



## **RĀRANGI TAKE**

NOTICE OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF

# COUNCIL

to be held on Tuesday, 17 December 2024 commencing at 1 pm in the Council Chambers,

36 Weld Street, Hokitika and via Zoom

| Chairperson                         | Her Worship the Mayor             |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Deputy and Southern Ward<br>Member: | Cr Cassin                         |
| Northern Ward Members:              | Cr Neale, Cr Burden, Cr Phelps    |
| Hokitika Ward Members:              | Cr Baird, Cr Davidson, Cr Gillett |
| Southern Ward Members:              | Cr Manera                         |
| Iwi Representatives:                | Kw Madgwick, Kw Tumahai           |



In accordance with clause 25B of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002, members may attend the meeting by audio or audio-visual link.

## **Council Vision**

By investing in our people, caring for the environment, respecting the Mana Whenua Cultural heritage, and enabling investment, growth, and development we will enrich our district and the people that reside here.

## Purpose

The Council is required to give effect to the purpose of local government as prescribed by section 10 of the Local Government Act 2002. That purpose is:

- (a) To enable democratic local decision-making and action by, and on behalf of, communities; and
- (b) To promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities in the present and for the future.

## 1. KARAKIA TĪMATANGA OPENING KARAKIA

| Kia hora te marino             | May peace be widespread            |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Kia whakapapa pounamu te moana | May the sea be like greenstone     |
| Hei hurahai mā tātou           | A pathway for us all this day      |
| I te rangi nei                 | Give love, received love           |
| Aroha atu, aroha mai           | Let us show respect for each other |
| Tātou i a tātou katoa          | Bind us all together!              |
| Hui e! Tāiki e!                | -                                  |

### 2. NGĀ WHAKAPAAHA APOLOGIES

## 3. WHAKAPUAKITANGA WHAIPĀNGA DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members need to stand aside from decision-making when a conflict arises between their role as a Member of the Council and any private or other external interest they might have. This note is provided as a reminder to Members to review the matters on the agenda and assess and identify where they may have a pecuniary or other conflict of interest, or where there may be a perception of a conflict of interest.

If a member feels they do have a conflict of interest, they should publicly declare that at the start of the meeting or of the relevant item of business and refrain from participating in the discussion or voting on that item. If a member thinks they may have a conflict of interest, they can seek advice from the Chief Executive or the Group Manager Corporate Services Risk and Assurance (preferably before the meeting). It is noted that while members can seek advice the final decision as to whether a conflict exists rests with the member.

## 4. NGĀ TAKE WHAWHATI TATA KĀORE I TE RĀRANGI TAKE URGENT ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Section 46A of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 states:

- An item that is not on the agenda for a meeting may be dealt with at the meeting if –
   (a) the local authority by resolution so decides, and
  - (b) the presiding member explains at the meeting at a time when it is open to the public, -
  - (i) the reason why the item is not on the agenda; and
  - (ii) the reason why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.
  - (7A) Where an item is not on the agenda for a meeting, -
  - (a) that item may be discussed at the meeting if -
  - (i) that item is a minor matter relating to the general business of the local authority; and
  - (ii) the presiding member explains at the beginning of the meeting, at a time when it is open to the public, that the item will be discussed at the meeting; but

(b) No resolution, decision, or recommendation may be made in respect of that item except to refer that item to a subsequent meeting of the local authority for further discussion.

#### 5. NGĀ MENETI O TE HUI KAUNIHERA MINUTES OF MEETINGS Minutes circulated separately. **Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes – 28 November 2024** • (Pages 5 - 12) Extraordinary Council Meeting Minutes – 9 December 2024 • (Pages 13 - 19) 6. **ACTION LIST** (Pages 20 - 21) 7. NGĀ TĀPAETANGA PRESENTATIONS Nil 8. **PŪRONGO KAIMAHI STAFF REPORTS** Ordering of Candidates Names on Voting Papers (Pages 22 - 24) Lesley Crichton, Group Manager Corporate Services and Risk Assurance Proposed Road Name at Jacksons • (Pages 25 - 29)

Karl Jackson, Transportation Manager

## 9. KA MATATAPU TE WHAKATAUNGA I TE TŪMATANUI RESOLUTION TO GO INTO PUBLIC EXCLUDED

(to consider and adopt confidential items)

Resolutions to exclude the public: Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987. The general subject of the matters to be considered while the public are excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of the resolution are as follows:

| ltem<br>No. | General subject of<br>each matter to be<br>considered                                         | Reason for passing<br>this resolution in<br>relation to each<br>matter | Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution                                                                                                                                                        |
|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1.          | Confidential Minutes –<br>28 November 2024                                                    | Good reason to<br>withhold exist under<br>Section 7                    | That the public conduct of the relevant<br>part of the proceedings of the meeting<br>would be likely to result in the disclosure<br>of information for which good reason for<br>withholding exists.<br>Section 48(1)(a) |
| 2.          | Appointment<br>Independent Chair<br>Council Controlled<br>Organisation<br>Oversight Committee | Good reason to<br>withhold exist under<br>Section 7                    | That the public conduct of the relevant<br>part of the proceedings of the meeting<br>would be likely to result in the disclosure<br>of information for which good reason for<br>withholding exists.<br>Section 48(1)(a) |

This resolution is made in reliance on sections 48(1)(a) and (d) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interests or interests protected by section 7 of that Act, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

| ltem<br>No. | Interest                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1, 2        | Protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons<br>(S. 7(2)(a))                                                                                                                      |
| 1, 2        | <ul> <li>Maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through:</li> <li>(ii) The protection of such members, officers, employees, and persons from improper pressure of harassment</li> <li>(S. 7(2)(f))</li> </ul> |

#### DATE OF NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING – 30 JANUARY 2025 COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 36 WELD STREET, HOKITIKA AND VIA ZOOM



# ORDINARY COUNCIL MINUTES

### MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF WESTLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 36 WELD STREET, HOKITIKA AND VIA ZOOM ON THURSDAY, 28 NOVEMBER 2024 COMMENCING AT 1 PM

The Council Meeting was live-streamed to the Westland District Council YouTube Channel and presentations are made available on the council website.

The following items were taken out of order to the Agenda papers, with the Public Excluded section being held first, resulting in the live-stream commencing at 1.20pm.

Moved Cr Baird, seconded Cr Burden and **Resolved** that the Agenda papers be taken out of order with the Public Excluded section moved to the start of the meeting, followed by the Open section of the meeting.

#### 10. KA MATATAPU TE WHAKATAUNGA I TE TŪMATANUI RESOLUTION TO GO INTO PUBLIC EXCLUDED (to consider and adopt confidential items)

Moved Cr Phelps, seconded Cr Gillett and **Resolved** that Council confirm that the public were excluded from the meeting in accordance with Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 at 1.02 pm.

