

Clutha District Council

Minutes of the Annual Plan Decisions meeting of Clutha District Council held in the Council Chambers, 1 Rosebank Terrace, Balclutha on Thursday, 19 May 2022 commencing at 1.30pm.

Present His Worship the Mayor Bryan Cadogan, Councillors Dane Catherwood, Stewart Cowie, Wayne Felts, Gaynor Finch, Mel Foster, Bruce Graham, John Herbert, Alison Ludemann, Lloyd McCall (via Zoom), Kenneth Payne, Jo-anne Thomson, Bruce Vollweiler and Selwyn Wilkinson

In Attendance Steve Hill (Chief Executive), Jules Witt (Group Manager Service Delivery), John Scott (Group Manager Corporate Services), Larissa Brown (Strategic Planning Manager), Sharon Jenkinson (Finance Manager), Diane Byars (Communications Coordinator), Justine Barrie (PA to the Mayor) and Julie Gardner (Service Delivery Administrator)

Debbie Duncan (Community Libraries Manager), Mike Goldsmith (Senior Policy Advisor), Greg Bowie (Management Accountant), Trey Willis-Croft (Management Accountant), Sharon Cousins, Jean Proctor

Apologies Councillor Carol Sutherland

Moved Councillors Payne/Wilkinson and Resolved:

“That the apology be accepted.”

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public forum.

REPLACEMENT PAGES

Moved Councillors Felts/Foster and Resolved:

“That Item 5B – ‘Rates Baseline Update’ replacement page is tabled.”

1 CONFIRMATION OF ANNUAL PLAN HEARING MINUTES

The minutes of the Annual Plan Hearings of the Clutha District Council held on 27 April 2022 were submitted for confirmation.

Moved Councillors Herbert/Vollweiler and Resolved:

“That the minutes of the Annual Plan Hearing of the Clutha District Council held on 27 April 2022 be approved as a true and correct record.

“That the minutes of the Annual Plan Hearing of the Clutha District Council held on 3 May 2022 be approved as a true and correct record.”

2 RECEIVES FEEDBACK AND SUBMISSIONS

The Strategic Planning Manager submitted feedback and submissions relating to:

- Annual Plan 2022/23
- Clutha Community Hub Additional Funding 2022
- Proposed Schedule of Fees & Charges 2022/23
- Policy on Remission of Rates Update 2022.

Moved Councillors Cowie/Ludemann and Resolved:

“That Council receives the ‘Receives Feedback and Submissions’ report.

That Council receives written submissions to the Proposed Annual Plan 2022/23, Clutha Community Hub Additional Funding 2022, Proposed Schedule of Fees & Charges 2022/23 and Policy on Remission of Rates Update 2022, as listed.

That Council receives verbal submissions to the Proposed Annual Plan 2022/23, Clutha Community Hub Additional Funding 2022, Proposed Schedule of Fees & Charges 2022/23 and Policy on Remission of Rates Update 2022, as listed.”

3 RURAL WATER SCHEME UPDATE

The Group Manager Service Delivery presented changes to Annual Plan 2022/23 budgets from various Rural Water Scheme Committee meetings around the district, noting the reductions in rates and adjustments to existing projects and the capital programme.

Moved Councillors Cowie/Felts and Resolved:

“That Council receives the ‘Rural Water Scheme Update’ report.

That the Balmoral 1 Water rate income is set at \$293,078 for the 2022/23 year so that the water rate is set at \$420+GST.

That the Balmoral 2 water rate income is set at \$457,354 for the 2022/23 year so that the water rate is set at \$290+GST.

That the Clydevale/Pomahaka water rate income is set at \$606,864 2022/23 year so that the water rate is set at \$251+GST.

That the Glenkenich water rate income is set at \$703,164 for the 2022/23 year so that the water rate is set at \$344+GST.

That the Moa Flat Water rate income is set at \$504,111 for the 2022/23 year so that the water rate is set at \$193+GST.

