

OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Technical Committee held in the Council Chamber, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin on Wednesday 2 September 2015 commencing at 9.37 am

Present:

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

Apologies:

- Cr Doug Brown** (for lateness)
- Cr Michael Deaker**

The apologies were accepted.

Leave of Absence:

- Cr David Shepherd**

In attendance:

- Peter Bodeker**
- Jeff Donaldson**
- Scott MacLean**
- Nick Donnelly**
- Fraser McRae**
- Gavin Palmer**
- Michael Goldsmith**
- Ben Mackey**
- Lauren McDonald**

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 July 2015, having been circulated, were adopted on the motion of Crs Scott and Neill.

Matters arising from minutes

Mr Bodeker confirmed that the Coastal Otago Flood Event report of 3 June 2015 had been provided to the DCC Councillors and Dr Bidrose.

PART A – RECOMMENDATIONS

Item 1

2015/1108 **Seismic Hazard in the Queenstown Lakes District.** DEHS, 19/8/15

The report illustrated the range of seismic hazards in the Queenstown Lakes District to local authorities, infrastructure managers, and other interested parties. The full report was circulated separately with the agenda.

Councillors thanked Drs Palmer and Mackey for a very interesting and detailed report.

A question was raised on the archiving of the Seismic Hazard report and if information was being shared with LTNZ and CDEM. Dr Palmer confirmed the integration of the report into the macro planning through the Lifelines Group, and the archiving of the report, maps and geotechnical data would be recorded in the Natural Hazards Database. Version 2 of the database was underway as capacity within the present database infrastructure had been reached.

A request was made to extend the report presentation beyond the QLDC and CODC Councils to include for example tourism operators. Mr Bodeker advised that a plan would be brought to Council for presentation of the information to the political level and then the wider community, including inter-regional.

The final paragraph of the Overview section of the main report stated that “the information would help reduce the seismic hazard to the Queenstown Lakes District ...” Dr Palmer agreed, that the reference should be to ‘risk’ rather than ‘hazard’. He advised that seismic hazard was covered in the Regional Policy Statement, risks would be noted on LIMs, and the Otago CDEM Group was to prepare a seismic event response plan.

Cr Brown joined the meeting at 10:01am.

Cr Kelliher moved
Cr Eckhoff seconded

That:

- 1. The report be noted;*
- 2. The report be presented to the Queenstown Lakes District Council and to the Central Otago District Council.*

Motion carried

PART B - ITEMS FOR NOTING

Item 2

2015/1088 **Director's Report on Progress.** DEHS, August 2015

The report discussed the climate situation, aerial geophysics survey, Leith Flood Protection Scheme, and Mosgiel/Taieri Community Adverse Events Response Plan.

A review of the low flow event of December 2014–February 2015 was requested as well as development of a protocol for a low flow event including identifying staff delegations. Mr Bodeker advised that this review had not been completed as yet and was being worked on currently across directorates.

Mr Donaldson advised that ORC was part of the National Drought Response and involved in the development of a strategic plan for across the South Island.

Councillors agreed they did not want ORC to be looked to or seen as the official predictor of drought, as this was not the role of this Council.

Dr Palmer advised a correction to a typographical error in the Aerial Geophysics Survey. The numbering of Stages 2 and 3 as stated in the text for geophysical survey should show Stage 2 as the portion that crossed into Southland, and Stage 3 as the portion in the Waitaki District. The labelling of figure 5 was correct.

It was agreed that the benefit from the Council investment made in the aerial geophysics survey needed to be maximised. Dr Palmer confirmed the information gathered during this survey had been secured, a review of the deliverables contracted by ORC was being conducted, and there was liaison with MBIE over the government's further work which would provide almost complete coverage of the Otago region.

Dr Palmer confirmed a site visit to the Leith Flood Protection Scheme was scheduled for 15 September for Councillors and a update report would be provided to Council following this visit. The intention was to award construction tenders for the Dundas to St David Street works by the end of October.

Cr Woodhead requested that the Leith Flood Protection Scheme project be entered in to the LGNZ infrastructure annual awards process for consideration. He noted the 2016 LGNZ conference was to be held in Dunedin.

Cr Eckhoff moved
Cr Neill seconded

That the report be noted.

Motion carried

The meeting closed at 10:30am.

Chairperson

