



Minutes of an ordinary meeting of Council held in
Conference Room 2, Dunedin Venues, Dunedin on
Wednesday 27 June 2018, commencing at 9:30 am

Membership

Cr Stephen Woodhead	<i>(Chairperson)</i>
Cr Gretchen Robertson	<i>(Deputy Chairperson)</i>
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, members of the public and staff to the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES

No apologies were advised

2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

A Leave of Absence was noted for Cr Robertson.

For our future

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3. ATTENDANCE

Sarah Gardner	<i>(Chief Executive)</i>
Nick Donnelly	<i>(Director Corporate Services)</i>
Tanya Winter	<i>(Director Policy, Planning and Resource Management)</i>
Sian Sutton	<i>(Director Stakeholder Engagement)</i>
Gavin Palmer	<i>(Director Engineering, Hazards and Science)</i>
Scott MacLean	<i>(Director Environmental Monitoring and Operations)</i>
Sally Giddens	<i>(Director People and Safety)</i>
Ian McCabe	<i>(Executive Officer)</i>
Allison Bain	<i>(Minute t)</i>

4. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

That the agenda be confirmed as circulated (with the addition of one public forum speaker).

Moved: Cr Hope
Seconded: Cr Bell
CARRIED

5. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were advised.

6. PUBLIC FORUM

Peninsula Bus Services – Presented by Mr Jason Graham

Mr Graham referred to the Significance Policy (pg. 94), noting that the issue at hand was whether full public consultation or a targeted consultation was required. He commented that due to there being only minor changes, that targeted consultation was in order and acceptable.

Minimum Flows - Presented by Gary Kelliher, Andrew Patterson, Jan Manson, Rodger Williams

The speakers expressed their concern and asked for Council's consideration of the impact of the proposed minimum flows would have in the Manuherikia Catchment, including: lack of water for farm use during drought conditions; stresses on farming community and the wider community (financially and socially); cost of maintaining current irrigation level; water storage; possible impact on water quality. A suggestion was made for incremental increases from the current minimum flow and for all stakeholders to come together to discuss.

The speakers responded to questions of clarification from councillors.

Waitaki Irrigators – Presented by Richard Plunket, Elizabeth Soal, Bridget Irving (legal counsel), Peter Borrie

The speakers expressed their concern for Council's intention to make a decision on the Lower Waitaki Plains Aquifer plan change at the day's meeting, due to the lack of incomplete detail in the report regarding nitrogen levels and water quality. They referenced the values contained in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Council and the Lower Waitaki Irrigators Group as a result of the Plan Change 6A process. A request was made for Council defer a decision until the August Council meeting.

The speakers responded to questions of clarification from councillors.

Cr Woodhead thanked the speakers for their attendance and presentations.

Peninsula Bus Service

Speakers – Mr Paul Pope and Mr Jason Graham re Peninsula Bus Service.

Public Transport – Proposed Joint Governance Committee

Speakers – DCC Councillors Kate Wilson and David Benson-Pope.

7. PRESENTATIONS

No presentations were held.

8. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution

That the minutes of the (public portion of the) Council meeting held on 16 May 2018 be received and confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Cr Hope

Seconded: Cr Neill

CARRIED

9. ACTIONS (STATUS OF COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS)

No current items for action.

10. CHAIRPERSON'S AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORTS

10.1. Chairperson's Report

Cr Laws left the room at 11.02 am and returned 11.30 am.

Resolution

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

Moved: Cr Woodhead

Seconded: Cr Hope

CARRIED

10.2. Chief Executive's Report

Resolution

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

Moved: Cr Woodhead
Seconded: Cr Hope
CARRIED

11. MATTERS FOR COUNCIL DECISION

11.1. Long Term Plan 2018-28 Adoption

The report outlined the process, considerations and recommendation of the Hearing Panel and sought Council's adoption of its 2018-28 Long Term Plan (LTP). Mr Donnelly advised that the audit had been finalised and on adoption of the LTP the audit opinion (Audit Representation letter) would be issued.