That the North Bruce water rate income is set at \$536,202 for the 2022/23 year so that water rate is set at \$278+GST.

That the Richardson water rate income is set at \$621,306 for the 2022/23 year so that the water rate is set at \$247+GST.

That the Richardson Reservoir Renewals projects in 2022/23 be increased from \$260,000+GST to \$600,000+GST to enable these to be completed at current reservoir renewal rates.

That the South Bruce water rate income is set at \$225,597 for the 2022/23 year so that the water rate is set at \$147+GST.

That the Tuapeka water rate income is set at \$576,692 for the 2022/23 year so that the water rate is set at \$357+GST.

That the Wangaloa water rate income is set at \$149,562 for the 2022/23 year so that the water rate is set at \$356+GST.

That the Waipahi Stock Water Scheme rate income is set at \$201,476 for the 2022/23 year so that the water rate is set at \$241+GST.”

4 INVESTMENT FUND SURPLUS UPDATE

The Group Manager Corporate Services provided an update on the Investment Fund surplus.

Further clarification on the available funds was provided by the Group Manager Corporate Services and the Chief Executive.

Moved Councillors Finch/Foster and Resolved:

“That Council receives the ‘Investment Fund Surplus Update’ report.

That Council notes the availability of \$570,000 surplus funds as a funding source option for Annual Plan 2022/23 requirements.

That Council notes the \$44K return in FY22 on the Nikko portfolio.”

5 RATES BASELINE UPDATE

The Finance Manager submitted a report asking Council to agree on the estimated rates increase prior to final calculations being made noting that any impacts will be assessed during deliberations in the meeting along with any decisions on required rates smoothing.

Additional information was tabled by Staff to highlight impacts relating to the 2022/23 and 2023/24 years including possible decisions on required rates smoothing.

The Finance Manager explained the spreadsheet that would be in operation during the meeting to record the financial decisions as they were being made to ensure that Council meets its obligations under section 21 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 and the rates limit in Council’s Financial Strategy and targets in Council’s Revenue & Financing Policy.

There was robust debate about the 4% rates cap that Council had self-imposed at the LTP with some Councillors stating that with inflation as it currently is, this is now unrealistic.

Moved Councillors Vollweiler/Graham and Resolved:

“That Council receives the ‘Rates Baseline Update’ report.

Moved Councillors Graham/Vollweiler and Resolved:

That Council notes an estimated overall increase of 3.61% from 2021/22 to 2022/23, prior to final decisions and calculations being made for the final 2022/23 Annual Plan.”

Moved Councillors Ludemann/Vollweiler and Resolved:

“That Council approves \$195,000 in 2022/23 to Clutha Development for Tourism Support, funded from the investment surplus, subject to final approval.”

Moved Councillors Vollweiler/Felts and Resolved:

“That Council resolves to use \$395K additional roading funding and \$230K from general reserves for rates smoothing in 2022/23.

That Council confirms \$195,000 in 2022/23 to Clutha Development for Tourism Support, be funded from the investment surplus.

That Council confirms \$153,000 of the \$195,000 additional rates funding requirement for the 2022/23 Greenspace Area Budgets by:

- Deferring a specific Parks & Reserves staff member (\$100K) for 1 year.***
- Allocating 1 year of Plantation Heights Maintenance Costs (\$53K) to be funded from the surplus in the Plantation Heights Subdivision account.”***

Moved Councillors Ludemann/Finch and Resolved:

That Council confirms an overall rates increase from 2021/22 to 2022/23 of less than 4%.

That Council approves any final minor adjustments be made, to ensure the budgets to be approved by Council at their meeting on 23 June 2022 include an overall rates change from 2021/22 to 2022/23 of within 4%, and meet the 30% cap in section 21 of the Local Government (Rating) Act."

6 SERVICE DELIVERY UPDATES

The Group Manager Service Delivery presented submissions and updates from the Service Delivery Department to the Annual Plan 2022/23. All costs exclude GST.

