

OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Policy Committee held in the Council Chamber, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin on Wednesday 15 October 2014 commencing at 12.10 am

Present:

- Cr Michael Deaker (Chairperson)
- Cr Graeme Bell
- 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 Doug Brown
- Cr Gretchen Robertson

The apologies were accepted on the motion of Crs Deaker 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 4 September 2014, having been circulated, were adopted on the motion of Crs Croot and Eckhoff.

Matters arising from minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

PART A – RECOMMENDATIONS

Item 1

2014/1539 **RPS Consultation Draft of Proposed Review of the Regional Policy Statement for Otago Regional Council.** DPPRM, 3/10/14

The report presented for approval by Council a Consultation Draft of the Proposed Regional Policy Statement for Otago for release for consultation in accordance with clause 3, Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991. The draft document was circulated with the agenda.

Cr Deaker advised that as a result of recent discussions with TLAs the consultation draft was now to be released for consultation on 30 October.

Cr Deaker moved
Cr Woodhead seconded

That this committee note that the consultation draft of the Proposed Regional Policy Statement will be ready for consultation on 30 October 2014 as required under clause 3, Schedule 1 of the RMA.

Motion carried

Item 2

2014/1545 **Consultation Draft Proposed Plan Change 3C (Waiwera catchment minimum flow).** DPPRM, 1/10/14

The report explained that the purpose of Proposed Plan Change 3C was to establish a primary allocation limit and minimum flow, and a supplementary allocation regime for the Waiwera catchment. Council endorsement was sought to release for public consultation the Consultation Draft and draft evaluation of the costs and benefits

Cr Shepherd moved
Cr Scott seconded

That the attached Consultation Draft of Proposed Plan Change 3C (Waiwera catchment minimum flow) to the Regional Plan: Water for Otago and the accompanying draft Section 32 Evaluation Report are released for consultation in accordance with clause 3, Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Motion carried

PART B - FOR NOTING

Item 3

2014/1445 **Director's Report on Progress.** DPPRM, 26/9/14

The Director reported on significant activities undertaken by the Policy section.

Mr McRae in his report noted that business planning for Queenstown/Frankton was highlighting the need to substantially increase usage of public transport in the area. He explained that ORC was part of a planning team working on updating the Wakatipu Transportation Strategy to ensure that QLDC's policies and other planning roles aligned with its transport role and opportunities for government funding.

The removal of school buses because of the increasing availability of public transport was noted, and there was concern whether public transport would be able to provide for the growing number of school children. Issues of density and congestion if private transport was provided were noted, and it was suggested that Ministry of Education needed to be included in these discussions.

Cr Deaker moved
Cr Neill seconded

That the report be noted.

Motion carried

The meeting closed at 12.26 pm.

Chairperson

