

OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Policy Committee held in the
Council Chamber, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin on
Wednesday 4 June 2014 commencing at 2.34 pm**

Present:

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

Leave of absence: **Cr Sam Neill**

In attendance:

- Wayne Scott**
- Jeff Donaldson**
- Fraser McRae**
- Gavin Palmer**
- Richard Pettinger (for Item 2)**
- Janet Favel**

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 April 2014, having been circulated, were adopted on the motion of Crs Bell and Kelliher.

Matters arising from minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

PART A – RECOMMENDATIONS

Item 1

2014/0760 **Proposed Plan Change 4C (Groundwater management: Cromwell Terrace Aquifer – Consultation.** DPPRM, 25/5/14

The report presented for consideration a draft proposed plan change for the management of the Cromwell Terrace aquifer. The consultation draft and draft Section 32 report were circulated separately.

Mr McRae commented that generally communities did not perceive groundwater as having value unless there were concerns about an aquifer being over allocated.

Cr Kempton moved
Cr Deaker seconded

That the attached Consultation Draft of Proposed Plan Change 4C (Groundwater management: Cromwell Terrace Aquifer) and the accompanying draft Section 32 Evaluation Report is released for consultation in terms of clause 3, Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Motion carried

Item 2

2014/0838 **Consultation Draft Proposed Plan Change 3B (Pomahaka minimum flow).** DPPRM, 16/5/14

The report explained that the purpose of the proposed plan change was to establish a primary allocation limit, minimum flow, and supplementary allocation regime for the catchment. The draft plan change, and a draft S32 evaluation report were circulated separately with the agenda.

It was noted that the proposed Plan Change was based on a 2006 technical report, and a question was raised about the validity of a minimum flow based on 8 year old information in a rapidly changing landscape. Mr McRae advised that the values identified had not changed, and were reinforced during the community workshops. Current takes had not influenced the river but the community wanted to put minimum flows in place before anticipated changes occurred.

In response to a question about the proposed 1000 l/s minimum flow, Mr McRae advised that this met the current rate of take, but would not allow any additional primary allocations.

Cr Woodhead moved
Cr Deaker seconded

That the attached Consultation Draft of Proposed Plan Change 3B (Pomahaka catchment minimum flow) to the Regional Plan: Water for Otago and the accompanying draft Section 32 Evaluation Report are released for consultation in accordance with clause 3, Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Motion carried

Item 3

2014/0836 **Local Government New Zealand Hazard Management Review.**
DPPRM, 22/5/14

The report explained that Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) had initiated a discussion with local and central government and other stake holders in respect to taking a holistic review of how New Zealand managed natural hazard risks. It was suggested that ORC provide a written response to the LGNZ review of Natural Hazards Management in New Zealand.

Mr McRae noted that response to flooding risk in Otago ranged from Queenstown, where the community accepted the flood and designed to be resilient to flooding, through to physical responses, eg floodbanks. This range of response, as well as reference to other natural hazards, would be included in the response to LGNZ.

Cr Scott moved
Cr Croot seconded

That Council provide a written response to the LGNZ review of Natural Hazards Management in New Zealand.

Motion carried

PART B - ITEMS FOR NOTING

Item 4

2014/0831 **Director's Report on Progress.** DPPRM, 22/5/14

The report provided an overview of significant activities undertaken by the Policy, Consents and Transport Planning sections.

The incidences of crashes involving tourists were noted, and Mr McRae pointed out that foreign drivers were not disproportionately involved in serious crashes.

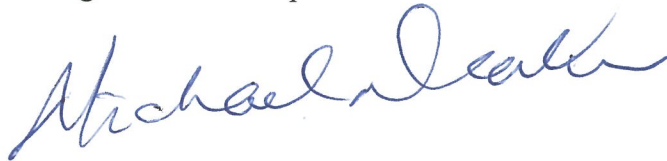
Mr McRae advised that a report on analysis of crash data was being prepared for the Committee. ACC and hospitalisation statistics, as well as motor vehicle crash statistics, were being used, and this analysis was of interest to NZTA and other agencies.

Cr Deaker moved
Cr Croot seconded

That the report be noted.

Motion carried

The meeting closed at 2.56 pm.



Chairperson