

OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Communications Committee held in the Council Chamber, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin on Wednesday 16 April commencing at 10.23 am.

Present:

Cr Trevor Kempton (Chairperson)
Cr Graeme Bell (Deputy Chairperson)
Cr Doug Brown
Cr Louise Croot MNZM
Cr Michael Deaker
Cr Gerrard Eckhoff
Cr Gary Kelliher
Cr Sam Neill
Cr Gretchen Robertson
Cr Bryan Scott
Cr Stephen Woodhead

Apologies:

Cr David Shepherd
The apology was accepted on the motion of Crs Woodhead and Croot.

In attendance:

Peter Bodeker
Wayne Scott
Jeff Donaldson
Fraser McRae
Gavin Palmer
Martin King
Janet Favel

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 March 2014, having been circulated, were adopted on the motion of Crs Croot and Robertson.

Matters arising from minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

ITEMS FOR NOTING

Item 1

2014/0771 **Report on Community Liaison and Education.** CE, 1/4/14

The report provided an update on Plan Change 6A implementation, catchment programme, and annual plan target progress.

The high *e. coli* results in the Taieri River at Waipiata had been discussed at a recent meeting of the Upper Taieri Water Users Group. Cr Robertson, who chaired the meeting, advised that it appeared that while no one group was to blame for the result, there were potential hotspots and all landowners would have to look at their current farming practices to understand how they could meet 6A requirements, and to identify hotspots. The meeting had noted the need to start monitoring now. A comment was made about the apparent lack of tools to identify hotspots. Mr King advised that a flyover of the area had identified possible hotspots, which would be further investigated by property owners and irrigation companies.

Cr Neill moved
Cr Bell seconded

That the report be received.

Motion carried

Item 2

2014/0777 **Report on Communications and Media Activity.** CE, 3/4/14

The report provided an update on Council communications and media activity carried out during the period 25 February to 31 March. Councillors commended the range and amount of work carried out.

Cr Croot moved
Cr Woodhead seconded

That the report be received.

Motion carried

Item 3

2014/0768 **Report on Customer Services Activity.** CE, 31/3/14

The report provided an update on Customer Services Activity for March.

Councillors were pleased to note the introduction of the “day in the field” for Customer Services staff which would help them gain a better understanding of Council activity out in the field. Favourable comment was also made of training provided to Customer Services staff in various aspects of Council work to enable a better service to be provided to customers.

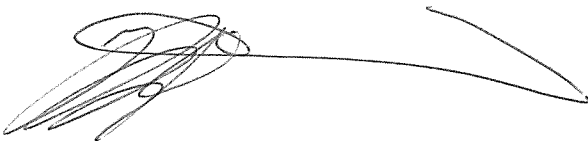
Cr Woodhead moved
Cr Kelliher seconded

That the report be received.

Motion carried

Cr Deaker noted that until the new director was appointed, the Chief Executive held responsibility for the Liaison and Education, Communications, and Customer Services units. Mr Bodeker advised that a contract had been offered to a preferred applicant, and confirmation of that was awaited. Cr Robertson thanked Mr Bodeker for his work with the directorate in the interim.

The meeting closed at 10.37 am.



Chairperson