

## OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Technical Committee held  
in the Council Chamber, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin  
on Wednesday 9 March 2016 commencing at 11.15 am**

**Present:**

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

**In attendance:**

- Peter Bodeker**
- Gavin Palmer**
- Fraser McRae**
- Nick Donnelly**
- Caroline Rowe**
- Scott MacLean**
- Dean Olsen**
- Janet Favel**
- Lauren McDonald**

### **CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

There were no changes to the agenda.

### **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 27 January 2016, having been circulated, were adopted on the motion of Crs Scott and Robertson.

### **Matters arising from minutes**

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

## ITEMS FOR NOTING

Item 1  
2015/1027     **Management Flows for Aquatic Ecosystems in Kaihiku Stream,**  
DEHS, 25/2/16

Cr Scott summarised the report.

Water resources are under pressure in the Kaihiku Stream at present which has not traditionally been identified as having a water quantity issue.

Dr Palmer confirmed the Kaihiku Stream is not in the minimum flow programme at the moment and that there are some legacy issues from the Instream Flow Instrumental Method (IFIM) work undertaken in 2009 (projects yet to be undertaken).

Dr Olsen confirmed the value of this technical work is not only for minimum flows but also to inform consenting.

Cr Croot moved  
Cr Woodhead seconded

*That the report be received*

**Motion carried**

Item 2  
2016/0621     **Director's Report on Progress, DEHS 2/3/16**

It was commented that Crs Shepherd, Woodhead and Scott attended a public consultation meeting on the evening of 8 March at Strath Taieri to brief the community on the draft river management strategy.

Cr Woodhead sought interest to enter the Leith Flood Protection Scheme for an LGNZ award for infrastructure as part of the River Awards this year.

Question raised in regard to the Manuherikia, Falls Dam seeking the legal status of the water behind the dam.

*Cr Kelliher left the meeting at 11:38am*

Mr McRae advised a dam on a river with an RMA consent with conditions could require the discharge of water to maintain minimum flow. In a turkey nest dam (not in the bed of a river) is considered an artificial water body and is not defined as water and should not have a condition requiring release of water to maintain a minimum flow in the source river.

*Cr Kelliher returned to the meeting at 11:40am and moved his chair back from the table.*

Cr Croot moved  
Cr Woodhead seconded

*That the report be noted*

**Motion carried**

The meeting closed at 11.42 am

**Chairperson**

