

## OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL

### Minutes of an Ordinary meeting of the Council held in the Council Chamber, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin on Wednesday 28 October 2015 commencing at 9.32am

**Present:**

- Cr Stephen Woodhead (Chairperson)
- Cr Gretchen Robertson (Deputy Chairperson)
- Cr Graeme Bell
- Cr Doug Brown
- Cr Michael Deaker
- Cr Gerrard Eckhoff
- Cr Gary Kelliher
- Cr Sam Neill
- Cr Bryan Scott
- Cr David Shepherd

**Leave of Absence:**

- Cr Louise Croot MNZM
- Cr Trevor Kempton

**In attendance:**

- Peter Bodeker
- Gavin Palmer
- Nick Donnelly
- Fraser McRae
- Scott MacLean
- Charlotte Stickings
- Lauren McDonald

#### CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda

#### MINUTES

The minutes of the Ordinary meeting of Council held on 16 September 2015, having been circulated, were adopted on the motion of Crs Bell and Robertson.

## **Matters arising from the minutes**

A question was raised asking what progress had been made regarding the resolution that Council show support to central government and local organisations regarding the refugee crisis. It was noted that the Prime Minister had been written to with no response received as yet. Mayor Cull and Dr Sue Bidrose had also been contacted. Mr Bodeker confirmed it was timely for Council to follow this up.

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

### Item 1

2015/1210 **Chairperson’s report.** Chair, 22/10/15

The Chairperson provided an overview of his activities for the period to 22 October 2015.

It was noted that the presentation at the Canterbury Mayoral Forum on the Regional Development Strategy gave greater focus on delivery and outcomes than the strategy, and would be reported on a six monthly basis to key commercial stakeholders. There was no current plan for a similar development strategy for Otago. The Otago Mayoral Forum current work plan had made good progress on a number of issues including civil defence and rural fire.

*Cr Brown joined the meeting at 9:39am*

Comment was made that there was support from stakeholders for Council to be involved with the wilding conifers issue both in a regulatory role and with potential funding. During November, Council would be raising awareness and seeking public feedback on the scale of the wilding conifer issue in the region. Feedback would be collected primarily through an online poll on the Otago Regional Council website and through the People’s Panel. If Council decides to proceed, formal consultation would be included in the 2016-17 Annual Plan process.

Support was given for a cohesive regional strategy with a co-ordinated approach.

### Item 2

2015/1212 **Chief Executive’s Report.** CE, 22/10/15

The Chief Executive provided an overview of his activities for the period to 22 October 2015.

It was noted that Otago Regional Council had been working with the Strath Taieri Irrigation group with funding provided for investigation work from

the Chief Executive's discretionary fund. Council was also working closely with the Manuherikia Catchment Board Strategy Group, particularly in regard to Plan Change 1C requirements.

Cr Woodhead moved  
Cr Kelliher seconded

1. *That the Chairperson's and Chief Executive's reports be received.*
2. *That Council support the next steps for wilding trees*

**Motion carried**

## **PART B – ITEMS FOR NOTING**

Item 3

2015/1203 **Otago Civil Defence Emergency Management Group – Functions and Responsibilities.** CE, 16/10/15

The report gave background on the purpose of Civil Defence and Emergency Management Act 2002 and an overarching view of roles of government departments and agencies, emergency services and lifeline utilities.

The new group controller, Mr Chris Hawker, would take up his role as of 2 November 2015 and a workshop would be held in early 2016.

Reference was made to the purpose of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act which informed much of the work done around flood control and civil defence, especially in identifying risks and hazards.

It was noted that the Otago Civil Defence Emergency Management (OCDEM) group office would only activate if there was a multiple district emergency.

It was commented that the Audit and Risk committee had been asked to review the CDEM procedures and functionality. Improved communication and transparency were needed between the CDEM Group and Council.

It was noted that this Council had a responsibility to provide good support to the CDEM Group.

Cr Woodhead moved  
Cr Kelliher seconded

*That this report be noted.*

**Motion carried**

Item 4  
2015/1195 **Financial Report.** DCS, 22/10/15

The report provided information in respect of the overall Council finances for the month of September 2015.

It was questioned why investment properties were held by Council and suggestion was made that these be transferred to Chalmers Properties. Mr Donnelly responded that they had historically remained in Council ownership and management of the four properties was not onerous. It was requested that the merits of transferring/sale be investigated and what the implications would be. For completeness it was suggested that other Otago Regional Council land holdings also be included in this review. This information would be reported back to the next meeting of the Finance and Corporate Committee.

Cr Deaker moved  
Cr Shepherd seconded

1. *That this report be received.*
2. *That Mr Donnelly provide an inventory of land owned and the merits of continued ownership of that land.*

**Motion carried**

Item 5 **Reports from Councillors**

*Cr Robertson*

- *Hosting of the Dutch Ambassador (Mr Robert Zaagman), 1 October 2015*

It was noted that this was a proud day for Dunedin and Otago Regional Council. The programme included visits with internationally renowned companies including Abacus Biotech and AgResearch. The ambassador was particularly interested in the effects based resource management approach. The day was inspiring for those involved and noted the importance of strategic direction. It provided the opportunity to forge links to promote what the Otago region has to offer. Acknowledgement and thanks to Cr Croot and staff for a very well organised programme.

*Cr Neill*

- *Te Rauone Beach Community Meeting, 26 October 2015*

It was commented that this was a constructive meeting and a plan was in place in conjunction with Port Otago Ltd for a groyne designed to extend

into the water to allow for sand to be pumped from the dredging onto Te Rauone beach.

## **PART C – MINUTES OF MEETINGS**

Item 6     **Recommendations of the Communications Committee meeting** held on 14 October 2015, for adoption

Cr Bell moved  
Cr Kelliher seconded

*That the recommendations of the Communications Committee meeting held on 14 October 2015 be adopted.*

**Motion carried**

Item 7     **Recommendations of the Finance and Corporate Committee meeting** held on 14 October 2015, for adoption

Cr Shepherd moved  
Cr Kelliher seconded

*That the recommendations of the Finance and Corporate Committee meeting held on 14 October 2015 be adopted.*

**Motion carried**

Item 8     **Recommendations of the Policy Committee meeting** held on 14 October 2015, for adoption

Cr Robertson moved  
Cr Deaker seconded

*That the recommendations of the Policy Committee meeting held on 14 October 2015 be adopted.*

**Motion carried**

Item 9     **Recommendations of the Regulatory Committee meeting** held on 14 October 2015, for adoption

Cr Neill moved  
Cr Eckhoff seconded

*That the recommendations of the Regulatory Committee meeting held on 14 October 2015 be adopted.*

**Motion carried**

Item 10     **Recommendations of the Technical Committee meeting** held on 14 October 2015, for adoption

Cr Scott moved  
Cr Kelliher seconded

*That the recommendations of the Technical Committee meeting held on 14 October 2015 be adopted.*

**Motion carried**

The meeting closed at 10.43am.



**Chairperson**