

Service Delivery Committee

Minutes of the meeting of the Service Delivery Committee held via Zoom due to Covid-19 restrictions on Thursday 2 September 2021, commencing at 1.30pm.

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

In Attendance Steve Hill (Chief Executive), Jules Witt (Group Manager Service Delivery), Gerry Essenberg (Capital Delivery Manager), Ben Gold (Infrastructure Strategy Manager), Henri van Zyl (Transport & Facilities Operations Manager), Thyagu Gopalan (Water & Waste Operations Manager), Sue Wilkins (Communications Coordinator) and Julie Gardner (Service Delivery Administrator).

Apologies There were no apologies.

LATE ITEMS

There were no late items.

PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public forum.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no additional declarations of interest.

1. THREE WATERS UPDATE

The Chief Executive submitted a report providing an update on:

- the Government's 30 June 2021 and 15 July 2021 Three Waters Reform announcements, which change the reform process previously outlined in 2020
- the specific data and modelling Council has received to date
- the implications of the revised Three Waters Reform proposal with the information known to date
- next steps (including uncertainties).

The report requests Elected Members consider the issues that arise from the Government's proposal and any potential solution so these can be raised with Government and LGNZ before the end of September 2021.

Mayor Cadogan requested that the report be uploaded to Council's website for the public's information.

Councillors are unhappy with the reform process and stressed the importance of providing updates to both rural and urban consumers.

After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that an extraordinary meeting needed to be held prior to 30 September 2021 to confirm Council's directive and feedback to the Government on the Three Waters Reform.

Moved Mayor Cadogan/Councillor McCall and Resolved:

"That Council directs that an Extraordinary meeting be held before 30 September 2021 to confirm Council's directive and feedback to the Government on the Three Waters Reform update."

Moved Councillors Ludemann/Catherwood and Resolved:

"That the Service Delivery Committee receives the 'Three Waters Update' report."

That the Service Delivery Committee:

Notes the Government's 30 June and 15 July 2021 Three Waters Reform announcements, and

Notes officer's advice on the accuracy of the information provided to Council in June and July 2021 because of the RFI and WICS modelling processes, and

Notes officer's analysis of the implications of the Government's proposed three water service delivery model on the Clutha District communities and well-being, including the implication for the delivery of water services and water related outcomes, capability, and capacity on Clutha District Council's sustainability (including rating impact, debt impact, and efficiency), and

Notes that a decision to support the Government's preferred three waters service delivery option is not lawful (would be ultra vires) at present due to section 130 of the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA), which prohibits Council from divesting its

ownership or interest in a water service except to another local government organisation, and what we currently know (and don't know) about the Government's preferred option, and

Notes that the Government intends to make further decisions about the three waters service delivery model after 30 September 2021, and

Notes that it would be desirable to gain an understanding of the community's views once Council has further information from the Government on the next steps in the reform process, and in any event if Council is given the opportunity to decide, then Council will consult, and

Notes that further feedback may arise from engagement with communities prior to 1 October 2021, and

Notes that the CEO will report back further once further information and guidance from Government is announced or provided, and

In noting the above, agrees it has considered sections 76, 77, 78, and 79 of the Local Government Act 2002 and in its judgment considers Council has complied with the decision-making process that those sections require (including, but not limited to, having sufficient information and analysis that is proportionate to the decisions being made."

2. ORGANISATIONAL PERFORMANCE - SERVICE DELIVERY

The Group Manager Service Delivery presented the Organisational Performance report for information. The report includes customer service reporting statistics and information on customer and contractor response times.

It was noted that while July data was for a full month, August was only for a part month.

Moved Councillors Felts/Cowie and Resolved:

"That the Service Delivery Committee receives the 'Organisational Performance - Service Delivery' report, dated 2 September 2021."

3. GROUP MANAGER'S UPDATE

The Group Manager Service Delivery submitted a report which set out his activities since the last meeting of the Committee.

Hospital Creek embankment work is progressing, and it is hoped this will be ready to go as soon as ground conditions improve over the spring/summer. Future updates will be included in the Capital Delivery Report by Evelyn Guiguet (Senior Project Engineer).

An action plan for the Kaitangata Pool is in progress, and the committee are meeting with the Owaka Pool committee to discuss the work they have done on their pool.

Trees to be removed will be confirmed and then felled by an arborist once covid levels decrease.

Waipori Falls Update – discussions have been held with the Body Corporate Chairman, Labour MP Ingrid Leary and CDC. There are issues to be resolved and these will be worked through with the Body Corporate. This is ongoing.

