

OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Policy Committee held in the
Council Chamber, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin on
Wednesday 25 November 2015 commencing at 11.38 am**

Present:

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

Leave of absence: **Cr Bryan Scott**

In attendance:

- Peter Bodeker**
- Nick Donnelly**
- Fraser McRae**
- Gavin Palmer**
- Caroline Rowe**
- Janet Favel**

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 October 2015, having been circulated, were adopted on the motion of Crs Kempton and Shepherd.

Matters arising from minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

PART A - RECOMMENDATIONS

Item 1

2015/1279 **Local Government Leaders Climate Change Declaration.** DPPRP,
18/11/15

The report noted that Mayors and Chairs could support the New Zealand submission to the climate change deliberations in Paris in December 2015, and approval was sought for the ORC Chair to sign the Local Government Leaders Climate Change Declaration (circulated with the report).

Cr Woodhead explained that local government was asking central government to take a leadership role in respect of climate change.

There was some concern that the climate change declaration circulated with the report was well meaning but would be ineffective.

Cr Deaker moved
Cr Croot seconded

That ORC support the Chair attaching his signature to the Local Government Leaders Climate Change Declaration.

The vote was taken by division:

For: Crs Bell, Brown, Croot, Deaker, Kelliher, Kempton, Neill,
Robertson, Shepherd, Woodhead

Against: Cr Eckhoff

Motion carried

PART B - ITEMS FOR NOTING

Item 2

2015/1248 **Director's Report on Progress.** DPPRM, 13/11/15

The report gave an overview of significant activities undertaken by the Policy section since the last meeting of the Policy Committee.

Cr Croot moved
Cr Kelliher seconded

That the report be noted.

Motion carried

The meeting closed at 11.51 am.



Chairperson