



Minutes of a meeting of the Strategy and Planning Committee
held in the Council Chamber on Wednesday 10 February 2021 at
1:00 PM

Membership

Cr Gretchen Robertson *(Co-Chair)*
Cr Kate Wilson *(Co-Chair)*
Cr Hilary Calvert
Dr Lyn Carter
Cr Michael Deaker
Mr Edward Ellison
Cr Alexa Forbes
Hon Cr Marian Hobbs
Cr Carmen Hope
Cr Gary Kelliher
Cr Michael Laws
Cr Kevin Malcolm
Cr Andrew Noone
Cr Bryan Scott

Welcome

Co-Chair Gretchen Robertson welcomed Councillors, members of the public and staff to the meeting at 1 p.m.

Staff present included: Sarah Gardner (CEO), Nick Donnelly (GM Corporate Services), Gwyneth Elsum (GM Strategy, Policy and Science), Gavin Palmer (GM Operations), Amanda Vercoe (Executive Advisor), Liz Spector (Committee Secretary), Anita Dawe (via Zoom), Lisa Hawkins, Tom De Pelsemaeker, Garry Maloney, Dianne Railton, Ryan Tippet, Lucy Summers, and Lisa Gloag.

1. APOLOGIES

Resolution

That the lateness of Cr Wilson be accepted.

Moved: Cr Calvert

Seconded: Cr Hope

CARRIED

Noted that Cr Forbes was present via teleconference.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

No public forum was held.

3. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

The agenda was confirmed as published.

4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were advised at this time.

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution

That the minutes of the meeting held on 1 December 2020 be received and confirmed as a true and accurate record, with or without changes.

Moved: Cr Noone

Seconded: Cr Deaker

CARRIED

6. ACTIONS

Outstanding resolutions of the Committee were reviewed with staff.

7. PRESENTATIONS

Cr Noone updated the meeting on Land and Water Regional Plan Governance Group activities (LWRPGG).

8. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

8.1. RPS Panel Recommendation Process

This report was provided to receive direction from the Committee as to whether elected Councillors would be considered for nomination to sit on the Freshwater Hearings Panel to hear, consider and make recommendations to Council on the proposed Regional Policy Statement 2021. Gwyneth Elsum (GM Strategy, Policy and Science), Lisa Hawkins (Team Lead RPS, Air and Coast) and Anita Dawe, via Zoom (Manager Policy and Planning) were available to respond to questions about the report.

Cr Scott declared a potential conflict of interest on this report and did not participate in discussions or voting on this item.

Cr Kelliher declared a potential conflict of interest on this report and did not participate in discussions or voting on this item.

After several questions from Councillors, Cr Noone stated that the Regional Policy Statement had been developed to its current draft form with Councillors participating in its creation along the way. He said the processes in place to adopt the RPS should be transparent and he does not feel elected members should form part of the hearing panel. Cr Laws said there will be an opportunity for all Councillors to cast their final judgement on the recommendations and moved that elected members not be considered for panel appointment. Cr Calvert seconded the motion.

Cr Malcolm asked that in the future, consideration should be given by Councillors to determine whether they should have a role as possible commissioners. He noted that Local Government in general should potentially take a position on the relevance of elected members being appointed commissioners to hear their own submissions. Cr Robertson concurred with this statement and asked that it be noted.

There being no further discussion, Co-Chair Robertson put the motion.

Resolution

That the Committee:

- 1) **Receives** this report
- 2) **Confirms** its position that Otago Regional Council elected members should not be considered nominees to hear submissions on the Regional Policy Statement 2021; and
- 3) **Notes** that further papers will be brought to Council outlining a process to select two (2) Commissioners to be nominated to sit, hear, and make recommendations on the proposed RPS 2021.

Moved: Cr Laws

Seconded: Cr Calvert

CARRIED

8.2. Manuherekia Engagement Process

Cr Kelliher declared a potential conflict of interest did not participate discussions or voting on this item.

This report provided an update on planned engagement and community consultation on the new regulatory framework for the Manuherekia Rohe included in the new Land and Water Regional Plan for Otago (LWRP). Tom De Pelsemaeker (Team Lead Freshwater and Land), Lucy Summers (Comms Engagement Advisor) and Gwyneth Elsum (GM Strategy, Policy and Science) were present to speak to the report. Ms Elsum noted the extensive work programme that sat behind the Manuherekia Choice Document. She said a workshop on the consultation document will be conducted with Councillors prior to consultation.

