

OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Regulatory Committee held in the Council Chamber, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin on Wednesday 27 January 2016 commencing at 9.36 am

Present:

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

Apologies: Cr Kempton (from 9.45 am))

In attendance:

- Peter Bodeker
- Nick Donnelly
- Fraser McRae
- Scott MacLean
- Gavin Palmer
- Caroline Rowe
- Janet Favel

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 25 November 2015, having been circulated, were adopted on the motion of Crs Bell and Shepherd.

Matters arising from minutes

Item 1, Principles for low flow event management:

- A question was raised as to how often targeted flow gauging was carried out, and how long gaugings stayed in place before they were

re-audited. Mr MacLean explained that some were done on an as required basis, to verify that the current information was accurate; others were carried out to ensure that water use was justified.

- The principles did not encompass orcharding, and Mr McRae was requested to check the Water Plan to determine how the needs of this sector of the community could be met.
- It was noted that most orchards had their own water storage, predominantly for use for frost fighting and irrigation. The difficulty arose when water was needed for both at the same time. An irrigation company supported orchards where it could if the orchards had their own irrigation, but there could be requests to an irrigation company from orchards where replenishment was needed.

PART A – ITEMS FOR NOTING

Item 1

2015/1314 **Biosecurity and RMA Monitoring Report.** DEMO, 11/1/16

The report detailed water, air, pest, and contaminated site environmental monitoring and incidents for the period 6 November to 18 December 2015.

Cr Kempton left the meeting at 9.45 am.

Concern was raised about 29% of significant non compliance in water quality and quantity audit and inspection monitoring. Mr McLean explained that this figure related to 15 inspections (one-third of the total). A number of non compliances related to water metering data during the low flow event. There were still problems with the supply, installation and verification of water meters. Some consents had been surrendered or cancelled, and some consent holders were yet to advise Council of their progress in this regard.

Comment was made on the increase in the number of rabbits, and Councillors were pleased to note that aerial surveillance of gorse and broom free areas would incorporate surveillance for rabbits. Mr McLean advised that rabbit audits were concentrating on the Wanaka/Criffel/Mt Barker/Wanaka airfield areas, and farm plans had been requested from land owners. Some properties were non compliant following the winter programme.

Cr Deaker expressed concern at the ongoing difficulty in locating and installing water meters.

Cr Deaker moved
Cr Bell seconded

That the Chief Executive report as soon as possible on ways of catching up on the water meter supply/installation backlog to ensure farmers source and install the equipment.

Motion carried

It was noted that a workshop on rabbit control, compliance and related matters was scheduled for March.

Cr Croot moved
Cr Robertson seconded

That the report be noted.

Motion carried

Item 2
2016/0582

Consent processing, consent administration and Building Control Authority update. DPPRM, 14/1/16

The report detailed consent processing, consent administration and building control authority activity for the period 9 November 2015 to 8 January 2016.

Matters raised included:

- Mt Campbell Station Ltd hearing - in response to a question Mr McRae advised that the report had been provided to the commissioners, and once they had given it their final approval, it would be distributed.
- Borst Holdings Ltd – comment was made that there were two, not three commissioners, and the timing of the hearing was queried. Mr McRae explained that the Water Plan was in place, and the applicant had applied for a consent, which had to be processed. He advised in response to a question that the Council as regulatory agent had not submitted on the application.

Cr Eckhoff moved
Cr Robertson seconded

That the report be noted.

Motion carried

Item 3
2016/0567 **RMA, Biosecurity Act and Building Act Enforcement Activities.**
DPPRM, 8/1/16

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 9 November 2015 to 8 January 2016.

Cr Kelliher moved
Cr Croot seconded

That the report be noted.

Motion carried

Item 4
2016/0580 **Appointments by Commissioner Appointment Subcommittee.**
DPPRM, 14/1/16

The report listed hearing commissioners appointed for the period to 21 January 2016.

Cr Croot moved
Cr Woodhead seconded

That the report be noted.

Motion carried

The meeting closed at 10.11 am.



Chairperson