

# Minutes of a meeting of the Regulatory Committee held in the Council Chamber on Thursday 10 June 2021 at 9:00 am

(Co-Chair)

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# Membership

Cr Gary Kelliher

Cr Andrew Noone

Cr Hilary Calvert

Cr Michael Deaker

Cr Alexa Forbes

Hon Cr Marian Hobbs

Cr Carmen Hope

Cr Michael Laws

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 9:03 am. Staff present included Sarah Gardner (Chief Executive), Nick Donnelly (GM Corporate Services), Gwyneth Elsum (GM Strategy, Policy and Science), Gavin Palmer (GM Operations), Richard Saunders (GM Regulatory & Communications), Dianne Railton (Governance Support), Steve Rushbrook (Harbourmaster), Simon Wilson (Manager Regulatory Data & Systems), Joanna Gilroy (Manager Consents), Tami Sargent (Manager Compliance), and Ryan Tippet (Media Communications Lead).

#### 1. APOLOGIES

No apologies were received. Cr Laws arrived at 9.11 am

## 2. PUBLIC FORUM

No public forum was held.

#### 3. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

The agenda was confirmed as published.

## 4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were advised.

#### 5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

#### Resolution

That the minutes of the meeting held on 3 March 2021 be received and confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Cr Hobbs Seconded: Cr Hope

CARRIED

# 6. ACTIONS

The outstanding actions of Committee resolutions were reviewed. Cr Noone advised that he and Cr Wilson will meet with David Clark MP, about the lack of connectivity in the Otago region.

#### 7. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

# 7.1. Regulatory Group - Quarterly Activity Report

Cr Kelliher sat back from the table due to a possible conflict of interest. Cr Wilson sat back from the table due to a possible conflict of interest.

The paper provided an update for the Committee on activities of the Regulatory Group during the 2020/21 year to 30 April 2021, and to approve the Compliance Audit and Performance Monitoring Schedule for 2021-22. Richard Saunders (GM Regulatory & Communications), Steve Rushbrook (Harbourmaster), Simon Wilson (Manager Regulatory Data & Systems), Joanna Gilroy (Manager Consents) and Tami Sargent (Manager Compliance) were present to speak to the report and respond to questions.

There was a discussion about deemed permits and Joanna Gilroy advised that the people can still apply for deemed permits up to 1 July 2021, and said that the Consents team are now phoning permit holders, and have been sending letters, as well as using media, including print, online and radio.

Cr Laws asked if staff know where closed landfills are in case there is a weather event. Tami Sargent advised that closed landfills are listed on the HAIL Database, and Richard Saunders clarified that it wouldn't be ORC's responsibility to take remedial action as it is the Territorial Authorities who are the consenting authority.

Sarah Gardner acknowledged the great humanity shown by Steve Rushbrook at the recent boat capsizing at the Taieri Mouth Bar.

#### Resolution

*That the Committee:* 

- 1) Receives this report.
- 2) **Notes** the update report from the Regulatory Group for the period 1 March 2021 to 31 May 2021.
- 3) **Approves** the Compliance Audit and Performance Monitoring Schedule for the 2021/2022 year.
- 4) **Notes** that activity against the approved Compliance Audit and Performance Monitoring Schedule will be measured as part of the 2021/2022 Long Term Plan Community Outcomes.
- 5) **Requests** that staff provide an update on closed landfills in Otago for the next Regulatory Committee meeting.
- 6) **Notes** that staff will provide an update to us on allocation amounts within the outstanding deemed permits.

Moved: Cr Laws Seconded: Cr Malcolm

CARRIED

#### Resolution

That the Committee:

 Requests that staff to arrange a confidential briefing on updates on Plan Changes 7 and 8 to Councillors.

Moved: Cr Laws Seconded: Cr Malcolm

CARRIED

# 7.2. Intensive Winter Grazing 2021

The report provided Councillors with an update on how Intensive Winter Grazing (IWG) is being managed by the Regulatory Group over the 2021 winter. Richard Saunders (GM Regulatory & Communications) and Joanna Gilroy (Manager Consents) were present to speak to the report and respond to questions.

Chair Noone, on behalf of Council, thanked Richard Saunders for his contribution to the national Farm Plan Steering Group.

Cr Laws left the meeting at 10:06 am. Cr Calvert left the meeting at 10:06 am.

## Resolution

That the Committee:

- 1) **Receives** this report.
- 2) Notes the work underway by staff to implement the new Intensive Winter Grazing rules in the National Environmental Standards – Freshwater and Otago Regional Council Plan Change 8, and to meet central government expectations around monitoring and reporting for the 2021 winter.

Moved: Cr Wilson Seconded: Cr Malcolm

CARRIED

Cr Calvert returned to the meeting at 10:07 am. Cr Laws returned to the meeting at 10:07 am.

## 8. CLOSURE

There was no further business and Chairperson Noone declared the meeting closed at 10:07 am.

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