

**CONFIRMED MINUTES
OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THIRD FLOOR, OFFICE OF THE WAITAKI DISTRICT
COUNCIL , 20 THAMES STREET, OAMARU
ON TUESDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER 2025 AT 9.00 AM**

PRESENT: Mayor Gary Kircher, Cr Hana Halalele, Cr Rebecca Ryan, Cr Jim Hopkins, Cr Tim Blackler, Cr Jeremy Holding, Cr Brent Cowles, Cr Guy Percival, Cr Courtney Linwood, Cr Jim Thomson, Cr John McCone

IN ATTENDANCE: PAR Committee Chair Simon Neale
Roger Cook (Director Natural and Built Environment)
Alex Parmley (Chief Executive)
Paul Hope (Director, Support Services)
Joanne O'Neill (Director, Strategy, Performance & Design)
Lisa Baillie (Director, Community Engagement and Experience)
Jason Lilley (Livestream Support)
Arlene Goss (Governance Lead/Minutes)
John Palethorpe (Media and Communications Specialist)
Frans Schlack (public)

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<https://www.youtube.com/live/F5xW6CBK1Cc?si=iHxCuRYqvMldZesQ>

The Mayor declared the meeting open at **9am** and welcomed everyone present.

1 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED WDC 2025/095

Moved: Cr Jeremy Holding
Seconded: Cr Jim Hopkins

That apologies for lateness received from Crs Linwood, Thomson and Cowles be accepted.

CARRIED

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3 PUBLIC FORUM

[1:35](#) Frans Schlack spoke regarding Item 7.1 on the agenda - Recommendations from The District Plan Review Subcommittee held On 9 September, 2025 - and handed out his statement and a document containing the recommendations from the District Plan Review Subcommittee in December, 2024. He then read out his statement. A copy of this is available on request as an attachment to these minutes.

Mr Schlack pointed out what he believed were shortcomings in the process that was followed by Council in notifying the proposed district plan. He also said there was no doubt in his mind that the proposed district plan notified earlier this year did not reflect what the councillors asked for.

Cr Thomson joined the meeting at 9.08am.

Mr Schlack said he had sought several times to address this issue with the councillors and mentioned receiving an email from the chair of the committee, Cr Thomson, yesterday.

He asked the chief executive to include in the first agenda of the new council a recommendation that the new council review the district plan process. He asked for Council to divert all decisions involving the proposed district plan to the new council after the election.

The Mayor thanked him and said he would ask officers to respond when this item came up later in the agenda.

There were two other people registered to speak in the public forum, but those people were not present at this point.

4 MAYOR'S REPORT

[13:57](#) Mayor Gary Kircher introduced his report to Council. He said Council had not yet taken a position on Environment Canterbury's work to explore opportunities for local government in Canterbury. There were difficulties with combining councils across regional council areas. He hoped the future council would explore this further and reach an agreed position.

The chief executive added that any suggestion to combine councils would require engagement with government and our communities.

RESOLVED WDC 2025/096

Moved: Cr Jim Thomson

Seconded: Cr Rebecca Ryan

That the report be received.

CARRIED

PUBLIC FORUM CONTINUED

[21:35](#) Nivonne Schults from the Waitaki Property Guardians was welcomed to the meeting. She handed out her statement, regarding Item 7.1 on the agenda - Recommendations From The District Plan Review Subcommittee Held On 9 September, 2025 - and read from it. A copy of this statement is available on request as an attachment to these minutes.

Councillors asked her for details on some of the issues raised in her statement, including rules around earthworks in a rural zone. She answered these questions and the Mayor thanked her for attending.

5 PROJECT RECLAIM FINAL REPORT

[32:48](#) Roger Cook thanked the councillors and the chairman of the Performance, Audit and Risk Committee for their work on this project. He also thanked Mayor Kircher for his role in procuring \$3million towards the costs.

