

OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Communications Committee held in the Council Chamber, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin on Wednesday 25 November 2015 commencing at 11.53 am

Present: Cr Trevor Kempton (Chairperson)

Cr Graeme Bell (Deputy Chairperson)

Cr Doug Brown

Cr Louise Croot MNZM Cr Michael Deaker Cr Gerrard Eckhoff Cr Gary Kelliher Cr Sam Neill

Cr Gretchen Robertson Cr David Shepherd Cr Stephen Woodhead

Leave of absence: Cr Bryan Scott

In attendance: Peter Bodeker

Nick Donnelly Fraser McRae Gavin Palmer Caroline Rowe Nicola McGrouther

Janet Favel

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 October 2015, having been circulated, were adopted on the motion of Crs Bell and Kelliher.

Matters arising from minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.



FOR NOTING

Item 1

2015/1237 **Stakeholder Engagement Report.** Manager Communications/ Manager Community Liaison and Education, 13/11/15

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

Staff attendance at the National New Zealand Association of Resource Management Conference in Hamilton was noted. CLE Manager Nicola McGrouther commented that there was a lot of interest from the conference in the ORC approach to managing water quality, and in Plan Change 6A. Mrs Rowe commented that staff would keep up to date with what was happening in the rest of the country, and noted that central government taking note of what was happening around the country.

The key stakeholder meetings were noted, and comment was made that dairy farmers who supplied Dunone Dairy Factory in Clydevale had expressed interested in being involved in the Plan Change 6A work. Staff were to contact the relevant farmers about upcoming meetings.

It was noted that a 6A quarterly external stakeholder group meeting had been held, and a query was raised as to whether the wider group required by the Plan Change 6A mediation agreement had been established. Mr Bodeker noted that group membership had been suggested but not yet finalised, and he would work with Mrs Rowe on this. Councillors requested a report to Council about the formation of the group.

Reference was made to the meeting of the NZ Landcare Trust Kakanui Community Catchment Project, and the need to work with the North Otago Landcare Trust was noted.

Cr Eckhoff moved Cr Robertson seconded

That the report be noted.

Motion carried

The meeting closed at 12.02 pm

Chairperson