 2023 update of the Dunedin City Council's traffic and parking restrictions database for TPC38-13 and TPC38-14: [Dunedin Parking Controls - September 2023](#)
- c) **Adopts** the proposed change to Schedule 2 of the Traffic and Parking Bylaw to introduce a new turning restriction on the eastern end of Strathallan Street.
- d) **Notes** that Council officers will undertake follow-up actions for some of the proposed parking changes (with actions described in paragraphs 26, 31, 39, and 48).
- e) **Notes** that the Hearings Committee has considered feedback from consultation on the proposed changes relating to changes and restrictions.
- f) **Notes** that all parking restrictions previously approved by the Council remain unchanged.

**Motion carried (CNL/2026/098)** with Crs Russell Lund and Lee Vandervis recording their votes against

### **13 HEARINGS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS ON DANGEROUS, INSANITARY AND AFFECTED BUILDINGS POLICY REVIEW**

A report from Civic presented the recommendations of the Hearings Committee on the Dangerous, Insanitary and Affected Buildings Policy following the consultation process. It recommended minor changes that aim to update language and make the Policy easier to understand.

The Chairperson (Cr Lee Vandervis) spoke to the recommendations and responded to questions.

Moved (Cr Lee Vandervis/Cr Russell Lund):

That the Council:

- a) **Notes** that the Hearings Committee had heard and considered submissions on the proposed Dangerous, Insanitary and Affected Buildings Policy.
- b) **Notes** the minutes of the Hearings Committee.
- c) **Adopts** the amended Dangerous, Insanitary and Affected Buildings Policy.

**Motion carried (CNL/2026/099)**

#### 14 FINANCIAL REPORT - PERIOD ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2026

A report from Finance provided the financial results for the period ended 28 February 2026 and the financial position as at that date.

The Chief Financial Officer (Carolyn Allan) and Financial Services Manager (Hayden McAuliffe) spoke to the report and responded to questions.

Mayor Sophie left the meeting at 4.11 pm and Cr Cherry Lucas assumed the Chair. Mayor Sophie returned at 4.14 pm and resumed the Chair.

Crs Benedict Ong and Russell Lund left the meeting at 4.14 pm.  
 Cr Benedict Ong returned to the meeting at 4.20 pm.  
 Cr Mickey Treadwell left the meeting at 4.21 pm and returned at 4.23 pm.

Moved (Cr Cherry Lucas/Cr Lee Vandervis):

That the Council:

- a) **Notes** the Financial Performance for the period ended 28 February 2026 and the Financial Position as at that date.

**Motion carried (CNL/2026/100)**

#### 15 PROPOSED EVENT ROAD CLOSURES

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

- i) International Dance Day Celebration
- ii) Graduation Parades

Moved (Cr Christine Garey/Cr Cherry Lucas):

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) International Dance Day Celebration**

Saturday, 2 May 2026*	12.00pm to 3.00pm	• George Street, between Hanover Street and St Andrew Street
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*\*Contingency day is Sunday, 3 May 2026*

ii) **Graduation Parades**

Saturday, 9 May 2026	11.00am to 11.45am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Great King Street, between Frederick Street and Albany Street</li> </ul>
AND	11.10am to 12.00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Frederick Street, between Great King Street and George Street</li> <li>• George Street, between Frederick Street and Moray Place</li> </ul>
Saturday, 16 May 2026	11.10am to 12.30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moray Place, between George Street and Upper Stuart Street</li> <li>• Filleul Street, between Moray Place and St Andrew Street.</li> </ul>
	11.30am to 12.15pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intersection of George Street and Moray Place.</li> </ul>

**Motion carried (CNL/2026/101)**

**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:

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C1 Ordinary Council meeting - 25 March 2026 - Public Excluded	<p>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.</p> <p>S7(2)(g)</p>		

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).

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)(d)

The withholding of the information is necessary to avoid prejudice to measures protecting the health and safety of members of the public.

s48(1)(d)

Check to make report confidential.

C2 Confidential  
Council Action List  
Update

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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.

**Motion carried (CNL/2026/102)**

The meeting moved into confidential at 4.37 pm and Cr Russell Lund left the meeting.

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MAYOR