

OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Regulatory Committee held in the Council Chamber, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin on Wednesday 29 January 2014 commencing at 3.43 pm

Present:

- Cr Sam Neill (Chairperson)
- Cr Gerrard Eckhoff (Deputy Chairperson)
- Cr Graeme Bell
- Cr Doug Brown
- Cr Louise Croot MNZM
- Cr Michael Deaker
- Cr Gary Kelliher
- Cr Trevor Kempton
- Cr Gretchen Robertson
- Cr Bryan Scott
- Cr David Shepherd
- Cr Stephen Woodhead

In attendance:

- Peter Bodeker
- Wayne Scott
- Jeff Donaldson
- Fraser McRae
- Gavin Palmer
- Janet Favel

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

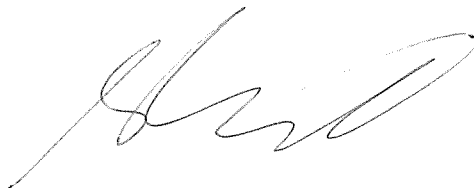
There were no changes to the agenda.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 November 2013, having been circulated, were adopted on the motion of Crs Croot and Bell.

Matters arising from minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.



ITEMS FOR NOTING

Item 1
2014/0572 **Regulatory Report. DEMO, 8/1/14**

The report detailed water, air, pest, and contaminated site environmental monitoring and incidents for the period 19 October to 31 December 2013.

In response to a question Mr Donaldson explained that the external audit of the Environmental Services and Operations Quality Management System related to water quality sampling. There was an ISO standard in place for the collecting of samples, including sampling for enforcement purposes, and sampling also provided information for Resource Science purposes. The auditing was carried out annually by NIWA.

Note was made of an odour complain at Green Island, and Mr Donaldson explained that the odour was from the landfill.

Cr Brown moved
Cr Kelliher seconded

That the report be noted.

Motion carried

Item 2
2014/0604 **Consent processing, consent administration and Building Control Authority update. DPPRM, 17/1/14**

The report detailed consent processing, consent administration and building control authority activity for the period 3 November 2013 to 17 January 2014.

Two audits were carried out recently, being MfE monitoring of implementation of the RMA (carried out by Hill Young Cooper Ltd), and Verification New Zealand assessment of the department's ISO 9001:2008 Quality Management accreditation, and Councillors were pleased to note that good results were received.

A reference in the Hill Cooper Young report to "Panel of four for all major resource consent decisions, requiring sign-off from two of that panel" was noted, and the recent appointment of a single commissioner to hear two ORC consents was queried.

Cr Shepherd moved
Cr Croot seconded

That the report be noted.

Motion carried

Item 3
2014/0565

RMA, Biosecurity Act and Building Act Enforcement Activities.
DCS, 13/1/14

The report detailed Resource Management Act 1991, Biosecurity Act 1993 and Building Act 2004 enforcement activities undertaken by the Otago Regional Council for the period 26 October 2013 to 13 January 2014.

Cr Woodhead noted ongoing challenges for QLDC's wastewater system, and referred to recent media coverage which appeared to indicate that ORC would not prosecute district councils for spills from their wastewater systems. Mr Bodeker stated that Council had made no policy or decision that QLDC or any other council would not be prosecuted, and that each case would be investigated on its merits. Staff were working with QLDC to determine possible action. Mr Donaldson advised in response to a question that QLDC did not have a trade waste bylaw, but was looking to develop one.

Cr Woodhead moved
Cr Shepherd seconded

That the report be noted.

Motion carried

Item 4
2014/0591

Appointment of hearing commissioners. DPPRM, 17/1/14

The report listed hearing commissioners appointed for the period to 17 January 2014.

Cr Neill moved
Cr Scott seconded

That the report be noted.

Motion carried

The meeting closed at 4.01 pm



Chairperson