The general subject of the matters to be considered while the public are excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of the resolution are as follows:

| ltem<br>No. | General subject of<br>each matter to be<br>considered                                    | Reason for passing<br>this resolution in<br>relation to each<br>matter | Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution                                                                                                                                                        |
|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1.          | Confidential Minutes<br>– 24 October 2024                                                | Good reasons to<br>withhold exist under<br>Section 7                   | That the public conduct of the relevant<br>part of the proceedings of the meeting<br>would be likely to result in the disclosure<br>of information for which good reason for<br>withholding exists.<br>Section 48(1)(a) |
| 2.          | Minutes to be<br>received:<br>Risk and Assurance<br>Committee Minutes –<br>8 August 2024 | Good reason to<br>withhold exist under<br>Section 7                    | That the public conduct of the relevant<br>part of the proceedings of the meeting<br>would be likely to result in the disclosure<br>of information for which good reason for<br>withholding exists.<br>Section 48(1)(a) |

| 3. | Minutes to be<br>received:<br>Extraordinary Risk and<br>Assurance Committee<br>Minutes – 17 October<br>2024 | Good reason to<br>withhold exist under<br>Section 7  | That the public conduct of the relevant<br>part of the proceedings of the meeting<br>would be likely to result in the disclosure<br>of information for which good reason for<br>withholding exists.<br>Section 48(1)(a) |
|----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 4. | Chief Executive<br>Appointment                                                                              | Good reasons to<br>withhold exist under<br>Section 7 | That the public conduct of the relevant<br>part of the proceedings of the meeting<br>would be likely to result in the disclosure<br>of information for which good reason for<br>withholding exists.<br>Section 48(1)(a) |

This resolution is made in reliance on sections 48(1)(a) and (d) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interests or interests protected by section 7 of that Act, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

| ltem<br>No. | Interest                                                                                                                                                                |
|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1, 2, 4     | Protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons                                                                                      |
|             | (S. 7(2)(a))                                                                                                                                                            |
| 2           | Protect information where the making available of the information:<br>(i) would disclose a trade secret; and                                                            |
|             | <ul> <li>(ii) would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who<br/>supplied or who is the subject of the information</li> </ul>      |
|             | (S. 7(2)(b))                                                                                                                                                            |
| 2           | Avoid prejudice to measures protecting the health or safety of members of the public.<br>(S. 7(2)(d))                                                                   |
| 2           | Avoid prejudice to measures that prevent to mitigate material loss to members of the public.                                                                            |
|             | (S. 7(2)(e))                                                                                                                                                            |
| 1, 2        | Maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through:<br>(ii) The protection of such members, officers, employees, and persons from improper pressure of harassment |
|             | (S. 7(2)(f))                                                                                                                                                            |
| 2           | Maintain legal professional privilege; or                                                                                                                               |
| 2           | (S. 7(2)(g))<br>Enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or<br>disadvantage, commercial activities; or                        |
|             | (S. 7(2)(h))                                                                                                                                                            |
| 2, 3        | Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)      |
|             | (S. 7(2)(i))                                                                                                                                                            |
| 2           | Prevent the disclosure of use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage.                                                                          |
|             | (S. 7(2)(j))                                                                                                                                                            |

Moved Cr Gillett, seconded Cr Davidson and **Resolved** that the business conducted in the 'Public Excluded Section' be confirmed and accordingly, the meeting went back to the open part of the meeting at 1.14 pm.

### 1. KARAKIA TĪMATANGA OPENING KARAKIA

The opening Karakia was read by Cr Neale

#### 2. MEMBERS PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

| Chairperson                         | Her Worship the Mayor             |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Deputy and Southern Ward<br>Member: | Cr Cassin                         |
| Northern Ward Members:              | Cr Neale, Cr Burden, Cr Phelps    |
| Hokitika Ward Members:              | Cr Baird, Cr Davidson, Cr Gillett |
| Southern Ward Members:              | Cr Manera                         |
| Iwi Representatives:                | Kw Madgwick                       |

#### NGĀ WHAKAPAAHA APOLOGIES

#### Kw Tumahai

Moved Cr Burden, seconded Cr Gillett and **Resolved** that the apology from Kw Tumahai be received and accepted.

#### **STAFF PRESENT**

L. Crichton, Acting Chief Executive, Group Manager Corporate Services and Risk Assurance; E. Bencich, Acting Group Manager District Assets; D. Maitland; Executive Assistant; E. Rae, Strategy and Communications Advisor (via Zoom); P. Coleman, Governance Administrator.

#### 3. WHAKAPUAKITANGA WHAIPĀNGA DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Interest Register had been circulated. There were no changes to the Interest Register noted.

#### 4. NGĀ TAKE WHAWHATI TATA KĀORE I TE RĀRANGI TAKE URGENT ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There were no urgent items of business not on the Council Agenda.

#### 5. NGĀ MENETI O TE HUI KAUNIHERA MINUTES OF MEETINGS

The Minutes of the previous Meetings were circulated.

- Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes 24 October 2024
- Extraordinary Council Meeting Minutes 30 October 2024

Moved Cr Baird, seconded Cr Gillett and **Resolved** that the Minutes of the:

- Ordinary Council Meeting 24 October 2024 and the
- Extraordinary Council Meeting 30 October 2024 (with the amendment made to the finishing time of the meeting of 3.45 pm

be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

The Chair **Approved** that their digital signature be added to the confirmed Council Meeting Minutes of 24 October 2024 and 30 October 2024.

Minutes to be Received from Standing Committees

- Risk and Assurance Committee Meeting 8 August 2024
- Extraordinary Risk and Assurance Committee Meeting 17 October 2024

Moved Cr Gillett, seconded Cr Baird and **Resolved** that the Minutes from the Risk and Assurance Committee Meeting held on 8 August 2024 and the Extraordinary Risk and Assurance Committee Meeting held on 17 October 2024 be received.

#### 6. ACTION LIST

Lesley Crichton, Acting Chief Executive, Group Manager Corporate Services and Risk Assurance spoke to the Action List and provided the following updates:

| Item                    | Update                                                                                        |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Pakiwaitara<br>Building | There were no further updates provided at the meeting. A report will come to Council in 2025. |
| Dunung                  |                                                                                               |
| Council                 | There will be a report tabled in the January meeting of Council.                              |
| Headquarters            |                                                                                               |
| Lower Hokitika          | There is a report on the Council Agenda.                                                      |
| Gorge Swing             |                                                                                               |
| Bridge                  |                                                                                               |
| Hokitika                | • This item is in progress and will return to Council at a later date.                        |
| Museum Trust            | • The Community Services Manager will reach out to other Local Government                     |
| Board                   | bodies of similar size around the country to gather information on how they                   |
| Formation               | structure their Museum Boards.                                                                |
| Department of           | No further updates.                                                                           |
| Conservation            | • The item relating to rubbish bins is to be removed from the Action List.                    |
| General Items           |                                                                                               |

Moved Cr Gillett, seconded Cr Baird and **Resolved** that the updated Action List from the Acting Chief Executive be received.

#### 7. NGĀ TĀPAETANGA PRESENTATIONS

Nil

#### 8. PŪRONGO KAIMAHI STAFF REPORTS

• Acting Chief Executive Quarterly Report (10 August to 1 November 2024)

Lesley Crichton, Acting Chief Executive, Group Manager Corporate Services and Risk Assurance spoke to this item and advised the purpose of this report was to provide an update on all aspects of what is happening in the Westland District and update Council on any matters of significance and priority.

Items discussed included:

• Council thanks everyone for the help over the recent storm event.

- The Animal Control van is now fitted with a dash cam and the Animal Control Officer has a slash vest and wears a body cam while out in the community.
- Master planning for Cass Square will begin in 2025.
- Otira public toilets are opening on 10 December.
- Hokitika Central Business District Master planning will begin in 2025, a working group will be created for this purpose.
- Carnegie building.
- Hokitika Racecourse, creating a visual media release for the public with all the information that can be shared at this point.
- Cycling and Walking Committee.