Moved Councillors Herbert/Sutherland and Resolved:

“That the Service Delivery Committee receives the ‘Group Manager’s Update’ report 2 September 2021.”

4. OPERATIONS UPDATE – TRANSPORTATION & FACILITIES

The Transport & Facilities Operations Manager submitted a report advising on operational matters within the Department.

There was discussion on the following –

- State of the rural roads – Clydevale Road issue picked up by CDC staff and contractors.
- Swimming Pool – new weekend hours when staffing is confirmed.
- Metalling/grading will continue under Level 3.

Moved Councillors Foster/Thomson and Resolved:

“That the Service Delivery Committee receives the ‘Operations Update – Transportation & Facilities’ report dated 2 September 2021.”

5. OPERATIONS UPDATE – WATER & WASTE

The Water & Waste Operations Manager submitted a report advising on operational matters within the Department.

There was discussion on the following –

- Balclutha Bridge water leak and valve leak have been fixed – pipe is in bad condition and will eventually need to be replaced.
- Fluoride update – contract has been awarded; parts ordered with a 3-month delivery time. Proposed timeline – Balclutha by end of year, then Milton, Tapanui, Kaitangata.
- Media replacement at biofiltro plants underway. Owaka and Kaka Point have been completed.
- Inflow/Infiltration – a letter drop is usually done and advertised in local newspapers prior to these inspections occurring, as well as on CDC website. There is an option to include information in the next rates newsletter.
- Waitahuna WTP – installation of leaf screen?
- Manholes – these should be inspected on a regular basis.

Moved Councillors Cowie/Foster and Resolved:

“That the Service Delivery Committee receives the ‘Operations Update – Water & Waste’ report dated 2 September 2021.”

6. INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGY UPDATE

The Infrastructure Strategy Manager submitted a report advising on matters within the Department.

Moved Councillors Cowie/Felts and Resolved:

“That the Service Delivery Committee receives the ‘Infrastructure Strategy Update’ report dated 2 September 2021.”

7. CAPITAL DELIVERY UPDATE

The Capital Delivery Manager submitted a report advising on matters within the Department.

There was discussion on the following –

- Glenkenich Upgrade – how is this progressing? Completion date is delayed due to membrane filtration racks not turning up for another 10-12 weeks. Site should be established by end of September, with completion now end of January/February. Scheme has been kept updated of this.
- North Richardson upgrade has been completed – more capacity is available but may need reticulation upgrades further out on scheme depending on where demand is.
- Mt Cooee Landfill stormwater diversion – basic stormwater work is complete with stormwater now diverted away from landfill. Finishing works are underway and still to be completed.

An update on projects will be provided through a Corporate quarterly report which will go to future Council meetings.

Moved Councillors Finch/Ludemann and Resolved:

“That the Service Delivery Committee receives the ‘Capital Delivery Update’ report dated 2 September 2021.”

8. COMPLIANCE UPDATE REPORT

The Group Manager Service Delivery submitted a report advising on all compliance-related issues across the Department.

There was discussion on the following –

- Independent assessment on ORC’s response to our compliance gradings.

- Treatment Plants close to overflowing with recent weather – ORC have been kept informed and CDC staff have been working with the contractor to avoid this.
- H&S compliance – inspections have been occurring with CCW/CDC to address these issues and get them resolved as soon as possible.

Concern that we are more reactive than proactive regarding compliance, however additional resources have been put in place to address these issues.

Moved Councillors Catherwood/Herbert and Resolved:

“That the Service Delivery Committee receives the ‘Compliance Update’ report dated 2 September 2021.”

9. COMMUNITY PROJECTS UPDATE

The Project Manager – Community Plan Implementation submitted a report updating the Committee on progress with projects identified through the Our Place Community Plan process.

There was discussion on the following –

- ORC riverbank footpath gravelling – due to happen over the next 3 years, 2021 for planning and then construction in 2022/23.
- Centennial Pool – installation of BBQ is to be completely enclosed and available for pool users only.
- Milton/Waiholo Water Pipeline – budgeted over next 2.5 years, need to get landowner approval and final designs, hope to construct in 2022/23.
- Mountain Bike track development – scoping work underway looking at old forestry block by golf course, this is ongoing.

Moved Mayor Cadogan/Councillor Ludemann and Resolved:

“That the Service Delivery Committee receives the ‘Community Projects Update’ report dated 2 September 2021.”

The meeting closed at 3.43pm.

Confirmed

Bruce Graham
CHAIRPERSON