Cr Thomson congratulated staff on the success of the remediation, and the fact it was completed under budget and under time. Project Reclaim won the "best sustainability project" award at the Apopo Excellence Awards in Christchurch.

Questions were asked about details in the report, including how the waste was categorised. These were answered by staff.

RESOLVED WDC 2025/097

Moved: Cr Courtney Linwood

Seconded: Cr Jeremy Holding

That Council receives and notes the report.

CARRIED

6 THE FUTURE STATUS OF BEACH ROAD NORTH

[41:38](#) The recommendation from staff in this report was “That Council resolves to permanently close Beach Road North and instructs officers to pursue low-cost options to maintain and enhance public access for as long as erosion allows.”

Roger Cook introduced Paul Hayes, Assets Planning Manager, who joined the meeting by Zoom. Mr Hayes spoke about the project.

Cr Hopkins asked about the costings and asked for assurance around what he saw as variability with previous costings that had come to council. He wanted to know what would replace this route if it was closed and how much this would cost.

Mr Hayes spoke about the need to look at the rest of the coastline and other roads on the coast as part of a bigger picture.

Councillors asked for costings to upgrade alternative routes. Mr Hayes said these were included in the figures under the closure option in the report.

Other matters raised included:

- The need for a permanent long-term solution. Can the decision be delayed awaiting a strategy?
- What communication had happened with the landowners and business owners on the road? Councillors were disappointed that landowners had not been communicated with prior to this meeting.

Cr Thomson suggested deferring a decision to the incoming council to allow the affected parties to comment. He moved an alternative motion – “That a decision on Beach Road North be deferred subject to further information and consultation with landowners.” This was seconded by Cr Ryan.

Cr Hopkins suggested adding to the motion that this work be included in the upcoming Long Term Plan amendment. The chief executive said adding this to the resolution would bind the new council to doing a long term plan amendment, when one might not be required. Cr Hopkins agreed.

The Mayor said he did not see that the council could afford to reinstate the road, which was disappointing. The next council would need to take all of this into consideration when making a decision.

A vote was taken and the alternative motion was carried.

RESOLVED WDC 2025/098

Moved: Cr Jim Thomson

Seconded: Cr Rebecca Ryan

That a decision on Beach Road North be deferred subject to further information and consultation with landowners.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 10.30am for morning tea and reconvened at 10.47am.

7 CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND CORPORATE KPIS

[1:46:24](#) The chief executive introduced this report and noted that it formed part of the employment process and usually took place in private session, but since coming to Waitaki he had agreed to do this in a public meeting in order to be transparent.

A decade ago the chief executive had five KPIs and there were a lot more now, but it reflected the ambition of council and staff.

This list doesn't cover everything that needs to be done, but sets the focus and priorities.

If adopted these would be reviewed by the new council, but adopting this today would enable staff to get on with the work during the election period and while the new council was being inducted.

The Mayor suggested the councillors go through the items individually and they proceeded to do this, with councillors suggesting the following changes.

Cr Ryan would like to see more opportunities for direction setting for the new council. She suggested changing the KPI listed under governance support. The chief executive said this was something that had to happen and part of it would be addressed in setting the governance structure of the new council. There was discussion on this and the following new wording was agreed:

The chief executive will facilitate any agreed initial governance direction-setting sessions before substantive staff work begins for significant pieces of work (including but not limited to Long-Term Plans, Annual Plans, KPI setting, and major policies, strategies, and bylaws).

Roger Cook asked to change the KPIs regarding building and resource consents. This would remove the reference to 20 days and replace it with "within legislative timeframes". This was agreed.

Further discussion took place on the intent and timing of the KPIs, and the councillors agreed to adopt them with the changes noted above.

RESOLVED WDC 2025/099

Moved: Cr Jim Hopkins

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Hana Halalele

That Council adopts the Key Performance Indicators for the Chief Executive for the year ending 30 June 2026, with amendments as agreed.