Edward Ellison asked how the Manuherekia consultation process would respond to iwi concerns. He said he and Lyn Carter are both concerned that te mana o te wai is not being consistently taken into account. Ms Elsum said ORC staff is working closely with Aukaha staff and this will also be discussed at a higher level at the upcoming Mana to Mana meeting. She also noted there are two iwi representatives on the Land and Water Regional Plan Governance Group (LWRPGG) and stressed there are two separate issues being discussed here, the consultation Choices Document and the Regional Policy Statement and its consideration of te mana o te wai.

Cr Hobbs said she been contacted by several members of the Manuherehia Reference Group (MRG) with some concerns. She asked for reassurance that those who may be feeling disenfranchised by the process will be able to contribute during the next steps. Cr Robertson said the Manuherehia is regarded as a catchment of national significance as well as being important for the community. Ms Elsum said the next phase is consultation and that the MRG merely provides advice. Cr Hobbs said it was important to make that very clear. Cr Scott said discussing this at Mana to Mana as a first step might go part way to acknowledging another step in that process. Cr Robertson then asked that the language in the LWRP be broadened to include FMU implications.

Cr Wilson joined the meeting at 2:20 p.m.

Cr Calvert and Cr Malcolm asked that Councillors be provided a copy of any information provided to the meeting of the 4/5 March MRG meeting. Mr De Pelsemaeker said that meeting is merely to discuss technical details and not the consultation document. He said the Councillors have been invited to a workshop on the 25th of February to review the Manuherehia technical details that will be discussed at the March MRG meeting.

After further discussion, Councillor Scott made a motion.

Resolution

That the Committee:

- 1) **Receives** this report.
- 2) **Continues discussions** of te mana o te wai and implications for FMUs on the Land and Water Regional Plan in consultation with iwi, including at Mana to Mana.

Moved: Cr Scott

Seconded: Cr Deaker

CARRIED

Cr Calvert then made a subsequent motion:

Resolution

That the Committee:

- 1) **Receives** a copy of the information that will be presented to the 4 and 5 March Manuherehia Reference Group meetings contemporaneously to that meeting.

Moved: Cr Calvert

Seconded: Cr Malcolm

CARRIED

8.3. Queenstown Transport Business Case

This report was provided to seek endorsement of the Queenstown Business Case (QBC), a set of integrated and complementary land transport projects developed for the Way to Go transport partnership between ORC, Queenstown Lakes District Council and Waka Kotahi NZ Transport with component projects to be delivered by each partnership agency. Garry

Maloney (Manager Transport) and Gavin Palmer (GM Operations) were present to speak to the report and respond to questions.

Cr Deaker asked if the ORC should consider investing so much money into this partnership when there is contradictory data related to the economic health of Queenstown. Dr Palmer said the interventions are planned to be staged and implemented as demand increases, allowing flexibility. He also said decisions can be deferred or revisited in the future. Cr Scott asked for reassurance this spend will be efficient and a good process.

A funding discussion was conducted, with Cr Scott asking if the timelines for investment were able to be pushed out. Dr Palmer said the timing was not absolute. Cr Forbes indicated concern about pushing this commitment to future years. She said the other partners had already endorsed or were in the process of endorsing the QBC and that she is worried if the ORC does not commit at this time, it will fail to stay ahead of infrastructure demands. Cr Forbes said this is a forward-thinking plan and urged it to be endorsed.

Cr Wilson said she was concerned the recommended motion did not provide an opportunity to communicate to the community that it is part of the Long Term Plan process. She said she would prefer to endorse in principle the QBC, subject to the Long Term Plan consultation process. Cr Calvert suggested she would like to hear from QLDC ratepayers whether this is something they consider a priority at this time. Cr Hope concurred.

Following further discussion, Cr Wilson moved:

Resolution

That the Committee:

- 1) **Receives** this report.
- 2) **Endorses in principle** the Queenstown Business Case as the basis for more detailed investigations subject to the Long Term Plan consultation process.

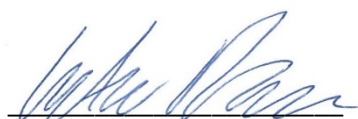
Moved: Cr Wilson
Seconded: Cr Calvert
CARRIED

Cr Deaker left the meeting at 02:41 pm.

Cr Deaker returned to the meeting at 02:45 pm.

9. CLOSURE

There was no further business and Co-Chair Robertson declared the meeting closed at 03:19 pm.



Co-Chairperson

15 April 2021

Date