Moved Deputy Mayor Cassin, seconded Cr Baird and **Resolved** that:

1. The Quarterly Report from the Acting Chief Executive dated 28 November 2024 be received.

#### • Proposed Road Name at Jacksons

Karl Jackson, Transportation Manager spoke to this item and advised the purpose of this report was to seek confirmation of a new road name for a short section of legal formed road opposite the Jacksons Hotel.

• Kw Madgwick requested that this item be delayed until December 2024 to enable further conversations regarding the suggested name for this road.

Moved Cr Burden, seconded Cr Davidson and **Resolved** that:

- 1. The report be received.
- 2. This item be deferred to the December Council Meeting.

#### • Transportation Funding

Karl Jackson, Transportation Manager spoke to this item and advised the purpose of this report was to provide an update to Council on the final outcome of the National Land Transport Programme (NLTP) funding bid for the 2024-2027 Triennium.

- Small weather events funding has changed, this will now have to be covered from existing budgets if the weather event doesn't qualify for emergency funding.
- The budget for structure replacement is very low.

Moved Cr Gillett, seconded Cr Neale and Resolved that:

1. The report be received.

#### • Hokitika Gorge Lower Suspension Bridge Progress Report

Karl Jackson, Transportation Manager spoke to this item and advised the purpose of this report was to table the "Project Status Report – Lower Hokitika Gorge Suspension Bridge" (Appendix 1 on the agenda) by Department of Conservation (DOC) and presented to Council staff on 14 November 2024.

- The timeline for project completion is still on track.
- o Maintenance forward projection cost should be minimal in the near future.
- Life of the new bridge is close to 100yrs, there are some components that will need replacement in 25 and 50 years.
- The understanding when this project was decided on was that DOC would take ownership once the project was complete.

Moved Cr Manera, seconded Cr Phelps and Resolved that:

1. The report be received.

#### • Urgent Rolleston Street Stormwater Remediation – Unbudgeted Expenditure Approval

Erle Bencich, Acting Group Manager District Assets spoke to this item and advised the purpose of this report was to seek approval for unbudgeted expenditure relating to the replacement of collapsing infrastructure, beneath the railway line on Gibson Quay at the south end of Rolleston Street, Hokitika.

- Kiwirail have insisted the trains using this track are not over the weight limit.
- A concrete case will be fitted over the top of the new pipes.
- Staff will continue discussions and negotiations with interested parties.
- There are 7 pipes along this line, these have been inspected and the remaining 5 were found to be in good condition at this point.
- Some projects can be deferred to cover this cost.

Moved Deputy Mayor Cassin, seconded Cr Manera and **Resolved** that:

- 1. The report be received.
- 2. Council approve the unbudgeted expenditure required to undertake the urgent remedial works to the stormwater pipeline at the end of Rolleston Street on Gibson Quay, under the rail corridor.

Cr Gillett recorded his vote against the motion.

#### • Council Controlled Organisation Oversight Committee Appointments

Lesley Crichton, Acting Chief Executive, Group Manager Corporate Services and Risk Assurance spoke to this item and advised the purpose of this report was to appoint elected members to the Council Controlled Organisation (CCO) Oversight Committee. The Terms of Reference for the Oversight Committee had been adopted at the Council meeting on the 27 June 2024.

- The independent chair will govern this committee.
- The Mayor and Chief Executive are direct appointments to this committee.
- All recommendations from this committee will be brought to Council.
- An offer has been made to an individual chair; this is currently going through the checks required.
- All recommendations will be brought to the Council from this committee, there is no decision making on this committee.
- Cr Neale made note that she would like to see another council member with a business background on this committee.

Moved Cr Baird, seconded Cr Davidson and Resolved that:

- 1. The report be received.
- 2. Council appoint Deputy Mayor Cassin and Councillor Burden to the Council Controlled Organisation Oversight Committee.
- 3. Council adopt the amended and updated Terms of Reference for the Council Controlled Organisation Oversight Committee.

Cr Gillett and Cr Neale recorded their votes against this motion.

#### • Adoption of Meeting Schedule for 2025

Her Worship the Mayor spoke to this item and advised the purpose of this report was to provide a schedule of meetings for 2025 for Ordinary Council, Committee and Subcommittee meetings including Long Term Plan (LTP) Workshops.

• Updates to the calendar after the report was written are as follows –

- Council Opex Workshop will be held on the 27 January 2025.
- Council Capex Workshop will be held on the 30 January 2025.

Moved Deputy Mayor Cassin, seconded Cr Burden and Resolved that:

- 1. The report be received.
- 2. The 2025 Schedule of Meetings as attached to the agenda be adopted with the following updates:
  - a. Council Opex Workshop will be held on the 27 January 2025.
  - b. Council Capex Workshop will be held on the 30 January 2025.
- Hokitika Museum: Visitor Entry Fee for Kura Pounamu Our Treasured Stone (Temporary Exhibition)

Marcus Waters, Community Services Manager spoke to this item and advised the purpose of this report was to seek approval to charge \$10.00 for non-Westland resident adults (over the age of 16 years) to enter the temporary, touring *Kura Pounamu – Our Treasured Stone* exhibition at the Hokitika Museum. The entry fee would be in place for the duration of the exhibition from 4 December 2024 to 27 April 2025.

A robust discussion followed, including:

- This exhibition is wonderful and making it free will increase the number of people coming to Hokitika.
- Donations would be welcome rather than a charge for entry.
- No charge at all for entry to the Kura Pounamu exhibition.

Moved Cr Neale, seconded Cr Gillett and Resolved that:

- 1. The report be received.
- 2. There will be no charge for entry to the Kura Pounamu Exhibition.

Cr Phelps recorded his vote against this motion.

Moved Cr Burden, seconded Cr Neale and **Resolved** that the meeting go beyond 2 hours (at 3.08 pm) in accordance with Council's adopted Standing Orders, Clause 4.2.

Cr Baird, Cr Phelps, Cr Manera and Cr Davidson left the meeting at 3.08 pm, returning to the meeting at 3.11 pm.

#### • Financial Performance – October 2024

Lynley Truman, Finance Manager spoke to this item and advised the purpose of this report was to provide an indication of Council's financial performance for the month to 31 October 2024.

- Items discussed included the following:
  - Grant debtors.
  - Swaps.
  - Improvement to the balance sheet as the financial year progresses.
  - Custom House.