CARRIED

8 CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME APPROVAL

[2:24:52](#) Paul Hope introduced this report, which aimed to seek Council approval for the Corriedale Water Upgrade Project for potential end-point treatment systems across the Corriedale mixed-use rural water schemes, in alignment with legislative requirements and to ensure compliance with drinking water standards..

Questions and statements from the councillors included:

- Are Council or Corriedale water responsible to ensure water standards is met, or both? Council has ultimate responsibility.
- What are the costings for each unit? Initially about \$2000 to \$3000 for each unit. But there are other overheads to add to the procurement process.
- Has Corriedale Water been consulted? Yes, there have been joint site visits. The project pathway will include full consultation with them, including fortnightly meetings.
- There was a lack of recognition by council staff of the work and role of Corriedale Water Management Ltd.
- What is the percentage of stock water use in the Corriedale supply? Not known.
- Was there an option for a water user to not take this equipment. Yes, but the user would not comply with legislation around water standards. The Act gives considerable powers

requiring end users to pay for the units, but council was looking at all options including gifting the units.

- Next step was a solutions document and this would go to the community for engagement.

Cr McCone proposed two new motions and these were seconded by the Mayor.

1. That Council approves project commencement for the Corriedale Water Supply upgrades in conjunction with, and approval from, Corriedale Water Management Ltd, which may in turn impact rates for end users.
2. That a working group be formed to meet fortnightly, or as required, comprising of council staff and designated representatives of Corriedale Water Management Ltd, to achieve the most cost effective and appropriate solution within the estimated budget to achieve meeting the current NZ Drinking Water Standards under section 49(1)a of the Water Services Act 2021.

A third motion from the staff report was moved by Cr Hopkins and seconded by Cr McCone:

3. That Council acknowledges the installation of end-point treatment units as being the most likely compliance pathway under the Acceptable Solutions framework.

RESOLVED WDC 2025/100

Moved: Cr John McCone

Seconded: Mayor Gary Kircher

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CARRIED

RESOLVED WDC 2025/101

Moved: Cr Jim Hopkins

Seconded: Cr John McCone

3. That Council acknowledges the installation of end-point treatment units as being the most likely compliance pathway under the Acceptable Solutions framework.

CARRIED

9 TERMS OF REFERENCE – FUTURE WATER SERVICES ADVISORY GROUP

[3:02:00](#) The following suggestions were made regarding the Terms of Reference, however no amendments were moved or seconded so the original recommendations were carried:

- The Mayor commented that it was unlawful to NOT discharge a group at an election and suggested that instead of recommending that the group not be discharged, the wording be changed to a recommendation that the group be reconstituted following the election.

- Cr Blackler asked that members of the group be invited to any workshops or briefings related to water delivery.
- It was suggested that the group report to council, in writing, on a regular basis.
- Cr McCone disagreed that the members should be remunerated and said a budget was not needed.
- The Mayor said this group took a role away from the next Mayor. Creating the elected member liaison role would have one member making decisions on the membership of the group, when the newly-elected Mayor should have input. Therefore he would not be voting in support of the Terms of Reference.

The resolutions were carried by majority vote.

RESOLVED WDC 2025/102

Moved: Cr Jim Hopkins

Seconded: Cr John McCone

That Council:

1. **Approves** the attached Terms of Reference set out for the Future Water Services Advisory Group.
2. **Replaces** all prior references to Future Water Services Portfolio holder with 'Elected Member Liaison'.
3. **Appoints** Cr Tim Blackler as the Elected Member Liaison until the end of the triennium.
4. **Recommends** to the incoming Mayor and Council that the Future Water Services Advisory Group is not to be discharged following the election.
5. **Sets** a member remuneration pool budget of \$25,000 per annum, with the money coming from the Better Off Funding grant.

CARRIED

The Mayor asked for his vote against to be recorded.

10 MINOR AMENDMENTS TO ROADING BYLAW 2020

[3:10:00](#) The purpose of this report was to seek minor changes to the Parking Bylaw to allow the introduction of paid parking machines.