Moved Councillors Wilkinson/Ludemann and Resolved:

"That Council receives the Service Delivery Updates report."

Additional information on the next resolution was provided by the Chief Executive who explained that the funding could come from a mix of reserves to fund the deficit. It was further pointed out that in previous years' Service Delivery surpluses had been added to the general reserves.

Councillors discussed the options before agreeing that funding should come out of the wastewater reserves and the deferred Roading Maintenance Fund.

Moved Councillors Vollweiler/Ludemann and Resolved:

"That Council approve funding of the Service Delivery Deficit of \$502,650 to be funded \$100K from wastewater reserve and the balance from the deferred Roading Maintenance Fund."

Moved Councillors Finch/Payne and Resolved:

"That Council notes that further information regarding a Capital Delivery Strategic Programme Review will be presented to Council as part of a review of the 2022/23 and 23/24 Capital works programme over the next month."

Councillors discussed the next recommendation expressing concern that there was not enough information and the projects had not been identified fully enough for an informed decision to be made. While they agreed that Waihola is growing, the correct process is for a resource consent to be applied for and the infrastructure installed as part of that subdivision.

It was suggested that a plan change be looked at and brought back to Council at next year's annual plan.

Moved Councillors Ludemann/Wilkinson and Resolved:

"That Council does not approve \$460,000+GST for extension of water and wastewater to Beacon Street Waihola for 2022/23 to be funded from Urban water & wastewater by way of a loan and recovered by future connection costs."

Vote: For 11, Against 3 – the motion was carried.

Moved Councillors Vollweiler/Cowie and Resolved:

“That Council approves \$500,000 to bring forward the Kaka Point Reservoir to the 2022/23 Year to be funded from Urban water by way of a loan.”

Moved Councillors Cowie/Catherwood and Resolved:

“That Council approves funding of \$50,000 for the balance of the PGF work for the Waiwera South, Waitahuna and Owaka Community Centres and that this is funded from reserves from each hall and 2021/22 Operating budgets.”

Moved Councillors Vollweiler/Felts and Resolved:

“That Council approves a budget of \$50,000+GST for the 2022/23 Year for painting, and other capital upgrades for the Kaitangata Pool to be funded from Kaitangata Pool Reserves.

That Council congratulates the Kaitangata Pool Committee on the work they have done to date and Council look forward to considering supporting the Committee once more details of a major upgrade are available at a future Annual Plan or Long-Term Plan.”

7 THREE WATERS BETTER OFF SUPPORT PACKAGE FUNDING

The Senior Policy Advisor submitted a report advising how Council can access funding through the ‘Better Off’ funding support package.

Moved Councillors Finch/Graham and Resolved:

“That Council receives the Three Waters Better Off Support Package Funding report.”

Mike Goldsmith was in attendance to answer Councillors questions.

Councillors asked how projects get on the list with Mike advising that it was a fairly open list with additional work required to form a funding proposal to fit the criteria. Community facility renewals were included because it would spread the benefit of the funding across the district and these projects are commonly mentioned in the various Our Place projects that are happening across the district.

He also advised that there were some community projects that would not meet the criteria however there were other funding opportunities for these.

Additional information was circulated prior to the meeting which highlighted the preferred options for the Milton Community Pool and Library Facility.

Moved Councillors Finch/Graham:

“That Council confirms it WILL include the Milton Community Pool and Library Facility project in a funding proposal for \$2 million to the first tranche of the Three Waters Better Off Support Package.”

Vote: For 6, Against 8 - the motion was lost.

An amendment was made:

Moved Councillors Vollweiler/Finch:

“That Council confirms it WILL include the Milton Community Pool and Library Facility project in a funding proposal for \$1.9 million to the first tranche of the Three Waters Better Off Support Package.”

A further amendment was made:

Moved Councillors Herbert/Foster:

“That Council confirms it WILL include the Milton Community Pool and Library Facility project in a funding proposal for \$1.5 million to the first tranche of the Three Waters Better Off Support Package.”