Moved Cr Phelps, seconded Cr Gillett and **Resolved** that:

1. The Financial Performance Report for 31 October 2024 be received.

#### 9. ADMINISTRATIVE RESOLUTIONS

#### Warrant of Appointment –

Moved Cr Gillett, seconded Cr Phelps and **Resolved** that Council confirm its Seal being affixed to the following documents:

| Enforcement Officer –<br>Andrew Thompson | To act in the Westland District as:<br>• An Officer pursuant to s 174 of the Local Government Act; AND                                                                                    |
|------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                          | <ul> <li>An Officer under the Westland District Council Bylaws; AND</li> </ul>                                                                                                            |
|                                          | • Enforcement officer pursuant to s 38 of the Resource Management Act 1991, including the power of entry pursuant to s 332 and s 333 of the                                               |
|                                          | Resource Management Act1991.                                                                                                                                                              |
| Noise Control Officer                    | To act in the Westland District as:                                                                                                                                                       |
| – Linda Catherine<br>Craw                | <ul> <li>An Officer pursuant to Section 174 of the Local Government Act 2002;<br/>AND</li> </ul>                                                                                          |
|                                          | <ul> <li>An Officer under the Westland District Council Bylaws; AND</li> </ul>                                                                                                            |
|                                          | <ul> <li>An Enforcement Officer pursuant to Section 38 of the Resource<br/>Management Act 1991; AND</li> </ul>                                                                            |
|                                          | <ul> <li>A Ranger pursuant to Section 8 of the Impounding Act 1955.</li> </ul>                                                                                                            |
|                                          | • Authority to exercise all of the functions and powers of an Enforcement<br>Officer under Sections 327 and 328 (which relate to excessive noise) of<br>the Resource Management Act 1991. |
| Noise Control Officer                    | To act in the Westland District as:                                                                                                                                                       |
| – Marina Johansen                        | <ul> <li>An Officer pursuant to Section 174 of the Local Government Act 2002;<br/>AND</li> </ul>                                                                                          |
|                                          | <ul> <li>An Officer under the Westland District Council Bylaws; AND</li> </ul>                                                                                                            |
|                                          | <ul> <li>An Enforcement Officer pursuant to Section 38 of the Resource<br/>Management Act 1991; AND</li> </ul>                                                                            |
|                                          | <ul> <li>A Ranger pursuant to Section 8 of the Impounding Act 1955.</li> </ul>                                                                                                            |
|                                          | Authority to exercise all of the functions and powers of an Enforcement                                                                                                                   |
|                                          | Officer under Sections 327 and 328 (which relate to excessive noise) of the Resource Management Act 1991.                                                                                 |

#### DATE OF NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING – 17 DECEMBER 2024 COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 36 WELD STREET, HOKITIKA AND VIA ZOOM

#### **MEETING CLOSED AT 3.30 PM**

Confirmed by Council at their meeting held on the 17 December 2024.

Mayor Helen Lash Chair Date



## EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MINUTES

### MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF WESTLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 36 WELD STREET, HOKITIKA AND VIA ZOOM ON MONDAY 9 DECEMBER 2024 COMMENCING AT 9 AM

The Council Meeting was live streamed to the Westland District Council YouTube Channel and presentations are made available on the council website.

#### i. KARAKIA TĪMATANGA OPENING KARAKIA

The opening Karakia was read by Her Worship the Mayor.

#### ii. MEMBERS PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

| Chairperson              | Her Worship the Mayor          |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Deputy and Southern Ward | Cr Cassin                      |
| Member:                  |                                |
| Northern Ward Members:   | Cr Neale, Cr Burden (via zoom) |
| Hokitika Ward Members:   | Cr Baird, Cr Davidson          |
| Southern Ward Members:   |                                |
| Iwi Representatives:     |                                |

#### NGĀ WHAKAPAAHA APOLOGIES

Cr Gillett, Kw Tumahai.

#### ABSENT

Cr Phelps, Cr Manera, Kw Madgwick.

Moved Cr Neale, seconded Cr Baird and **Resolved** that the apologies from Cr Gillett and Kw Tumahai be received and accepted.

#### **STAFF PRESENT**

B Phillips, Chief Executive; L. Crichton, Group Manager Corporate Services and Risk Assurance; E Bencich, Acting Group Manager District Assets; D. Maitland; Executive Assistant; E. Rae, Strategy and Communications Advisor (via zoom); P. Coleman, Governance Administrator; A. Paulsen, Asset Strategy and Development Manager; K. Baird, Asset Management Officer.

#### 3. WHAKAPUAKITANGA WHAIPĀNGA DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Interest Register had been circulated. There were no changes to the Interest Register noted.

#### 4. PŪRONGO KAIMAHI STAFF REPORTS

• Proposed Draft Responsible Freedom Camping Bylaw 2024 – Hearing, Deliberations and Decisions Report

Alicia Paulsen, Asset Strategy and Development Manager spoke to this item and advised the purpose of this report was to hear submissions from the community on the Statement of Proposal and Draft Responsible Freedom Camping Bylaw 2024, deliberate on the submissions and instruct staff to amend the bylaw if necessary.

Moved Cr Neale, seconded Cr Baird and Resolved that:

- 1. Council receive the report.
- 2. Council hear and receive the written and verbal submissions.
- 3. Council deliberates on the submissions on the Draft Responsible Freedom Camping Bylaw 2024 in the open part of the meeting.

#### 5. SUBMISSION HEARINGS

#### **HEARING SUBMISSIONS:**

The following members of the public were in the council chambers or connected via zoom to speak to their submission:

#### **Schedule of Verbal Submissions**

#### The following speakers were taken out of order to the Agenda papers.

| NAME                                                                                   |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Whataroa Community Association                                                         |
| Sonia Pettigrew, Matainui Creek Ltd                                                    |
| Lez Morgan                                                                             |
| Elliot Hendry, Orange Sheep Campervan Park                                             |
| Bruce Watson                                                                           |
| Melanie Anderson, Destination Westland Ltd                                             |
| T/A Glacier Country Heliport                                                           |
| Rick Fennell                                                                           |
| Carey Lister, Franz Josef Community Council                                            |
| Richard Molloy                                                                         |
| James Imlach, NZ Motor Caravan Assn                                                    |
| Logan Skinner                                                                          |
| Brenda Monk                                                                            |
| Ben Monk, South Westland Salmon                                                        |
| Te Rūnanga o Makaawhio (Kara Edwards)                                                  |
| The following had requested to speak to their submission but were unable to on the day |
| Barry Hughes, Okarito Kayaks                                                           |
| Graham Berry, Perivale Farm Ltd                                                        |
| Kw Tumahai, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Waewae                                                  |
| Lorraine Molloy                                                                        |

