

OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Communications Committee held in the Council Chamber, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin on Wednesday 3 June 2015 commencing at 12.20 pm

Present:

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

Leave of absence: Cr Louise Croot

In attendance:

- Peter Bodeker
- Wayne Scott
- Jane Leahy
- Fraser McRae
- Gavin Palmer
- Janet Favel

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Cr Kelliher requested the opportunity to talk about Mr John Anderson from Central Otago, who had passed away recently.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 April 2015, having been circulated, were adopted on the motion of Crs Bell and Shepherd.

Matters arising from minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

FOR NOTING

Item 1

2015/0925 **Stakeholder Engagement Report.** DSE, 11/5/15

The report described community, stakeholder and staff engagement activities carried out by Stakeholder Engagement directorate staff since the last meeting.

Rural Water Quality Implementation Strategy - The meeting was concerned about use of the term 'behavioural change', which it was considered could be seen as manipulative. Council's role was, on the basis of scientific information, to reach a certain conclusion, set up frameworks, and reinforce them with dis/incentives. This could result in change of behaviour.

Rural Water Quality Implementation delivery – It was noted that instead of visiting all farms in Otago, the focus would be on farms in the Waiwera and Manukerikia catchments, based on their higher risk, and a series of drop-in sessions would be held across Otago. Mrs Leahy commented that this work was on track to be completed by the end of June. She advised that the drop-in sessions were going well, with attendances of about 30 people at each.

Cr Eckhoff moved
Cr Bell seconded

That the report be noted.

Motion carried

Cr Kelliher noted that Mr John Anderson of Central Otago had recently passed away. Mr Anderson's career in water management throughout Central Otago had included working under contract for irrigation companies, and managing the Manukerikia River. The irrigation schemes he had managed were in a very sound state. He had also invented a water measurement device. Cr Kelliher suggested that a letter be sent to Mr Anderson's family on behalf of Councillors expressing sympathy for their loss and acknowledging the valuable work he had done for the community.

The meeting closed at 12.48 pm.



Chairperson