

OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Policy Committee held in the Council Chamber, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin on Thursday 24 July 2014 commencing at 11.53 am

Present:

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

Apologies:

Cr Gretchen Robertson
The apology was accepted on the motion of Crs Deaker and Croot.

In attendance:

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

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 June 2014, having been circulated, were adopted on the motion of Crs Woodhead and Bell.

Matters arising from minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

PART A – RECOMMENDATIONS

Item 1

2014/0903 **Notification of Proposed Plan Change 4C (Groundwater management: Cromwell Terrace Aquifer).** DPPRM, 1/7/14

The report presented a summary of the comments received on the Consultation Draft of Proposed Plan Change 4C (Groundwater management: Cromwell Terrace Aquifer) and recommended the notification of the Proposed Plan Change. The plan change sought to set a maximum allocation volume for the Cromwell Terrace Aquifer. The proposed Plan Change and Section 32 report were circulated with the agenda.

Cr Deaker moved

Cr Scott seconded

- 1. That Proposed Plan Change 4C (Groundwater management: Cromwell Terrace Aquifer) and its accompanying Section 32 Evaluation Report be approved for notification in accordance with clause 5, Schedule 1 of the RMA.*
- 2. That Proposed Plan Change 4C (Groundwater management: Cromwell Terrace Aquifer) be publicly notified on Saturday 16 August 2014.*
- 3. That the Council establish a Hearing Committee to hear and make recommendations relating to Proposed Plan Change 4C (Groundwater management: Cromwell Terrace Aquifer).*
- 4. That Proposed Plan Change 4C (Groundwater management: Cromwell Terrace Aquifer) will have immediate legal effect upon notification.*

Motion carried

Item 2

2014/0958 **Notification of Proposed Plan Change 3B (Pomahaka catchment minimum flow).** DPPRM, 4/7/14

The report presented a summary of comments received on the Consultation Draft of Proposed Plan Change 3B (Pomahaka catchment minimum flow), and recommended the notification of the Proposed Plan Change. The Plan change sought to include a minimum flow and allocation regime for the Pomahaka catchment into the Water Plan's Schedule 2 and to identify the Pomahaka Alluvial Ribbon Aquifer. The Plan Change and Section 32 report were circulated with the agenda.

Cr Woodhead moved
Cr Shepherd seconded

1. *That Proposed Plan Change 3B (Pomahaka catchment minimum flow) and its accompanying Section 32 Evaluation Report be approved for notification in accordance with clause 5, Schedule 1 of the RMA.*
2. *That Proposed Plan Change 3B (Pomahaka catchment minimum flow) be publicly notified on Saturday 16 August 2014.*
3. *That the Council establish a Hearing Committee to hear and make recommendations relating to Proposed Plan Change 3B (Pomahaka catchment minimum flow).*
4. *That Proposed Plan Change 3B (Pomahaka catchment minimum flow) will have immediate legal effect upon notification.*

Motion carried

PART B - ITEMS FOR NOTING

Item 3

2014/0942 **Director's Report on Progress.** DPPRM, 4/7/14

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

Mr McRae advised that ORC had met with MfE staff to discuss the National Policy Statement on Freshwater Management. The meeting was very productive, and had given MfE a better understanding of issues facing regional councils in relation to water quantity and quality.

Cr Deaker moved
Cr Neill seconded

That the report be noted.

Motion carried

The meeting closed at 11.58 am.



Motion carried