| Name             | Comment                                                                                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Paddy Kennedy,   | Community supports exclusion in the Whataroa Township.                                     |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Whataroa         | Would like to employ a local as an enforcement officer.                                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Community        | Would like rubbish collection to improve as the bins overflow in the tourist season.       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Association      | Asked if the Whataroa community can get some assistance to clear the overgrowth at         |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                  | the proposed sites.                                                                        |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                  | Safety is an issue at the Whataroa Gorge area and needs to be improved.                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sonia Pettigrew, | Signage needs to be prominent at the front of the Whataroa Gorge carpark.                  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Matainui Creek   | The risk of flooding and the camping zone need to be in the front and made bigger.         |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ltd              | This is a gravel extraction area and prone to flooding, not a great area for camping.      |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                  | Asked who will clear the area of campers in the case of flooding at the Whataroa Gorge.    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lez Morgan       | Expressed concern regarding the natural beauty of Westland being compromised.              |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| -                | UNESCO World Heritage areas should be protected.                                           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Elliot Hendry,   | Enforcement - regulation becomes meaningless if there is no enforcement.                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Orange Sheep     | Franz Josef/Waiau location is inappropriate as it is too close to the heliport, also there |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Campervan Park   | are freedom campers going into the campervan park to use the facilities.                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ·                | Campgrounds have to pay rates, but freedom camping does not, this applies pressure         |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                  | to local businesses and needs to be addressed.                                             |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bruce Watson     | South Spit, main point is the issue of access to the site, if camping is allowed there it  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (apology from    | restricts access to the beach for locals who use this area a lot.                          |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Claudia Landis)– | Environmental, safety and public access, the area can sometimes get waves up to the        |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                  | carpark.                                                                                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                  | Public access to all beaches should be consistent.                                         |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                  | Sunset point should be added in as a prohibited area also.                                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                  | There is provision for temporary closures. This should be amended to be temporary or       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                  | permanent closures as an option on sites.                                                  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Melanie          | Biggest concern is safety to heliport operations.                                          |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Anderson, Chief  | Need to ensure there is very strong controls in place so there is no increase to the risk  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Executive of     | that is already there.                                                                     |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Destination      | With regard to waste bins, the attraction of birds to this area would be a big risk to     |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Westland         | safety.                                                                                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                  | This site would need to be vacated from 7am to 10pm as this is operational time and to     |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                  | ensure there is no blockage to the medivac site.                                           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                  | People using drone in the area can cause very serious and even possible fatal problems     |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                  | in these areas.                                                                            |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                  | Pre covid the Franz Josef/Waiau heliport was the busiest in New Zealand.                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Rick Fennell,    | Agreed with the bylaw prohibiting camping in the township, and would like to extend        |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ross Beach       | this to the cemeteries, Ross Beach Road and its berms.                                     |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                  | Campers block the road access to the beach at Ross.                                        |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                  | Beach Road is a blue penguin habitat, the carpark has erosion issues, and people are       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                  | lighting fires on the beach.                                                               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                  | There are issues with people parking near the Totara Bridge.                               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                  | Monitoring is a big issue.                                                                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                  | Signage is required to show prohibited areas.                                              |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Carey Lister     | Litter, Human waste, safety of the heliport, and overcrowding are all areas of concern     |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (Franz Josef     | for the Franz Josef/Waiau area.                                                            |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Community        | There does not appear to be a lot of support from the community for the site being         |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Council),        | included in the bylaw.                                                                     |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dish and Mallar  | Cooke recording his maximum involved in a dising free days conving in the owner.           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Richard Molloy,  | Spoke regarding his previous involved in policing freedom camping in the area.             |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Franz Josef      | Responsible campers go to campgrounds.                                                     |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                  | Some campervans have stickers that are not correct for their type of vehicles.             |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                  | Base of the Fox Hills back to McDonalds creek should be a prohibited area.                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

| lomos Iralash | Current hylow has some short comings                                                     |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| James Imlach, | Current bylaw has some short comings.                                                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| New Zealand   | Too many issues with other councils using the temporary closures as permanent            |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Motor Caravan | closures.                                                                                |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Association   | Revisit the site assessments, ensure the prohibited sites are consistent and comply with |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|               | the law.                                                                                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|               | There are new self-containment laws that have been rolled out.                           |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|               | Provided clarification that discounts are not given if the toilets are not used in the   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|               | campervans.                                                                              |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Logan Skinner | Campers usually don't like using the toilets and showers in the campers and he has       |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|               | experienced times where they use the shower and toilet facilities at the campground in   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|               | Franz Josef, without paying for the use.                                                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|               | A lot of antisocial behaviour has been experienced.                                      |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|               | The proposed Franz Josef site is in a flood zone, and this is deemed an unsafe area.     |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Brenda Monk,  | The freedom campers are arriving in Westland District and have been encouraged to        |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Paringa       | visit the area.                                                                          |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|               | All the laybys, gateways, anywhere they can stop they will, this has improved a little   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|               | since there have been designated freedom camping area.                                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|               | The Paringa Salmon Farm is close to one of these sites, with toilets, the system worked  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|               | well, freedom campers came to the allocated area and locals were employed as rangers     |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|               | who would check the areas.                                                               |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|               | With no paid monitoring there will be issues.                                            |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ben Monk,     | Support the Paringa camp group next to the Salmon Farm Café.                             |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Paringa       | Sought more clarification around the other vehicles and areas.                           |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| _             | The campground at Lake Paringa, which flooded in the last weather event (this is a       |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|               | Department of Conservation (DOC) campground) a person evacuated 35 campervans at         |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|               | the ground and suggested this be followed with the department.                           |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|               | Need to ensure that campgrounds without facilities are used only by self-contained       |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|               | vehicles.                                                                                |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Kara Edwards, | There needs to be monitoring and enforcement in place for this bylaw.                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Te Runanga o  | Does not support non-self-contained vehicles camping in a site without facilities.       |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Makaawhio     | Does not support the proposed bylaw as it is.                                            |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| _             | All people of Westland are kaitiaki, looking after the space and place, this is impacted |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|               | when people are unable to ensure that the regulations and policies are followed to       |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|               | keep rubbish and waste away from land, bush and rivers.                                  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|               | Opportunity to look at dealing with the issue by asking DOC to extend some of their      |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|               | existing campgrounds to enable more campers.                                             |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|               | existing camparounds to chapter more campers.                                            |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Cr Baird left the meeting at 10.27 am, returning to the meeting at 10.29 am.

Deputy Mayor Cassin left the meeting at 10.47 am, returning to the meeting at 10.49 am.

Points raised during submission discussions by Council and staff:

- All beach access should be noted, 20 metre provision on access roads to rivers, lakes and beaches.
- It is already prohibited to camp in Cemetery Reserves as part of the Reserves Act 1977.
- A very thorough advertising campaign will need to be undertaken to show freedom campers where they can and cannot camp.
- Once the bylaw is adopted it should be sent to all companies that rent "campers", to ensure that they know what the restrictions are in the Westland District.
- The law has changed since the last bylaw was created, and staff have gone through all the prohibited areas and worked through the law change to make sure these comply.

Moved Deputy Mayor Cassin, seconded Cr Davidson and **Resolved** that the meeting adjourn for a break at 11.07 am. The meeting reconvened at 11.37 am.

#### **DELIBERATION AND DECISIONS ON SUBMISSIONS:**

Alicia Paulsen, Asset Strategy and Development Manager spoke to this part of the meeting. Staff had compiled a list of potential changes based on submissions.

1. Lake, seashore, beach frontage. The draft bylaw states a 20 metre buffer for these areas, requests have been made to extend this to 50 metres, and there has been a request from Iwi to include rivers in this list which will encompass the roads that access these areas to add clearly visible signage to these areas and protect the waterbodies.

| Discussion: | <ul> <li>a. There is a high risk of heavy rain and flooding in some of these areas. Campers are potentially at risk; Council have a responsibility to campers if they are permitted to camp in an area then Council must ensure safety measures are taken.</li> <li>b. Staff to add more clarification to the definition of waterbodies (high tide mark/water/end of beach/riverbed).</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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|             | <ul> <li>c. Signage and education are important and a standard phrase for signage needs to be developed for potential flooding areas, to camp at your own risk.</li> <li>d. Safety is important. Signage needs to be placed at critical heights and points where it is clearly visible to all entering the sites.</li> <li>e. Important to put flyers at the isites, petrol stations and cafés in Westland District to show freedom campers where they can or cannot camp.</li> <li>f. A focus on cultural, environmental, health and safety, and accessibility when creating the bylaw.</li> </ul> |
| Decision:   | <ul> <li>a. Waterbody description to include rivers in the exclusion zone along with lakes, seashore and beach frontage.</li> <li>b. Extend the 20 metre exclusion zone around the waterbody areas to a 50 metre exclusion zone.</li> <li>c. All waterbodies as included in the bylaw (including lagoons, creeks and other bodies of water).</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

