

OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL

Minutes of an Ordinary meeting of the Council held in the Council Chamber, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin on Wednesday 6 May 2015 commencing at 9.00 am

- Present:**
- Cr Stephen Woodhead (Chairperson)
 - Cr Gretchen Robertson (Deputy Chairperson)
 - Cr Graeme Bell
 - 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
- Apologies:**
- Cr Michael Deaker
The apology was accepted on the motion of Crs Bell and Kelliher.
- Leave of Absence:**
- Request for Leave of Absence – Cr Shepherd**
The request for leave of absence was approved on the motion of Crs Woodhead and Neill.
- In attendance:**
- Peter Bodeker
 - Wayne Scott
 - Jeff Donaldson
 - Jane Leahy
 - Fraser McRae
 - Gavin Palmer
 - Janet Favel

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Cr Woodhead noted that Report RFT2015-1 Unit 5 – Southern Routes – Tender Award had been received. Because of the timing of the tender process, the report was received too late to be circulated with the agenda. Cr Woodhead recommended that it be added to the agenda as Item 4A in Part C Items for noting. There were no other changes to the agenda.

MINUTES

- (a) The minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 25 March 2015, having been circulated, and
 - (b) The minutes of the Extraordinary meeting held on 22 April 2015, having been circulated,
- were adopted on the motion of Crs Croot and Shepherd.

Matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

PART A – CHAIRPERSON’S AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPORTS

Item 1

2015/0907 **Chairperson’s report.** Chair, 30/4/15

The Chairperson provided an overview of his activities for the period to 30 April 2015.

Cr Woodhead commented on the Regional Sector Group meeting held on 1 May:

- A proposal around the formation of a risk management agency, including insurance, was expected in the next two or three months.
- Government proposal for governance of ECan – the LGNZ submission was critical of the timeframes which did not allow time for a full review. LGNZ also opposed the mixed governance model, and recommended continuing with commissioners for a further three years (next local body election) then reinstating full democracy. There were concerns that there was not sufficient time to carry out a representation review before the next election, and that moving straight from commissioners to a full elected council would mean that governance experience was lost.
- The Land and Water Forum had been reconstituted as LAWF 4, which was to run for three years. Cr Woodhead and Richard Kempthorne, Mayor of Tasman District Council, had been elected as regional sector representatives on the Forum.

Other issues were discussed as follows:

- ECan governance - support for the LGNZ submission was expressed, and the proposed review of the way regional councils were elected was commended.
- Three Waters project – Cr Woodhead explained that this was LGNZ driven and was a response to questions from the Minister of Finance about three waters infrastructure. Options for Three Waters management were: status quo, enhanced status quo, co-regulatory model, and full commercial (Scottish) model. LGNZ believed the

enhanced status quo was not an option because of the large investment required in some towns, and supported the co-regulatory model. Under this model infrastructure would be owned and operated by an independent organisation, and regulations set by local government. Concern was expressed that the costs of the independent organisation body being set up would be charged to local government, which would make it costly for small authorities, and it was also noted that the project did not address septic tanks.

- WW1 Centenary – it was noted that an Otago commemoration had been discussed, but no initiative agreed. There had been general opposition to a monument/statue, and an option such as a bridge/ cycleway across the Leith had been discussed. There was general agreement that a workshop be held to discuss this matter, and Councillors were encouraged to pass on to Mr Bodeker ideas for the form of the commemoration. It was suggested that the RSA also be contacted for ideas.

Item 2

2015/0904 **Chief Executive's Report.** CE, 29/4/15

The Chief Executive provided an overview of his activities for the period to 29 April 2015.

