

CENTRAL OTAGO DISTRICT COUNCIL

VINCENT COMMUNITY BOARD

MINUTES of a meeting of the Vincent Community Board held in the Council Chambers, 1 Dunorling Street, Alexandra on TUESDAY 19 JANUARY 2010 commencing at 9.07am.

PRESENT: C Higginson (Chairperson), G Bell, A B Lepper, B J Wills and C Withington

APOLOGIES: M McPherson, M Flannery and T Cadogan (absence)

The Chair advised the meeting that she would need to leave the meeting at 11am.

RESOLVED that the apologies be accepted.

Lepper / Wills

IN ATTENDANCE: P Melhopt (Chief Executive Officer), G Easthope (District Aquatic Centres Manager) and E L Bisset (Corporate Services Secretary)

10.1.1 **Molyneux Pool – Statement of Intent / Policy (COM 10-99-91)**

A report from the Chief Executive Officer requesting the Board provide a clear and practical policy direction, including guiding financial principle, for the Molyneux Aquatic Centre, had been circulated.

A. RESOLVED that the report be received and the level of significance be accepted.

Wills / Bell

Note: The Chairperson left the meeting at 11am.

Note: The Deputy Chairperson (G Bell) took the chair.

B. RESOLVED that:

1. The following Statement of Intent for Molyneux Pool be ratified and adopted by the VCB.

“The Molyneux Aquatic Centre is an important community facility that provides year round Pool access to a multitude of users. The number one priority for the Pool is water safety education. The provision of swimming education, supporting pathways to sporting excellence, water sports, recreation and health and wellbeing are important and must be accommodated and encouraged.”

“The Molyneux Aquatic Centre is funded via a combination of rates and user charges. It is important that the balance between the funding sources is equitable and that user charges reflect priority usage, community benefit and ability to pay.”

“In preparation of operating procedures, programs and management plans, Pool management will have due regard to:

- *Facilitating and communicating equitable access for all Pool users, whilst considering respective priorities.*
- *Taking a lead role in the promotion and facilitation of water safety programs and swimming education.*
- *The standards and professionalism expected by ‘Poolsafe’.*
- *Professional business like financial and administrative management of the facility, that balances revenues and expenses prudently, whilst factoring in established community priorities and expectations”.*

2. The Board approves a rates vs. user funding ratio objective consistent with the national average (60:40) and adopts a strategy of encouraging increased revenue through prudent tactics including:

- review of users fees and charges and strategies (in line with annual planning processes)
- efforts to increase patronage
- Increasing Council’s fee generating programs

3. A 3 tiered framework for setting user fees and charges be ratified and adopted as follows:

Tier 1 = Non - Commercial User Groups –
Community Service Groups and Schools

Tier 2 = Non - Commercial Groups – Sporting
and Social

Tier 2.1 = Sporting Competitions

Tier 3 = Commercial Business

4. The proposed schedule of fees (*Appendix 2 for the report*) be approved for inclusion in the draft 2010/11 Annual Plan Statement of Proposal.
5. Management analyse pool demand by user group and develops an operating timetable that allocates appropriate time slots to respective user groups.
6. Management negotiates and drafts appropriate user access agreements for specified users groups, which clearly define user access rights, fees and terms and conditions.
7. Management meets respective users groups and discuss access rights, timetables, fees and term and conditions and execute formal access agreement.
8. The Council continues with its current swim education programme and facilitates external providers wishing to utilise the facility on agreed terms and conditions of use.

Withington / Wills

Note: Mr Lepper voted against the motion.

The meeting closed at 11.16am.

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CHAIRPERSON