

## OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL

**Minutes of an Ordinary meeting of the Council held in the  
Central Otago District Council Chamber, 1 Dunorling Street,  
Alexandra on Thursday 30 October 2014 commencing at 9.00 am**

**Present:**

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

- (a) the meeting held on 17 September 2014, and
- (b) the additional meeting held on 15 October 2014

having been circulated, were adopted on the motion of Crs Deaker and Croot.

### Matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

## **PART A – REPORTS FROM CHAIRPERSON AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

### Item 1

2014/1666 **Chairperson's report.** Chair, 22/10/14

The report provided an overview of the Chairperson's activities for the period to 22 October 2014.

Cr Woodhead highlighted the following points:

- National Council
  - The third LGNZ stakeholder and communications survey showed a marked improvement from the 2012 survey.
  - Colmar Brunton were commissioned to run the first LGNZ reputation survey. National Council governance and senior staff members were to visit all councils to discuss the results of the survey.
- Zones 5/6 meeting held 24 October in Christchurch. Agenda items included: NZTA update; update from Bruce Robertson, Office of the Auditor General - changes in legislation; Bill Bayfield - Health and Safety; professional development.
- Mr Bodeker noted collaborative work in the lower South Island including joint Otago/Environment Southland RTC meetings, and collaborative work on Stock Truck Effluent Disposal.
- Petition on Corstorphine passenger transport services – received from Ms Judith Hewitt and Dr Lynley Hood. Ms Hewitt and Dr Hood were not able to present the petition to the Council meeting in Alexandra, so it was presented to the Chairperson and Chief Executive. Cr Woodhead had responded by letter, advising that most of the concerns had been met in the RPTP update.

Reference was made to courses offered on topics such as Standing Orders, conflict of interest, and Making Good Decisions, and concern was expressed at the cost of the courses and associated travel and accommodation. Cr Woodhead advised that National Council had discussed this matter and was looking at efficiency in providing the courses.

### Item 2

2014/1670 **Chief Executive's Report.** CE, 22/10/14

The Chief Executive's report provided an overview of his activities for the period to 22 October 2014.

#### *Strategic Plan*

Mr Bodeker advised that after its adoption by Council, the Strategic Plan was presented to Council managers. The Plan was well received and there was useful feedback in relation to the delivery section. The four quadrants (facilitation, investment, information, certainty) had been picked up as part of the LTP process.

*Wilding Conifer Management Strategy*

The government discussion document “NZ Wilding Conifer Management Strategy 2015-30” was noted, and Mr Bodeker noted a concern that this strategy could commit the Council to a funding model. He noted that the government document was discussed at the workshop with CODC the previous day. Concern about the document was expressed at the recent Regional Council Executives meeting, and Mr Bodeker was sponsoring a review of the document, with Mr Donaldson as the ORC representative on the group.

*Glenorchy Waste Water Proposal*

The Chair and Chief Executive attended two meetings in Glenorchy, one with business owners and one with the public. The meetings discussed the proposed community waste disposal and treatment system proposed by QLDC, which would cost about the same per household as individual septic tanks, and the Chair and CE supported buy-in to this system.

*Rabobank Sheep and Beef Seminar*

Mr Bodeker spoke on Plan Change 6A at a recent Rabobank seminar in Oamaru. He was impressed with how well farmers understood and accepted the principles of the approach.

A question was raised about health and safety issues in relation to volunteers working on for example nassella tussock and wilding tree removal projects. Mr Bodeker explained that a health and safety review was under way and covered offices, record keeping, and reporting of health and safety matters, and visited the Alexandra, Balclutha, and Taieri offices/depots. He would report back to council when the review was complete, and he noted that the law would come into force on 1 April 2015. Health and Safety Officers were to be appointed, and he considered that he and the directors should fill this role. Training would be carried out, and appropriate processes would be put in place. The need to understand the nature and extent of councilor involvement in health and safety matters was noted. It was noted that the Audit and Risk Subcommittee had a responsibility to review the Council’s adherence to its Health and Safety Policy.

A query was raised about the timetable for the development of the South Island pest management plan. Mr Bodeker understood that by mid 2015 there would be an indication of the timeframe for the plan, but this did not preclude work being carried out earlier on individual issues.

Cr Deaker moved  
Cr Kempton seconded

*That the Chair’s and Chief Executive’s reports be received.*

**Motion carried**

## PART B – ITEMS FOR NOTING

Item 3

2014/1677 **Financial Report.** DCS, 24/10/14

The report provided information in respect of overall Council finances for the three months to 30 September 2014.

Cr Shepherd moved  
Cr Croot seconded

*That the report be received.*

**Motion carried**

Item 4 **Reports from Councillors**

*Cr Deaker – recent Tertiary Precinct Planning Group meeting*

- Cr Deaker had provided an update on the Leith Flood Protection Scheme and the proposed next stage.
- DCC representatives spoke about Gigatown and sought feedback on how best make use of the capacity should the Dunedin bid be successful.
- Marian Pore, SDHB, encouraged the city and regional councils to study and make submissions on the Board's planning consultation documents, noting that the consultation process ran from 14 October to 21 November. She commented that SDHB was aware of the ORC's air plan, and of the difficulty in implementing targets.

## PART C – MINUTES OF MEETINGS

Item 5 **Recommendations of the Communications Committee meeting** held on 15 October 2014, for adoption

Cr Kempton moved  
Cr Bell seconded

*That the recommendations of the Communications Committee meeting held on 15 October 2014 be adopted.*

**Motion carried**

Item 6 **Recommendations of the Finance and Corporate Committee meeting** held on 15 October 2014, for adoption

Cr Shepherd moved  
Cr Croot seconded

*That the recommendations of the Finance and Corporate Committee meeting held on 15 October 2014 be adopted.*

**Motion carried**

Item 7 **Recommendations of the Policy Committee meeting** held on 15 October 2014, for adoption

It was noted that the meeting start time should be 12.10 pm, not 11.10 am. With this correction,

Cr Deaker moved  
Cr Neill seconded

*That the recommendations of the Policy Committee meeting held on 15 October 2014 be adopted.*

**Motion carried**

Item 8 **Recommendations of the Regulatory Committee meeting** held on 15 October 2014, for adoption

Cr Neill moved  
Cr Eckhoff seconded

*That the recommendations of the Regulatory Committee meeting held on 15 October 2014 be adopted.*

**Motion carried**

Item 9 **Recommendations of the Technical Committee meeting** held on 15 October 2014, for adoption

Cr Scott moved  
Cr Shepherd seconded

*That the recommendations of the Technical Committee meeting held on 15 October 2014 be adopted.*

**Motion carried**

The meeting closed at 9.35 am.



**Chairperson**