

OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Regulatory Committee held in the Council Chamber, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin on Wednesday 2 September 2015 commencing at 9.00 am

Present:

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

Apologies:

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

The apologies were accepted on the motion of Crs Eckhoff and Croot.

Leave of Absence: **Cr David Shepherd**

In attendance:

- Peter Bodeker**
- Jeff Donaldson**
- Scott MacLean**
- Nick Donnelly**
- Fraser McRae**
- Gavin Palmer**
- 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 Kempton and Croot

Cr Neill welcomed Mr MacLean who has been appointed as Director of Environmental Monitoring and Operations effective from 7 September.

Cr Woodhead acknowledged the sad passing of long standing staff member Colin Walker. Mr Walker had worked in the Queenstown area for over 21 years and was widely respected for his experience and knowledge and will be sadly missed by Council.

Matters arising from minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

ITEMS FOR NOTING

Item 1

2015/1086 **Biosecurity and RMA Monitoring Report.** DEMO, 18/8/15

The report detailed water, air, pest, and contaminated site environmental monitoring and incidents for the period 12 June to 24 July 2015.

Mr MacLean confirmed better communication was now in place with DoC in regard to identifying wallaby movements and sightings throughout the Otago region.

Councillors requested more insight into the details of the Audit & Inspection monitoring as it related to understanding the degree of non compliance. Mr Donaldson explained that the majority of non-compliance matters were minor in that data had either been received late or was incomplete. Mr MacLean advised that details of the levels non-compliance would be provided in future reports.

Mr McRae advised in regard to state of the environment monitoring that the Ministry for the Environment was now focusing on addressing one topic (air, land, water, coast) each year.

Cr Woodhead confirmed the National Policy Direction has recently been approved by Cabinet in regard to pest management. This outlined the national Pest Plan including the responsibility of the Crown to act as a "good neighbour".

Mr Donaldson confirmed there was a strategy in place for water metering and clarified that of the 152 meters still in the process of installation, verification of the data was the issue in that there was currently a limited number of companies able to verify data. Only those consent holders who are not taking any action in regard to installation of metering equipment would receive abatement notices.

Cr Eckhoff moved

Cr Robertson seconded

That the report be noted.

Motion carried

Item 2

2015/1116

Consent processing, consent administration and Building Control Authority update. DPPRM, 21/8/15

The report detailed consent processing, consent administration and building control authority activity for the period 1 July to 14 August 2015.

Mr McRae confirmed the Southern Clams Ltd resource application had been withdrawn by the applicant. 55 submissions were received on the application, the majority of which were in opposition.

Cr Croot moved
Cr Kelliher seconded

That the report be noted.

Motion carried

Item 3

2015/1093

RMA, Biosecurity Act and Building Act Enforcement Activities. DPPRM, 12/8/15

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 1 July to 12 August 2015.

Mr Donaldson confirmed 12 incidents were under investigation by staff at present prior to going through to the Enforcement Committee.

Cr Croot moved
Cr Scott seconded

That the report be noted.

Motion carried

Item 4

2015/1096

Appointment of Plan Change Hearing Commissioners. DPPRM, 1/9/15

The report listed hearing commissioners appointed for the period to 1 September 2015.

Cr Croot moved
Cr Woodhead seconded

That the report be noted.

Motion carried

The meeting closed at 9.33am



Chairperson