

OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Communications Committee held in the Council Chamber, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin on Wednesday 2 September 2015 commencing at 10.46 am

Present:

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

Apologies:

Cr Michael Deaker
The apology was accepted on the motion of Crs Croot and Scott.

Leave of absence:

Cr David Shepherd

In attendance:

Peter Bodeker
Jeff Donaldson
Nick Donnelly
Peter Taylor
Jane Turnbull
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 Cr Woodhead and Cr Neill

Matters arising from minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

FOR NOTING

Item 1

2015/1087 **Stakeholder Engagement Report.** DSE, 24/8/15

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

Councillors expressed interest in having more opportunity to attend upcoming events where their attendance would be appropriate. It was agreed that Councillor attendance was appropriate at public events and ORC lead events but not always for activities where ORC was not the lead agency.

Mr Bodeker confirmed a calendar list of upcoming management events would be provided to Councillors for their attendance as participants or observers as appropriate.

Water Quantity

Mr McRae and Dr Turnbull outlined the five options currently being assessed for working with groups, including timeframes, level of Council involvement in advisory role, and education of consent holders. Staff would report back to Council by December 2015 on the community's key messages, and seek feedback from Council on the staff evaluated options including the costs, risks and benefits of those options.

Cr Bell moved

Cr Robertson seconded

That the report be noted.

Motion carried

The meeting closed at 11.20 am.



Chairperson