

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE DUNEDIN CENTRE SUBCOMMITTEE HELD IN THE OTARU ROOM, CIVIC CENTRE ON MONDAY, 23 JUNE 2008 COMMENCING AT 11.12 AM**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Peter Chin (Chairperson), Councillors Syd Brown, Dave Cull, Richard Walls and Kate Styles (General Manager, Strategy and Development)

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Svend Tolson (Dunedin Centre Manager), Liz Rowe (Communications Advisor) and Lynne Robins (Governance Support Officer)

**1 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Crs Butcher and Acklin.

It was moved (Brown/Cull):

**"That the apology be received."**

**Motion carried**

**2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

It was moved (Cull/Brown):

**"That the minutes of the meeting held on 16 June 2008 be confirmed as a true and correct record."**

**Motion carried**

**3 CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

It was moved (Walls/Chin):

**"That the agenda be confirmed without any additions or alterations."**

**Motion carried**

**4 DUNEDIN CENTRE RE-DEVELOPMENT PROJECT - COMMUNICATIONS**

A report from the Communications Advisor (Liz Rowe) reviewed the communications position around the Town Hall redevelopment project and recommended a course of action to take the project forward. Ms Rowe pointed out that the history of the redevelopment project was covered in the report to the SubCommittee from the Dunedin Centre Manager dated 16 June 2008.

Ms Rowe and Mr Tolson spoke to the report and answered questions from the Subcommittee. Ms Rowe advised that while other reports were being developed, the Subcommittee should revisit the driving principles behind the project and reasons the Council was undertaking the expansion to serve as a reminder to both the Council and the public.

Ms Rowe suggested that it would be appropriate to hold public forums and commission independent research on the views of special interest groups that use the hall and conference venues. Mr Tolson informed the Subcommittee that a good portion of the use of the Dunedin Centre was from out of town clients. It was agreed that as these clients' needs are different from local clients, they should be consulted as to their requirements. Mr Tolson further advised that the uncertainty of the redevelopment was having a negative effect on future bookings.

Ms Rowe advised that holding public debates would give the public reassurance that their arguments had been listened to and taken into account in the decision making process. Councillors would then be reassured that all the arguments for and against the options had been covered.

It was agreed that Ms Rowe prepares a recommended programme on the consultation process for the next meeting. It was **noted** that there would be an independent chair, yet to be named for the forums.

Following discussion it was moved (Walls/Styles):

**"That the Subcommittee agree that a set of principles guiding the redevelopment project, using information from public meetings and independent research, is required before deciding on its preferred development option."**

**Motion carried**

The meeting concluded at 11.46 am.

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**CHAIRPERSON**