Cr Lawton requested for clarity that the recommendation and the wording in the Long Term Plan be amended to indicate \$300,000 funding to Predator Free Dunedin each year for 5 years.

Cr Woodhead thanked staff and councillors who have been involved in this process.

Resolution

- a) *That this report be received.*
- b) *Approves the signing of the Audit Representation letter (tabled at the meeting)*
- c) *Notes the Otago Regional Council Long Term Plan 2018–28 contains the Funding and Financial Policies including the Revenue and Financing Policy as previously adopted.*
- d) *Notes the Otago Regional Council Long Term Plan 2018–28 contains the Financial Strategy and Infrastructure Strategy for adoption.*
- e) *Notes that Council staff have updated the Otago Regional Council Long Term Plan 2018–28 to accurately reflect the recommendations of the 13 June Finance and Corporate Committee meeting.*
- f) *That the Otago Regional Council Long Term Plan 2018–28 be adopted.*

Moved: Cr Brown
Seconded: Cr Noone
CARRIED

11.2. Rating Report and Rating Resolution 2018-2019

Resolution

- a) *That this report be received.*
- b) *That the attached Rating Resolution for the 2018/19 year be adopted.*

Moved: Cr Brown
Seconded: Cr Noone
CARRIED

11.3. Update of the Otago Southland Regional Land Transport Plans 2015-21
Dr Turnbull, Transport Planning Manager, in attendance.

Cr Kempton, Chair of the Regional Transport Committee outlined the report detail. He thanked Dr Turnbull for her contributions in co-ordinating the Otago Southland Plans for 2015-2021 and to Cr Bell for his support as Deputy Chair.

Resolution

- a) *Received the updated Otago Southland Regional Land Transport Plans 2015-2021 from the Otago Regional Transport Committee;*
- b) *Approve the updated Otago Regional Land Transport Plan 2015-2021 (being those parts of the updated Otago Southland Regional Land Transport Plans 2015-2021 document that apply in Otago);*
- c) *Forward the updated Otago Regional Land Transport Plan 2015-2021 to the Transport Agency by 30 June 2018.*

Moved: Cr Kempton
Seconded: Cr Bell
CARRIED

11.4. Love Your Leith

Ms Panton, Strategic Communications & Engagement Advisor, in attendance.

Cr Deaker acknowledged the good work of directorate staff, in particular Ms Panton, in community engagement and collaboration with engineering staff on the project.

Resolution

- a) *That the potential concepts are endorsed for public consultation; and,*
- b) *That this report is received.*

Moved: Cr Noone
Seconded: Cr Deaker
CARRIED

Cr Kempton left the room at 11.46 am and returned at 11.49 am
Cr Deaker left the room at 11.53 am and returned 11.57 am

11.5. Leith Flood Protection Scheme - Dundas St Bridge Culvert Upgrade Widening

Mr Valentine, Engineering Manager, provided an overview of the report.

Resolution

- a) *That this report is received; and*
- b) *That the design is endorsed and tenders for construction of these works are invited.*

Moved: Cr Noone
Seconded: Cr Kempton
CARRIED

11.6. Representation Review

Mr McCabe, Executive Officer, in attendance.

The report outlined representation options for consideration, and for endorsement of a preferred option for public consultation. Discussion was held on the ward boundaries, populations within the option areas, dual and single representation.

A request was made for a workshop discussion on the representation options to be held at the next committee round and that the report recommendations be left to "lie on the table" until full discussion in workshop had taken place.

Mr Donnelly confirmed that a decision was required by the end of August 2018.

Resolution

That this item be left to "lie on the table" and that it be referred to a specific workshop with the best possible population projections being made available.