Councillor Vollweiler moved that the 2nd amended motion be put:

Moved Councillors Herbert/Foster:

“That Council confirms it WILL include the Milton Community Pool and Library Facility project in a funding proposal for \$1.5 million to the first tranche of the Three Waters Better Off Support Package.”

Vote: For 2, Against 12 – the amendment was lost.

The 1st amendment then became the substantive motion, and no further discussion could be had as per Standing Orders.

Moved Councillors Vollweiler/Finch and Resolved:

“That Council confirms it WILL include the Milton Community Pool and Library Facility project in a funding proposal for \$1.9 million to the first tranche of the Three Waters Better Off Support Package.”

Vote: For 11, Against 3 - Councillors Herbert and McCall requested their votes be recorded.

Councillor McCall expressed his dissatisfaction with the way in which this item was being decided and requested this be recorded.

Councillor Herbert stated he was unhappy with funding being allocated to these 2 projects when there is no guarantee of the 2nd tranche of funding for all of the smaller projects. He would like to see some money held over to support Recommendation 4.

The lack of Climate Change projects was also highlighted, however the Chief Executive pointed out that these were in progress but would take time to implement.

Moved Councillors Cowie/Graham:

“That Council confirms it WILL include the Balclutha Streetscape Stage 2 Funding in a funding proposal for \$1.37 million to the first tranche of the Three Waters Better Off Support Package.”

An amendment was made:

Moved Councillor Vollweiler/Mayor Cadogan:

“That Council confirms it WILL include the Balclutha Streetscape Stage 2 Funding in a funding proposal for \$1.1 million to the first tranche of the Three Waters Better Off Support Package.”

Vote: For 7, Against 7 – Mayor Cadogan used his casting vote.

This then became the substantive motion:

Moved Councillor Vollweiler/Mayor Cadogan:

“That Council confirms it WILL include the Balclutha Streetscape Stage 2 Funding in a funding proposal for \$1.1 million to the first tranche of the Three Waters Better Off Support Package.”

Vote: For 6, Against 7 – the motion was lost.

The meeting was adjourned at 3.48pm.

The meeting was reconvened at 4.02pm.

ITEM 7: THREE WATERS BETTER OFF SUPPORT PACKAGE FUNDING continued

Moved Councillors Cowie/Graham and Resolved:

“That Council confirms it WILL include the Balclutha Streetscape Stage 2 Funding in a funding proposal for \$1.3 million to the first tranche of the Three Waters Better Off Support Package.”

Vote: For 10, Against 4 – Councillor Herbert requested his vote be recorded.

The balance of the funding will be used for other projects.

8 CLUTHA COMMUNITY HUB ADDITIONAL FUNDING

The Senior Policy Advisor submitted a summary of public feedback received on the three options proposed in the Clutha Community Hub Additional Funding 2022 consultation process.

Moved Councillors Payne/Finch and Resolved:

“That Council receives the Clutha Community Hub Additional Funding report.”

Moved Councillors Payne/Felts and Resolved:

That Council adopts Option 3 (contribute up to \$2.5M funded by reserves).”

9 BALCLUTHA STREETScape STAGE 2 UPDATE

The Group Manager Service Delivery submitted a report providing an update and seeking direction on budgets for Balclutha Streetscape Stage 2, specifically for landscaping, car park improvements and general beautification of the area now the new Clutha Hub and the southern entrance to the Balclutha Bridge.

Moved Councillors Cowie/Ludemann and Resolved:

“That Council receives the Balclutha Streetscape Stage 2 Update report.

That Council approves an additional \$1.3 million of funding for the Balclutha Streetscape Stage 2 Project with this to be funded from the Better off Funding.”:

10 BRUCE COMMUNITY FACILITY UPDATE

The Group Manager Service Delivery and the Strategic Planning Manager submitted a report which updates and seeks direction on the next course of action for the proposed Bruce Community Facility in Milton.

