



Minutes of an ordinary meeting of Council
held in the Council Chamber on
Wednesday 26 October 2022 at 10:00am

Membership

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| Cr Gretchen Robertson | <i>(Chairperson)</i> |
| Cr Lloyd McCall | <i>(Deputy Chairperson)</i> |
| Cr Alexa Forbes | |
| Cr Gary Kelliher | |
| Cr Michael Laws | |
| Cr Kevin Malcolm | |
| Cr Tim Mepham | |
| Cr Andrew Noone | |
| Cr Bryan Scott | |
| Cr Alan Somerville | |
| Cr Elliot Weir | |
| Cr Kate Wilson | |

Welcome

Interim Chief Executive Pim Borren welcomed Councillors, members of the public and staff to the inaugural Council meeting at 10:01am. Staff present included, Nick Donnelly (GM Corporate Services), Amanda Vercoe (GM Governance, Anita Dawe (GM Policy and Science), Culture and Customer), Lyn Carter (Kaitohutohu - Advisor to the Chief Executive), Richard Saunders (GM Regulatory and Communications), Gavin Palmer (GM Operations), Dianne Railton (Governance Support Officer – Minute-taker), Liz Spector (Governance Support Officer), and Jo Galer (Manager Communications and Marketing). Also present was Alastair Logan (Partner, Ross Dowling Marquet Griffin) for the Councillor Legal Briefing.

Dr Lyn Carter opened the meeting with a karakia and interim Chief Executive Dr Pim Borren welcomed the meeting attendees.

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for the meeting.

2. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

2.1. Declaration of Office by Councillors

Interim Chief Executive Pim Borren called for each Councillor-elect to read and sign the declaration which he then witnessed. After all declarations were attested to and signed, Dr Borren congratulated the Councillors and welcomed them to the Otago Regional Council.

2.2. Voting System for Certain Appointments

The paper was provided to inform the Councillors of the two voting options for the election of the Chairperson, and Deputy Chairperson, as defined by *Schedule 7, Sec 25 of the Local Government Act 2002* (the Act). Interim Chief Executive Pim Borren summarised the voting system options for election of the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson that the Councillors would need to select. A discussion was held about the two different systems and Dr Borren asked for a motion.

Resolution CM22-260: Cr Scott Moved, Cr Mephram Seconded

That the Council:

- 1) ***Resolves Voting System B*** is the voting option for the election or appointment of Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson, defined by the Local Government Act 2002 for certain positions.

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution CM22-261: Cr Noone Moved, Cr Robertson Seconded

That the Council:

- 1) ***Agrees*** that in the event of a tie under voting system B, the candidate to be elected or appointed shall be resolved by lot as described in paragraph 5 of the report.

MOTION CARRIED

2.3. Election of Chairperson

After adoption of Voting System B, Interim CE Pim Borren then called for nominations for Chairperson.

Cr Scott nominated Cr Robertson and Cr McCall seconded her nomination. Cr Noone nominated Cr Malcolm and Cr Kelliher seconded his nomination.

Cr Robertson addressed the group and spoke of her background and said that she is not here as an individual but part of a team. Cr Robertson spoke on the ORC's need to deliver multiple work streams including new Land and Water RPS, Air and Coast plans along with a diversity of other projects over the coming triennium.

Each Councillor was then provided an opportunity to ask Cr Robertson questions. Cr Scott and Cr McCall then spoke to their nomination of Cr Robertson.

Cr Malcolm then addressed the group and spoke of his background. Cr Malcolm said his greatest strength is connectivity, with other strengths being land management, proven financial analysis, professional development, change management, and as a team builder bridging the gap between the urban and rural divide. Each Councillor was then provided an opportunity to ask Cr Malcolm questions. Cr Noone and Cr Kelliher then spoke to their nomination of Cr Malcolm.

Interim CE Pim Borren acknowledged both nominees for putting their names forward, and then called for votes for Chairperson by show of hands.

Resolution CM22-262: Cr Scott Moved and Cr McCall Seconded

That the Council:

1) *Appoints Cr Robertson as Chairperson.*

MOTION CARRIED

Votes for: Cr Forbes, Cr McCall, Cr Mepham, Cr Robertson, Cr Scott, Cr Somerville, Cr Weir

Votes against: Cr Kelliher, Cr Laws, Cr Malcolm, Cr Noone, Cr Wilson

Resolution: Cr Noone Moved and Cr Kelliher Seconded

That the Council:

1) **Appoints** Cr Malcolm as Chairperson.

