

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

**OF THE HARBOUR AREA SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THIRD FLOOR, WAITAKI DISTRICT COUNCIL
HEADQUARTERS, 20 THAMES STREET, OAMARU
ON TUESDAY, 12 AUGUST 2025 AT 1:00 PM**

PRESENT: Cr Jeremy Holding (Chair), Member Graeme Clark, Member Philippa Agnew, Member Kevin Murdoch, Member George Kelcher, Member Rebecca Ryan, Member Gary Kircher (Chair), Member Tim Blackler

IN ATTENDANCE: Roger Cook (Director, Natural and Built Environment)
Joshua Rendell (Infrastructure Manager)
Claire Foster (Property Manager)
Arlene Goss (Minutes)
Jason Lilley (Website and Digital Content Creator)
Andrew Ashton (Oamaru Mail and Otago Daily Times)

This meeting was live-streamed and can be viewed at
https://youtu.be/6X3yiyWhX34?si=_4YIDLFFVHajyzAx

MEETING OPEN

THE CHAIR DECLARED THE MEETING OPEN AT **1PM** AND WELCOMED EVERYONE PRESENT.

1 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED HAC 2025/005

Moved: Member Jeremy Holding
Seconded: Member Rebecca Ryan

That the apology for lateness received from Dr Philippa Agnew be accepted.

CARRIED

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

**3.1 PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE HARBOUR AREA SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
13 MAY 2025**

RESOLVED HAC 2025/006

Moved: Mr Graeme Clark
Seconded: Mr George Kelcher

That the Harbour Area Sub-Committee confirms the Public minutes of the Harbour Area Sub-Committee Meeting held on 13 May 2025, as circulated, as a true and correct record of that meeting.

CARRIED

4 MEMORANDUM REPORTS

4.1 HARBOUR AREA SUB-COMMITTEE 2022-2025 ACHIEVEMENTS AND PROJECT UPDATE

The purpose of this report was to provide a summary of the achievements of the Harbour Area Sub-Committee for the triennium, and an update on the status of projects in the Ōamaru Harbour Plan 2020 and Beyond.

Joshua Rendell said while there had been times when the committee was frustrated by progress, it would be good to look back over what had been achieved. This could possibly be the last meeting as a Harbour committee, so he wanted to congratulate staff who had worked on this area. It had been a big job for a lot of people and a lot of community groups.

Dr Agnew joined the meeting at 1.04pm.

Current members each spoke about what they had achieved, and thanked all those involved.

The Mayor said as the inaugural chair of the original harbour committee, which celebrated its 21st birthday last year, it was good to have this update. He acknowledged Josh Rendell and Grant Rhodes for their work. On his wish list was the completion of the carpark on the railway land. The sooner that area was delineated and identified, the sooner it could be completed. He suggested passing a resolution to complete this work with the following wording:

MOTION

Moved: Mayor Gary Kircher

That the Harbour Area Subcommittee recommends to Council that at the soonest opportunity it considers the stage 2 development of the railway carpark with a view to identify saleable land. And that the project utilises better off funding or Harbour Endowment funding for that purpose.

Discussion took place on the area covered by stage 2 and whether it would include the through road.

Members also raised the need to find funding for the Holmes Wharf project. There was no budget in the LTP for this project and the first step would have to be to go back to council for a budget for this work.

The Mayor suggested that if lighting for fishermen was needed at Holmes Wharf there was the option to put in some LED lights for them. Mr Rendell offered to investigate this, but would need to come back for approval for investment.

Mr Kelcher seconded the Mayor's recommendation but would like to think there would also be progress on the lighting.

Cr Ryan was uncomfortable about making a recommendation to Council without more information.

A vote was taken and the motion was lost with two votes in favour and four votes against.

Discussion moved to Holmes Wharf. Fishermen were concerned about coming around the mole without lighting. Would solar be sufficient to run all night, as the whole area was open to the public 24 hours a day.

The harbourmaster was concerned about vessels coming into the harbour at night, public use of the wharf at night, and fishermen loading and unloading in the dark.

Dr Agnew said it was possible to choose seabird friendly lights in the orange range of the spectrum and this would be fine to protect the penguins.

Discussion included what work was required to bring the buildings on the wharf up to a standard. This would depend on what type of business would want to lease the buildings, as requirements would differ.

Further discussion took place on electrical work needed at the wharf.

Mr Cook reminded the committee there was no budget in the Long Term Plan for this work so any recommendation to Council would require a decision from council on whether money budgeted for other purposes would be redistributed.

Dr Agnew asked about the Harbour Endowment Fund. Roger Cook said this fund might not have as much money in it as everyone thinks. The fund needed to be used to generate income, so any project it went to would need to have an income-generating capability.

There was money there originally for the wharf development project. Mr Rendell said Council was trying to minimise rates increases, so some project funding was reprioritised during the LTP process.

MOTION

Moved: Mr George Kelcher

Seconded: Dr Philippa Agnew

That the Harbour Area Subcommittee recommends to Council that the minimum work be carried out as listed in the report.

It was noted that the minimum was to get the power out to the wharf buildings with a transformer and lighting. This included installation of the ducting for future services, installing a power supply and installing street lighting.

A vote was taken and the motion was carried.

MOTION

Moved: Cr Tim Blackler

Seconded: Cr Rebecca Ryan

That the Harbour Area Subcommittee recommends to officers that consideration of this matter going to council will canvass achievement of Health and Safety matters and any potential revenue generating opportunities.

Mr Cook was concerned that scope was creeping and this would not be a priority in the LTP. He was also concerned about taking staff away from work that was a priority and funded, to instead scope work that was not funded.

Cr Blackler said he was not trying to make it more complicated, but wanted to ensure that councillors had all the information in front of them to make good decisions.

There was a vote and the motion was carried.

Mr Clark asked about the one red shed that had not been repaired and painted. Could this happen? Mr Rendell said there wasn't sufficient budget to repair and repaint all three sheds until later in the Long Term Plan programme.

RESOLVED HAC 2025/007

Moved: Cr Tim Blackler

Seconded: Cr Rebecca Ryan

That Harbour Area Sub-Committee receives and notes the information.

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1 MEETING CLOSE

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 1.54pm..