

Minutes of the Extraordinary Southland Fish & Game Council meeting held on Wednesday 26th February 2020 at the Council Office, 17 Eye Street, Invercargill.

Present: Graeme Watson (Chair), Paul Stenning, Lindsay Withington, Mike Hartstonge, Bevan McNaughton, Craig Horrell, Lyndon Norman, Cory Carston, Dave Harris, & Dave MacGregor (attending electronically).

Members of the Public: Three reporters present from the Southland Times & the Otago Daily Times.

Welcome:

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.00pm and welcomed those present and thanked them for their attendance.

Conflicts of Interest with items on the agenda:

The individual member declaration of conflicts of interest with any item on the agenda had been circulated to members for signature before the start of the meeting.

Any conflicts were noted by the Chairman.

Health & Safety:

The Chairman pointed out to the meeting where the exits were in case of an emergency.

Apologies:

Resolved Harris/Hartstonge that apologies be received and sustained from Ken Cochrane & Chris Owen, Carried.

The Chairman gave an introduction as to why this extraordinary meeting was called. He said that we as a Council cannot underestimate the seriousness of this issue to Southland Fish & Game, the emails, texts, phone calls, newspaper articles, and social media feedback has been unprecedented in his time on the Council.

7.02 pm Resolved (Stenning/Hartstonge)

Council move into a Public Excluded session of the meeting.

Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, to discuss:

a. Recent Councillor public comments.

The general subject of the 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(1) 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(1) FOR THE PASSING OF THIS RESOLUTION
Public comments by Councillor	Good reason to withhold exists under section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982	Section 48(1)(a)(ii)

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982 which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

ITEM	REASON UNDER THE OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT 1982	SECTION	PLAIN ENGLISH REASON	WHEN REPORT CAN BE RELEASED
XX.	Protect the privacy of natural persons.	Sec. 9(2)(a)	Information provided identifies a particular person or can easily be connected with a particular person.	Once the person to whom the information relates consents to its disclosure.

Note

Section 48(4) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 provides as follows: “(4) Every resolution to exclude the public shall be put at a time when the meeting is open to the public, and the text of that resolution (or copies thereof):

- (a) Shall be available to any member of the public who is present; and
- (b) Shall form part of the minutes of the Council.”

Time: 7.35pm Resolved: (Harris/Hartstonge)

To move out of Public Excluded and back into a Public meeting

Two motions from the Public Excluded session were agreed to be moved to the Public session. After discussions:

Resolved Withington/McNaughton that Council move the motions passed in Public Excluded session to the Public meeting. Carried.

Resolved Hartstonge /Stenning that a motion of no confidence in Ken Cochrane be recorded by Council. Carried unanimously.

After the above motion of no confidence:

Resolved Stenning/Hartstonge Council request that Councillor Ken Cochrane resigns from Council by 4.00pm, Friday 28th February 2020. Carried unanimously.

There was no further business and the meeting was closed at 7.35pm.

Chairman _____ **Date** _____