Councillors confirmed the forms of communication and engagement with the community as laid out in the agenda item.

There was comment from councillors that a costing exercise should be done so that the community know what council’s ongoing operational commitments would be for the facility.

The Group Manager Service Delivery reminded Councillors that this was laid out in the LTP and would be further laid out during consultation of the Schedule of Fees and Charges.

Moved Councillors Finch/Vollweiler and Resolved:

“That Council receives the Bruce Community Facility Update report.

That Council agrees to consult on options relating to the Bruce Community Facility.”

Moved Councillors Finch/Vollweiler and Resolved:

“That Council’s preferred option for consultation relating to the Bruce Community Facility is the 6-lane pool option with additional land.

That Council’s confirms an additional meeting date of 2 June 2022 to approve consultation material and hearing date of 14 July 2022 to hear verbal submissions relating to the Bruce Community Facility.”

11 COMMUNITY PROJECTS UPDATE

The Project Manager – Community Plan Implementation submitted a report requesting additional funding for existing identified community projects.

Moved Councillors Finch/Wilkinson and Resolved:

“That Council receives the Community Projects Update report.”

Moved Councillors Ludemann/Felts and Resolved:

“That Council approves an increase of \$9,063 from \$8,000 to \$17,063 in 2022/23 for the installation of a bore at the Naish Park duck pond.

That Council carries forward existing funding of \$8,000 for the Naish Park duck pond from the 2020/21 to 2022/23 financial year.

That Council funds an additional \$9,063 in 2022/23 for the Naish Park duck pond bore installation from available investment fund surpluses.”

Vote: For – 12, Against - 2 – Carried.

Moved Councillors Ludemann/Payne and Resolved:

“That Council approves \$24,000 in 2022/23 for stage one of a car park construction at the South Otago Athletics Club car park.

That Council funds \$24,000 in 2022/23 for car park construction at the South Otago Athletics Club car park from available investment fund surpluses.”

Moved Councillors Finch/Herbert and Resolved:

“That Council carries forward existing funding of \$50,000 from the 2020/21 to 2022/23 to progress the Gabriel’s Gully entrance aspect of this project, including Council reserve, car park and toilet improvements.”

12 COMMUNITY FUNDING REQUESTS

The Community Support & Development Advisor submitted a report detailing a number of community funding requests to the Annual Plan 2022/23.

Moved Councillors Payne/Thomson and Resolved:

“That Council receives the Community Funding Requests report.”

Moved Councillors Foster/Wilkinson:

“That Council approves a funding increase of \$60,000 in 2022/23 to Lawrence Playground Committee for the Whitehaven Street Playground project.

That Council funds \$60,000 in 2022/23 for the Whitehaven Street Playground project from available investment fund surpluses.

Councillors discussed the possibility of the funding for the playground coming from the remainder of the ‘Better Off Funding’ while also noting that if the application was unsuccessful then it would need to come back to Council for a decision on an alternative funding source.

An amendment was made:

Moved Councillors Ludemann/Catherwood and Resolved:

“That Council approves a funding increase of \$70,000 in 2022/23 to Lawrence Playground Committee for the Whitehaven Street Playground project.

That Council funds \$70,000 in 2022/23 for the Whitehaven Street Playground project from the Better Off Funding.”

Vote: For 9, Against 4 – Carried.

This became the substantive motion:

Moved Councillors Ludemann/Catherwood and Resolved:

“That Council approves a funding increase of \$70,000 in 2022/23 to Lawrence Playground Committee for the Whitehaven Street Playground project.

That Council funds \$70,000 in 2022/23 for the Whitehaven Street Playground project from the Better Off Funding.”

Vote: For 8, Against 5 – Carried.

Moved Councillors Vollweiler/Catherwood and Resolved:

“That Council approves \$30,000 in 2022/23 to the Owaka Community Centre for kitchen renovations to upgrade the Owaka Memorial Community Centre.

That Council funds \$30,000 in 2022/23 for Owaka Memorial Community Centre improvements from the investment fund surplus.

