

## OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL

### Minutes of a meeting of the Finance and Corporate Committee held in the Council Chamber, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin on Thursday 4 September 2014 commencing at 9.21 am

**Present:**

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

**Apologies:**

**Cr Graeme Bell**  
**Cr Michael Deaker** (for early departure)  
The apologies were accepted on the motion of Crs Shepherd and Kempton.

**In attendance:**

**Peter Bodeker**  
**Wayne Scott**  
**Jeff Donaldson**  
**Jane Leahy**  
**Fraser McRae**  
**Gavin Palmer**  
**Sharon de Vries**  
**Janet Favel**

#### **CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

There were no changes to the agenda.

#### **MINUTES**

The minutes of the public portion of the meeting held on 24 July 2014, having been circulated, were adopted on the motion of Crs Croot and Kelliher.

#### **Matters arising from minutes**

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

## PART A - RECOMMENDATIONS

Item 1

2014/1243 **Electoral Systems.** DCS, 20/8/14

The report noted that at its meeting on 24 July 2014, the Finance and Corporate Committee considered voting systems, and resolved to invite Associate Professor Janine Hayward to attend a Council workshop to provide information on voting systems. That workshop had taken place, and the Committee was now asked to give consideration as to its preferred electoral system for the 2016 and 2019 elections.

Cr Deaker supported a change to Single Transferable Vote (STV). He particularly noted the points made by Prof Hayward in her presentation that STV tended to increase voting participation or at least stop it dropping further, and that the public generally saw the STV system as fairer than First Past the Post (FPP). He also considered there would be less confusion for Dunedin City voters if DCC, ORC, and SDHB had the same election systems. Crs Scott and Croot supported these points, but noted that a change to STV would put ORC out of step with the districts' elections, which were all on the FPP system.

Cr Deaker left the meeting at 9.34 am.

Cr Woodhead supported a change to STV. He commented that major issues were the visibility of the ORC list, and the different styles of voting, on the same voting paper.

Cr Neill considered that the presentation the previous day was inconclusive, and noted that prior to 2013 the Council had resolved to continue with FPP for the 2013 and 2016 elections. He did not see enough evidence to change.

Cr Scott moved  
Cr Robertson seconded

*That Otago Regional Council change to the Single Transferable Voting system for the 2016 election.*

The vote was taken by division:  
For: Crs Croot, Kempton, Robertson, Scott, Woodhead  
Against: Crs Brown, Eckhoff, Kelliher, Neill, Shepherd

***Voting was equal, and therefore the status quo was retained***

Cr Croot moved  
Cr Shepherd seconded

*That the report be received.*

***Motion carried***

## Item 2

2014/1211 **Annual Return of Inactive Subsidiaries 2014.** DCS, 15/8/14

The report noted that for name protection purposes, three companies bearing the Regional Services name were registered in April 2006. The Companies Act required that an Annual Return be completed for each of the companies, which were inactive and did not have constitutions.

Cr Woodhead moved

Cr Neill seconded

1. *That it shall not be necessary for Regional Services Limited to hold an Annual General Meeting under section 120 of the Companies Act 1993.*
2. *That no auditors be appointed for Regional Services Limited under section 196 (2) of the Companies Act 1993.*
3. *That it shall not be necessary for Regional Pest Services Limited to hold an Annual General Meeting under section 120 of the Companies Act 1993.*
4. *That no auditors be appointed for Regional Pest Services Limited under section 196 (2) of the Companies Act 1993.*
5. *That it shall not be necessary for Regional Monitoring Services Limited to hold an Annual General Meeting under section 120 of the Companies Act 1993.*
6. *That no auditors be appointed for Regional Monitoring Services Limited under section 196 (2) of the Companies Act 1993.*

**Motion carried**

**PART B – ITEMS FOR NOTING**

## Item 3

2014/1224 **12 month review.** DCS, 18/7/14

The report noted that formal reviews of progress on all projects were undertaken at four, eight and 12 months, and summarised project progress for the 12 months to 30 June 2014. The 12 month review document was circulated separately with the agenda.

Mr Scott noted that the report indicated that the annual report would be presented to the 17 September Council meeting, however this date was now not achievable because the final accounts of Port Otago Ltd would not be ready in time. It was likely that the report would be presented to a special Council meeting on 15 October.

Cr Croot moved  
Cr Woodhead seconded

*That the report be received.*

**Motion carried**

Item 4

2014/1236 **Local Government Act 2002 Amendment Act 2014.** DCS, 20/8/14

The report explained that the purpose of the Local Government Act 2002 Amendment Act 2014 was to implement the Government's second phase of legislative reform to improve the operation, efficiency and effectiveness of local government. The report presented the key provisions of the Amendment Act.

It was noted that the Amendment Act simplified the annual and long term plan process, and a brief procedural document could be produced where there was no change from the annual plan to the long term plan.

Comment was made that ORC communicated well with the community, for example Plan Change 6A, Milton 2060, and hazards and contaminated sites databases.

Mr Scott also noted that S15 (Triennial agreements) had been strengthened.

Cr Shepherd moved  
Cr Croot seconded

*That the report be noted.*

**Motion carried**

Item 5

2014/1287 **Executive Report on Progress.** DCS, 25/8/14

The report described significant activities carried out by the Finance and Corporate sections since the last meeting of the Committee.

Summary account payment categories

<b>Payment Categories</b>	<b>July 2014</b>
Trade and general payments	3,790,131.13
Payroll	613,273.91
Investments	2,000,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,403,405.04</b>

Cr Croot moved  
Cr Scott seconded

- (1) *That the report be received.*
- (2) *That the payments and investments summarised in the table above and detailed in the tabled schedule, totalling \$6,403,405.04 be endorsed.*

**Motion carried**

**PART D - EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC**

Cr Shepherd moved  
Cr Woodhead seconded

*That the public be excluded from the following part of the proceedings of the meeting.*

*The general subject of the matters to be discussed while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to the matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:*

	<i>General subjects to be considered</i>	<i>Reason under LGOIMA for passing this resolution</i>	<i>Grounds under S.48 for the passing of this resolution</i>
<i>Item 6</i>	<i>Minutes of the in committee portion of the Finance and Corporate Committee meeting held on 24 July 2014</i>	<i>To protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence (S7(2)(c))</i>	<i>S.48(1)(a)(i)</i>

*This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act or Section 6 or Section 7 or Section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982 as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as shown above with respect to each item.*

**Motion carried**

Following discussion of Item 6,

Cr Shepherd moved  
Cr Scott seconded

*That the meeting resume in open session.*

**Motion carried**

The meeting closed at 10.13 am.



Chairperson