

## OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL

### Minutes of a meeting of the Regulatory Committee held in the Council Chamber, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin on Thursday 24 July 2014 commencing at 12.45 pm

**Present:**

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

**Apologies:**

Cr Gretchen Robertson  
The apology was accepted on the motion of Crs Neill and Deaker.

**In attendance:**

- Peter Bodeker
- Wayne Scott
- Jeff Donaldson
- Jane Leahy
- Fraser McRae
- Gavin Palmer
- Janet Favel

#### CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

#### MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 June 2014, having been circulated, were adopted on the motion of Crs Croot and Shepherd.

#### Matters arising from minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

## ITEMS FOR NOTING

Item 1

2014/0917 **Biosecurity and RMA Monitoring Report.** DEMO, 10/7/14

The report detailed water, air, pest, and contaminated site environmental monitoring and incidents for the period 1 May to 12 June 2014.

In response to a question Mr Donaldson explained that Recommendations for Enforcement Action in relation to water metering were considered by a staff panel of the Chief Executive, Legal Counsel, and Manager Environmental Services, who made the decision whether or not to proceed with legal action. Abatement notices would take effect on 1 August which gave people time to make their system compliant for the next irrigation season.

Mr Donaldson advised that the Environmental Monitoring and Operations section had assisted Canterbury farmers with rabbit poisoning operations after an accident to a land holder had left them short staffed. It was required that a qualified contractor be employed and ORC was the only contractor available with the proper equipment.

In response to a question Mr Donaldson noted that the review of the Pest Management Strategy was being carried out a year earlier than necessary, but work on a combined strategy with Southland, West Coast, Canterbury and Marlborough regions was under way. The draft generic strategy was due in August. Mr Donaldson further explained that the lists of the 20 main pests from each authority had been amalgamated into one list of 20 for the whole of the South Island. There were implications with regard to wilding trees, possums and feral deer.

Mr Donaldson explained that one more pest control operation was needed to complete the three year rabbit trial project with Landcare Research and the Ministry of Primary Industries.

In response to a question about feral pigs, Mr Donaldson explained that there was difficulty in sourcing appropriate control tools. There was concern about feral pigs and wallabies now being identified in increasing numbers in areas of Otago.

Cr Kempton moved  
Cr Kelliher seconded

*That the report be noted.*

**Motion carried**

Item 2  
2014/0945

**Consent processing, consent administration and Building Control Authority update.** DPPRM, 4/7/14

The report detailed consent processing, consent administration and building control authority activity for the period 19 May to 30 June 2014.

Cr Croot moved  
Cr Scott seconded

*That the report be noted.*

**Motion carried**

Item 3  
2014/0936

**RMA, Biosecurity Act and Building Act Enforcement Activities.**  
DPPRM, 3/7/14

The report detailed Resource Management Act 1991, Biosecurity Act 1993 and Building Act 2004 enforcement activities undertaken by the Otago Regional Council for the period 14 May to 30 June 2014.

Cr Bell moved  
Cr Woodhead seconded

*That the report be noted.*

**Motion carried**

Item 4  
2014/1005

**Objection hearing – Strath Taieri Irrigation Group (2007.310).**  
DPPRM, 11/1/14

The report noted the outcome of the Objections Committee hearing of the objection on costs lodged by the Strath Taieri Irrigation Group (STIG).

Mr Bodeker advised that ORC engagement with STIG as recommended by the Hearings Committee had commenced and the first meeting would be held on Wednesday 30 July.

Cr Kelliher moved  
Cr Scott seconded

*That the report be noted.*

**Motion carried**

The meeting closed at 1.06 pm

**Chairman**

