

OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Policy Committee held in the Council Chamber, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin on Wednesday 2 September 2015 commencing at 11.20am

Present: Cr Gretchen Robertson (Chairperson)
Cr Graeme Bell
Cr Doug Brown
Cr Gerrard Eckhoff
Cr Gary Kelliher
Cr Trevor Kempton
Cr Sam Neill
Cr Bryan Scott
Cr Stephen Woodhead

Apologies: Cr Michael Deaker (Deputy Chairperson)
The apology was accepted on the motion of Crs Robertson
and Scott.

Leave of absence: Cr David Shepherd

In attendance: Peter Bodeker
Jeff Donaldson
Scott Maclean
Nick Donnelly
Fraser McRae
Gavin Palmer
Charlotte Stickings

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 Croot and Neill.

Matters arising from minutes

Clarification was given that the submission was made by Council on the Proposed National Environmental Standard for Plantation Forestry. Cr Woodhead noted that he was to meet with the minister on Friday and this matter was on the agenda.

PART A – RECOMMENDATIONS

Item 1

2015/1115 **Updating designation assessment.** DPPRM, 21/8/15

The report provided an update on ORC designations to be processed as part of the Dunedin City Council's district plan review.

A question was raised asking if the landowners in the Taieri had been updated on the designations. Mr McRae responded that they had not yet been fully informed but they were all being written to and invited to drop-in sessions where they would be able to look at maps and talk with staff. He also noted that following the decision made at the Extraordinary Council meeting of 22 July 2015, the request for designation of the Chute area of the Lower Taieri Flood Protection Scheme had been removed.

In response to a question Mr McRae explained that ORC relied on the designation authority and the City Council would consult on the entire district plan which included designations. Members of the public could submit to the City on the plan, which would be notified 26 September 2015.

Mr McRae further explained in response to a question that a designation prevented a landowner doing work on their property which could have an effect on the designations purpose, such as affect ORC drains. Designations are used to protect public utilities such as roads, power lines, and flood schemes.

Cr Kempton moved

Cr Neill seconded

That the designation for the Lower Taieri Flood Protection Scheme be altered in accordance with this report.

Motion carried

PART B - FOR NOTING

Item 2

2015/1092 **Director's Report on Progress.** DPPRM, 21/8/15

The report gave an overview of significant activities undertaken by the Policy section since the last meeting of the Policy Committee.

Cr Croot moved
Cr Scott seconded

That the report be noted.

Motion carried

The meeting closed at 11.35am.



Chairperson