

OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Technical Committee held
in the Council Chamber, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin
on Wednesday 14 October 2015 commencing at 1.42pm**

- Present:** Cr Bryan Scott (Chairperson)
Cr Graeme Bell
Cr Gerrard Eckhoff
Cr Gary Kelliher
Cr Sam Neill
Cr Gretchen Robertson
Cr Stephen Woodhead
Cr David Shepherd
Cr Michael Deaker
- Apologies:** Cr Doug Brown (Deputy Chairperson)
- Leave of Absence:** Cr Louise Croot MNZM
Cr Trevor Kempton
- In attendance:** Peter Bodeker
Scott MacLean
Nick Donnelly
Fraser McRae
Gavin Palmer
Caroline Rowe
Chris Valentine (Item 3)
Dean Olsen (Items 1 and 4)
Michael Goldsmith (Item 2)
Jacob Williams (Item 2)
Charlotte Stickings

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 September 2015, having been circulated, were adopted on the motion of Crs Scott and Robertson.

Matters arising from minutes

It was noted that the seismic hazard presentation to the wider community was still to be scheduled.

PART A – RECOMMENDATIONS

Item 1

2015/1078 **Spatial variability of air quality in Clyde.** DEHS, 20/8/15

The report detailed an investigation into the spatial air quality in Clyde completed during winter 2015.

Highest levels of PM₁₀ were noted in the centre of the town, comment was made that this report re-affirmed what had been found in other areas.

It was noted that continued exposure to PM_{2.5} is the indicator for health issues and a large problem in Central Otago is the inversion layers.

Cr Woodhead moved

Cr Kelliher seconded

That:

- 1. The report be noted;*
- 2. The results from the report be used to inform the monitoring component of the new air quality management strategy.*

Motion carried

Item 2

2015/1163 **Kakanui river morphology and riparian management strategy.** DEHS, 22/09/15

The Kakanui river morphology and riparian management strategy had been prepared to help protect and enhance the recreational, cultural and ecological values of the Kakanui and Kauru riverbeds and their margins.

Staff were congratulated on a comprehensive strategy, having gathered a lot of high quality information and noting this was something that the community were passionate about. It was noted that the strategy was not a statutory document but was live and regularly reviewed.

Cr Woodhead moved

Cr Robertson seconded

That:

- 1. The report be received;*

2. *The Kakanui River morphology and riparian management strategy is endorsed;*
3. *The financial considerations associated with the strategy are noted.*

Motion carried

Item 3
2015/1184

Leith Dundas to St David St. DEHS, 09/09/15

The report sought endorsement of the design and landscaping and approval to invite tenders for construction of the Dundas Street to St David Street Footbridge reach of the Leith Flood Protection Scheme.

It was noted that the extent of work would depend on tendered prices as it included some maintenance items.

The question was raised asking if there was any provision for the culvert at the Dundas St Bridge, and it was noted that these planned works enabled for the culvert but that would be the very last piece of work done as it controlled outbreak at the northern end.

Cr Deaker moved
Cr Shephed seconded

That:

1. *The report be noted*
2. *The design and landscaping of the Leith Flood Protection Scheme works in the Dundas Street to St David St reach be endorsed;*
3. *Tenders be invited to complete construction of the Leith Flood Protection Scheme works in the Dundas Street to St David Street reach.*

Motion carried

PART B - ITEMS FOR NOTING

Item 4
2015/1050

Kakanui River and Estuary. DEHS, 20/07/15

The report detailed modelling work in the Kakanui Estuary.

The Plan Change 6A mediation led to NIWA being contracted to look at the relationship between estuarine water quality, flows and nutrient loads in the Kakanui Estuary.

It was noted that the community acknowledged these issues, management practices needed to alter and the report re-affirmed this. This information gave direction for working with landowners and the wider community.

Cr Kelliher moved
Cr Robertson seconded

That:

This report and the technical report 'Kakanui Estuary Hydrodynamic Model' produced by NIWA be received and noted.

Motion carried

Item 5
2015/1166

Director's Report on Progress. DEHS, September 2015

The report discussed the South American Tsunami 17 September 2015, Tomahawk Beach and Lagoons, preparation for low river flows and Pomahaka and Strath Taieri river morphology and riparian management strategies.

The preparation for low river flows was noted, this would set out how Otago Regional Council would engage with the community and stakeholders to inform of ORC responsibilities and expectations. The importance of managing rivers and tributaries for the protection of ecology, and indigenous species was also noted. A report would be prepared for the next committee round noting preparation made and incorporating lessons learnt from last year.

Cr Neill moved
Cr Deaker seconded

That the report be noted.

Motion carried

The meeting closed at 2.35pm.

Chairperson

