

OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Regulatory Committee held in the Council Chamber, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin on Wednesday 26 November 2014 commencing at 1.55 pm

Present:

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

Apologies:

- Cr Sam Neill

The apology was accepted on the motion of Crs Eckhoff 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 15 October 2014, having been circulated, were adopted on the motion of Crs Bell and Robertson.

Matters arising from minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

ITEMS FOR NOTING

Item 1

2014/1734 **Biosecurity and RMA Monitoring Report.** DEMO, 30/10/14

The report detailed water, air, pest, and contaminated site environmental monitoring and incidents for the period 5 September to 17 October 2014.

Audit Monitoring – Mr Donaldson explained that the non compliant grades referred to failure to provide information, not to environmental issues.

Dairy Farm Effluent Inspections – six instances of major non compliance in South and West Otago were noted, and Mr Donaldson and Mr Bodeker were to meet with farming leaders in Balclutha on 1 December to discuss options for those landowners. The aim was to achieve changes in farming practice, with one concern being sharemilkers moving onto a new property and having to deal with a full effluent pond.

Pest Management - Wallabies – the report noted that bait stations had been placed in the area with the most sign of wallaby. If this was not effective, staff would carry out a helicopter flyover at the first snow. In response to a question about rabbit control in the Maniototo, Mr Donaldson explained that night shooting was carried out by Maniototo Pest Management, and poisoning was assisted by Regional Services.

Landfills – In response to a question Mr Donaldson explained that the main problem for the Victoria Flats landfill site was wet effluent from Wanaka, and it was anticipated that this would cease with the development in Luggate.

Cr Deaker moved
Cr Croot seconded

That the report be noted.

Motion carried

Item 2

2014/1795 **Consent processing, consent administration and Building Control Authority update.** DPPRM, 10/11/14

The report detailed consent processing, consent administration and building control authority activity for the period 27 September to 7 November 2014.

Cr Woodhead moved
Cr Deaker seconded

That the report be noted.

Motion carried

Item 3
2014/1760

RMA, Biosecurity Act and Building Act Enforcement Activities.
DPPRM, 7/11/14

The report detailed Resource Management Act 1991, Biosecurity Act 1993 and Building Act 2004 enforcement activities undertaken by the Otago Regional Council for the period 26 September to 7 November 2014.

Cr Croot moved
Cr Shepherd seconded

That the report be noted.

Motion carried

Item 4
2014/1848

Appointment of Hearing Commissioners. DPPRM, 17/11/14

The report listed hearing commissioners appointed for the period to 20 November 2014.

Reference was made to the appointment of Crs Shepherd (Chair), Neill and Kempton (Reserve) to the panel to hear ORC application RM14.230. Because of the unavailability of all panel members on the hearing day, Cr Croot was appointed by the Commissioner Appointment Subcommittee to join Cr Shepherd on the panel.

Cr Croot moved
Cr Woodhead seconded

That the report be noted.

Motion carried

The meeting closed at 2.08 pm.

Chairperson