 Changes to the temporary closure clause (clause 10). A definition of what temporary means to be included and must provide evidence if a site needs to close, the reasons and possible timelines, to be included in the bylaw.

| Decision: | a. Staff to make the amendments as noted in item 2. |
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3. Townships to remain prohibited within the draft bylaw. The concept of township bans was challenged in submissions. There is enough evidence to prohibit Okarito and the road to Okarito, Bruce Bay, Jacksons Bay, Hokitika Central Business District (CBD), Fox Glacier and Franz Josef. The prohibited areas are currently defined using the speed sign changes i.e. from the entry into town, where the speed slows the exclusion zone will begin.

| Discussion: | <ul> <li>a. Hokitika may lose its Motor Home Friendly status if the exclusion zone is beyond the CBD.</li> <li>b. A discussion with DOC is required regarding the Lake lanthe campground with a view to identify if the area can be increased in size.</li> <li>c. Signage and education will need to be looked at.</li> <li>d. Signage to be erected at Cemeteries to show these are not camping areas and are excluded from camping under the Reserves Act.</li> <li>e. The Docherty's Creek area to be checked if the boulders are still in place as this area is prone to flooding.</li> </ul> |
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| Decision:   | a. Franz Josef – The Heliport site to be removed as a freedom camping site.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

| b. Franz Josef Township to be added as a prohibited area from the Tartare Bridge to the Waiho River Bridge.                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| c. Okarito – Ōkārito to be added as a prohibited area from the State Highway 6 turn-off, including the Forks-Okarito Road to and including the Ōkārito Township.                                                                                                              |
| d. Bruce Bay – Include Bruce Bay as a prohibited area from the sign on the northern corner before the Bruce Bay Marae to the southern end of the township area of Bruce Bay.                                                                                                  |
| e. Jackson Bay – Add Jackson Bay as a prohibited area from the speed sign at the entrance of the township to the end of town and including the surrounding bush area.                                                                                                         |
| f. Fox Glacier – Add Fox Glacier as a prohibited area from the base of the Fox Hills to the speed sign at the southern end of the township.                                                                                                                                   |
| g. Hokitika – Allow 12 freedom camping parks at both Sunset Point and Beach<br>Street. Add Cass Square as a prohibited area. Add Hokitika CBD as a prohibited<br>area (except for the Sunset Point and Beach Street sites) bounded by the 30km<br>speed zone area of the CBD. |
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#### 4. Townships - Not prohibited within the bylaw –

| Discussion: | a. Townships are able to erect community donation boxes at camping sites                                             |
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|             | (Woodstock and Kumara both have these).                                                                              |
|             | b. Otira - Freedom camping cannot be banned from Otira as Council do not own                                         |
|             | land in Otira.                                                                                                       |
|             | c. Kumara, Rimu and Woodstock areas – there were no submissions on these                                             |
|             | areas. All the townships seem to be managed well, and there is camping at the                                        |
|             | Kumara and Woodstock Domain.                                                                                         |
|             | d. The Mahinapua road reserve to be investigated on the access road to the                                           |
|             | beach.                                                                                                               |
|             | e. Ross – Cemeteries are prohibited sites as stated in the Reserve Act 1977. The                                     |
|             | end of Beach Road will be an excluded zone as covered by the 50 metre                                                |
|             | waterbodies exclusion as will the Chinese Gardens in Ross. A conversation is                                         |
|             | required with the Ross Community on the management of the area.                                                      |
|             | f. Whataroa – the Community are using the Whataroa Domain as a Park over                                             |
|             | Property (POP). The Whataroa Gorge area needs to be managed in terms of                                              |
|             | signage and scrub trimming.                                                                                          |
|             | g. Haast – Hannahs Clearing, Okuru and Jackson Bay are covered by the water bodies exclusion extension to 50 metres. |
|             | h. Community Hall carparks, clarity is required as these should be added to the                                      |
|             | excluded zone due to the facilities being used as civil defence bases.                                               |
|             |                                                                                                                      |
| Decision:   | a. Kumara, Rimu and Woodstock – Prohibited area to be removed                                                        |
|             | b. Kaniere – Prohibited area to be removed. Kainere Domain carpark to remain a                                       |
|             | prohibited area.                                                                                                     |
|             | c. Ruatapu – Prohibited area to be removed                                                                           |
|             | d. Ross – Prohibited area to be removed. The Ross Community Hall carparking                                          |
|             | area to be added as a prohibited area. Erect signage at the Community Hall to                                        |
|             | advise people where they can and cannot camp, to ensure the site is clear of                                         |
|             | campers.                                                                                                             |
|             | e. Hari Hari – Prohibited area to be removed. Add the Hari Hari Community Hall                                       |
|             | as a prohibited area.                                                                                                |
|             | f. Whataroa – No current prohibited area, leave as is.                                                               |
|             | g. Haast – Prohibited area to be removed                                                                             |
|             |                                                                                                                      |

Moved Cr Baird, seconded Cr Davidson and **Resolved** that the meeting adjourn for lunch at 1.00 pm. The meeting reconvened at 1.35 pm.

5. Arahura, Milltown and Bruce Bay, additional evidence required from Iwi to prohibit these sites in the bylaw.

The submission from Kw Tumahai was tabled at the meeting and discussed.

Her Worship the Mayor thanked all the submitters for taking the time to participate in the process and those who came to speak to their submission for their time.

Moved Cr Davidson, seconded Baird and **Resolved** that following the verbal and written submissions and further discussion at the meeting, the Chief Executive be instructed to make the necessary amendments to the Draft Responsible Freedom Camping Bylaw 2025, returning to Council in early 2025 for final approval.

#### DATE OF NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING – 17 DECEMBER 2024 COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 36 WELD STREET, HOKITIKA AND VIA ZOOM

#### **MEETING CLOSED AT 3.20 PM**

Confirmed by:

Her Worship the Mayor Chair Date:

