



Minutes of an ordinary meeting of Council held in the
Council Chamber on
Tuesday 7 January 2020 at 10:00 am

Membership

Hon Marian Hobbs	<i>(Chairperson)</i>
Cr Michael Laws	<i>(Deputy Chairperson)</i>
Cr Hilary Calvert	
Cr Alexa Forbes	
Cr Michael Deaker	
Cr Carmen Hope	
Cr Gary Kelliher	
Cr Kevin Malcolm	
Cr Andrew Noone	
Cr Gretchen Robertson	
Cr Bryan Scott	
Cr Kate Wilson	

Welcome

Cr Hobbs welcomed Councillors, members of the public and staff to the meeting at 10:00 am.

For our future

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies. Councillor Scott was in attendance via an electronic meeting link.

2. ATTENDANCE

Staff in attendance included:

Sarah Gardner	<i>(Chief Executive)</i>
Gavin Palmer	<i>(General Manager Operations)</i>
Sally Giddens	<i>(General Manager People, Culture and Communications)</i>
Richard Saunders	<i>(General Manager Regulatory)</i>
Gwyneth Elsum	<i>(General Manager Policy, Strategy and Science)</i>
Amanda Vercoe	<i>(Executive Advisor)</i>
Liz Spector	<i>(Committee Secretary)</i>

Also in attendance were Anita Dawe (Acting Manager Policy), Tom De Pelsemaeker (Team Leader Freshwater and Land), Joanna Gilroy (Manager Consents), Lucy Summers (Sr Communications and Engagement Advisor - Water), Lisa Gloag (Manager Communications and Engagement), Eleanor Ross (Manager Communications Channels), Ryan Tippet (Media Communications Lead), Andrea Howard (Manager Good Water Programme), and Simon Wilson (Manager Consent Systems and Administration).

3. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Cr Hobbs asked to reorder the agenda to conduct the public forum after consideration of item 6.1 Confirm Appointment of Iwi Representatives. The Councillors agreed and moved to consideration of item 6.1 before the Public Forum.

4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were advised.

6. MATTERS FOR COUNCIL DECISION

6.1. Confirm Appointment of Iwi Representatives

Cr Hobbs reviewed the appointment of the two representatives nominated for membership on the Strategy and Planning Committee. Cr Wilson asked that the Rūnaka provide named alternates for the representatives in the event one of them is unable to attend. The Councillors agreed to add this request as item d to the resolution and Cr Wilson made a motion.

Resolution

That the Council:

- a) **Receives** this report.
- b) **Notes** the finalised Terms of Reference 2019-2022 for the Strategy and Planning Committee include two iwi representatives in the membership of the Committee.
- c) **Appoints** Dr Lyn Carter and Edward Ellison as members of Strategy and Planning Committee.
- d) **Approach** the Rūnaka to offer them the opportunity to provide named alternates for their two representatives with the same speaking and voting rights.

Moved: Cr Wilson

Seconded: Cr Calvert
CARRIED

5. PUBLIC FORUM

Twenty-one individuals or groups were present to speak to the Council about the bespoke water permits plan change. Cr Hobbs reminded the speakers how the Council was going to respond to the recommendations of Minister Parker on the Water Permits Plan. She noted the Council resolution adopted at the 27 November meeting which said the water permits plan change would be informed by specific key principles and reassured the speakers this will not be their only chance to engage on the proposed plan change. She stated this is pre-notification stage for the proposed plan and once a plan is notified, submissions will be called for, either written or oral, and via public hearings.

Referring to the Otago Regional Council Standing Orders, Cr Hobbs then asked the speakers to hold their comments to five minutes and reminded them to not repeat what had been previously. Cr Hobbs also directed the Councillors to hold their questions until either the workshop or talk to presenters during the break.

The speakers provided a range of information and opinions and included Gerry Eckhoff, Sally Dicey and Kate Scott (MCK Consulting), Matt Hickey (Water Resource Management), Ken Gillespie and Susie McKeague (Otago Water Resource Users Group), Anna Gillespie and Jan Manson (Manuherehia Catchment Group), Sue Maturin (Forest and Bird), Edward Ellison and Lyn Carter (Aukaha), Neil Deans and Elizabeth Haig (Department of Conservation), Peter Barrett (Linnburn Station), Hilary Lennox (Ahika Consulting), Boyd McDonald (Strath Taieri Catchment Group), Issi Anderson (Cardrona permit holder), Dugald MacTavish and Allan Mark (Wise Response Society Inc), Allison Sutton (Manuherehia Irrigation Co-op Society Ltd), Niall Watson (Fish and Game), Tony Lepper (Earnsclough Irrigation), Judy Andrews and Hamish MacKenzie (Kyeburn Catchment Group), Will Nicholson and Claire Perkins (Landpro), Gavan Herlihy (Sowburn Water Co Ltd), Graeme Martin, Caroline Tamblyn (Coal Creek Catchment Group, Roxburgh). The speakers represented a variety of interests including agriculturalists, irrigators, environmental professionals and consultants.

After the public forum was concluded, Cr Hobbs thanked everyone for their input and suggested they forward written documentation to the Committee Secretary for distribution to the Councillors.

7. CLOSURE

As there was no further business, Cr Hobbs declared the Council meeting closed at 12:22 pm.



Hon Marian Hobbs, Chairperson



Date