

Minutes of an ordinary meeting of Council held in the
Council Chambers Clutha District Council on
Wednesday 21 February 2018, commencing at 10:30 am

Membership

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

Welcome

Cr Woodhead welcomed Councillors and staff to the meeting and thanked Mayor Cadogan for hosting the meeting at Clutha District Council.

1. APOLOGIES

Resolution

That the apologies for Cr Deaker be accepted.

Moved: Cr Woodhead

Seconded: Cr Robertson

CARRIED

2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

No Leave of Absence were advised.

3. ATTENDANCE

Sarah Gardner	(CEO)
Nick Donnelly	(Director Corporate Services)
Tanya Winter	(Director Policy, Planning & Resource Management)
Sian Sutton	(Director Stakeholder Engagement)
Gavin Palmer	(Director Engineering, Hazards & Science)
Scott MacLean	(Director Environmental Monitoring & Operations)
Sally Giddens	(Director People & Capabilities)
Ian McCabe	(Executive Officer)
Lauren McDonald	(Committee Secretary)
Petra Hunting	(Personal Assistant)

4. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Cr Laws requested for a late item be added to the agenda, for Council to seek to attend a meeting scheduled by the Minister of Tourism with council mayors in early March to discuss freedom camping. The reason for the urgency of the item was that the meeting was to be held before the next scheduled Council meeting on 21 March.

Cr Woodhead and Mrs Gardner clarified that ORC's involvement in freedom camping was limited to land under Council control and the management of assets such as flood protection infrastructure. They advised that attendance at the meeting with the Minister of Tourism may not be entirely relevant to regional councils. It was suggested that more information was needed on the bylaw and the impact of freedom camping in Otago to allow an informed discussion.

Resolution

That ORC contact the Minister of Tourism's office and assess the potential for ORC to be represented at the meeting with the Minister in early March, to discuss freedom camping, with a paper to come to the next committee round as a result of the outcomes of the meeting.

Moved Cr Laws
seconded Cr Hope
CARRIED

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 public session of the Council meeting of 13 December 2017 be accepted as a true and correct record of the meeting.

Moved: Cr Hope

Seconded: Cr Scott

CARRIED

9. ACTIONS

4.1	Confirmation of agenda Council 21/2/18	<i>That ORC contact the Minister of Tourism's office and assess the potential for ORC to be represented at the meeting with Minister in early March, to discuss freedom camping with a paper to come to the next committee round as a result of the outcomes of the meeting.</i>
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10. CHAIRPERSON'S AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORTS

10.1. Chairperson's Report

The report provided a summary of the Chairperson's attendance at the Waitangi Day celebrations, Otago/Southland Mayoral Forum, Te Roopu Taiao, Powhiri at Otakou, and the Otago Landmarks launch.

10.2. Chief Executive's Report

The report outlined the external meetings and engagements attended by the Chief Executive during February 2018, including: Cosy Homes Trust, Regional Sector Interest Group (SIG); Connecting Dunedin Transport; Central Otago Dry Weather event; Irrigation NZ; Dunedin Hospitalisation Local Redevelopment Advisory Group, and update on Phillip Laing House and Health & Safety.

Mrs Gardner summarised the key points from the Chief Executive's Forum, including Minister Parker's outline of his foundation element and goal for climate change through change in land use. A Climate Change Commission is to be established. The Hon Mr Parker also indicated the focus on water quality, including his desire for all rivers to be swimmable during summer. She also spoke on the Civil Defence Emergency Management review and the opportunity for ORC to provide feedback on the recommendations of the review.

Discussion was held on the ability to resource work at sector and national level. Mrs Gardner advised a proposal was being developed through Horizons Regional Council on achievement of this. A suggestion was made to invite the Minister to meet with Council to discuss matters including climate change, water quality and natural hazards.

Resolution

That Council formally invite Ministers David Parker and Damien O'Connor to visit with Council to discuss a variety of matters.

Moved: Cr Scott

Seconded: Cr Lawton

CARRIED

Resolution

That the Chairperson's and Chief Executive's reports be received.

Moved: Cr Woodhead

Seconded: Cr Bell

CARRIED

11. MATTERS FOR COUNCIL DECISION

11.1. Size of quorum for Regional Transport Committee

Mr Donnelly advised that as the report's recommendation did not override the Standing Orders quorum rules, the report did not require action by Council and the report recommendation was withdrawn.

It was agreed that a stipulation within the Terms of Reference of the requirement for there to be one member representative of the Otago Regional Council, remain in place.

Cr Scott returned to the meeting at 10:56 am.

11.2. Harbourmaster Delegation for Wrecks

The report outlined the Otago Regional Council's duties under the Maritime Transport Act 1994 with respect to maritime safety, including the administrative efficiency, functions under the Maritime Transport Act that may be delegated to appropriate staff. It also outlined the reasons for seeking further delegation to the Harbourmaster.

The report sought Council approval for the Harbourmaster to have the delegation for the removal of wrecks in the Otago region.

