

OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Policy Committee held in the Council Chamber, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin on Thursday 4 September 2014 commencing at 10.33 am

- Present:**
- Cr Gretchen Robertson (Chairperson)
 - Cr Doug Brown
 - Cr Louise Croot MNZM
 - Cr Gerrard Eckhoff
 - Cr Gary Kelliher
 - Cr Trevor Kempton
 - Cr Sam Neill
 - Cr Bryan Scott
 - Cr David Shepherd
 - Cr Stephen Woodhead
- Apologies:**
- Cr Graeme Bell
 - Cr Michael Deaker
- The apologies were accepted on the motion of Crs Shepherd and Croot.
- 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 24 July 2014, having been circulated, were adopted on the motion of Crs Croot and Neill.

Matters arising from minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

FOR NOTING

Item 1

2014/1269 **Director's Report on Progress.** DPPRM, 19/8/14

The report gave an overview of significant activities undertaken by the Policy section since the last meeting.

In response to a question about the MfE National Policy Direction on Pest Management Plans, Mr McRae explained that the amendment paper discussed changes to the Biosecurity Amendment Act and how central government would work with region government on pest management plans. The paper was supposed to be available before the general election, but had now been pushed out to mid February.

A question was raised about the ORC's submission on ECan Plan Change 3 Waitaki Catchment Water Allocation Regional Plan. Mr McRae explained that ORC's concerns related to inflow back into gravels under the North Otago plains. This could make didymo and algal growth difficult to deal with, and compliance with national standards for chlorophyll would become an issue. Mr McRae explained that varying minimum flows to include a shoulder season created a better flow regime which could reduce didymo occurrence.

Cr Croot moved
Cr Scott seconded

That the report be noted.

Motion carried

The meeting closed at 10.42 am.


Chairperson

15.10.14