



Minutes of a meeting of the
Implementation Committee held in the
Council Chamber on Wednesday 9 March 2022 at 1:00 PM

Membership

Cr Carmen Hope (Co-Chair)
Cr Bryan Scott (Co-Chair)
Cr Hilary Calvert
Cr Michael Deaker
Cr Alexa Forbes
Cr Gary Kelliher
Cr Michael Laws
Cr Kevin Malcolm
Cr Andrew Noone
Cr Gretchen Robertson
Cr Kate Wilson

Welcome

Chairperson Andrew Noone welcomed Councillors, members of the public and staff to the meeting at 1PM. Staff present in the Chamber were Amanda Vercoe (GM Governance, Culture and Customer) and Liz Spector (Governance Support). Staff present electronically included Sarah Gardner (Chief Executive), Nick Donnelly (GM Corporate Services), Gwyneth Elsum (GM Strategy, Policy and Science), Gavin Palmer (GM Operations), Richard Saunders (GM Regulatory and Communications),

1. APOLOGIES

Chairperson Andrew Noone noted that Committee Co-Chair Bryan Scott was an apology and Co-Chair Carmen Hope was attending the meeting remotely. As such, Co-Chair Hope moved that Cr Andrew Noone assume meeting Chair responsibilities.

Resolution: Cr Hope Moved, Cr Calvert Seconded

That Cr Andrew Noone Chair the meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution: Cr Noone Moved, Cr Kelliher Seconded:

That the apologies for Cr Scott and the lateness of Cr Forbes be accepted.

MOTION CARRIED

2. PUBLIC FORUM

No public forum was held.

3. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Resolution: Cr Noone Moved, Cr Laws Seconded

That the agenda be confirmed as published.

MOTION CARRIED

4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Cr Hope stated she would sit back from discussions on the River Management Update report due to a potential conflict.

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution: Cr Wilson Moved, Cr Calvert Seconded

That the minutes of the meeting held on 8 December 2021 be received and confirmed as a true and accurate record.

MOTION CARRIED

6. ACTIONS

Open actions from resolutions of the Committee were reviewed with staff. Cr Noone noted all actions appeared to be on track.

Cr Forbes joined the meeting at 9:10am.

7. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

7.1. River Management Update: Quarters 1 and 2

The report was provided to update the Committee with a summary of river management operational activities for the previous quarter and an update on three resolutions made at the Implementation Committee meeting of 8 September 2021 to do with gravel extraction consents, river management work programmes and asset management plans for plantings along riverbanks. Gavin Palmer (General Manager Operations, Michelle Mifflin (Manager Engineering), Jean-Luc Payan (Manager Natural Hazards) and Pam Wilson

(Infrastructure Team Lead) were present electronically to speak to the report and respond to questions.

Ms Mifflin noted some clerical errors in the paper which listed months for a timeline incorrectly and an incorrect paragraph reference in paragraph 70 due to updates made to an earlier paragraph (34). These were not substantive to the report but noted to Councillors for information.

Following discussion of the report and questions from Councillors, Cr Calvert noted her appreciation to staff for the updated layout and well-written content for the quarterly report. Cr Kelliher moved:

Resolution IMP22-101: Cr Kelliher Moved, Cr Laws Seconded

That the Committee:

- 1) **Notes** this report.
- 2) **Notes** the River Morphology and Riparian Strategy's for the Waianakarua River, Pomahaka River, Kakanui River, Taieri River and Shag/Waihemo River.
- 3) **Notes** the progress that is being made with the reporting, planning and progression of the framework that supports river management activities.
- 4) **Pass** on the Committee's appreciation for the new reporting regime.

MOTION CARRIED

7.2. Environmental Implementation Quarterly Update

This report was provided to detail operational implementation activities undertaken in the areas of freshwater, biosecurity, and biodiversity for the previous quarter and included details of projects underway and improvements being made to processes and systems supporting delivery of the activities. Gavin Palmer (GM Operations) and Andrea Howard (Manager Environmental Implementation) were present electronically to speak to the report and respond to questions.

Councillors had questions about management of wallabies and rabbits in Otago. Cr Laws asked if staff had made progress on identifying how to determine whether systems that had been implemented to control rabbits were working to reduce their numbers. Ms Howard said ORC cannot fully make that determination, however the policy is sustained control to reduce impact of rabbits. She said technology that maps the work is underway, reviews of night counts, collating historical data are all things that can be done to determine programme success. Cr Laws said even with all of that, there is no ability to definitively say the work being done is making any difference to rabbit numbers. Ms Howard said she expects such a definitive programme would cost millions as it would be doing analysis on a pest that moves and would need to be very comprehensive. She also said it would be very complex in terms of sampling methods.

Cr Wilson asked about catchment management planning, noting a workshop Councillors attended in December 2021. Ms Howard said work was underway to come to Council with a confirmed framework before having a mandate to engage further with communities. She said high level endorsement of the plan will need to be obtained before having in-depth conversations with stakeholders.

Cr Hope mentioned the retirement of the ORC Catchments Advisor Bruce Monaghan and congratulated him on his long career. Following further questions, Cr Kelliher moved:

Resolution IMP22-102: Cr Hope Moved, Cr Wilson Seconded

That the Committee:

- 1) **Notes** this report.
- 2) **Notes** the range of implementation activities being undertaken to maintain and improve Otago Regional Council’s delivery of environmental implementation activities.
- 3) **Notes** the retirement of Bruce Monaghan and expresses grateful thanks to him for his service as Catchment Advisor (Central Otago) to ORC and to the wider Otago region.
- 4) **Develop** a credible methodology to measure effectiveness of the Pest Management Plan with regards to combatting the #1 pest in Otago.

MOTION CARRIED

8. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

Resolution: Cr Noone Moved, Cr Wilson Seconded:

That the public be excluded under LGOIMA (48)(1)(a) to consider the following reports:

- Public Transport Planning for COVID-19 Omicron Variant
- Update on how the 2022 School Year Impacted Dunedin Bus Services
- Update on Dunedin Bus Route 1 Changes

MOTION CARRIED

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under [section 48\(1\)](#) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
3.1 PPT2204 Public Transport Planning for COVID-19 Omicron Variant	<p>Section 7(2)(b)(ii): To protect information where the making available of the information—would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.</p> <p>Section 7(2)(i): To enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).</p>	<p>Section 48(1)(a): Subject to subsection (3), a local authority may by resolution exclude the public from the whole or any part of the proceedings of any meeting only on 1 or more of the following grounds:</p> <p>(a) that the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist.</p>
3.2 OPS2207 Update on how the 2022 School Year Impacted	Section 7(2)(b)(ii): To protect information where the making available of the information—would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the	Section 48(1)(a): Subject to subsection (3), a local authority may by resolution exclude the public from the

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3.3 PPT2203 Update on Dunedin Bus Route 1 Changes	<p>Section 7(2)(b)(ii): To protect information where the making available of the information—would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.</p> <p>Section 7(2)(i): To enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).</p>	<p>Section 48(1)(a): Subject to subsection (3), a local authority may by resolution exclude the public from the whole or any part of the proceedings of any meeting only on 1 or more of the following grounds: (a) that the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist.</p>

This resolution was made in reliance on [section 48\(1\)\(a\)](#) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by [section 6](#) or [section 7](#) of that Act or [section 6](#) or [section 7](#) or [section 9](#) of the Official Information Act 1982, as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public.

9. CLOSURE

There was no further business and Chairperson Noone declared the public meeting closed at 2:41 pm.



Co-Chairperson Scott

14 April 2022

Date