

OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Communications Committee held in the Council Chamber, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin on Wednesday 7 September 2016 commencing at 10:45 am

Membership:

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

Apologies

Cr Brown
Cr Kempton
Apologies accepted.

In the absence of Cr Kempton, Cr Bell chaired the meeting.

In attendance:

Peter Bodeker
Nick Donnelly
Fraser McRae
Scott MacLean
Gavin Palmer
Caroline Rowe
Lauren McDonald
Karin Little
Suzanne Watt
Dean Olsen
Adam Uytendaal
Pete Stevenson

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

It was agreed for discussion of the South Dunedin public meetings to be added to the agenda.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest noted.

PUBLIC FORUM

No public forum held.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 July 2016, having been circulated, were adopted on the motion of Cr Woodhead and Cr Scott.

Matters arising from minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

FOR NOTING

Item 1

2016/0981 Stakeholder Engagement Report. DSE, 24/8/16

The report provided an overview of community, stakeholder and staff engagement activities carried out by Stakeholder Engagement directorate staff for the period 2 July to 19 August 2016.

Mrs Rowe provided a verbal update on the recent South Dunedin meetings as they had occurred outside of the reporting period. She advised that Dr Palmer, herself and staff had been busy over the last two to three week period with stakeholder meetings and also the South Dunedin drop-in sessions, held on 1 and 2 September. She advised that there had been around 200 attendees at the drop in sessions, who were appreciative of the opportunity to talk to the ORC and DCC staff. The drop-in sessions were seen as a very valuable exercise in initiating good discussions with the South Dunedin community.

Mrs Rowe confirmed that the three online videos, presented by Dr Hornblow had been very successful, receiving over 60,000 views to date. The videos had also generated interest from school groups for Dr Hornblow to give talks. Good display materials (including transducers and dip meters) together with excellent technical publications, were made available to the public at the drop in sessions. It was also confirmed that the public were able to go online to the ORC website to view the bores at four sites, to see the water lines change in level in real time.

Cr Deaker confirmed he had attended four of the South Dunedin public meetings, he noted the very good work done by staff. He affirmed the positive comments made by the public on the joint approach by the ORC and DCC in working together.

Local Body Elections 2016

Mr Bodeker advised that he had received media enquiries regarding candidate profiles not being on the ORC website. He advised that the DCC had been engaged to be the Returning Officer, and confirmed it was the Returning Officer's responsibility to provide candidate profile information and for the arrangement of candidate meetings. He confirmed that there is a link in place on the ORC website to the page on the DCC's website with these candidate details.

A question was raised on the follow up of the MOU meeting with NOIC, as noted in section 1.4.2 of the report. Mrs Watt advised that staff were working with NOIC on the draft plans for the Waireka Creek catchment and river management project. She advised there was a similar study under development in the Owaka/Catlins area to look at water quality, including discharge and runoff into the waterways.

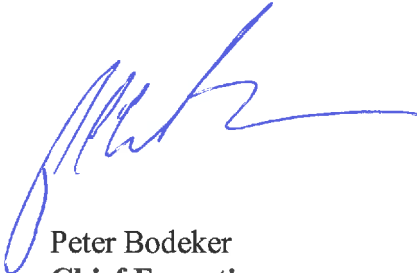
Moved Cr Deaker
Seconded Cr Neill

That the report be noted.

Motion carried

The meeting was declared closed at 10:55am.

Chairperson



Peter Bodeker
Chief Executive