

**DRAFT UNCONFIRMED MINUTES**

**OF THE DISTRICT PLAN REVIEW SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THIRD FLOOR, OFFICE OF THE WAITAKI DISTRICT  
COUNCIL , 20 THAMES STREET, OAMARU  
ON TUESDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER 2025 AT 10:00 A.M.**

**PRESENT:** Cr Jim Thomson (Chair), Mayor Gary Kircher, Cr Courtney Linwood, Cr Jim Hopkins, Cr Jeremy Holding

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Roger Cook (Director Natural and Built Environment)  
David Campbell (Planning and Heritage Manager)  
Arlene Goss (Governance Services Lead)  
Jason Liley (Livestream Support)  
About nine members of the public

This meeting was livestreamed and can be found at this link:  
[https://www.youtube.com/live/wimuKQbXgwo?si=AFbrYdGXET\\_P\\_3u](https://www.youtube.com/live/wimuKQbXgwo?si=AFbrYdGXET_P_3u)

**MEETING OPEN**

THE CHAIR DECLARED THE MEETING OPEN AT **10.03AM** AND WELCOMED EVERYONE PRESENT.

**1 APOLOGIES**

**RESOLVED DPRSC 2025/007**

Moved: Member Jim Thomson  
Seconded: Member Courtney Linwood

That the apology received from Cr Blacker for absence, and the apology from Cr Hopkins for leaving the meeting early, be accepted.

**CARRIED**

**2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Mayor declared an interest in that he made a submission to the notified plan.

**3 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

**3.1 PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE DISTRICT PLAN REVIEW SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON 10 APRIL 2025**

The following corrections were requested to the minutes:

Page 8 – second line. Should read the WDC submission will be treated the same as all submissions.

Bottom of page – definitions plural in biodiversity chapter.

Subcommittee reject which chapter, does not identify the chapter. This refers to the Ecosystems and Biodiversity chapter.

Impeding should be impinging.

Page 9 – the Oamaru historic area. Spelling in third line. Difficulty not difficultly.

Page 10 – bottom of page, did not have the support of the DPRSC.,  
Apology has Mayor with the wrong title.

**RESOLVED DPRSC 2025/008**

Moved: Cr Jim Hopkins  
Seconded: Mayor Gary Kircher

That the District Plan Review Sub-Committee confirms the Public minutes of the District Plan Review Sub-Committee Meeting held on 10 April 2025, as circulated, as a true and correct record of that meeting with the corrections noted above.

**CARRIED**

**4 DECISION REPORTS**

**4.1 PROPOSED WAITAKI DISTRICT PLAN PROGRESSION**

This report requested the subcommittee's direction for what elements of the proposed District Plan could be progressed by way of an exemption application to the Minister for Environment. It also traverses the Hearing Panel appointment membership and delegates to the Chief Executive to appoint the panel in due course, with at least one current or former councillor included.

An additional item to request compensation to a submitter affected by the late inclusion of a heritage item was also included.

To listen to the debate on this item click here. <https://youtu.be/wimuKQbXgwo?t=482>

**RESOLVED DPRSC 2025/009**

MOVED: CR JIM HOPKINS  
SECONDED: MAYOR GARY KIRCHER

THAT THE DISTRICT PLAN REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDS:

THAT COUNCIL:

Seeks an exemption from the relevant Minister to progress the following parts of the Proposed Waitaki District Plan:

- a) Rezoning and Residential, Settlement and Rural Lifestyle zone provisions to provide for future housing; and,
- b) Listed heritage items that are not opposed by submitters; and,
- c) Geosites that are listed in the Waitaki Whitestone Geopark that are not opposed by submitters (i.e. seeking deletion); and,
- d) Sites that are listed in the Ōamaru Historic Town Centre and Port National Historic Landmark proposal by Heritage New Zealand; and,
- e) Large industry zones for Macraes Mine, Pukeuri Freezing Works, Lean Meats; and,
- f) Energy, Infrastructure, Stormwater and Transport; and,
- g) Designations

h) Provisions that have had unintended consequences, are unworkable, or have led to inefficient outcomes, limited to the earthworks, temporary activities and noise provisions in the Operative District Plan.

**.CARRIED**

**RESOLVED DPRSC 2025/010**

Moved: Mayor Gary Kircher  
Seconded: Cr Jim Hopkins

Notes that those parts of the Proposed District Plan that are automatically exempt will be progressed (this only includes natural hazards under section 80U(2)(f) Resource Management Act 1991).

**CARRIED**

**RESOLVED DPRSC 2025/011**

Moved: Cr Jim Hopkins  
Seconded: Mayor Gary Kircher

Delegates to the Chief Executive to make application for any exemption resulting from the Council's decision on this matter.

**CARRIED**

**RESOLVED DPRSC 2025/012**

Moved: Cr Jim Thomson  
Seconded: Mayor Gary Kircher

Requests that the chief executive recommends to Council the appointment of a hearing panel comprising of up to six commissioners, three of whom are councillors or former recent councillors with commissioner training.

**CARRIED**

**RESOLVED DPRSC 2025/013**

Moved: Cr Courtney Linwood  
Seconded: Cr Jim Thomson

Agrees to compensate the cost to prepare a submission for landowners affected by the additional heritage listing for the Oamaru Borough water race agreed by Council on 29 April 2025 due to the short notice period within which to lodge a submission.

**CARRIED**

**1 MEETING CLOSE**

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 11.22am.