Moved: Cr Laws
Seconded: Cr Lawton
CARRIED

11.7. ECO Fund

Ms Lisa Gloag, Manager Community Engagement in attendance. Ms Gloag provided a brief background to the redevelopment of the Environmental Enhancement Fund (EEF) and the launch of the new ECO Fund (to be known as ECO Fund - Environment. Community. Otago. The report outlined the recommendations for approval following the 16 May Council workshop.

Resolution

That Council ratify the above recommendations for the relaunch of the ECO Fund.

Moved: Cr Deaker
Seconded: Cr Hope
CARRIED

11.8. 2018 LGNZ Annual General Meeting Remits

The report outlined the remits for consideration at the Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) Annual General Meeting on 15 July 2018.

Cr Woodhead advised that he, Councillors Hope, Lawton and Mrs Gardner would be attending the LGNZ conference. Cr Laws moved recommendations (a) and (b), recommendation (c) was not supported.

Resolution

That the Council:

- a) *Receives this report.*
- b) *Notes the proposed remits for member authority consideration at the 15 July 2018 Local Government New Zealand Annual General Meeting.*

Moved: Cr Laws
Seconded: Cr Hope
CARRIED

11.9. Delegations - Resource Management Act

The report outlined the recent amendments to the Resource Management Act in 2017 requiring a review and update of delegations to be approved by Council. Mrs Gardner advised that a review of delegations under the various parts of legislation had been undertaken with some structural changes and additional amendments made.

A concern was expressed for the need for a reporting mechanism to be in place for review of processes and report back to governance.

Resolution

- a) *That Council approve the above schedule of delegations.*
- b) *That an independent review of the Council's consenting function be undertaken; and*
- c) *That the Chief Executive prepares a brief on the requirements of the review for Council consideration*

Moved: Cr Laws
Seconded: Cr Kempton
CARRIED

11.10. Peninsula Bus Service RPTP Implications

The report provided Council with legal advice requested at the 13 June 2018 Finance and Corporate meeting, for the significance policy within the Council's Regional Public Transport Plan (RPTP). Discussion was held on targeted consultation, third party risk assessment in regard to safety issues.

Mr Donnelly noted that targeted consultation was an option if Council viewed that it is a minor variation to the RPTP but that it could have an impact in regard to setting of a precedent.

Resolution

- a) *That this report be received.*
- b) *That the staff consult with the roading authority, the bus company and targeted consultation is undertaken to the community in a timely manner.*

Moved: Cr Neill
Seconded: Cr Brown
CARRIED

11.11. Zero Carbon Emission Bill Discussion Document

The paper informed Council of the proposed Zero Carbon Bill discussion document and provided a recommended process to enable Council's endorsement of ORC's submission prior to lodging.

Mrs Gardner advised the Zero Carbon Bill would impact the types of future decisions by Council for water management and other resources.

Resolution

- a) *That Council appoint the Policy Committee Chair to review and approve the submission to the Ministry for the Environment on the proposed Zero Carbon Bill;*
- b) *That the submission is reported back to the next Policy Committee meeting on 1 August 2018.*

Moved: Cr Lawton
Seconded: Cr Hope
CARRIED

11.12. Lower Waitaki Plains Aquifer Plan Change

The report presented the options considered and the recommendation for Council not proceed with a plan change for the Lower Waitaki Plains Aquifer.

Mr Adams, Senior Policy Analyst in attendance. An update was provided from the Council workshop held which considered:

- the options for managing the discharge of nitrogen to land over the Lower Waitaki Plains Aquifer
- the groundwater study undertaken
- the effect to the 2014 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Lower Waitaki Irrigation Company Limited (LWIC) and the Waitaki Irrigators Collective Limited.

Discussion was held on water quality (E coli in drinking water and levels of nitrate in ground water), expectations of the current Memorandum of Understanding, management options through (plan change process MOU, consenting or private plan change).

Councillors requested receipt of the groundwater study. Dr Palmer confirmed the report would be presented to the 1 August 2018 Technical Committee meeting.

Cr Brown moved that the recommendations be left to lie on the table for a six week period to allow consultation with the Lower Waitaki community on the process.

