

OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Technical Committee held
in the Council Chamber, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin
on Wednesday 20 April 2016 commencing at 10:45am**

Present:

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

In attendance:

- Peter Bodeker**
- Gavin Palmer**
- Fraser McRae**
- Nick Donnelly**
- Caroline Rowe**
- Scott MacLean**
- Lauren McDonald**
- Adam Uytendaal**
- Frederika Mourot**

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 Scott and Shepherd with the correction to Item 2 of the minutes, being "Cr Woodhead" instead of "Cr Wood".

Matters arising from minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

PART A - RECOMMENDATIONS

Item 1

2016/0726 **Water Resources of the Obelisk and Old Man Ranges.** DEHS,
23/3/16

The report presented the naturalised flow statistics and consented water takes for streams flowing from the Old Man and Obelisk Ranges.

The Technical Report (“Water Resources of the Obelisk and Old Man Ranges, An overview of the 2014/15 irrigation season”) was circulated separately from the tabled covering report.

Dr Palmer advised that the report was part of the 2014/15 Annual Plan and would be used to assist in the establishing of RMA consents for the future.

A question was raised as to the level of community, farming or irrigator involvement. Dr Palmer advised he would check and report back.

Dr Palmer was asked to explain the methodology used to arrive at the naturalised flows and the reason why the Pomahaka catchment work had been used in this work.

Dr Palmer responded that the explanation to the methodology used was included in the report. Use of a representative catchment was an accepted method to use where long term records in the study catchment were not held. Dr Palmer confirmed that the technical data recorded was peer reviewed internally.

Crs Kelliher and Bell spoke and voted against the motion.

Moved Cr Croot
Seconded Cr Woodhead

- 1. That this report and the technical report ‘Water Resources of the Obelisk and Old Man Ranges’ are received and noted.*
- 2. These reports are provided to the holders of deemed permits in these catchments.*

Motion carried

Item 2

2016/0734 **Nitrogen and Phosphorus Leaching Losses from Pasture, Winter Forage Crop and Native Bush Sites in the West Matukituki Valley.** DEHS, 24/3/16

The AgResearch report (Nitrogen and phosphorus leaching losses from pasture, winter forage crop and native bush sites in the West Matukituki Valley”) was circulated separately.

Cr Scott summarised the report.

Dr Palmer advised that the study came about from mediation on Plan Change 6A and the report tabled is an interim report so strong conclusions could not be drawn at this stage. The report advised progress on this piece of work and foreshadowed the need to extend the measurements for the coming growing season.

Moved Cr Woodhead

Seconded Cr Brown

1. *This report and the technical report ‘Nitrogen and phosphorus leaching losses from pasture, winter forage crop and native bush sites in the West Matukituki Valley’, produced by AgResearch, are received and noted.*
2. *Progress with the leaching monitoring and modelling is noted.*
3. *The interim findings are shared with stakeholders and landholders.*

Motion carried

PART B ITEMS FOR NOTING

Item 3

2016/0717 **Cardrona Water Quality Study.** DEHS, 24/3/16

The report (“Water Quality Study: Cardona River Catchment”) was circulated separately.

Cr Shepherd left the meeting at 11:23am.

Staff were thanked for a very comprehensive report, covering a wide range of factors, including very good quality data.

Cr Shepherd returned to the meeting at 11:25am

Moved Cr Neill

Seconded Cr Woodhead

That this report and the technical report “Water Quality Study: Cardrona River Catchment” are received and noted.

Motion carried

Item 4

2016/0697 **Director's Report on Progress.** DEHS, 12/4/16

Topics covered in the report were: Modelling to inform Minimum Flow setting process; Clutha Shoreline Retreat; Debris Flow Event in Pipson Creek, Makarora; Dunedin District Plan Natural Hazards; Leith Flood Protection Scheme and the Smith Road Pump Station Upgrade

Councillors requested a visit to the Leith Flood Protection Scheme. Dr Palmer confirmed he would arrange a site visit to correspond with the next Council meeting day.

Moved Cr Croot
Seconded Cr Kempton

That the report is noted.

Motion carried

The meeting closed at 11:32am.

Chairperson