Regulatory Manager Andrew Bardsley joined the meeting and explained the reasons for requesting the change.

RESOLVED WDC 2025/103

Moved: Cr Jim Thomson

Seconded: Cr Rebecca Ryan

That Council approves minor amendments to the Roading Bylaw 2020 – Parking, and that any amendments will apply from the time the replacement parking machines become operational.

CARRIED

Cr Percival asked for his vote against to be recorded.

11 REPORT TO ALCOHOL, REGULATORY AND LICENSING AUTHORITY (ARLA)

RESOLVED WDC 2025/104

Moved: Cr Jim Hopkins

Seconded: Cr Jeremy Holding

That Council:

1. Formally receives the 2024/2025 Alcohol Regulatory and Licensing Annual Report, and
2. Acknowledges that resolving point 1 above will also enable the Annual Report to be publicly notified on Council's website pursuant to legislative requirements.

CARRIED

12 ANNUAL DOG REPORT

RESOLVED WDC 2025/105

Moved: Mayor Gary Kircher

Seconded: Cr Jim Hopkins

That Council:

1. Approves the Annual Dog Control S10A Policy and Practices Report 2024/25 in order that the report can be publicly notified and made publicly available.

CARRIED

13 LOCH LAIRD LABOUR WEEKEND LIQUOR BAN

RESOLVED WDC 2025/106

Moved: Mayor Gary Kircher

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Hana Halalele

That Council:

1. Agrees to designate the area in Loch Laird shown in Attachment 1 as a specified public place under the Waitaki Alcohol Ban Bylaw 2018 from 5.00pm on Friday 24 October 2025 (being the Friday preceding Labour Weekend 2025) to 12.00am on Tuesday 28 October 2025 (being the Tuesday following Labour Weekend).

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.26pm and reconvened at 1.02pm.

14 INTERREGNUM PERIOD DELEGATION TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

[4:02:56](#) RESOLVED WDC 2025/107

Moved: Cr John McCone

Seconded: Cr Jeremy Holding

That Council:

Delegates all of its responsibilities, duties and powers to the Chief Executive, subject to the limitations set out in clause 32(1) of the Seventh Schedule of the Local Government Amendment Act 2002, for the election interregnum period starting from the day after the declaration of the election results (expected to be on election day 11 October 2025) until the swearing in of the new Council (scheduled for the evening of Wednesday, October 22, 2025), subject to a requirement that the Chief Executive may only exercise this delegation after the following:

- Consultation with the person elected to the position of Mayor.
- May only attend to those matters that cannot reasonably wait until the first ordinary meeting of the new Council; and
- This shall be reported to the first ordinary meeting of the new Council, which is scheduled to be held on Tuesday 4 November 2025.

CARRIED

15 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES

15.1 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE DISTRICT PLAN REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE HELD ON 9 SEPTEMBER, 2025

[4:06:05](#) This report presented the recommendations from the subcommittee to full Council for final approval.

David Campbell, Heritage and Planning Manager, tabled a document with an updated table to replace “Table 1: Exemptions Sought” on page 132 of the agenda. This updated table is replicated below as part of the resolutions.

Roger Cook, Director of Natural and Built Environments, introduced the report and outlined the background, including the “stop plan provision” and the process to apply for exemptions under the legislation.

Cr Thomson said as chairman of the subcommittee he had supported the recommendations at the subcommittee meeting, but after some research and speaking to other parties he would like to suggest some amendments to the proposal. This included his suggestion that the geo-sites aspect be omitted from the list of exemptions.

David Campbell said he had researched the background of the geo-sites. He said that 25 of 42 sites currently had protection on them under the current operative plan. In the proposed district plan, 38 of 42 would have overlays. And there were 11 submissions from landowners in opposition regarding this matter during the public notification process.

Further questions and statements were made by councillors and included:

Can members of the public or groups write to the Minister and say they agree or disagree with the request from Council to the Minister for an exemption? Yes, but there is no additional public consultation process outlined in the legislation related to exemptions requested from the Minister.

