

OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Policy Committee held in the Council Chamber, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin on Wednesday 26 November 2014 commencing at 1.38 pm

Present:

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

Apologies:

- Cr Sam Neill

The apology was accepted on the motion of Crs Robertson and Kelliher.

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 Croot and Deaker.

Matters arising from minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

PART A – RECOMMENDATIONS

Item 1

2014/1838 **Consultation Draft of Proposed Review of the Regional Policy Statement for Otago.** DPPRM, 14/11/14

The Consultation Draft of the Proposed Regional Policy Statement for Otago (RPS) was re-presented to Council, to release for consultation in accordance with clause 3, Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991. The Consultation Draft was circulated separately with the agenda.

Mr McRae explained that the Consultation Draft was the result of collective work between regional and district councillors and staff and other stakeholders in Otago, and was now ready to go forward to formal consultation with the parties listed in the RMA. The timeline was tight, but was based on discussion with district councils, some of which were well progressed with their district plans. The content of the RPS reflected the breadth of input received to date, and he noted some stylistic changes were needed.

Councillors asked that their thanks and congratulations be passed on to staff for their extensive work to get the RPS to this point.

In response to a question Mr McRae advised that the RPS would have a life of 10 years, and there was a limited range of people/organisations who could initiate a change to the plan.

Cr Deaker moved

Cr Shepherd seconded

That the consultation draft of the Proposed Regional Policy Statement be released for consultation, as required under clause 3, Schedule 1 of the RMA.

Motion carried

Item 2

2014/1784 **Notifying Proposed Plan Change 3C (Waiwera catchment minimum flow).** DPPRM, 7/11/14

The report presented a summary of comments received on the Consultation Draft of Proposed Plan Change 3C (Waiwera catchment minimum flow), and recommended the notification of the Proposed Plan Change. The change sought to include a minimum flow and allocation regime for the Waiwera catchment into the Water Plan Schedule 2. A summary of the comments, Section 32 report, and the proposed Plan Change were circulated with the agenda.

Mr McRae noted that the Plan Change was part of the project to complete minimum flows on rivers before 2021. He commented that there was general support from the rural community to look after in-stream values.

Cr Woodhead moved
Cr Kempton seconded

1. *That Proposed Plan Change 3C (Waiwera 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 3C (Waiwera catchment minimum flow) be publicly notified on Saturday 13 December 2014.*
3. *That Proposed Plan Change 3C (Waiwera catchment minimum flow) have legal effect upon notification.*

Motion carried

PART B - FOR NOTING

Item 3
2014/1746 **Director's Report on Progress.** DPPRM, 7/11/14

The report gave an overview of significant activities undertaken by the Policy section.

Mr McRae noted that a submission on natural hazard and flooding issues had been made on the Otago Racing Club's application to subdivide their land at Wingatui. He commented that the application had been declined and the Racing Club had appealed the decision.

Mr McRae noted that a representative from Schlumberger had provided an update on the company's offshore survey programme for the first quarter of 2015 covering the area from Oamaru through the Great South Basin to Pegasus.

Cr Croot moved
Cr Scott seconded

That the report be noted.

Motion carried

The meeting closed at 1.53 pm.

Chairperson

