



Minutes of a meeting of the
Implementation Committee held in the
Harvest Hotel Conference Centre (Cromwell) on
Thursday 9 June 2022 at 2:55 PM

Membership

Cr Carmen Hope (Co-Chair)
Cr Bryan Scott (Co-Chair)
Cr Hilary Calvert
Cr Michael Deaker
Cr Alexa Forbes
Cr Gary Kelliher
Cr Michael Laws
Cr Kevin Malcolm
Cr Andrew Noone
Cr Gretchen Robertson
Cr Kate Wilson

Welcome

Co-Chair Carmen Hope welcomed Councillors, members of the public and staff to the meeting at 2:55pm. Staff present included Gavin Palmer (GM Operations), Liz Spector (Governance Support) and Jean-Luc Payan (Manager Hazards). Staff present electronically included Pim Borren (interim Chief Executive), Nick Donnelly (GM Corporate Services), Anita Dawe (GM Policy and Science), Tami Sargent (acting GM Regulatory/Comms), Andrea Howard (Manager Environmental Implementation), Michelle Mifflin (Manager Engineering), Brett Paterson (Project Manager, Engineering), and Pam Wilson (Infrastructure Engineering Lead).

1. APOLOGIES

Resolution: Cr Wilson Moved, Cr Forbes Seconded:

That the apologies for Cr Deaker, Cr Robertson be accepted.

MOTION CARRIED

2. PUBLIC FORUM

No public forum was held.

3. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Co-Chair Hope declared the agenda confirmed as published.

4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Co-Chair Hope noted she had a potential conflict on item 8.2, River Management Update and would step aside for that item. She said Co-Chair Bryan Scott would take over chairing the meeting at that point. No other conflicts were noted.

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution: Cr Wilson Moved, Cr Forbes Seconded

That the minutes of the meeting held on 14 April 2022 be received and confirmed as a true and accurate record.

MOTION CARRIED

6. ACTIONS

The Action register at 9 June 2022 was reviewed. Cr Malcolm asked Dr Palmer to follow up with Councillors regarding a previous query as to Department of Conservation responsibilities at Tomahawk Lagoon. Dr Palmer acknowledged the request.

7. PRESENTATIONS

Phil Murray (Acting Programme Manager) and Richard Bowman (Chair) presented the Central Otago Wilding Conifer Control Group Annual Report to the Committee. Following Councillor questions, Co-Chair Hope thanked the two for the presentation.

8. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

8.1. Environmental Implementation Quarterly Update

This report was provided to update the Committee on operational implementation activities undertaken in freshwater, biosecurity, and biodiversity as a complement to Annual Plan reporting. Andrea Howard (Manager Environmental Implementation) and Dr Gavin Palmer (GM Operations) were available to respond to questions of the report.

Councillors asked questions about the Integrated Catchment Management process and Ms Howard informed them more detail would be provided at an upcoming meeting which would allow further discussions of makeup of a governance group and proposed consultations. Councillor Malcolm requested a workshop be conducted with Councillors prior to the report being added to an agenda. Additional questions were considered related to development of stormwater and septic tank education programmes, control of wilding pines, the Lake Hayes restoration work programme, and rabbit control. Cr Laws asked that future reporting on rabbit control include comparisons of night count numbers as that method of counting had been historically consistently used and would provide a good basis to determine whether

current control methods were working. Ms Howard agreed to include that information in future reports.

Following further questions, Cr Malcolm thanked Ms Howard and Dr Palmer for the informative report that detailed the large amount of work underway across the ORC in the environmental implementation space. Cr Noone then moved:

Resolution IMP22-108: Cr Noone Moved, Cr Malcolm Seconded

That the Committee:

- 1) **Notes** this report.
- 2) **Notes** the range of implementation activities being undertaken to maintain and improve Otago Regional Council's delivery of environmental implementation activities.
- 3) **Requests** staff to arrange a workshop on Integrated Catchments prior to a paper coming to Council.

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Co-Chair Bryan Scott assumed chairing the meeting after Cr Hope sat back due to a potential conflict.

8.2. River Management Update

The report provided a quarterly summary of river management operational activities, including gravel extraction consents, 2022/23 work programme development, and asset management plans for riverbank plantings. Michelle Mifflin (Manager Engineering), Brett Paterson (Project Manager - Engineering), Pam Wilson (Infrastructure Engineering Lead) and Dr Palmer (GM Operations) were available to respond to questions about the report.

Cr Wilson asked about boundary alignment of the Clutha River catchment and the Dunedin catchment, noting they don't align with catchment management zones. Dr Palmer said they were legacy boundaries mapped to territorial authority boundaries and said it made sense to reevaluate whether they should be mapped to catchment boundaries. Cr Wilson also mentioned she would like to see a riverbank planting guide developed with the community as there was much experience to be harvested in this space. Cr Forbes thanked staff for the collaborative work on the report.

Resolution IMP22-109: Cr Wilson Moved, Cr Forbes Seconded

That the Committee:

- 1) **Notes** this report.
- 2) **Notes** the progress that is being made with the reporting, planning and progression of the framework that supports river management activities.

MOTION CARRIED

8.3. Flood Recovery 2020 Progress Update

The report was provided to update the Committee on continuing recovery from damage resulting from flooding in February 2020. Michelle Mifflin (Manager Engineering), Brett Paterson (Project Manager - Engineering) and Dr Palmer (GM Operations) were available to respond to questions about the report. Following questions from Councillors, Cr Hope moved:

Resolution IMP22-110: Cr Hope Moved, Cr Noone Seconded

That the Implementation Committee:

- 1) **Notes** this report
- 2) **Notes** that the flood recovery programme is expected to be complete by April 2023.
- 3) **Notes** that the expected overall unbudgeted flood recovery costs remain \$3.9M as estimated in May 2020.
- 4) **Notes** the contribution of \$608,000 towards flood recovery from MBIE as part of the Climate Resilience programme.
- 5) **Notes** the expected contribution of \$598,000 towards flood recovery from NEMA.

MOTION CARRIED

9. CLOSURE

There was no further business and Co-Chair Bryan Scott declared the meeting closed at 5:18 pm.

Chairperson

Date