

Waitaki District Council

Assets Committee

**CONFIRMED MINUTES of Assets Committee Meeting of the
Waitaki District Council held in the Council Chamber,
Office of the Waitaki District Council, 20 Thames Street, Oamaru
on Tuesday 2 July 2019 at 11.23am**

Present	Cr Bill Kingan (Chair), Cr Jeremy Holding, Cr Guy Percival, Deputy Mayor Melanie Tavendale; and Mayor Gary Kircher
Apologies	Cr Hugh Perkins
In Attendance	Cr Craig Dawson Cr Jim Hopkins Cr Jan Wheeler Cr Colin Wollstein Fergus Power (Chief Executive) Neil Jorgensen (Deputy Chief Executive / Assets Group Manager) Paul Hope (Finance and Corporate Development Group Manager) Lisa Baillie (People and Culture Group Manager) (part of meeting) Roger Cook (Acting Heritage, Environment and Regulatory Group Manager) Ainslee Hooper (Governance and Policy Advisor)
In Attendance for Specific Agenda Items:	Martin Pacey (Water Services and Waste Manager) Mark Renalson (Acting Rooding Manager) Renee Julius (Property Manager) Erik van der Spek (Recreation Manager) Rodger McGaw (Network Infrastructure Engineer) Lindsay Hyde (Recreation Officer)

The Chair declared the meeting open at 11.23am and welcomed everyone present

1. Apologies

RESOLVED
AC 2019/046

Cr Jeremy Holding / Deputy Mayor Melanie Tavendale
That the Assets Committee accepts an apology for absence from
Cr Hugh Perkins.

CARRIED

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Confirmation of Previous Meeting Minutes (Public)

RESOLVED
AC 2019/047

Deputy Mayor Melanie Tavendale / Cr Jeremy Holding
That the Assets Committee confirms the public minutes of its previous
meeting held on 28 May 2019, as circulated with minor grammatical
changes, as a true and correct record of that meeting.

CARRIED

4. Waitaki District Speed Limit Review 2019

The report, as circulated, presented information on the outcomes of the first round of public consultation of the Speed Limit Review 2019 and updated the Committee on timeframes for the remaining process.

Group Manager Neil Jorgensen introduced the report, and Network Infrastructure Engineer Rodger McGaw was also present to answer questions from Elected Members.

The following points were highlighted / clarified during discussion on the report:

- A review is being undertaken where the percentages who want change and who do not want change are close. If recommendations need to be changed as a result of the review, then officers will come back with revised recommendations.
- There is a statutory process to go through for speed limit changes. Where the percentages are close (amongst those who want change and those who do not), then they will be reviewed. New changes have been requested by the public, and they have to be formally assessed by Stantec. A follow up report will come to Council in September, which will be followed by formal consultation and then eventually the whole list will come to Council for adoption (hopefully, in December 2019).
- It was noted that, in the case of new sub-divisions, proposed speed limits are based on those in place for surrounding roads, and they need to be ratified during the formal review process. In the meantime, they may show as the same in the proposal going out for consultation.

RESOLVED
AC 2019/048

Cr Jeremy Holding / Mayor Gary Kircher
That the Assets Committee receives and notes the information.

CARRIED

5. Assets Group Activity Report April 2019

The memorandum, as circulated, informed the Assets Committee about strategic matters and outcomes.

There was general discussion on sections of the report, as noted below.

Water Services and Waste

There was general discussion on the greater number of leaks; on officers' greater focus on the more rural aspects of the networks, and on replacing pipes rather than repairing them; and the increasing difficulty of recruiting and training within the water sector.

Mayor Kircher left the meeting at 11.44am and returned at 11.47am.

Roading

There has been some extra roading maintenance undertaken on rural roads in Duntroon and Kurow, but this has been done within existing maintenance budgets.

Whitestone Contracting Limited has apologised for having to pull out of work it had provisionally agreed to do due to the need to prioritise contractual arrangements with another district council. This was one demonstration of the increased pressure on existing resources within the sector. It was also suggested that price increases may also follow.

The Tyne and Wansbeck Streets' roundabout is already showing signs of 'scuffing'. It was noted that it has the same dimensions as the other one.

Road safety audits are conducted after any road crash. Following the recent fatal accident at the intersection of TY Duncan and Shortland Roads, the audit has been done but the report has yet to be received. Police will also need to produce its serious crash report before Council will be able to take any corrective action.

There was brief discussion about stockdriving permits, and the information requested to ensure that road safety issues (such as ensuring the right signage is put out when an accident occurs) is taken into account. It was noted that officers respond with the requirements to how they should be managed and will respond to complaints, but generally, not many are received.

Property

The breakwater now has 66% of rock armouring. The next round of armouring is likely to occur in 2-3 years' time. Although more armouring would be better, it is a dynamic structure – rock gets eroded by wave and sand action. Bringing it up to 100% now might make it look good now, but then it will deteriorate again.

Recreation

A response from MBIE to Council's funding application could be two months' away yet. MBIE officers are supportive.

As in other sectors, there is high demand around the country for skilled staff to work in Aquatic Centres. For example, recruitment for a lifeguard team leader has been a six-month process. Despite these challenges, service level changes are not anticipated at this time.

The bike parks have been very well received.

Council allocated \$50k in the Long Term Plan for a feasibility study for the Oamaru to Dunedin Cycle Trail.

Graffiti at the Garden of Memories was labelled as "disgusting". Officers advised that the matter had been reported to the Police.

Concern was raised that trees on the intersection of State Highway 83 and Horse Gully Road have paint around them, and it was suggested that officers follow up promptly, to ensure someone is not proposing to remove it. Recreation Manager Erik van der Spek advised that they are heritage trees, so a resource consent would be needed for any removal proposal.

It was noted that Council has a register for any residents who do not wish Council to use chemical sprays for weed control on the berms outside their properties. They can apply to join the register and are then responsible for keeping their areas clear of weeds.

RESOLVED

AC 2019/049

Deputy Mayor Melanie Tavendale / Mayor Gary Kircher
That the Assets Committee receives and notes the information.

CARRIED

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 12.22pm.

CONFIRMED at the Assets Committee Meeting held on the 27th day of August 2019
in the Council Chamber, Office of the Waitaki District Council, 20 Thames Street, Oamaru.

[signed]

Chairman