

## OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL

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

**Membership:**

- 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

**Apologies:** None

**Leave of Absence:** Cr Sam Neill

**In attendance:**

- Peter Bodeker
- Nick Donnelly
- Fraser McRae
- Scott MacLean
- Gavin Palmer
- Caroline Rowe
- Lauren McDonald
- Jean Luc Payan
- Bishnu Gautam
- Lauren Hunter
- Josh Cumberland
- Ben Mackey
- Dean Olsen (Item 2)
- Sharon Hornblow Item (Item 2)
- Chris Valentine
- Karin Little (notetaker)
- Janice Coldicott
- Emily Hong
- Mel Aiken
- Marc Ettema
- Charlotte Panton

Cr Scott extended a welcome to staff members in attendance as observers.

#### **CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

There were no changes to the agenda.

#### **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

No conflicts of interest noted.

#### **PUBLIC FORUM**

No public forum.

#### **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 June 2016, having been circulated, were adopted on the motion of Cr Scott and Cr Robertson.

#### **Matters arising from minutes**

There were no matters arising from the minutes

#### **PART A RECOMMENDATIONS**

##### **Item 1**

##### **2016/0909 South Dunedin Natural Hazards. DEHS 6/7/16**

The report summarised ORC's work to date on the natural hazards of South Dunedin and provided comment on further work and stakeholder engagement. The full report 'The Natural Hazards of South Dunedin – July 2016' was circulated separately with the agenda.

Cr Scott summarised the key points from the full technical report and confirmed that the intention of the report was to inform discussion on how the identified natural hazards risks should be managed.

Dr Palmer commented that the covering report summarised a comprehensive programme of work by ORC to improve the understanding of South Dunedin's natural hazards. The issues to be addressed were both physical and social.

Dr Palmer, Ms Hornblow and Mr Goldsmith were thanked for a timely, comprehensive, inclusive and quality report.

Cr Deaker commented that the report could be used to inform and assist with gaining wide spread community involvement in discussion on the way forward for South Dunedin. This could occur via neighbourhood meetings to enable discussion of their concerns and answers to their questions.

A comment was made that the report went beyond just one issue, such as sea level rise. The report was a lot broader and included the low risk/high probability hazards and also the high risk but low probability issues, such as tsunami and dune breakthrough.

Cr Robertson commented that Council needed to endorse further community and stakeholder engagement and moved this amendment to the second recommendation.

A question was raised whether further technical investigations were required. Dr Palmer advised that there was already a substantial body of knowledge held and further technical work was not required at this stage. He advised that the next step was community engagement.

Mrs Rowe, Director Stakeholder Engagement advised that:

- stakeholder engagement has commenced with the release of the Natural Hazards of South Dunedin report this week.
- A stakeholder briefing has been held with the University of Otago, key Government stakeholders and MPs.
- The ministerial offices of Paula Bennett, Nick Smith, Stephen Joyce and Bill English have all received a copy of the report.
- ORC are formally working alongside the DCC for direct communication with the community.
- Agency briefings were being prepared for school Board of Trustees, South Dunedin businesses, support agencies and other stakeholders.
- Staff are looking at ways to take the technical report in a summarised form to the community.
- A video on the three key areas: landscape, groundwater, and sea level rise is being developed and will be published on line and used in social media.
- A six page presentation summarising the key areas of the report would be distributed as an insert in the community star newspaper.
- Public sessions are planned for the end of August, early September in conjunction with the DCC. The intent is for these sessions to be more “one-on-one” conversations rather than a public forum.
- Community meetings will be advertised

Mr Bodeker advised that the DCC and ORC executive are co-ordinating a project team, including technical investigations, communications and senior management. He agreed there was a role for someone with the respect of the community to be included in this group. He confirmed the communication plan is a combined communication with the DCC.

Moved Cr Robertson  
Seconded Cr Deaker

*That;*

- 1. This report and the report "The Natural Hazards of South Dunedin" are received and noted, and;*
- 2. The committee endorse further community and stakeholder engagement within a timely manner.*

Item 2  
2016/0910

**Management flows for Aquatic Ecosystems of the Pig Burn.**  
DEHS, 8/7/16

The report provided technical information on aquatic ecosystems to support future water management decisions in the Pig Burn catchment. A management flow report ("Management Flows for Aquatic Ecosystems in Pig Burn") presented hydrological information, instream values and assesses the ecological flow requirements for the Pig Burn.

Cr Scott advised he had received an email from the Pig Burn Water Users group in regard to a number of concerns they had with the report and he has responded to them as Chair of the Technical Committee. He commented that as the report was already public information, that the staff recommendation was for Council to receive the report. He confirmed ORC was open to working through the issues and to meet with the Pig Burn Water Users Group.

Dr Palmer advised that Dr Olsen was reviewing the list of concerns raised by the Pig Burn Water Users Group and will look at how best to address these with the group.

Mr Bodeker asked that the Committee receive and note the report and that the Committee had his assurance that Dr Palmer's team would engage with the community on the points raised by the group.

It was confirmed that holders of Deemed Permit in the catchment will be provided with these reports and engaged with for any issues (offer of engagement).

Dr Palmer advised that a report will be provided to Committees which will outline what the technical programme would be for minimum flow setting work.

Moved Cr Croot  
Seconded Cr Kempton

That;

1. *This report and the technical report 'Management Flows for Aquatic Ecosystems in Pig Burn' are received and noted; and*
2. *These reports are discussed with the holders of deemed permits in these catchment areas.*

**Motion carried.**

## **PART B ITEMS FOR NOTING**

Item 3

2016/00893 **Director's Report on Progress.** DEHS, 13/7/16

Topics covered in the report: Leith Flood Protection Scheme, Albert Town riverbank stability, Land Drainage Pump Stations Durability and Safety improvements, Historic and Future Climate Change, Weather radar for Otago, Dunedin City District Plan Natural Hazards Submissions, and Waikouaiti Estuary Modelling.

Moved Cr Croot  
Seconded Cr Deaker

*That this report be received*

**Motion Carried**

*Meeting closed at 11:52am*

**Chairperson**