#### 17.12.24 – COUNCIL MEETING ACTION LIST

| ltem<br>No. | Date of<br>Meeting | COMPLETED<br>IN PROGRESS<br>OVERDUE | Item                                                                                                              | Action                                                                                                                                                                           | Completion<br>Target Date | Officer | Status                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| 1           | 26.08.21           |                                     | Pakiwaitara<br>Building, 41<br>Weld Street<br>Hokitika<br>Council<br>Headquarters,<br>36 Weld Street,<br>Hokitika | Business case and<br>scope of work to be<br>brought to Council<br>after the structural<br>elements of the<br>work have been<br>identified, costed<br>and timelines<br>finalized. | June 24                   | CE      | <ul> <li>Pakiwaitara – Council will be consulting the community as part of the Long Term Plan, for the sale of this building.</li> <li>Council HQ – Staff are progressing with the body of work regarding rates affordability calculations. A report will come to Council in early 2025.</li> </ul> |
| 2           | 30.05.24           |                                     | Lower Hokitika<br>Gorge Swing<br>Bridge                                                                           | Replacement of the<br>original swing bridge<br>at Hokitika Gorge.                                                                                                                | Feb 25                    | CE      | This project is underway and running to schedule.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 3           | 26.09.24           |                                     | Hokitika<br>Museum Trust<br>Board<br>Formation                                                                    | Information<br>regarding the<br>formation of a trust<br>board                                                                                                                    |                           | CE      | The terms of reference will be established and return<br>to a future Council meeting. Representation on the<br>committee will include the Community Services<br>Manager.<br>The Community Services Manager has been tasked<br>with this item.                                                       |
| 4.          | 26.09.24           |                                     | Department of<br>Conservation<br>General Items                                                                    | Feral Cats                                                                                                                                                                       |                           | CE      | There has been a feral cat programme in South<br>Westland but not in the wider district.<br>DOC will be invited to a future Council meeting to<br>discuss this.                                                                                                                                     |
|             |                    |                                     |                                                                                                                   | Hokitika Gorge<br>Swing Bridge<br>Ownership                                                                                                                                      |                           |         | Taking on the bridge was not approved in the DOC<br>June 2024 capital planning.<br>Council staff will continue working with DOC<br>regarding this matter.                                                                                                                                           |
| 5.          | 28.11.24           |                                     | Carniege<br>Building<br>Windows                                                                                   | Council requested<br>information on<br>when the Windows<br>were removed from<br>the budget.                                                                                      |                           | CE      | Replacement of the windows was removed from the project budgets at the very beginning due to budget constraints.<br>Replacement of the windows will be put forward during the LTP budget meetings in January.                                                                                       |

| ltem<br>No. |          | COMPLETED<br>IN PROGRESS<br>OVERDUE | ltem                   | Action                                                                                                              | Completion<br>Target Date | Officer | Status                                                 |
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| 6.          | 28.11.24 |                                     | Hokitika<br>Racecourse | Council requested a<br>visual media release<br>for the public with all<br>details and costs that<br>can be released | 25.12.24                  | CSM     | Community Services Manager is working on this project. |





DATE: 17 December 2024

TO: Mayor and Councillors

FROM: Group Manager, Corporate Services and Risk Assurance

#### **ORDERING OF CANDIDATE NAMES ON VOTING PAPERS**

#### 1. Summary

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is for Council to consider the order of candidate names on the voting papers for the 2025 local elections.
- 1.2. This issue arises from legislative requirements to resolve on order of candidates other than alphabetical.
- 1.3. Council seeks to meet its obligations under the Local Government Act 2002 and the achievement of the District Vision adopted by the Council in June 2024, which are set out in the Enhanced Annual Plan 2024/2025. Refer page 2 of the agenda.
- 1.4. This report concludes by recommending that Council resolve that the names of candidates for the 2025 council triennial elections and any subsequent by-elections be arranged in random order.

#### 2. Background

- 2.1 The reason the report has come before the Council is due to the Local Electoral Regulations 2001 31(1) that Council must determine by Council resolution the order of candidate names on voting papers.
- 2.2 If Council does not resolve on the ordering, then the ordering will be alphabetical.
- 2.3 For the 2019 and 2022 council triennial elections Council resolved for random ordering of candidate names.

#### 3. Current Situation

- 3.1. The voting papers for the 2025 election will contain elections for the Mayoral election and election of ward councillors.
- 3.2. Election of constituency councillors for Westland District Regional Council.
- 3.3. Election of members of Development West Coast.
- 3.4. Council is required to resolve on the voting order for 3.1 above.
- 3.5. For the previous 3 elections the number of councils moving to fully random voting order has been increasing;

| Councils | 201          | 6   | 201    | 9     | 2022   |       |
|----------|--------------|-----|--------|-------|--------|-------|
|          | Number % age |     | Number | % age | Number | % age |
| random   | 29           | 43% | 38     | 57%   | 49     | 73%   |
| alpha    | 32           | 48% | 22     | 33%   | 16     | 24%   |
| pseudo   |              |     |        |       |        |       |
| random   | 6            | 9%  | 7      | 10%   | 2      | 3%    |

3.6. There are three options on the order of names on voting papers.

3.6.1. Alphabetical by surname. This needs no explanation.

3.6.2. **Pseudo-random order**. Under this option, the candidates' names for each issue are placed in a receptacle, with candidates' names being drawn out of the receptacle, with candidates' names being placed for all voting documents for that issue in the order they are drawn.

If this method of ordering is used, the Electoral Officer must state, in the public notice required to be given, the date, time, and place in which the order of the candidates' names will be arranged.

Any person is then entitled to attend while the draw is in progress.

3.6.3. **Random Order**. Under this option the names of the candidates for each issue are shown in a different order on each and every voting document, utilising software which enables the names of candidates to be printed in a different order on each paper.

#### 4. Options

- 4.1. Option 1: That Council resolve that the names of candidates for the 2025 council triennial elections and any subsequent by-elections be arranged in random order.
- 4.2. Option 2: That Council resolve that the names of candidates for the 2025 council triennial elections and any subsequent by-elections be arranged in Pseudo-random order.
- 4.3. Option 3: That Council resolve that the names of candidates for the 2025 council triennial elections and any subsequent by-elections be arranged in Alphabetical order.

#### 5. Risk Analysis

5.1. Risk has been considered and no risks have been identified.

#### 6. Health and Safety

6.1. Health and Safety has been considered and no items have been identified.

#### 7. Significance and Engagement

- 7.1. The level of significance has been assessed as being low as the decision to determine voting order of candidate names is administrative in nature.
- 7.2. No public consultation is considered necessary.

#### 8. Assessment of Options (including Financial Considerations)

8.1. Option 1 – Random order;

Research on voting patterns has indicated that candidates with a surname starting at the top of the alphabet may have a slight advantage over others with a lower alphabetical ranking.

Random order for voting papers has been increasingly adopted by local councils and other agencies over the last 3 local elections.

Westland District Council has used Random order for the previous 2 elections with no issues. This is the recommended order by electionz.com.

With technological developments for printing ballot papers having improved, there is no difference in cost or quality for the printing between randomised voting papers and alphabetical voting papers. 8.1.1.There are no financial implications to this option.

8.2. Option 2 – Pseudo-random order;

Although the drawing of the names is random, all voting papers would then be in the same order. The Pseudo-random order has never been widely used and in the last local elections only 2 councils used this ordering system.

Pseudo-random ordering results in extra administrative burdens due to the requirement to find premises to accommodate the process and costs related to the hiring of premises, and advertising.

8.2.1. Financial implications include the cost of hiring neutral premises and the advertising of when the draw will take place and where.

8.3. Option 3 – Alphabetical order;

Prior to the 2019 triennial election Council had used alphabetical ordering of candidate names, however as research has indicated, there may be perceived preferences to candidates being ordered alphabetically. 8.3.1. There are no financial implications to this option.

#### 9. Preferred Option(s) and Reasons

- 9.1. The preferred option is Option 1: That Council resolve that the names of candidates for the 2025 council triennial elections and any subsequent by-elections be arranged in random order.
- 9.2. The reason that Option 1 has been identified as the preferred option is that using random order will provide consistency with best electoral practice and remove the perceived preference to candidates being ordered alphabetically.

#### **10.** Recommendation(s)

- 10.1. That the report be received.
- 10.2. That Council resolve that the names of candidates for the 2025 triennial elections and any subsequent by-elections be arranged in random order.

