



Minutes of a meeting of the Policy Committee held in the
Council Chambers at Otago Regional Council
on Wednesday 18 October 2017, commencing at 1:29pm.

Membership

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

Welcome

Cr Woodhead welcomed Councillors, members of the public and staff to the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES

Resolution

That the apologies for Crs Brown and Noone be accepted.

Moved: Cr Hope
Seconded: Cr Kempton
CARRIED

2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Leave of Absence was noted for Cr Deaker

3. ATTENDANCE

Peter Bodeker	(CEO)
Nick Donnelly	(DCS)
Tanya Winter	(DPPRM)
Sian Sutton	(DSHE)
Gavin Palmer	(DEHS)
Scott MacLean	(DEMO)
Dale Meredith	Policy Manager
Lauren McDonald	(Committee Secretary)

4. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

The agenda was confirmed as tabled.

5. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were advised.

6. PUBLIC FORUM

No public forum was held.

7. PRESENTATIONS

No presentations were held.

8. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution

That the minutes of the meeting held on 13 September 2017 be received and confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Cr Hope
Seconded: Cr Robertson
CARRIED

9. ACTIONS

(Status report on the resolutions of the Policy Committee). No current items for action.

10. MATTERS FOR COUNCIL DECISION

10.1. Director's Report on Progress

The report provided an overview of significant activities undertaken by the Policy directorate for the period 25 August to 29 September 2017, including: national policies, strategies and plans; consent applications and water quantity planning.

Resolution

That this report be noted.

Moved: Cr Kempton
Seconded: Cr Bell
CARRIED

10.2. National direction for clean water and Otago

The report provided a summary of: recent government freshwater reforms; amendments to the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management (NPS-FM); the 2017 review of Council's implementation of the NPS-FM by the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) and Ministry for the Environment (MfE) and the ORC actions underway to implement recent amendments to the NPS-FM.

A request was made for regular progress updates on the ORC's implementation of the NPS-FM amendments to the Otago Water Plan.

Discussion was held on the alignment of terminology to that used in the NPS, for enforcement, SOE monitoring and stakeholder engagement.

Resolution

That Council:

- a) *Note the Clean Water 2017 changes with respect to freshwater management (Attachment 1);*
- b) *Note the findings of three recent reviews of Council's implementation of the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management by:*
 - *the Ministries for the Environment and Primary Industries;*
 - *Pattle Delamore Partners Ltd; and*
 - *the National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research;*
- c) *Endorse the actions underway and proposed by Council to implement the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management*
- d) *Be provided six weekly progress reports on table 1 and table 2 (steps identified to reflect NPS-FM 2014 amendments in the Otago Water Plan).*

Moved: Cr Woodhead

Seconded: Cr Laws

CARRIED

11. MATTERS FOR NOTING

No matters for noting were tabled.

12. NOTICES OF MOTION

No Notices of Motion were advised.

13. CLOSURE

The meeting was declared closed at 02:07 pm.

Chairperson

