

OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Communications Committee held in the Council Chamber, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin on Wednesday 20 April 2016 commencing at 11:33am

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
- Lauren McDonald

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 March 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

2016/0704 **Stakeholder Engagement Report.** DSE, 12/4/16

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

A comment was made that Councillors were pleased to see the ORC support of the Wild Dunedin Festival being held during April.

Mrs Rowe advised that the Terms of Reference for the Rural Water Quality Advisory Group would be set at the group meeting on 21 April and as this group did not have any delegated powers, the Terms of Reference would be brought back to Council for endorsement.

A question was raised in regard to the continuation of the low flow agency briefings now that the low flow season had ended.

Mrs Rowe advised the intention had been to reduce the number of meetings but that the agencies involved had requested that the six weekly meeting schedule remain in place. There was a mutual benefit in continuing to meet as the information being discussed had begun to indicate the accumulative effect of dry weather conditions season after season, also regular review of climate updates provided Council the opportunity to keep the agencies informed with progress on Plan Change 1C. Mrs Rowe advised that the agencies had expressed willingness to continue collaboration, and on that basis these meetings would continue.

A question was asked in regard to social media advertising, specifically the number of submissions received online for the Annual Plan.

Mrs Rowe advised that approximately 70 online submissions on the Annual Plan, had been received to date, which was a high response level. Hits to the Annual Plan consultation documents on the ORC website were approximately 1300 to date, in comparison the LTP which had received 870 hits around the full consultation, so public interest was strong.

Cr Bell was thanked for his work as a Ballance Farm Environmental Awards judge.

The Chairman confirmed a field day was to be held on Thursday 18 May for the Ballance Farm Environmental Award winners, Brendan and Paula Cross from Roselle Farm at Portobello, Dunedin.

Water quantity

A request was made that Councillors be advised of meeting dates set with the priority groups identified.

Mrs Rowe confirmed she would provide the meeting schedule dates.

Moved Cr Bell
Seconded Cr Robertson

That the report be received.

Motion carried

The meeting closed at 11:49am



Chairperson