



Minutes of a meeting of the Technical Committee held in the  
Council Chamber, Level 2, 144 Rattray St, Dunedin,  
on 11 September 2019 at 3:10 p.m.

**Membership**

Cr Andrew Noone

*(Chairperson)*

Cr Ella Lawton

*(Deputy Chairperson)*

Cr Graeme Bell

Cr Doug Brown

Cr Michael Deaker

Cr Carmen Hope

Cr Trevor Kempton

Cr Michael Laws

Cr Sam Neill

Cr Gretchen Robertson

Cr Bryan Scott

Cr Stephen Woodhead

**Welcome**

Cr Noone welcomed Councillors, members of the public and staff to the meeting at 03:10 pm..

*For our future*

## **1. APOLOGIES**

### **Resolution**

*That the apologies for Cr Bell and Cr Robertson be accepted.*

Moved: Cr Noone

Seconded: Cr Lawton

CARRIED

## **2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

No leave of absence was 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)  
Richard Saunders (General Manager Regulatory)  
Amanda Vercoe (Executive Advisor)  
Liz Spector (Committee Secretary)  
Ben Mackey (Natural Hazards Analyst)

## **4. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

The agenda was confirmed as circulated.

## **5. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

No conflicts of interest were advised.

## **6. PUBLIC FORUM**

No public forum was held.

## **7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

### **Resolution**

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

Moved: Cr Noone

Seconded: Cr Hope

CARRIED

## 8. ACTIONS

### Status report on the resolutions of the Technical Committee

Report	Meeting Date	Resolution	Status
Lake Snow technical workshop recommendations	18/10/18	<i>The CE engage on the with CEs at the regional CEOs meeting on 8 November 2018 on the primary objectives from the workshop.</i>  <i>Invite Regional Councils and MPI to formally endorse and support the proposed research programme and to discuss funding arrangements.</i>	IN PROCESS

## 9. MATTERS FOR NOTING

### 9.1. General Manager's Report to Technical Committee

General Manager Operations Dr Gavin Palmer and Natural Hazards Analyst Dr Ben Mackey were present to answer questions on the General Manager's Report. The report was provided to update the Council on Lake Hayes consultations, STED facilities, ELT rural community outreach, Roxburgh debris flow update and the Leith Flood Protection Scheme.

Cr Lawton raised concerns the Lake Hayes community had about persistently high lake levels, making the walking track occasionally unusable. Dr Palmer said the culvert that drains away excess water is owned by NZTA and ORC has no mechanism to fund any such large-scale capital works. He suggested Council could choose to investigate options to remedy the lake levels, but only if genuinely committed to funding the works. Cr Lawton suggested this be added to the list of pending Actions and follow up with DoC, NZTA and QLDC to come up with a solution. Mrs Gardner agreed there is an issue with the lake level and ORC has done what it can. She stated ORC has no role to play in addressing the lake level as the culvert is NZTA's and the track is the responsibility of DoC. Cr Lawton said there is an opportunity for the Council to decide if they want to play a role and asked that options be provided to them at the next Council Meeting.

A discussion was held about the trees that were removed by NZTA at the previously considered stock truck effluent disposal site at Ripponvale Straight. Cr Kempton moved that ORC cease work on the Tarras site and complete a design for the Ripponvale site. Cr Woodhead seconded the motion. Cr Laws cited a point of order, stating that a previous Council resolution would need to be overturned prior to a new motion. Chair Noone accepted the point of order and said the motion was invalid. Mrs Gardner suggested in light of the information, if a timely notice of motion is filed with her, a report could be added to the next Council agenda reconsidering the two sites. Cr Noone asked if this was re-litigating the issue. Cr Kempton said he would consider filing a notice of motion prior to the next meeting.

Dr Mackey updated the Councillors on the Roxburgh debris flow. He said ORC had engaged an engineering firm to assess and identify ways to mitigate the risk from future flooding. Dr Mackey said once staff has analysed the engineering report, they will present a paper outlining

options to the Council late in 2019. Dr Palmer then updated the Councillors on the Leith Flood Protection Scheme. There was no further discussion and Cr Noone asked for a motion.

### Resolution

*That the Council:*

- 1) **Receives this report.**

Moved: Cr Noone  
Seconded: Cr Lawton  
CARRIED

### 10. CLOSURE

There was no further business and Cr Noone declared the meeting closed at 04:40 pm.

Andrew Noone      1/10/2019  
Chairperson                      Date

Sarah Gardner      4.10.2019  
Chief Executive                      Date