

## OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL

### Minutes of a meeting of the Communications Committee held in the Council Chamber, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin on Wednesday 2 August 2017, commencing at 9:00am

**Membership:**

- Cr Michael Deaker (Chairperson)
- Cr Carmen Hope (Deputy Chairperson)
- Cr Graeme Bell
- Cr Doug Brown
- Cr Trevor Kempton
- Cr Michael Laws
- Cr Ella Lawton
- Cr Sam Neill
- Cr Andrew Noone
- Cr Gretchen Robertson
- Cr Bryan Scott
- Cr Stephen Woodhead

**Apologies:**

Cr Noone, Cr Laws  
Apologies accepted on the motion of Crs Hope and Woodhead.  
**Carried.**

**Leave of Absence:**

Cr Neill

**In attendance:**

- Peter Bodeker (CEO)
- Nick Donnelly (DCS)
- Michele Poole (acting DSHE)
- Scott MacLean (DEMO)
- Fraser McRae (DPPRM)
- Lauren McDonald (Committee Secretary)
- Eleanor Ross
- Suzanne Watt

#### **CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

Agenda confirmed as circulated.

#### **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

No conflicts of interest were advised.

#### **PUBLIC FORUM**

No public forum held.

#### **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 June 2017, having been circulated, were adopted on the motion of Crs Robertson and Bell. **Carried.** (Cr Lawton abstained from the vote)

## ACTIONS

Status report on the resolutions of the Communications Committee.

Report No.	Meeting	Resolution	Status
2017/0848 Waiwera River Catchment Water Quality Study	14/6/17 Technical Committee	<i>That a stakeholder engagement proposal is brought to the next Communications round.</i>	CLOSED. Item 1 of the agenda.

## PART A – ITEMS FOR NOTING

### Item 1

2017/0906 **Stakeholder Engagement Report.** Acting DSE, 14/07/2017

The report outlined the community, stakeholder and staff engagement activities carried out by Stakeholder Engagement directorate staff for the period 27 May to 14 July 2017

Three appendices to the report, attached with the agenda:

1. Upcoming events the Stakeholder Engagement directorate are involved in, as at 14 July 2017.
2. The report “*Our Lakes – How the Communities of Queenstown and Wanaka use and value their lakes*”
3. The Otago Regional Council’s “*Waiwera Water Quality Community Engagement Plan*”

It was confirmed that the Clutha Development Trust and the Pomahaka Water Care group would attend Council workshop on 16 August 2017, to provide an update on achievements to date and assistance being sought from Council.

Water Quality - Mrs Watt responded to questions from councillors and advised that it was not intended to complete another awareness survey in the 2017/18. She confirmed there was a high level of consultation work scheduled for the current financial year and that an updated survey would be completed in the 2018/19 year, on the level of understanding and actions.

Enviroschools – Ms Poole confirmed the Enviroschools regional co-ordinator had met with the Waitaki District Council to follow up on interest expressed by schools in the Waitaki district for the Enviroschools programme. An update is being provided to the Mayoral Forum on 11 August.

### General awareness activity – Air Quality

A question was raised on the level of air quality monitoring and compliance being undertaken, particularly in Arrowtown for smoky chimney emissions.

### **Actions:**

- Air quality compliance and monitoring information for Milton and Arrowtown townships to be included in the Chief Executive’s Report to Council on 16 August 2017.
- An update on the clean heat clean air project funding held in reserve and the criteria for Air Zone 1 clean heating subsidy applications by householders.

Moved Cr Deaker  
Seconded Cr Lawton

*That the report be noted.*

**Motion carried**

**ORC events calendar**

A request was made for a more regular update of events that governance may wish to attend, in addition to the details provided with the Director's six weekly report.

**Action:** Provision of the Council Events calendar details to councillors' individual Council calendars with the events identified as official Council business or optional attendance.

Discussion was held on the Catchments Otago report "*Our Lakes: How the communities of Queenstown and Wanaka use and value their lakes.*" Mr Bodeker confirmed feedback had been provided to Catchments Otago on the report.

**Item 2**

**2017/0958 Communications Committee – New Website, July 2017. Acting DSE,  
14/07/2017**

The report highlighted the redevelopment progress of the ORC's website to improve the user experience and allow for more self-service when engaging with ORC online.

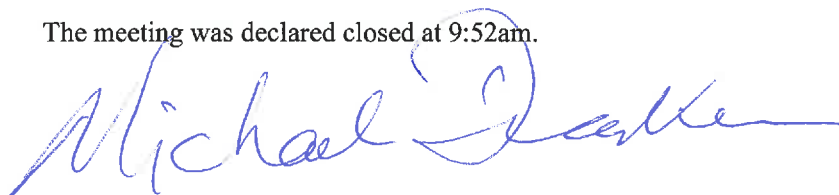
A question was raised on making individual reports (items) easier to search on the website. Ms Poole confirmed that a review of search options was being undertaken for the new website.

Moved Cr Deaker  
Seconded Cr Hope

*That the report be noted.*

**Motion carried**

The meeting was declared closed at 9:52am.



**Chairperson**