

OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Finance and Corporate Committee held in the Council Chamber, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin on Wednesday 14 October 2015 commencing at 1.00pm

- Present:**
- Cr David Shepherd (Chairperson)
 - Cr Gary Kelliher (Deputy Chairperson)
 - Cr Graeme Bell
 - Cr Michael Deaker
 - Cr Gerrard Eckhoff
 - Cr Sam Neill
 - Cr Gretchen Robertson
 - Cr Bryan Scott
 - Cr Stephen Woodhead
- Apologies:**
- Cr Doug Brown
The apology was accepted on the motion of Crs Woodhead and Kelliher.
- Leave of absence:**
- Cr Louise Croot MNZM
 - Cr Trevor Kempton
- In attendance:**
- Peter Bodeker
 - Gavin Palmer
 - Scott MacLean
 - Nick Donnelly
 - Fraser McRae
 - Caroline Rowe
 - Charlotte Stickings
 - Lauren McDonald
 - Gerard Collings (Item 3)

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 September 2015, having been circulated, were adopted on the motion of Crs Kelliher and Robertson.

Matters arising from minutes

Item 2.9 noted that Nick Donnelly be appointed sole 'director', recommendation corrected.

PART A - RECOMMENDATIONS

Item 1

2015/1183 **Schedule of Meetings to September 2016.** DCS, 1/10/15

The report suggested the schedule of Ordinary Committee Meetings to September 2016 with local body elections to be held 8 October 2016.

It was noted that the schedule for next year followed the normal 6 week cycle with adjustments in September for the Annual Report and audit process.

Agreement was in place that ORC should participate in Waitangi Day celebrations by flying the flags of the regional rūnaka.

A request was made that the annual plan hearings be included in the schedule for next year. Noted this schedule provided dates for public Council and Committee meetings only. A more detailed calendar would be provided including annual plan hearings and workshop dates.

Cr Deaker moved
Cr Robertson seconded

That:
The attached schedule of ordinary committee meetings to September 2016 be adopted.

Motion carried

Cr Robertson left the meeting 1.17pm noting a conflict of interest

Item 2

2015/1181 **Councillor Plan change hearing remuneration.** DCS, 30/9/15

The report outlined the remuneration for Councillors acting as commissioners for plan change hearings as determined and approved through the remuneration authority.

Cr Woodhead moved
Cr Neill seconded

That:
1. The report be received

- 2. The plan change hearing remuneration pool be used in the 2015/16 year for the Regional Policy Statement and Plan change 5A hearings as outlined above.*

Motion carried

Cr Robertson returned to the meeting 1.20pm

Item 3

2015/1185 **Passenger Transport Update.** DCS, 1/10/15

The report provided an update on various transport matters including: Noting delays outside Council's control, with the procurement of the replacement ticketing system, developments regarding the Crowns intent to bulk fund the Super Gold free off-peak travel scheme, progress on the design development of the new Dunedin bus hub and advising on the commencement of the Wakatipu Network review and business case process.

Mr Collings commented that NZTA were currently working through sensitive issues regarding the delays, a paper on procurement would be taken to the NZTA board at the end of October, noting they were committed to assisting in joint ticketing procurement. There are 9 other Councils involved in the process which is unique for New Zealand. Clear direction would be given to this Council at the November meeting and indication was made that Otago Regional Council would be the first Council to benefit from the new system which should happen in the next 18 months.

It was viewed positively that a combination of both staff and Councillors would be involved in the invited competition for the bus hub design. ORC Councillors volunteered for this review were Crs Deaker and Neill.

Delays in the ticketing system meant that the free transfer would not be in place on 1 January 2016, due to changes required to implement this on the current systems. The next changes required full implementation across the whole network.

Cr Deaker moved

Cr Robertson seconded

That:

- 1. The report be received*
- 2. That Council nominate two Councillors to participate in the Bus Hub design review, and*
- 3. That staff be requested to invite NZTA representative, two DCC staff (one Transport and one Urban Design) and up to two DCC councillors to participate in the Bus Hub design review.*

Motion carried

Note: Councillors nominated to participate in the Bus Hub design review were Crs Deaker and Neill.

Item 4

2015/1174 **Executive report.** DCS, 2/10/15

The report described significant activities carried out by the Finance and Corporate sections since the last meeting of the Committee.

It was noted that an economic assessment process was underway, requests for proposal closed on 12 October and 3 in total were received.

Cr Kelliher stepped back from the table at 1.30pm prior to discussion of item.

Mr Donnelly confirmed it was not this Council's policy to remit rates. It was commented that if the valuations changed, ORC rates would be adjusted in accordance. Historically, irrigation schemes have not been valued. Irrigation New Zealand are currently working with LINZ, Quotable Value and the Office of the Valuer General to resolve this issue.

Cr Woodhead moved
Cr Deaker seconded

That:

- 1. The report be received*
- 2. The payments and investments summarised in the table above and detailed in the tabled schedule, totalling \$2,970,817.4 be endorsed.*

Motion carried

Cr Kelliher returned to the table at 1.36pm.

PART B – ITEMS FOR NOTING

Item 5

2015/1170 **Regional Collaboration and Shared services.** DCS, 23/9/15

The report informed Council of the the work done with others both in Otago and wider as encouraged by central government.

Comment was made that it was good to see collaboration taking place, reducing costs where possible. It was also noted that a lot of day to day activities that take place go unseen and the report did not give reference to collaboratively developed software with other regional councils.

Cr Deaker moved
Cr Kelliher seconded

That:
The report be received.

Motion carried

The meeting closed at 1.41pm.



Chairperson