The following matters were discussed:

- The CE noted that an extension of two months to the consultation timetable had been granted to the Lindis Catchment Group. Two meetings had been held since then with Graeme Martin, Chair of the Group, and a further meeting was being held today, which unfortunately clashed with this Council meeting.
- Appointment of new Director Corporate Services – the report was corrected to refer to Mr Nick Donnelly (not Donnell). Mr Scott would retire on 24 July, which allowed a month of crossover with the new Director.
- LAWA (Land Air Water Aotearoa) – Mr Bodeker explained that LAWA was a country-wide regional council initiative which made environmental information available to the community through its website. Currently ORC water quality data was provided, and the water quantity module, including rainfall on a realtime basis, were soon to become available. The LAWA website was linked directly to ORC computers, which provided immediate updates. In response to a question Mr Bodeker explained that Council had not agreed at this stage to have the ORC Water Info site replaced by LAWA, and would only do this if there could be assurance that the information would be the same quality as on the ORC website.
- Dairy hub – a group of Southland farmers had visited Mr Bodeker to inform him about the dairy hub (research and demonstration farms) they were planning to establish in Southland. They were seeking ORC support, but not a financial contribution. If ORC was to provide

support, it would be expected that the hub would report against ORC's water quality requirements. Members of the group advised that this could be done.

- Wallabies – Meetings had been held with the Chair and CE of ECan, and discussion with the community was planned. One difficulty was the wallaby's status as mascot of the Waimate District. Mr Donaldson noted that wallaby were breeding on the south side of the Waitaki River. A poisoning round was to be undertaken, and a draft strategy presented to Council.

Councillors were pleased to learn of the Southland Dairy Hub and supported ORC involvement. Cr Woodhead advised that the demonstration farm had not been purchased yet, but it was anticipated that it would be close to the Otago/Southland border, which would most likely mean that it would be on tile drains.

In response to a question Mr Bodeker advised that he represented regional CEs on the LAWA governance group, and noted that the LAWA contractor worked out of the ORC office. He further noted that Cawthron Institute had been engaged as mediator of the information being loaded into the LAWA website.

Cr Woodhead moved
Cr Kelliher seconded

That the Chair's and Chief Executive's reports be noted.

Motion carried

PART B – RECOMMENDATIONS

Item 3

2015/0862 **Approval of Plan Change 3B (Pomahaka catchment minimum flow) to the Regional Plan: Water.** DPPRM, 24/4/15

The report explained that Proposed Plan Change 3B (Pomahaka catchment minimum flow) to the Regional Plan: Water for Otago was ready to be approved as no appeals had been received. Council's seal could now be affixed and a date set for making the change operative. The Plan Change was circulated with the agenda.

Cr Robertson moved
Cr Neill seconded

That the Council:

- (i) *Approve Plan Change 3B (Pomahaka catchment minimum flow) to the Regional Plan: Water for Otago appended to this report; and*

- (ii) *Affix Council's seal to Plan Change 3B (Pomahaka catchment minimum flow) to the Regional Plan: Water for Otago; and*
- (iii) *Make Plan Change 3B (Pomahaka catchment minimum flow) to the Regional Plan: Water for Otago operative on Monday, 1 June 2015 and publicly notify that date on Saturday, 16 May 2015.*

Motion carried

PART C – ITEMS FOR NOTING

Item 4

2015/0903 **Financial Report.** DCS, 30/4/15

The report provided information in respect of the overall Council finances for the nine months to 31 March 2015.

Cr Croot moved
Cr Shepherd seconded

That the report be received.

Motion carried

Item 4A

2015/0913 **RFT2015-1 Unit 5 – Southern Routes – Tender Award.** DCS, 1/5/15

The report noted that the existing Southern Routes Contract PTC2010-1 would expire on 30 June 2015. Tenders for replacement services in accordance with NZTA's requirements and the Regional Public Transport Plan closed on 23 April 2015. Tenders were assessed in accordance with the tender assessment procedures, and the contract awarded to Go Bus Transport Limited. It was noted that the contract was the first of the new network Units under NZTA's new Public Transport Operating Model (PTOM), with new services scheduled to commence 1 July 2015. Staff were now putting the necessary service changes in place, including republishing the timetable, and updating the journey planner and the ticketing system. Key changes included: route variations reduced from 13 to 3, a super stop at Green Island, 118 more services, and regularised service frequency.

The two competitive tenders received were both under budget, which provided the opportunity to bring additional services forward from 2019 to 1 July 2015.