MOTION LOST

Votes for: Cr Kelliher, Cr Laws, Cr Malcolm, Cr Noone, Cr Wilson

Votes against: Cr Forbes, Cr McCall, Cr Mepham, Cr Robertson, Cr Scott, Cr Somerville, Cr Weir

Dr Borren announced Cr Robertson as Chairperson of the Otago Regional Council. Cr Robertson attested to and signed the Chairperson's declaration which was witnessed by Interim CE Pim Borren. Chairperson Robertson then took the Chair.

Resolution: Cr Robertson Moved, Cr Wilson Seconded

Chairperson Robertson requested the meeting adjourn for a short break.

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 11:23am and reconvened at 11:28am.

2.4. Election of Deputy Chairperson

Chairperson Robertson called for nominations for Deputy Chairperson.

Cr Scott nominated Cr Lloyd McCall for Deputy Chairperson and Cr Mepham seconded his nomination. Cr Laws nominated Cr Malcolm for Deputy Chairperson and Cr Kelliher seconded his nomination.

Cr McCall addressed the Council and spoke of the skills he would bring to the role of Deputy Chairperson. Cr Scott and Cr Mepham spoke to their nomination of Cr McCall.

Cr Malcolm then addressed the Council and spoke of the skills he would bring to the role of Deputy Chairperson. Cr Laws and Cr Kelliher spoke to their nomination of Cr Malcolm

Chairperson Robertson asked the Councillors to vote on the two nominees for Deputy Chairperson by show of hands.

Resolution CM22-263: Cr Scott Moved and Cr Mepham Seconded

That the Council:

- 1) **Appoints** Cr McCall as Deputy Chairperson.

MOTION CARRIED

Votes for: Cr Forbes, Cr McCall, Cr Mepham, Cr Robertson, Cr Scott, Cr Somerville, Cr Weir

Votes against: Cr Kelliher, Cr Laws, Cr Malcolm, Cr Noone, Cr Wilson

Resolution: Cr Laws Moved and Cr Kelliher Seconded

That the Council:

- 1) **Appoints** Cr Malcolm as Deputy Chairperson.

MOTION LOST

Votes for: Cr Kelliher, Cr Laws, Cr Malcolm, Cr Noone, Cr Wilson

Votes against: Cr Forbes, Cr McCall, Cr Mepham, Cr Robertson, Cr Scott, Cr Somerville, Cr Weir

Cr Robertson announced Cr McCall as Chairperson of the Otago Regional Council.

2.5. Councillor Legal Briefing

The report provided Council with a summary of the legislative requirements that the Otago Regional Councillors ("Councillors") need to be aware of and understand as elected members of the Council. Clause 21(5)(c) of schedule 7 of the Local Government Act ("LGA") requires that certain legislation must be brought to the attention of Councillors at its first meeting. Alastair Logan (partner Ross Dowling Marquet Griffin) was present to speak to the report and respond to questions.

Resolution CM22-264: Cr Wilson Moved, Cr Forbes Seconded

That the Council:

- 1) **Notes** this report and the information contained in the attached Summary of legislation affecting Councillors.

MOTION CARRIED

2.6. Meetings for 2022

The paper was provided for Council to set meeting dates for the remainder of 2022. There was discussion regarding Councillors attending FMU consultation meetings in Central Otago during the week of the scheduled 9 November 2022 Council Meeting. Pim Borren advised that elected members attending remotely will be able to vote, but they will no longer count towards establishing a quorum, as the rules in place for the COVID-19 pandemic have ceased. Chair Robertson said she would like to continue with the scheduled 9 November 2022 Council Meeting and explore the option of holding the meeting in Cromwell.

Cr Noone asked what the new Committee structure would be, and Dr Borren responded that he will be discussing the structure with the Chair and Deputy Chair.

Resolution CM22-265: Cr Forbes Moved, Cr Scott Seconded

That the Council:

- 1) **Notes** this report.
- 2) **Agrees** that Council meetings will take place on 9 November and 7 December 2022.

- 3) **Agrees** that Council induction/current state briefings, and workshops will take place on 10 November and 8 December 2022.
- 4) **Notes** that a council meeting schedule for 2023 will be presented to the December Council meeting for consideration and adoption.

MOTION CARRIED

3. INTRODUCTION FROM COUNCILLORS

Chairperson Robertson thanked Councillors for putting their hand up for this important role and taking an oath to act in the best interests of Otago. Chairperson Robertson then provided Councillors an opportunity to make their introductory comments.

4. CLOSURE

Dr Lyn Carter gave the closing karakia. There was no further business and Chairperson Robertson declared the meeting closed at 12:39pm.



Chairperson

9 November 2022

Date