

Environmental Implementation Committee MINUTES

Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Environmental Implementation Committee held in the Council Chamber, Level 2 Philip Laing House, 144 Rattray Street, Dunedin on Thursday 11 May 2023, commencing at 9:02 AM.

PRESENT

Cr Bryan Scott *(Co-Chairperson)*
Cr Kate Wilson *(Co-Chairperson)*
Cr Alexa Forbes
Cr Gary Kelliher
Cr Michael Laws (online)
Cr Kevin Malcolm
Cr Lloyd McCall
Cr Andrew Noone
Cr Gretchen Robertson
Cr Alan Somerville

1. WELCOME

Co-Chairperson Bryan Scott welcomed Councillors, members of the public and staff to the meeting at 9:02 am and gave a karakia. Staff present included Pim Borren, (interim Chief Executive), Nick Donnelly (GM Corporate Services), Anita Dawe (GM Policy and Science), Gavin Palmer (GM Operations), Richard Saunders (GM Regulatory and Communications), Amanda Vercoe (GM Governance, Culture and Customer), Liz Spector (Governance Support), and Kylie Darragh (Governance Support).

2. APOLOGIES

Resolution: Cr Scott Moved, Cr Forbes Seconded:

That the apologies for Cr Mephram, Cr Weir be accepted.

MOTION CARRIED

Cr Malcom noted an early departure at 10am.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

Andrew Simms Chair of the Mosgiel-Taieri Community Board spoke about degradation of the Silver Stream in Taieri.

Chris Ford representing the Disabled Persons' Assembly, made an Annual Plan Submission and spoke support of the upgrade of headquarters the new Otago Regional Council and encouraged interaction with disabled people on building design.

Paul Weir, Leanne Stenhouse and Tracey of the Saddle Hill Community Board made an Annual Plan submission regarding the buses that run during school hours, frustrations over timetabling, overcrowding and concerns for safety of children using the city bus hub.

Paul Kavanagh Director at Southern Lakes Sanctuary Trust speaking on conservation standards for endangered native wildlife.

Barbara Anderson West Harbour Community Board – spoke on improving public transport, especially around Cruise Ship season, protection of wildlife near Ravensdown and Aramoana and asked for better community engagement around the Port of Otago redevelopment and transport infrastructure.

Matt Hollyer from GSD Queenstown discussed a new modelling proposal for environmental protection through collective consultation.

Co-Chair Scott adjourned the meeting for a short break at 10:10 a.m.

Co-Chair Scott reopened the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

4. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

The agenda was confirmed as presented.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No changes to the Councillor Declarations of Interests were noted.

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution: Cr Scott Moved, Cr Wilson Seconded

That the minutes of the Environmental Implementation Committee meeting held on 2 February 2023 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

MOTION CARRIED

7. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

7.1. Biosecurity/biodiversity initiatives and partnerships

This report was provided to report on biodiversity and biosecurity initiatives, partnerships, and projects as per the 2022/23 Annual Plan level of service performance measures. Anna Molloy (Principal Advisor - Environmental Implementation), Libby Caldwell (Manager Environmental Implementation), and Gavin Palmer (GM Operations) were present to respond to questions about the report. The paper was taken as read and staff responded to Councillor questions.

Resolution EIC23-106: Cr Wilson Moved, Cr Forbes Seconded

That the Environmental Implementation Committee:

- 1) **Notes** this report.
- 2) **Recommends** Council to ask the ORC Chair to write to the Minister of Finance (copy to relevant Ministries) highlighting the issue of transition of Jobs for Nature projects and inability to address transitional funding due to timing of the Long-Term Plan.

MOTION CARRIED

Cr Laws left the meeting at 10:41 am.

7.2. Wilding Conifer Strategy and Implementation

This report was provided to seek the Committee's endorsement of the Regional Wilding Conifer Strategy and associated implementation plan. Anna Molloy (Principal Advisor - Environmental Implementation), Libby Caldwell (Manager Environmental Implementation) and Gavin Palmer (GM Operations) were available to respond to questions about the report.

Resolution EIC23-107: Cr Forbes Moved, Cr Wilson Seconded

That the Environmental Implementation Committee:

- 1) **Endorses** the Regional Wilding Conifer Strategy and associated implementation plan for approval by Council.

MOTION CARRIED

8. CLOSURE

There was no further business and Co-Chair Bryan Scott declared the meeting closed at 10:50 a.m.



Chairperson

Date

09/08/2023