Was there enough time for staff to come back to Council with a list of exemptions? This list was provided to the subcommittee and Council previously.

Further discussion took place on the earthworks standards and what would apply.

If an exemption was agreed by the Minister, there was still a process to go through that included submissions and hearings on those matters that were exempted.

Why not just park the entire district plan? Doing this would stop the economy from growing in the next five to seven years or more. Continuing with parts of the plan would allow housing and business growth and development to continue.

There are problems of limited sections being available in the rural communities of the district, in towns like Otematata.

There are no additional costs to Council in seeking an exemption from the Minister and the application is free to lodge.

If Council chooses to stop the entire process people would need to rely on the out-of-date operative District Plan and this would frustrate a lot of submitters who have asked for change.

Discussion took place on the role of the Spatial Plan in informing growth in the district, and other matters.

Cr Thomson then moved recommendations 1 to 6, except for part 1 c) related to “Geosites that are listed in the Waitaki Whitestone Geopark that are not opposed by submitters”. This was seconded by Cr Hopkins. He then spoke in support of his motion.

Cr McCone spoke against the motion, as he preferred a total halt to the proposed district plan.

The Mayor spoke in support.

Cr Cowles spoke in support.

A vote was taken and the motions were carried. Crs McCone and Percival asked for their votes against the motions to be recorded.

Cr Hopkins then put an additional motion - “That Council recommends that the incoming council conducts a review around the district plan process centering on the meeting on 17 December 2024.”

This was seconded by Cr Thomson and carried. Cr Blackler abstained.

RESOLVED WDC 2025/108:

MOVED: CR JIM THOMSON

SECONDED: CR JIM HOPKINS

THAT COUNCIL:

1. 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) *Deleted.*
- 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.

As set out below in Table 1: Exemptions Sought

Exemption	Relevant parts of the PDP	Comments
Rezoning and Residential, Settlement and Rural Lifestyle zone provisions to provide for future housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GRZ/MRZ/RLZ/LCZ FUGO chapter and overlay RESZ Zoning maps SUB-R17 SUB-S1/SUB-S5/SUB-S6/ SUB-S7/SUB-S8/SUB-S9 APP11 – MDR design guidelines PK rules and PK chapter to support OSZ SARZ APP12 – flight protection area Ōamaru flight protection overlay Ōamaru airport horizontal/conical surface boundaries overlay Ōmārama flight protection overlay Ōmārama airfield horizontal/conical surface boundaries overlay Ōmārama airfield height controls overlay 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alignment issues to be resolved where these zones interface with other zones in the ODP e.g. business/industrial Include RESZ chapter – contains overarching objectives & policies PK rules in the zone chapters – need to include PK chapter to support Include SUB standards that support INF/TRAN/STORM Include OSZ/SARZ for completeness as these are often located within residential zones and would otherwise leave blank gaps in the zoning as no comparative zone in ODP Include APP12 as referenced in GRUZ-S2 (max height) Include Ōamaru/Ōmārama flight overlays as referenced in RLZ zone standards