Resolution

That a further delegation for the power to remove or deal with wrecks in the Otago region under the Maritime Transport Act 1994 be delegated to the Harbourmaster.

Moved: Cr Neill

Seconded: Cr Scott

CARRIED

12. MATTERS FOR NOTING

12.1. Financial Report to 31 December 2017

The report provided a summary of the Council's financial performance compared to budget for the six months ended 31 December 2017, and a summary of the financial position as at that date.

Discussion was held on progressing the rural water quality implementation schedule and the benefit of establishing a reference group to assist with forward planning of water quality projects, including communication of compliance to the community.

Resolution

Establish a reference group for Water Quality.

Moved: Cr Robertson

Seconded: Cr Scott

CARRIED

Resolution

That this report is received.

Moved: Cr Brown

Seconded: Cr Noone

CARRIED

12.2. Documents signed under Council's Seal Sept 2017 to Feb 2018

The report outlined the Council of delegations which have been exercised during the period 28 September 2017 to 2 February 2018.

Resolution

That the report be noted.

Moved: Cr Hope

Seconded: Cr Brown

CARRIED

13. REPORT BACK FROM COUNCILLORS

Cr Bell outlined the meetings he had attended as:

- 16 January - met with Roger Williams, Manager of Omakau Irrigation, together with Cr Noone, Tanya Winter, Sian Sutton and Lisa Cain for a tour of Falls Dam and the current Manuherikia Valley Irrigation schemes. The tour included stops at the Manuherikia river, Dunstan Creek, Lauder Creek and Thompson Creek. The purpose of the tour was to gain a better understanding of the management of water flow and quality, especially in low flow conditions. Cr Bell and Noone also visit met with a number of farmers in the Ophir area in regard to concerns in the increase of rabbit numbers. and included a visit to the Galloway Rabbit Board yard to see the oat cooker and facilities. ORC staff member Haines Battrick explained the operation of the oat cooker. Cr Bell advised the landowners are keen to explore the Maniatoto Pest Company model, with ORC to be part of the leading this.
- 12 February - Lakes to the Sea meeting of the Clutha Mata-Au, Etrick. Cr Bell advised approximately 37 people attended, with the largest public discussion around the Contact Energy Ltd discharge consent. The attending public expressed their concern that Contact Energy Ltd were breaching consent conditions resulting in low flow conditions in the Etrick area of the Clutha River and impacted on landholders' access to water for irrigation.

Met with six landowners, led by Bruce McGregor at Dumbarton re their concerns on the creeks, bridges, and culverts from Dumbarton to Roxburgh. Landowners seeking engineering help and advice on work which can be undertaken in the reinstating of creeks after a flood event. The group are seeking further dialogue with ORC.

Dr Palmer confirmed landowners should contact ORC before undertaking work in water ways. He confirmed once the GNS science risk work was completed that this information would be shared with the community.

14. NOTICES OF MOTION

No Notices of Motion were advised.

15. RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED AT COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON 31 JANUARY 2018

15.1. Recommendations of the Technical Committee

Resolution

Recommendations of the Technical Committee held on 31 January 2018, for adoption.

Moved: Cr Noone

Seconded: Cr Lawton

CARRIED

15.2. Recommendations of the Communications Committee

Resolution

Recommendations of the Communications Committee held on 31 January 2018, for adoption.

Moved: Cr Hope

Seconded: Cr Kempton

CARRIED

15.3. Recommendations of the Policy Committee

Resolution

Recommendations of the Policy Committee held on 31 January 2018, for adoption.

Moved: Cr Robertson

Seconded: Cr Neill

CARRIED

15.4. Recommendations of the Regulatory Committee

Resolution

Recommendations of the Regulatory Committee held on 31 January 2018, for adoption.

Moved: Cr Scott

Seconded: Cr Neill

CARRIED

15.5. Recommendations of the Public Portion of the Finance and Corporate Committee

Resolution

Recommendations of the public portion of the Finance and Corporate Committee held on 31 January 2018, for adoption.

Moved: Cr Brown

Seconded: Cr Hope

CARRIED

16. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

Resolution

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely: Item 16 - Dowling Street site.

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under [section 48\(1\)](#) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
<i>Item 16 - Dowling Street site</i>	To enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) – Section 7(2)(i)	Section 48(1)(a); Section 7(2)(i)

That Mr McCabe be permitted to remain at this meeting, after the public has been excluded, because of his knowledge of investigations of the Dowling Street site. This knowledge, will be of assistance in relation to the matter to be discussed.

Moved: Cr Woodhead

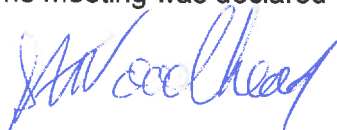
Seconded: Cr Hope

CARRIED

The meeting returned to public session on the motion of Crs Woodhead and Noone.

17. CLOSURE

The meeting was declared closed at 12:05 pm.



Chairperson