It was noted that the procurement requirements were based on price (70%) and other attributes including quality of buses and of the organisation (30%).

Mr Scott explained that the centre city hub would have facilities including shelter, ticket top up facilities, realtime, and toilets. The super stops would provide facilities for better shelter, ticket top ups, and realtime information.

Staff were commended on their work to reach this point.

Cr Kempton moved

Cr Neill seconded

That the report be received.

Motion carried

Item 5 **Reports from Councillors**

Cr Bell – Otago Ballance Farm Environment Awards

The supreme Otago award was won by Dave and Janene Divers, who farmed at Table Hill, near Milton. Cr Bell noted the transportable bridge they had built to keep waterways clean when stock was being moved, and suggested it could be publicised in ORC publications. The ORC quality management award was presented to Wilson and Angela Wiley of Owaka. Cr Bell considered it was important that ORC continue its support of the awards.

Crs Scott and Shepherd – LTP flood and drainage scheme meetings

Cr Shepherd noted landowners were concerned about escalating rates for drainage scheme ratepayers and the amount of work needed to address legacy issues. He thanked Dr Palmer and staff for their presentations to the meetings. Cr Scott noted that given the costs some landowners were asking how essential the proposed work was. Questions were also raised at the Lower Taieri meeting about the contribution to the scheme from the general rate in relation to the airport, including the type of analysis of costs carried out.

PART D – MINUTES OF MEETINGS

Item 6 **Recommendations of a meeting of the Otago and Southland Regional Transport Committees held on 13 April, for adoption**

Cr Bell moved

Cr Woodhead seconded

That the recommendations of a meeting of the Otago and Southland Regional Transport Committees held on 13 April be adopted.

Motion carried

Item 7 **Recommendations of the Communications Committee meeting held on 22 April 2015, for adoption**

Cr Kempton moved
Cr Bell seconded

That the recommendations of the Communications Committee meeting held on 22 April 2015 be adopted.

Motion carried

Item 8 **Recommendations of the public portion of the Finance and Corporate Committee meeting held on 22 April 2015, for adoption**

Cr Shepherd moved
Cr Kelliher seconded

That the recommendations of the public portion of the Finance and Corporate Committee meeting held on 22 April 2015 be adopted.

Motion carried

Item 9 **Recommendations of the Policy Committee meeting held on 22 April 2015, for adoption**

A schedule of minor changes to the RPS had been circulated. The changes included corrections to minor errors and inconsistencies, references, and definitions, and minor changes agreed at the 22 April Policy Committee meeting. Mr McRae confirmed that there were no changes to the content of the Statement.

Cr Robertson moved
Cr Croot seconded

That the recommendations of the Policy Committee meeting held on 22 April 2015, and the minor changes to the RPS circulated, be adopted.

Motion carried

Item 10 **Recommendations of the Regulatory Committee meeting** held on 22 April 2015, for adoption

Cr Neill moved
Cr Eckhoff seconded

That the recommendations of the Regulatory Committee meeting held on 22 April 2015 be adopted.

Motion carried

Item 11 **Recommendations of the Technical Committee meeting** held on 22 April 2015, for adoption

Cr Scott moved
Cr Brown seconded

That the recommendations of the Technical Committee meeting held on 22 April 2015 be adopted.

Motion carried

PART E EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC

Cr Woodhead moved
Cr Shepherd seconded

That the public be excluded from the following part of the proceedings of the meeting.

The general subject of the matters to be discussed while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to the matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

	<i>General subjects to be considered</i>	<i>Reason under LGOIMA for passing this resolution</i>	<i>Grounds under S.48 for the passing of this resolution</i>
<i>Item 12</i>	<i>Recommendations of the in committee portion of the Finance and Corporate Committee meeting held on 22 April 2015</i>	<i>To enable the body holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations S7(2)(i)</i>	<i>S.48(1)(a)(i)</i>

This resolution is 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 are as shown above with respect to each item.

Motion carried


Following discussion of Item 12,

Cr Woodhead moved
Cr Shepherd seconded

That the meeting resume in open session.

Motion carried

The meeting closed at 10.26 am



Chairperson