There was discussion about the boundary fence being paid partly by the Balclutha Golf Club, with the Group Manager Service Delivery advising that the Golf Club had been very accommodating regarding the Mt Cooee upgrade and were very supportive of the South Otago Mountain Bike Park in general.

Moved Councillors Ludemann/Felts and Resolved:

“That Council approves Council staff expertise and support to provide vehicular entrance and roadway into the park and fencing between the Balclutha Golf Club and the Park.

That Council approves funding of \$27,000 in 2022/23 to provide a single lane vehicular entrance and roadway into the South Otago Mountain Bike Park and fencing between the Balclutha Golf Club and the Park.

That Council funds \$27,000 in 2022/23 from available investment fund surpluses.”

Vote: For 13, Against 1 – Councillor Herbert requested his vote be recorded.

Council debate on the next item centred on how much use the courts would actually get, however it was pointed out that they are beside the CDC-owned camping ground which is a very popular holiday destination. The tennis court surface is currently unplayable and a health and safety hazard.

Moved Councillors Vollweiler/Finch and Resolved:

“That Council approves funding of \$18,848 in 2022/23 to Taieri Mouth Amenities Society towards resurfacing the existing Taieri Mouth tennis courts.

That Council funds \$18,848 in 2022/23 to Taieri Mouth Amenities Society from available investment fund surpluses.”

Vote: For 8, Against 5 – Councillor Herbert requested his vote be recorded, Councillor Catherwood abstained.

Moved Councillors Graham/Cowie and Resolved:

“That Council confirms the Cross Recreation Centre annual operating grant at \$55,158 in 2022/2023.

That Council confirms the Sport Clutha annual grant at \$47,859 in 2022/2023.”

Moved Councillors Finch/Catherwood and Resolved:

“That Council approves that Council work with Sport Clutha/Otago to develop a Play Strategy/Framework for the District.”

Moved Councillors Finch/Graham and Resolved:

“That Council approves Council support Sport Clutha/Otago to work with South Otago Athletics Club and Clutha Parks Trust.”

Moved Councillors Finch/Foster and Resolved:

“That Council approves funding of \$20,000 in 2022/23 towards Peace Gardens tree maintenance and plantings, funded from the Lawrence Parks and Reserves rates.”

Moved Councillors Catherwood/Graham and Resolved:

“That Council approves funding of \$20,000 in 2022/23 and \$20,000 in 2023/24 towards Steep Street Reserve tree management and maintenance, funded from the Lawrence Parks and Reserves rates.”

Moved Councillors Finch/Wilkinson and Resolved:

“That Council staff continue to investigate options for the maintenance of the area at the Catlins-Clutha Information Layby.”

Vote: For 13, Against 1 – Councillor Cowie requested his vote be recorded.

Councillors stated that Catlins Coast Inc. should be applying to Clutha Development as Council provides funding to them for tourism and they also work with Southland Tourism to promote the Catlins area.

Moved Councillors Catherwood/Graham and Resolved:

“That Council approves funding to Catlins Coast Inc towards the Care Code (\$1,500) and Tear Off Map (\$3,000) in 2022/2023.

That any identified Council funding to Catlins Coast Inc is via the investment surplus.”

Vote: For 8, Against 6 – the motion was carried.

Moved Councillors Cowie/Finch and Resolved:

“That Council approves Kaka Point Surf Lifesaving’s request of an increase of funding by \$5,000 from \$25,000 to \$30,000 in 2022/23.”

Councillor Payne stated a conflict of interest with the next resolution and abstained from the discussion.

Councillors are concerned that there are more applications now that are in the social services area, and this is not our core role. There is an issue when local government is having to pick up the central government shortfall.

Moved Councillors Cowie/Finch and Resolved:

“That Council approves funding of \$8,000 to Big River Kahui Ako in 2022/23 funded from the community support grants budget.”

Vote: For 12, Against 2 - Councillor Herbert requested his vote be recorded.

