

OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Communications Committee held in the Council Chamber, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin on Wednesday 22 July 2015 commencing at 3.00 pm

Present:

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

Leave of absence: **Cr Gerrard Eckhoff**

In attendance:

- Peter Bodeker**
- Wayne Scott**
- Nick Donnelly**
- 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 3 June 2015, having been circulated, were adopted on the motion of Crs Bell and Robertson.

Matters arising from minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

FOR NOTING

Item 1

2015/1000 **Stakeholder Engagement Report.** DSE, 03/07/15

The report detailed community, stakeholder and staff engagement activities carried out by Stakeholder Engagement directorate staff since the last meeting.

Mrs Leahy noted the tables Analysis of Webpages Viewed, and advised that the columns in the Information and Services table referred to 1. Air, 2. Natural Hazards, 3. Rates, 4. Resource Consents, and 5. Water.

Rural Water Quality Plan Change

- Concern was expressed that people were at home at only 168 of the 420 properties visited. Mrs Leahy advised that making appointments for the visits had been piloted, but this was very resource hungry. Staff were able to drop material off where there was no-one home, and she commented that people who missed their visit were able to attend the drop in sessions, which were well publicised.
- In response to a question Mrs Leahy advised that that the External OVERSEER group discussed broad topics including both the latest research and anecdotal information.
- Mr Bodeker advised in relation to OVERSEER that an ownership position had now been formalised, and meetings would be held with regional councils who used OVERSEER. The owners would also seek financial contributions from councils, and there was provision for this in the LTP.

Water Quantity

It was noted that with the concentration on the Rural Water Quality Plan Change, the Water Quantity Plan Change should not be overlooked. Mrs Leahy commented that it was useful to have the goals for these two plan changes integrated, and staff were currently investigating how both projects could be achieved through one set of work, eg the Manuherikia. Mr Bodeker advised that the implementation plan would be presented to Council.

Cr Deaker moved

Cr Bell seconded

That the report be noted.

Motion carried

The meeting closed at 3.12 pm



Chairperson