



Minutes of an ordinary meeting of Council held in the
Council Chamber on
Wednesday 14 April 2021 at 1:00 PM

Membership

Cr Andrew Noone	<i>(Chairperson)</i>
Cr Michael Laws	<i>(Deputy Chairperson)</i>
Cr Hilary Calvert	
Cr Alexa Forbes	
Cr Michael Deaker	
Hon Cr Marian Hobbs	
Cr Carmen Hope	
Cr Gary Kelliher	
Cr Kevin Malcolm	
Cr Gretchen Robertson	
Cr Bryan Scott	
Cr Kate Wilson	

Welcome

Chairperson Noone welcomed Councillors, members of the public and staff to the meeting at 01:02 pm. Staff present included Sarah Gardner (Chief Executive), Nick Donnelly (GM Corporate Services), Gwyneth Ellum (GM Strategy, Policy and Science), Gavin Palmer (GM Operations), Richard Saunders (GM Regulatory), Amanda Vercoe (Executive Advisor), Dianne Railton and Liz Spector (Governance Support), Eleanor Ross (Manager Communication Channels), Ryan Tippet (Senior Media Advisor), Julie Everett-Hincks (Manager Science), Andrea Howard (Manager Biosecurity & Rural Liaison), Jean-Luc Payan (Manager Natural Hazards), Garry Maloney (Manager Transport), and (via Zoom) Anita Dawe (Manager Policy & Planning).

1. APOLOGIES

No apologies were received.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

Mr Richard Robson spoke about water quality in local streams, primarily in Kaikorai Stream and the recent fish deaths, and also Tomahawk and other waterways. Following questions from Councillors, Chair Noone thanked Mr Robson for attending the Public Forum. Mr Robson will forward a copy of his speech to Councillors.

Representatives from First Union and Dunedin Tramways Union, Ms Sonja Mitchell, Ms Cath Bowden and Mr Alan Saville spoke about the Living Wage for Bus Drivers and expressed their concerns that the Living Wage has not come through to bus drivers. Chair Noone advised that a paper will be going to the Finance Committee on 26 May 2021 which will provide further information relating to bus contracts and the Living Wage. Following questions from Councillors, Chair Noone thanked the group for attending the Public Forum.

3. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Chair Noone advised that the Public Council meeting would first move into the Public Excluded Council meeting for the Head Office Accommodation Update paper. The Public Council meeting would reconvene following consideration of that paper for the remainder of the agenda.

4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were advised.

Chair Noone moved:

5. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

Resolution

That the Council excludes the public from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting (pursuant to the provision of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987) Sec 48(1)(a) namely:

1. *Head Office Accommodation Update - Sections 7(2)(b)(ii); 7(2)(c)(i); (7(2)(h); 7(2)(i)*

Moved: Cr Noone

Seconded: Cr Hope

CARRIED

The Public Council meeting reconvened at 2.55 p.m.

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution

That the minutes of the (public portion of the) Council meeting held on 24 March 2021 be received and confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Cr Hobbs

Seconded: Cr Hope
CARRIED

7. ACTIONS (STATUS OF COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS)

The outstanding Actions were reviewed.

8. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

8.1. Draft ToR for Regional Co-Ordination Groups

The report was presented to approve the terms of reference for the Regional Coordination Group for Wilding Conifer Management in Otago and the Regional Coordination Group for Wallaby Management in Otago. Dr Gavin Palmer (General Manager Operations) and Andrea Howard (Manager Biosecurity & Rural Liaison) were present to speak to the report and respond to questions. Ms Howard advised that the Wilding Conifer Management meetings will be held quarterly, and the Wallaby Management meetings will be held every second month. Staff will do the preparation for the meetings and brief will the Chair prior to the meeting. Dr Palmer said it would be good to have an alternate appointed in case the Chair is unavailable.

After discussion on the membership of the Groups, Landowner Representatives will be renamed Stakeholders, Clutha District Council will be added to the Partner Agencies and Federated Farmers will be added as a Stakeholder in the Wilding Conifer Terms of Reference. Following further discussion, Cr Hope moved:

Resolution

That the Council:

- 1) **Receives** this report.
- 2) **Approves** the terms of reference and membership proposed for the Regional Coordination Group for Wilding Conifer Management in Otago and the Regional Coordination Group for Wallaby Management in Otago.
- 3) **That** Cr Gary Kelliher is added as an alternate representative to the Wallaby group; and Cr Kate Wilson is added as alternate representative to the Wilding Tree group, noting that they are able to attend all meetings, but ORC only has one vote at meetings.

Moved: Cr Hope
Seconded: Cr Hobbs
CARRIED

8.2. SoE Water Quality Report

The paper presented a report on the state (2015-2020) and trends (2000-2020) of lake and river water quality in the Otago Region. The report also identified the baseline state (2012-2017) as required by the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020 (NPS-FM 2020). Understanding the current state of water quality is a key component informing the Land and Water Regional Plan (LWRP) as well as upcoming action plans. Gwyneth Elsum (General Manager Strategy, Policy & Science), Julie Everett-Hincks (Manager Science) and Rachel Ozanne (Scientist - Water Quality) and Anita Dawe (Manager Policy and Planning) were present to speak to the report and respond to questions.

Ms Ozanne advised that data was collected in-house by the in-house Environmental Monitoring team and analysis completed by Landwaterpeople Ltd (LWP Ltd). Ms Ozanne explained that the trends were done in a 20-year timeframe and a 10 year timeframe, and show that the 10 year time-frame is better. Cr Deaker said it would have been beneficial for the SoE Water Quality Report to have included a glossary due to the technical terms in the report. Cr Kelliher asked about differences between the SoE Monitoring Report and Catchment Group reporting. Ms Ozanne responded that SoE monitoring has been done over the last 20 years, and while Catchment Groups are doing great work, they haven't been monitoring that long.

Following discussion on future work, Cr Hope moved:

Resolution

That the Council:

- 1) **Receives** this report, noting that Council is expecting a report by 23 June 2021 on the approach ORC will take to prioritise where action could occur.
- 2) **Acknowledge** and thank the in-house Environmental Monitoring team.

Moved: Cr Hope
Seconded: Cr Calvert
CARRIED

9. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

Resolution

That the Council excludes the public from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting (pursuant to the provision of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987) Sec 48(1)(a) namely:

1. Confirmation of minutes of the public-excluded Council Meeting of 28 February 2021 - Sections 7(2)(a); 7(2)(i); 7(2)(j)
2. LiDAR Data Capture Contract Approval - Sections 7(2)(c)(i); 7(2)(i)
3. Port Otago Director Appointment - Sections 7(2)(a); 7(2)(h)

Moved: Cr Noone
Seconded: Cr Hope
CARRIED

10. CLOSURE

There was no further business and Chairperson Noone declared the meeting closed at 4.35 pm.



Chairperson

27 May 2021

Date