Moved Councillors Finch/Wilkinson and Resolved:

“That Council approves an increase of \$8,634 funding from \$23,290 to \$31,932 to Gore Women’s Refuge in 2022/2023, funded from the community support grants budget.”

Vote: For 13, against 1 – the motion was carried.

Moved Councillors Graham:

“That Council approves funding of \$2,000 in 2022/23 to New Zealand Chinese Language Week from the community support grants budget/investment surplus.

Lapsed for want of a seconder.

Moved Councillors Catherwood/Herbert:

“That Council does not approve funding of \$2,000 in 2022/23 to New Zealand Chinese Language Week.

Vote: For 6, Against 8 – the motion was lost.

Moved Councillors Finch/Vollweiler and Resolved:

“That Council approves funding of \$2,000 in 2022/23 to New Zealand Chinese Language Week from the investment surplus.

That Council approves staff support for New Zealand Chinese Language Week.

That Council approves a Mayoral support video is provided for New Zealand Chinese Language Week.”

Vote: For 9, Against 5 – the motion was carried.

Moved Councillors Herbert/Catherwood and Resolved:

“That Council does not approve to Clan Ayson funding for restoration of family graves at Warepa cemetery.

Councillor Cowie advised he had a conflict of interest in the next item.

Councillors agreed that future planning needs to be done by the Historical Society with a need to work on fixing the problem and a remodelling of the funding structure.

Council has a duty to liaise with all museums and develop a strategic plan for them all, perhaps with a curator across the district, however this needs to be taken one step further and look at a funding option for all museums and have this done before next year’s annual plan.

Moved Councillors Catherwood/McCall:

“That Council does not approve \$24,920 (+GST) in 2022/23 to South Otago Historical Society for curator salary funding.”

Vote: For 3, Against 11 – the motion was lost.

Moved Councillors Ludemann/Foster:

“That Council approves \$24,920 (+GST) in 2022/23 to the Combined Museums to use at their discretion for curator salary funding.

AND:

That funding of \$24,920 (+GST) in 2022/23 to the Combined Museums for curator salary funding be funded via the investment surplus.”

Vote: For 6, Against 8 – the motion was lost.

Moved Councillors Cowie/Vollweiler and Resolved:

“That Council approves \$24,920 (+GST) in 2022/23 to the South Otago Historical Society for curator salary funding.

AND:

That funding of \$24,920 (+GST) in 2022/23 to the South Otago Historical Society for curator salary funding be funded via the investment surplus.”

Moved Councillors Vollweiler/Finch and Resolved:

“That Council approves partnering with the Cancer Society to hold an Awareness Clinic with Clutha District Youth Council, South Otago Mountain Bike Club and Clutha Parks Trust.”

Councillors discussed the signage issue noting that this recommendation was supported by the Youth Council who are passionate in their efforts to reduce smoking and vaping.

Moved Councillors Vollweiler/Finch and Resolved:

That Council approves improving Smokefree/Vapefree signage at Council-owned facilities.”

Vote: For 13, Against 1 – Councillor Graham requested his vote be recorded.

13 COMMUNITY PLAN FUNDING REQUESTS – WEST OTAGO

The Community Facilities Asset Officer and the Senior Policy Advisor submitted a report which identifies options for Council to fund Our Place West Otago Community Plan projects as part of the Annual Plan 2022/23 process.

Councillor Felts left the meeting at 6.08pm and returned at 6.10pm.

During discussion of the next item Council staff advised that these projects had been identified during public consultation, so it was appropriate to consider funding for these now rather than wait another year.

Moved Councillors Vollweiler/Catherwood and Resolved:

“That Council receives the Community Plan Funding Requests – West Otago report.”

Moved Councillors McCall/Herbert and Resolved:

“That Council commits funding of \$220K in 2022/23 for confirmed Our Place West Otago projects funded from the investment surplus.