Listed heritage items that are not opposed by submitters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SCHED2 (excluding HH 242) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not include Part A of HH - rely on ODP provisions to support SCHED2 Remove settings from the mapping as these are not provided for in the ODP.
Geosites that are listed in the Waitaki Whitestone Geopark that are not opposed by submitters (i.e. seeking landscape overlay deletion)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ONLY ONF/SNF – only where geosites not opposed SCHED 7, SCHED 8 & SCHED9 (geosites not opposed) Mapping of above 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rely on ODP provisions to support mapping
Sites that are listed in the Ōamaru Historic Town Centre and Port National Historic Landmark proposal by Heritage New Zealand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ōamaru Historic Area overlay APP4 – OHA Statement of Significance SCHED3 + maps Part B HH(OHA) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Include relevant parts of HH chapter
Large industry zones for Macraes Mine, Pukeuri Freezing Works, Lean Meats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HIZ HIZ mapping SPZMM SPZMM mapping 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes zone provisions and mapping SPZMM provisions will need to be revised to remove cross references to SNA related provisions/sensitive environments/RSLs etc.
Energy, Infrastructure, Stormwater and Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ENG (include WPS) (excluding provisions related to withdrawn overlays) INF (excluding provisions related to withdrawn overlays) TRAN STORM Related SUB provisions APP1 – Stormwater tanks APP2 – Road design standards SCHED1 All INF related mapping overlays EW-S5 to EW-S10 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will need to update/remove provisions (parts of provisions) that relate to overlays/zones not being progressed and add in references to the ODP zones/overlays where appropriate. Will need to include earthworks standards that are referenced in the INF rules
Designations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Designations chapter and mapping 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Standalone and straight forward to deal with
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EW (EW-S1 GRUZ only) TEMP NOISE 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Excluding EW Part B (Quarrying) and Part C (Mining) Only progress EW-S1 (increased m2 and m3) threshold for GRUZ
Automatic Exemption	Relevant parts of the PDP	Comments
Natural Hazards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NH chapter CE (in part for coastal hazards) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specifically: CE-O5, CE-O6, CE-O7, CE-O8, CE-P3, CE-P8, CE-P-12, CE-P13, CE-P14, CE-P15, CE-

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All hazards overlay mapping• SUB (in part)	P16, CE-P17 , CE-P18, CE-R4, CE-R5, CE-R7, CE-R8, CE-R11. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Specifically: SUB-R4, SUB-R6, SUB-R15, SUB-R16, SUB-R18, SUB-S2, SUB-S3
Consequential Exemption	Provisions	Relevant parts of the PDP	Comments
Definitions		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All definitions included in the chapters under the exemptions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inclusion of definitions that support the retained chapters
LCZ/MUZ/TCZ/LFRZ/LIZ/GIZ		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• LCZ• MUZ• TCZ• LFRZ• LIZ• GIZ• PREC2 chapter• APP13 – Ōamaru TC design guidelines• Ōamaru Harbour Precinct overlay• Visitor Accommodation overlay	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Include these to support Spatial Plan implementation (i.e. housing and business growth) and overall economic growth
Strategic Direction chapter		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Objectives to support provisions being progressed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Relevant matters refined to support future growth and remaining issues

2. **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).

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

4. **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.

5. **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.

6. **Withdraws** those parts of the Proposed Waitaki District Plan as set out below in *Table 2: Provisions to be Withdrawn* following the receipt of the Minister for the Environment's decision on the Proposed Waitaki District Plan exemption application.

Table 2: Provisions to be withdrawn

Chapter	Notes
Part 1 (excluding Definitions/nesting tables)	Some definitions to be withdrawn where not required to support exempted chapters
Mana Whenua	
Contaminated Land	
Hazardous Substances	
Historic Heritage – (Part A only)	Part B will be needed to support the OHA maps

Notable Trees SCH4 Notable Trees overlay	
Sites and Areas of Significance to Māori SCH5 SASM overlay	
Ecosystems & Indigenous Biodiversity SCH6 SNA overlay Skink Habitat Management Area	
Natural Character	
Natural Features & Landscapes SCH8 ONL overlay SCH10 Rural Scenic Landscape overlay	Recalibrate for those that do not include geosites as per the resolution
Public Access SCH11	
Activities on the Surface of Water	
Coastal Environment (excluding those provisions relating to coastal hazards) Coastal Environment overlay Coastal Protection overlay Coastal areas with opportunities for restoration and rehabilitation overlay Coastal Conservation Land overlay	
Earthworks (excluding EW-S1 GRUZ threshold)	
Light	
Signs	
APP3 – Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Accidental Discovery Protocol.	
APP5 – Criteria for identifying areas that qualify as significant natural areas (SNAs)	
APP6 – Principles for Biodiversity Offsetting	
APP7 – Principles for Biodiversity Compensation	
APP8 – ECO chapter information requirements for resource consents	
APP9 – Threatened Environment Classification 2012	
APP10 – Lighting fixtures	
Motorised and Powered Vessel Exclusion overlay	

CARRIED

Cr John McCone and Cr Guy Percival asked for their vote against to be recorded

[4:43:23](#) Cr Hopkins then moved an additional motion, seconded by Cr Thomson, which was carried as below.

