

OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Communications Committee held in the
Council Chamber, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin on
Wednesday 9 March 2016 commencing at 1.04 pm**

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 Bryan Scott**
- Cr David Shepherd**
- Cr Stephen Woodhead**

In attendance:

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

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 27 January 2016, having been circulated, were adopted on the motion of Crs Bell and Croot.

Matters arising from minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

ITEMS FOR NOTING

Item 1

2016/0622 **Stakeholder Engagement Report.** DSE, 23/2/16

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

It was agreed a workshop is to be held to assist Crs Woodhead and Robertson and Mr Bodeker to shape views in preparation for the first Rural Water Quality Stakeholder Group to be held on 21 April. The Terms of Reference would be presented to this meeting.

Mrs Rowe was to provide Councillors with a summary of the meetings already held with external stakeholders.

Mr McRae confirmed the publications for scientific work for the Lindis Catchment for 2008-2015 and the water quality information will be circulated to parties in that catchment area. In response to a concern raised, Mr McRae was to check who the reports had been circulated to. Councillors requested that this happen with urgency.

Mr Bodeker confirmed that a staff member is in attendance at the ORC Queenstown office for two days each week. Discussions were ongoing with QLDC to seek opportunities to share space in the QLDC offices.

Mrs Rowe confirmed invitations have been sent out for membership of the external Rural Water Advisory Group. ORC representatives were noted as Crs Woodhead and Robertson, and Mr Bodeker. Mr McRae confirmed this advisory group would act as both regional and national representatives.

Results of the 6A mediation are being worked on to be included in the Terms of Reference.

A Committee workshop was to be held to discuss the draft Terms of Reference and their distribution to the wider membership.

Cr Deaker moved
Cr Bell seconded

That the report be received.

Motion carried

Councillors acknowledged the work of Nicola McGrouther during her 17 years with Council.

The meeting closed at 1.22 pm



Chairperson