That Council approves funding from the investment fund surplus subject to individual project approval by Council:

- a. Bushyhill Street Playground: \$40K for 50% share of new play equipment.***
- b. Additional Recreational Facilities Investigation: \$50K for 50% share for a new facility.***
- c. Walking and Cycling Trails: \$20K for walking and cycling trail investigation.***
- d. Triangle Reserve Improvements: \$20k for a 50% share for enhancement of the Triangle Reserve.***

- e. **Residential Development: \$30k for investigation and community consultation on options to enable residential development.**
- f. **Whiskey Gully Improvements: \$30k for amenity improvements and pest eradication at the Whiskey Gully Reserve.**
- g. **Black Gully Improvements: 2022/2023, \$10K for amenity Improvements/Pest eradication at the Black Gully Reserve area.**
- h. **Main Street and Town Entrances Tapanui / Heriot: \$20K to work with and provide guidance/assistance to commercial building owners to improve general street appeal, and to work with the community to enhance town entrances."**

Councillor McCall apologised for the next session.

The meeting was adjourned at 6.19pm.

The meeting reconvened at 6.44pm.

Moved Councillors Graham/Ludemann and Resolved:

"That agenda item 17 be moved to agenda item 14."

14 REASONS TO MOVE TO PUBLIC EXCLUDED SESSION

Moved Councillors Vollweiler/Foster and Resolved:

"That Council resolves to exclude the public on the grounds contained in Appendix 1 of the Clutha District Council's Standing Orders under Sections A2 (i) and A2 (j)."

The meeting moved into public excluded session at 7.04pm.

The meeting moved out of public excluded session at 7.42pm.

15 WAS ITEM 14 IN AGENDA RUNNING ORDER: REMISSION OF SUIPS

The Finance Manager and Strategic Planning Manager submitted a report recommending Council update the rates remission policy to include remission of Separately Used or Inhabited Parts of a Rating Unit (SUIP) in certain circumstances, from 1 July 2022.

Moved Councillors Finch/Catherwood and Resolved:

"That Council receives the 'Remission of SUIPs Update' report.

That Council confirms the inclusion of the updated definition of a Separately Used or Inhabited Part of a Rating Unit (SUIP) in the Annual Plan 2022/23.

That Council approves the updates to the Policy on Rates Remission 2022.

That Council notes the commencement of the overall rating review."

16 WAS ITEM 15 IN AGENDA RUNNING ORDER: SCHEDULE OF FEES & CHARGES 2022/23

The Management Accountants submitted the Schedule of Fees & Charges for 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023.

Councillors discussed having Seeing Eye Dogs differentiated from all other dogs in future schedules. The Chief Executive advised a council policy paper could be created initially until more work could be done around this. The Dog Bylaw is currently being consulted on with the Regulatory Bylaw.

A number of minor changes were discussed, and these were noted by council staff.

Moved Councillors Vollweiler/Catherwood and Resolved:

“That Council receives the ‘Schedule of Fees & Charges 2022/23’ report.

That Council adopts the Schedule of Fees and Charges for 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023, subject to any changes that may arise prior to finalisation of the 2022/23 Annual Plan.

That Council adopts dog registration fees contained within the Schedule of Fees and Charges for 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 and publicly notifies these prior to 1 July 2022, in accordance with section 37(6) of the Dog Control Act 1996.”

17 WAS ITEM 16 IN AGENDA RUNNING ORDER: APPROVAL OF RESPONSES TO SUBMITTERS

The report asks Council to approve responses to submitters to the Annual Plan 2022/23.

Moved Councillors Finch/Felts and Resolved:

“That Council receives the ‘Approval of Responses to Submitters’ report.

That Council approves the attached Approval of Responses to Submitters to the Annual Plan 2022/23.”

Mayor Cadogan thanked all staff involved for their efforts in bringing the Annual Plan 2022/23 to this stage and Councillors for their robust debates and decision-making.

The meeting closed at 8.17pm.

Read and Confirmed

**B A Cadogan
MAYOR**