

OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Communications Committee held in the Council Chamber, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin on Thursday 24 July 2014 commencing at 11.30 am

Present:

- Cr Trevor Kempton** (Chairperson)
- Cr Graeme Bell** (Deputy Chairperson)
- Cr Doug Brown**
- Cr Louise Croot MNZM**
- Cr Michael Deaker**
- Cr Gerrard Eckhoff**
- Cr Gary Kelliher**
- 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 Bell and Shepherd.

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 Bell and Croot.

Matters arising from minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

Cr Kempton welcomed Mrs Jane Leahy, Director Stakeholder Engagement, to her first Communications Committee meeting.

ITEMS FOR NOTING

Item 1

2014/0948 **Report on Community Liaison and Education.** DSE, 10/7/14

The report provided an update on Plan Change 6A implementation, catchment programmes, water quantity, and other activities. Thanks were extended to staff for their considerable involvement in the Plan Change 6A roadshows, and Mrs Leahy noted that there had been significant follow up enquiries from the public following the roadshows.

Cr Kelliher moved
Cr Deaker seconded

That the report be received.

Motion carried

Item 2

2014/0949 **Report on Communications and Media Activity.** DSE, 1/7/14

The report provided an update on Council communications and media activity carried out during the period 16 May to 30 June.

The following points were discussed:

- Publications – the number and range of publications was noted, and it was suggested that the public survey could indicate the usefulness or otherwise of the publications.
- Use of website – this information might be easily read in graph rather than numeric form.
- Enviroschools – Mr Scott advised that he had met with the General Manager and Enviroschools staff at the DCC and discussed funding and where the work fitted. Work was being carried out towards a 1 July 2015 changeover date.
- International Science Festival – attention was drawn to the involvement in the Festival of Council staff, and of Cr Robertson as a keynote speaker in the ‘Women in Science’.
- The air quality presentation to Grants Braes School was noted, and it was suggested that this information also be presented to Central Otago schools.

Mr Bodeker was pleased with the attendance of 1000 people at the Plan Change 6A roadshows, and commented that significant resourcing would be needed to meet the target that all affected landowners be aware of their requirements by 1 July 2015.

Cr Croot moved
Cr Shepherd seconded

That the report be received.

Motion carried

Item 3

2014/1000 **Report on Customer Services Activity.** DSE, 10/7/14

The report provided an update on Customer Services Activity for June 2014.

Mrs Leahy commented that Customer Services was an extremely important point of contact between members of the public and the Council, and the unit was seen as being able to provide part of the resource to advise on Plan Change 6A queries in the future. It was noted that Customer Services Officer Sarah Paterson had attended the Milton 6A meeting. She had found it very valuable, and had also provided assistance at the meeting.

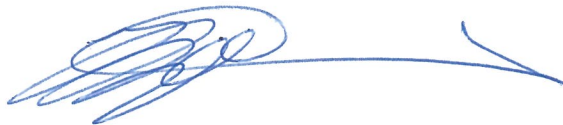
Cr Deaker moved
Cr Bell seconded

That the report be received.

Motion carried

Cr Deaker extended a welcome to Mrs Leahy. He extended congratulations to Mr Bodeker for initiating the new directorate, and to Mr Taylor and his staff for their work to date.

The meeting closed at 11.52 am.



Chairperson