RESOLVED 2025/109

Moved: Cr Jim Hopkins

Seconded: Cr Jim Thomson

“That Council recommends that the incoming council conducts a review around the district plan process centering on the meeting on 17 December 2024.”

CARRIED

Cr Tim Blackler abstained.

**15.2 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE HARBOUR AREA SUB-COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON 12 AUGUST, 2025**

[4:45:03](#) The purpose of this report was to seek Council approval of the following recommendations from the Harbour Area Sub-committee:

That Council:

1. Carries out the minimum work (on the Wharf at Oamaru Harbour) as listed in the report to the Harbour Area Sub-committee. This being to get the power out to the wharf buildings with a transformer and lighting, including installation of the ducting for future services, installing a power supply and installing street lighting.
2. Considers compliance with Health and Safety matters, and any potential revenue generating opportunities at the Wharf.

Roger Cook, Director of Natural and Built Environment, said the resolution to do the minimum work was estimated to cost Council around \$213,000 and currently there was no funding budgeted in the Long Term Plan to do this work. Therefore Council would need to approve a budget overrun, or alternately identify where the money would be taken from another project.

The Mayor asked about the amount available in the Harbour Endowment Fund. This was not known but this project did not meet the criteria of the fund, which was to create revenue opportunities.

Cr Blacker asked if this matter could be deferred to the next council. Discussion took place on this and the resolution below was passed.

RESOLUTION 2025/110

Moved: Cr Brent Cowles

Seconded: Cr Rebecca Ryan

That Council initiates a report to come back to a future meeting with the full costs of carrying out the minimum work on the wharf at Oamaru Harbour, and possible recovery of those costs, to the next council.

CARRIED

16 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

16.1 PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 26 AUGUST 2025

RESOLVED WDC 2025/108

Moved: Cr Jim Hopkins
Seconded: Cr John McCone

That the Council confirms the Public minutes of the Council Meeting held on 26 August 2025, as circulated, as a true and correct record of that meeting.

CARRIED

17 RETIRING ELECTED MEMBERS - VALEDICTORY SPEECHES

Speeches were given by the following members:

Cr Tim Blackler – Oamaru Ward Councillor.

Cr Jim Thomson – Waihemo Ward Councillor and Waihemo Community Board member.

Mayor Gary Kircher – Mayor.

Deputy Mayor Hana Halalele then responded.

RESOLVED WDC 2025/109

Moved: Deputy Mayor Hana Halalele
Seconded: Cr Brent Cowles

That Council thanks the retiring members for their service to the Waitaki District.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned for afternoon tea at 2.44pm and reconvened at 2.57pm.

18 RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED WDC 2025/110

Moved: Cr Tim Blackler
Seconded: Cr Brent Cowles

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

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

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48 for the passing of this resolution

10.1 - Lower Waitaki Irrigation Company Shareholding and Upgrades for the Provision of Raw Water to the Ōamaru Water Scheme	s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities	s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7
10.2 - Public Excluded minutes of the Council Meeting held on 26 August 2025	s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities	s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7

CARRIED**19 RETURN TO PUBLIC MEETING****RESOLVED WDC 2025/111**

Moved: Cr Rebecca Ryan
Seconded: Cr Jeremy Holding

That Council resumes in open meeting and decisions made in public excluded session are confirmed and made public as and when required and considered.

CARRIED**20 MEETING CLOSE**

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 3.30pm.

These minutes are not confirmed as accurate until the next meeting of the Waitaki District Council on November 4, 2025.