

Unconfirmed Minutes of the Fish & Game NZ, Southland Region Council meeting held at the Council Office at 17 Eye Street, Invercargill on Thursday 5th October 2023.

Present: Lindsay Withington (Chair) Michael Hartstonge
David MacGregor Lyndon Norman
Corey Carston Craig Horrell
David Linklater Stevie-Rae Blair
Dave Harris

In attendance: Zane Moss, Ben Febery, Cohen Stewart

Steve McCartney (Minutes).

Members of the Public: Nil

1 Welcome:

The Chairman opened the meeting at 6.35pm and welcomed those in attendance.

2 Apologies:

Mike Turner.

Moved: D Harris. Seconded: D Linklater. Carried.

3 Declarations of Interest:

The individual member declaration of conflicts of interest with any item on the agenda had been circulated to members before the start of the meeting.
Any conflicts were noted by the Chairman.

4 Confirmation of Minutes.

The minutes of the public meeting held 10th August 2023 were considered.

Resolved D MacGregor/M Hartstonge: That the minutes of the public meeting held 10th August 2023 were taken as read and were a true and correct record. Carried.

5 Notices of Motion

Health & Safety Report to 30th September 2023.

The Council Health & Safety report for the period was attached to the agenda for consideration. All known hazards were listed in the Southland Health & Safety Plan. The meeting was advised that the health and safety plan had been reviewed and that the H & S Plan is provided to external contract providers, feedback from whom indicates our plan is robust.

Resolved C Horrell/L Norman: *That the Health and Safety Report to 30th^t September 2023, be received and accepted.* Carried.

Moved D Harris/M Hartstonge to move meeting into Public excluded. Carried.

Zane presented a power point presentation showing the proposed route of a cycle trail being established by Milford Opportunities from Lake Gunn to Te Anau Downs. Two routes are included in the proposal, one of which is planned to pass through Fiordland National Park. Following the presentation, it was agreed, with acknowledgement that this proposal would enhance access, to continue to work with Milford Opportunities as the proposal moves forward.

Moved D Harris/ D MacGregor. Carried.

Moved D Linklater/M Hartstonge to move the meeting out of Public excluded.

6 Staff Report

Staff report presented.

Items to note -

- Recognition in respect of publication of Cohen's paper.
- Te Anau salmon tank malfunction resulting in the death of all stock.
- Good uptake of the online maps.
- To support/enable/self-develop iwi in respect of cultural harvest of swan & eggs.

Moved M Hartstonge/D Harris to accept Staff recommendation to support iwi in respect of cultural harvest of juvenile black swan, in addition to the previously approved harvest of eggs. In favour 9, Councillor Carston against, Carried.

7. NZC items

Draft Policy on setting National Policy.

Discussion re moving Southland Fish & Game Council meetings to last Thursday of each odd month to allow sufficient time before NZC meetings occur.

Conflict of Interest Policy. Already in place in respect of SFGC (governance policy)

Staff Code of Conduct.

Moved M Hartstonge/L Norman to support above NZC items. Carried.

Future Structures Group Working Group.

Discussion re encourage the working group to adhere to the recommendations made in the Hunt Report.

Future Finance Working Group.

Council recommended that the Hunt report be included in the terms of reference to make this more concise.

Cost Optimisation Project.

Cr Withington and Manager to draft a response to NZC regarding objectives, approach and costs. Concern that the initial brief seems to have narrowed, but costs remained the same.

8 Administration Reports

No matters raised.

Items for next meeting

Gamebird regulations.

Annual general meeting.

NZC meeting calendar.

The meeting closed at 8.38 pm.

Chairman _____ Date _____