



Minutes of a meeting of the
Communications Committee held in the
Council Chamber on Wednesday 12 June 2019,
commencing at 10:00 am

Membership

Cr Michael Deaker	<i>(Chairperson)</i>
Cr Carmen Hope	<i>(Deputy Chairperson)</i>
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	

Welcome

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

For our future

1. APOLOGIES

No apologies were noted.

2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

No leaves of absence were requested.

3. ATTENDANCE

Sarah Gardner *(Chief Executive)*
Nick Donnelly *(General Manager Corporate Services and CFO)*
Gavin Palmer *(General Manager Operations)*
Sally Giddens *(General Manager People, Culture and Communications)*
Peter Winders *(Acting General Manager Regulatory)*
Andrew Newman *(Acting General Manager Policy, Science and Strategy)*
Liz Spector *(Committee Secretary)*
Lisa Gloag *(Manager Communications and Engagement)*
Eleanor Ross *(Manager Communications Channels)*

4. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

The agenda was confirmed as tabled. Cr Laws requested Mrs Giddens to provide details about the restructuring of Communications during her GM Report.

5. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were advised.

6. PUBLIC FORUM

No public forum was conducted.

7. PRESENTATIONS

No presentations were held.

8. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

8.1. Minutes

Resolution

That the minutes of the meeting held on 1 May 2019 be received and confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Cr Deaker

Seconded: Cr Hope

CARRIED

9. ACTIONS

Status report on the resolutions of the Communications Committee

SHE1841 ECO Fund Decision Panel	01/05/2019	Contact designated Councillors to start process for ECO Fund Round 3	IN PROGRESS
SHE1841 GM Report	01/05/2019	GM to contact ECan for information on Youth Council Programme	COMPLETE
SHE1840 GM Report	01/05/2019	Review website search function and indexing	ASSIGNED

10. MATTERS FOR COUNCIL DECISION

10.1. ECO Fund Applications: 1-20 May 2019 Funding Round

Cr Deaker thanked the members of the ECO Fund decision panel. He said the first full year for the fund had been very successfully completed, with many organisations submitting applications. He said the panel members were pleased to be able to provide financial assistance to the successful applicants. Cr Deaker said many of the applications were submitted by excellent Otago organisations and it had been very difficult to select the winners. He said he hoped that the unsuccessful applicants would apply again in the future.

Cr Kempton said it was good to see applications coming in from all over the region. Cr Scott said it was a privilege to be a panel member and the fund was a great vehicle to facilitate achievement of the outcomes supported by the ORC. Cr Woodhead suggested it would be good to invite all the applicants to meet as a group and discuss the outcomes and work together to assist with next year's applications. Cr Bell also said when engagement meetings are conducted in locations where submitters are based it would be good to invite them along. There was no further discussion and Cr Deaker asked for a motion.

Resolution

That the Council:

- 1) **Receives** this report.
- 2) **Approves** the funding recommendations of the ECO Fund decision panel for the following applications to a value of \$73,666 as per attached summary sheet of projects):

Applications under \$5,000

Control of Weed Species in and around lakes and wetlands

Creek Project

45th Parallel Project

Predator Free Wye Creek

Satellite Monitored Live Predator Trapping (No More Bad Cats)

Waiwera Kaihiku Farmer-led Watercare Group

Water Testing

Applications over \$5,000

Bring Back the Seabirds- Sandymount Titi colony protection

Environmental Monitoring and restoration of Matinaka Hawksbury Lagoon

Makarora Catchment Threatened Species Project

Wakatipu Reforestation Trust Staff Costs

Moved: Cr Hope
Seconded: Cr Woodhead
CARRIED

*Cr Noone left the meeting at 10:08 am.
Cr Noone returned to the meeting at 10:09 am.*

11. MATTERS FOR NOTING

11.1. General Manager's Report on Progress

GM People, Culture and Communications Sally Giddens spoke to her report. She also provided more details about the restructuring of the Communications team per Cr Laws request. She said earlier this year the ORC directorates had gone through a reorganisation, part of which resulted in combining Stakeholder Engagement, Communications, Human Resources and Health and Safety into one directorate called People, Culture and Communications. She said while there were no material changes to the departments, it allowed staff to make changes to enable stakeholder engagement integration across the organisation. Mrs Giddens said the team will incorporate a more targeted approach to bring ORC in closer communication with its customers. Chief Executive Gardner said much deliberation had been put into the development of a new comms plan, partially in recognition that the previous strategy needed a broader focus. Cr Laws said he felt there was less engagement with the wider community over the past six to nine months. Cr Deaker suggested that because the amount of community response to the Annual Plan engagement approach was less than anticipated, it was not a failure of the approach, but possibly due to consultation fatigue. Cr Laws asked what Mrs Giddens meant by a more targeted approach. Mrs Gardner said a targeted approach focuses on using existing resources to get the best return, putting more focus on strategy and what best benefits the community and to accomplish ORC goals. Cr Hope said she had received good feedback on the Waterlines publication and suggested that it could be expanded. Mrs Giddens said Waterlines and Onstream are critical comms publications and staff is looking at ways to enhance them. After further discussion, Cr Deaker asked for a motion.

Resolution

That the Council:

- 1) ***Receives this report.***

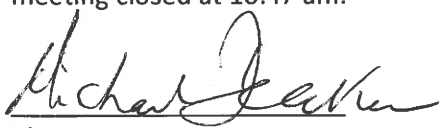
Moved: Cr Woodhead
Seconded: Cr Bell
CARRIED

12. NOTICES OF MOTION

No Notices of Motion were advised.

13. CLOSURE

There was no further business of the Communications Committee and Cr Deaker declared the meeting closed at 10:47 am.


Chairperson

1.8.19
Date