

Unconfirmed Minutes of the Fish and Game NZ, Southland Region council meeting held at the Southland Fish and Game Offices, 17 Eye Street, Invercargill on 13th November 2024, commencing at 6.00pm.

Present:

Lindsay Withington (Chair)	Lyndon Norman
Dave Harris	Dave Linklater
Mike Hartstonge	Mike Turner

In attendance: Zane Moss (Manager), Ben Febery.

Steve McCartney (Minutes).

Members of the Public: Nil

1 Welcome:

The Manager (as interim Chairman) opened the meeting at 6.05pm and welcomed those in attendance. He presented an overview of the process of appointing a Chair and the election of Officers (Chair, Deputy, NZC Representative and Executive Committee and the voting system.

Moved D Harris that system B (first past the post) be implemented. Seconded M Hartstonge. Carried.

Election of Officers –

Chairperson – M Hartstonge nominated L Withington for Chairman. Seconded Norman. Carried.

Deputy Chair – L Norman nominated M Hartstonge for Deputy Chairman. Seconded L Withington. Carried.

NZC Representative – L Norman nominated L Withington as NZC Rep. Seconded M Hartstonge. Carried.

Executive Committee – L Withington nominated M Hartstonge. Seconded D Harris. Carried
- M Hartstonge nominated L Norman. Seconded D Harris. Carried

Co option of members to Council.

Moved M Hartstonge. Seconded L Norman to co opt Dave MacGregor and Craig Horrell to Council. Carried.

2 Apologies:

Bruce Diprose.

Moved: L Withington. Seconded: M Hartstonge. 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 26th Sept 2024 were considered.

Resolved L Norman/ D Harris *That the minutes of the public meeting held 26th September 2024 were taken as read and were a true and correct record, subject to correction of minor spelling error. Carried.*

5 Notices of Motion

Health & Safety Report – October - November 2024.

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 Manager advised that should F & G look to undertake work for DOC, they will require our H & S policy to be externally audited.

Councillor Harris, in regard to the Health and Safety Policy recommended that the wording – as far as reasonably practicable- be removed from the policy.

Resolved D Harris/M Hartstonge: *That the Health and Safety Report October – November 2024, be received and accepted and the Health and Safety Policy change be accepted. Carried.*

Governance Code of Conduct Policy.

Resolved M Turner/D Linklater to accept the Code of Conduct Policy. Carried.

Letter from Hon Todd McLay

The minister is seeking response from the Council in respect of –

Opportunities to make efficiencies

Regional mergers

Council member numbers

Honorarium for Councillors

Relationship between NZC and councils

Measures to support our Council to be more effective.

Criteria under which the Minister to remove elected members

The Manager to draft a response to the Minister.

Meeting Schedule dates

The council examined the proposed meeting dates schedule for the year ahead and agreed to accept as stated.

Staff Report

The manager spoke regarding the section 70 matter and the media commentary.

Moved L Norman. Seconded M Hartstonge to move meeting into committee. Carried.

Moved L Norman. Seconded D Harris to move meeting out of committee.

Councillor’s Governance-relevant information reports

Waiau Trust Annual report presented.
2022 significance of Ngai Tahu rep. Cyril Gilroy likely to be new rep.
SFGC Governance Policies (to new councillors)
SFGC Standing Orders (to new Councillors)
Legislation that relates to Councillors roles.

Administration Reports

Accounts paid since last meeting.
Licence sales progress to 31/10/24
Budget to actual progress
Journal report.

No matters raised. Journal report signed by the Chairman.

Moved D Harris. Seconded M Hartstonge that the accounts paid list be accepted. Carried

NZC update.

D Harris advised that at the last NZC meeting there wasn’t a lot of support for what SFGC had done, particularly in this political environment. Councillor Harris pointed out that it wasn’t what SFGC had done.

Items for the next meeting

Next meeting will be on 12 December 2024 and will incorporate the AGM.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

Chairman _____ Date _____