Resolution

That this paper be left to lie on the table until the next Council round.

Moved: Cr Brown
Seconded: Cr Bell
CARRIED

12. MATTERS FOR NOTING

12.1. Three Water Reforms

The report provided an update to Council on the national and regional work being undertaken by Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) with respect to the Government's Three Water Reforms, its scope and implications.

Resolution

That the report is noted.

Moved: Cr Woodhead

Seconded: Cr Hope

CARRIED

12.2. Priority Catchment Minimum Flows

This report summarised the process in place for the minimum flow plan change, the catchments involved, additions and deletions, feedback received at the community and stakeholder meetings, next steps and time frames.

Resolution

- a. *That Council note this report.*
- b. *That the proposed Plan Change "Priority Catchment Minimum Flows", will be publicly notified when:*
 - i. *All hydrology, water surety, economic, social, cultural, and ecological studies/assessments have been completed, as necessary for completion of s.32;*
 - ii. *That hydrology models for the relevant catchments have been completed, and where applicable information currently held by water users and operators considered (accepting that the completion of this work may identify the need for additional work to be undertaken);*
 - iii. *That the assessments undertaken are formally shared with Council for discussion; and*
 - iv. *That the assessments are made available to relevant stakeholders and the community.*

Moved: Cr Laws

Seconded: Cr Bell

CARRIED

13. REPORT BACK FROM COUNCILLORS

Cr Hope - attended the Pomahaka Celebration Night at Tapanui.

Cr Deaker and Cr Lawton attended the Cosy Homes Trust morning.

Cr Bell attended the Otago Southland Regional Land Transport meeting and the Minimum Flow updates.

Crs Noone and Bell have been invited (in the capacity of observer) to meet with Maniototo Pest Company team and local land owners with regards to wallabies, (Cr Hope indicated her interested in attending this meeting)

Crs Noone and Hope attended the Invermay meeting with catchment groups from around the region.

Cr Lawton attended the Balance Farm Awards Field Day and the Predator Free Upper Clutha day.

14. NOTICES OF MOTION

No Notices of Motion were advised.

15. RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED AT COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON 13 JUNE 2018

15.1. Recommendations of the Policy Committee - 13 June 2018

Resolution

Recommendations of the Policy Committee held on 13 June 2018, for adoption.

Moved: Cr Noone
Seconded: Cr Hope
CARRIED

15.2. Recommendations of the Regulatory Committee - 13 June 2018

Resolution

Recommendations of the Regulatory Committee held on 13 June 2018, for adoption.

Moved: Cr Scott
Seconded: Cr Hope
CARRIED

15.3. Recommendations of the Communications Committee - 13 June 2018

Resolution

Recommendations of the Communications Committee held on 13 June 2018, for adoption.

Moved: Cr Deaker
Seconded: Cr Lawton
CARRIED

15.4. Recommendations of the Technical Committee - 13 June 2018

Resolution

Recommendations of the Technical Committee held on 13 June 2018, for adoption.

Moved: Cr Noone
Seconded: Cr Lawton
CARRIED

15.5. Recommendations of the Public Portion of the Finance and Corporate Committee - 13 June 2018

Resolution

Recommendations of the public portion of the Finance and Corporate Committee held on 13 June 2018, for adoption.

(Noting the correction to the resolution with regard to Predator Free Dunedin).

Moved: Cr Brown
Seconded: Cr Noone
CARRIED

15.6. Recommendations of the Regional Transport Committee - 8 June 2018

Resolution

Recommendations of the Regional Transport Committee - 8 June 2018.

Moved: Cr Bell
Seconded: Cr Lawton
CARRIED

16. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

Resolution

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

Head Office Building Update

Moved: Cr Woodhead
Seconded: Cr Hope
CARRIED

The meeting resumed in public session on the motion of Crs Woodhead and Hope.

17. CLOSURE

The meeting was declared closed at 4:12 pm.



Chairperson