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## **Report to Council**

DATE: 17 December 2024

TO: Mayor and Councillors

FROM: Transportation Manager

#### **PROPOSED ROAD NAME AT JACKSONS**

#### 1. Summary

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to seek confirmation of a new road name for a short section of legal formed road opposite the Jacksons Hotel.
- 1.2. This issue arises from a new landowner moving to the area who has purchased a section of land off this road to live at. However, a RAPID number is not able to be allocated to his section as the road has no legal name. (Refer to **Appendix 1**: Location Plan Unnamed Legal Road off SH73 Jacksons)
- 1.3. Council seeks to meet its obligations under the Local Government Act 2002 and the achievement of the District Vision adopted by the Council in June 2024, which are set out in the Enhanced Annual Plan 2024/2025. Refer page 2 of the agenda.
- 1.4. This report concludes by recommending that Council considers the report presented along with the road name options and decides on an appropriate name for this section of legal road.
- 1.5. This report was previously resented at the November 2024 Council Meeting but was deferred on the suggestion it required further consultation. A review of the consultation undertaken was carried out and no further action was deemed necessary, so this report has been presented again for consideration.

#### 2. Background

- 2.1 A request was made for a RAPID number by a new landowner in this area for the land that they have purchased and intend to live at. Upon investigating what number to allocate it became apparent that this road does not have a legal name. The landowner was asked to offer some options, but being new to the area had no idea of the local history so was not able to offer any suggestions for consideration. Historically this road served as the access to the former Jacksons Railway Station. In researching various options, the following were identified but ruled out:
  - a. Jacksons Railway Station Lane Quite long and the railway station no longer exists.
  - b. Station Lane Not appropriate as there is already a Station Lane within the same postal area.
  - c. Perry Lane According to Wikipedia the Jacksons Hotel was once called Perry Range Hotel but there is already a Perry Lane in Hokitika so that would not be accepted for the same reasons as above.
- 2.2 Further research identified some potentially suitable options for consideration as follows:
  - a. McAlpine Lane Research identified a Railways Plan from 1873 that showed another Hotel in the area at the time, The McAlpine Hotel. (Refer to **Appendix 2**: Screen snip from 1873 Railway Map)
  - b. Bald Lane The general location of this road is the foot of the Bald Range.

c. Rangi Taipo Lane – Iwi feedback identified this as the Māori name for the Bald Range. (Preferred Name)

#### 3. Current Situation

3.1. Presently this road is unnamed, so Council officers are unable to allocate a RAPID number in this location

#### 4. Options

- 4.1. Option 1: Adopt "Rangi Taipo Lane" as the new road name for the unnamed legal Road off SH73 Opposite the Jacksons Hotel. This is the preferred option as it ties in better with the longer history of the area.
- 4.2. Option 2: Adopt "Bald Lane" as the new road name for the unnamed legal Road off SH73 Opposite the Jacksons Hotel.
- 4.3. Option 3: Adopt "McAlpine Lane" as the new road name for the unnamed legal Road off SH73 Opposite the Jacksons Hotel.

#### 5. Risk Analysis

5.1. Risk has been considered and no risks have been identified.

#### 6. Health and Safety

6.1. Health and Safety has been considered and no items have been identified.

#### 7. Significance and Engagement

7.1. The level of significance has been assessed as being low as this is a general administrative procedure. 7.1.1.No public consultation is considered necessary.

#### 8. Assessment of Options (including Financial Considerations)

- 8.1. Option 1 Adopt "Rangi Taipo Lane" as the new road name for the unnamed legal Road off SH73 Opposite the Jacksons Hotel. This is the suggested option from Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Waewae and provides the most appropriate historical link and reference to this area.
  - 8.1.1.The following financial implications have been identified. This will require the purchase and installation of a new road name sign at approximately \$1000 value and can be accommodated within existing budget allocations.
- 8.2. Option 2 Adopt "Bald Lane" as the new road name for the unnamed legal Road off SH73 Opposite the Jacksons Hotel.
  - 8.2.1.The following financial implications have been identified. This will require the purchase and installation of a new road name sign at approximately \$1000 value and can be accommodated within existing budget allocations.
- 8.3. Option 3 Adopt "McAlpine Lane" as the new road name for the unnamed legal Road off SH73 Opposite the Jacksons Hotel.
  - 8.3.1.The following financial implications have been identified. This will require the purchase and installation of a new road name sign at approximately \$1000 value and can be accommodated within existing budget allocations.

#### 9. Preferred Option(s) and Reasons

9.1. The preferred option is Option 1 Adopt "Rangi Taipo Lane" as the new road name for the unnamed legal Road off SH73 Opposite the Jacksons Hotel.

9.2. The reason that Option 1 has been identified as the preferred option is that is ties in best with the longerterm history of the area and recognises the original name for the Bald Range.

#### 10. Recommendation(s)

- 10.1. That the report be received.
- 10.2. That Council adopts the name "Rangi Taipo Lane" for the unnamed legal road off SH73 opposite the Jacksons Hotel.

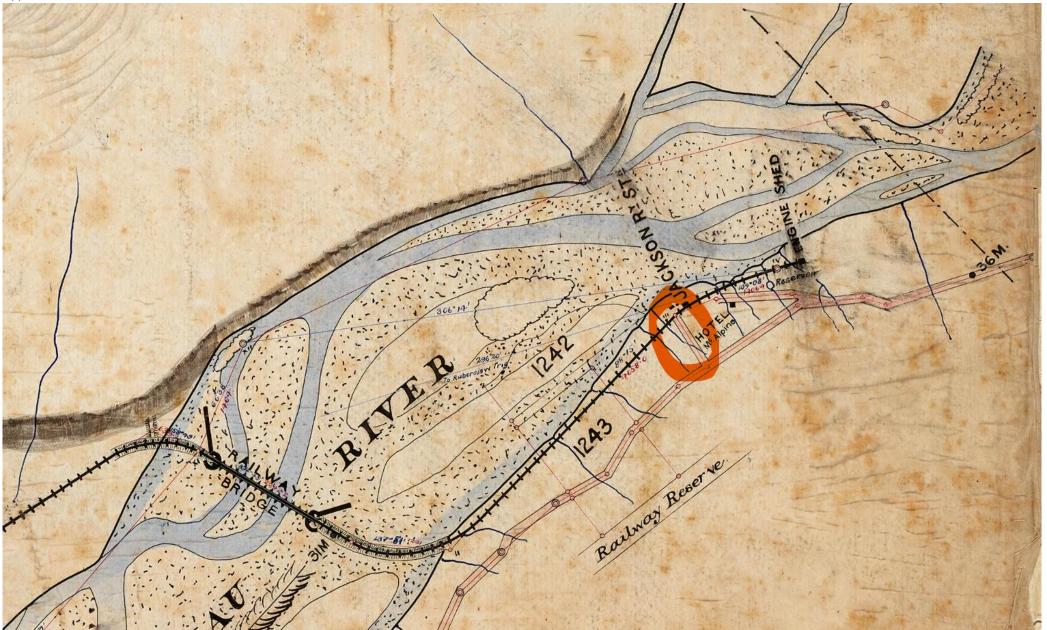
#### Karl Jackson Transportation Manager

- Appendix 1: Location Plan Unnamed Legal Road off SH73 Jacksons.pdf
- Appendix 2: 1873 Railway Map.pdf

Appendix 1



Road Name Options: Rangi Taipo Lane, Bald Lane, McAlpine Lane



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Plan Origin: Section 868 being Part of NZ Midland Railway Co's Block 26-B Map (1873)