

OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Regulatory Committee held in the Council Chamber, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin on Wednesday 3 May 2017 at 11:30am

Membership: Cr Bryan Scott (Chairperson)
Cr Sam Neill (Deputy Chairperson)
Cr Graeme Bell
Cr Doug Brown
Cr Michael Deaker
Cr Carmen Hope
Cr Trevor Kempton
Cr Michael Laws
Cr Andrew Noone
Cr Gretchen Robertson
Cr Stephen Woodhead

Apologies: No apologies.

In attendance: Nick Donnelly
Fraser McRae
Caroline Rowe
Scott MacLean
Lauren McDonald (Committee Secretary)
Marian Weaver

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

No changes to the agenda.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No conflict of interest advised.

PUBLIC FORUM

No public forum held.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 March 2017, having been circulated, were adopted on the motion of Crs Scott and Robertson.

ACTIONS

Status report on the resolutions of the Regulatory Committee.

Report No.	Meeting	Resolution	Status
2016/1137 Terms of Reference for the Regulatory Committee	23/11/16	<i>That the Terms of Reference for the Technical Committee be considered a final version to be presented to the Council on 7 December 2016 for adoption</i>	Adopted by Council on 7/12/16 CLOSED
2017/0595	8/2/17	<i>That reserve funding of up to \$50,000 is approved for the coordinated release of the Korean strain of the rabbit Haemorrhagic Disease Virus (RHDV-1K5) at strategic locations throughout Otago</i>	Recommendation endorsed by Regulatory Committee on 8/2/17 CLOSED
2017/0569	8/2/17	<i>That the Chief Executive be requested to provide a paper to the next committee round on establishing effective Council management communications in regards to constituent complaints.</i>	Item 1 of agenda CLOSED
2017/0593	8/2/17	<i>That ORC approach central government ministers with the intention of improving and further resourcing lagarosiphon control management in the Southern Lakes.</i> Cr Woodhead advised Council had received a written response from the Minister which was circulated to all councillors. Noted a LINZ presentation is scheduled for Council - 17 May.	OPEN
Matters Arising	22/3/17	<i>That future committee agenda include action against motions passed at previous meetings</i>	CLOSED

Discussion was held and agreement reached that the LINZ presentation should be held as part of the Council meeting on 17 May 2017, and not as a Council workshop.

PART A - RECOMMENDATIONS

Item 1

2017/0779 **Responses to Constituent Complaints, DEMO, 28/4/17**

The report outlined the proposed process for responding to enforcement related complaints made by constituents to Councillors.

Discussion held on the process, as set out in the report.

It was agreed to remove the wording “when necessary” from section 2.8 – processes, from the report which states “The Chief Executive will communicate the outcome of investigations to Councillors when necessary.”

Moved Cr Robertson
Seconded Cr Scott

That the Committee endorses the proposed process in responding to enforcement related complaints made by constituents to Councillors, with the amended wording to section 2.8 of the report.

Motion carried

PART B – REPORTS FOR NOTING

Item 2

2017/0738

Biosecurity and RMA Monitoring Report. DEMO, 19/04/17

The report described the regulatory activity for the reporting period of 3 March to 13 April 2017

Discussion was held on landholder responsibility for wallaby control under the Regional Pest Plan, reported velvetleaf sightings, lagarosiphon control, and public education of the MPI “Check, Clean, Dry” message including signage of key access areas to prevent the spread of aquatic weeds.

Mr MacLean advised work was being done with MPI to reinvigorate the national “Check, Clean, Dry” programme messaging. He acknowledged the benefit of increased joint Council/MPI signage for direct access areas.

LINZ to provide an update to Council on lagarosiphon control management in Otago at the 17 May 2017 Council meeting.

Moved Cr Woodhead
Seconded Cr Hope

That this report be received.

Motion carried

Item 3

2017/0757

RMA, Biosecurity Act and Building Act Enforcement Activities.

DPPRM, 13/04/17

This report detailed the Resource Management Act 1991, Biosecurity Act 1993 and Building Act 2004 enforcement activities undertaken by the Otago Regional Council during the period 4 March to 13 April 2017.

Moved Cr Woodhead
Seconded Cr Noone

That this report be noted.

Motion carried

Item 4

2017/0765

Consent processing, consent administration and Building Control Authority update. DPPRM, 19/04/17

The report detailed the consent processing, consent administration and building control authority activity for the period 6 March to 13 April 2017.

Moved Cr Neill
Seconded Cr Hope

That this report is noted.

Motion carried

Item 5

2017/0766

Progress Report 1C - Deemed Permit Replacements and Water Groups, DPPRM, 09/04/17

The report updated progress on Project 1C implementation of the Regional Plan: Water policies for the period 6 March to 13 April 2017.

Discussion was held on the progress of deemed permit surrenders, cancellations, consent replacements and also feedback on the Deemed Permit forum held on 29 March 2017.

Mrs Weaver responded to questions from Councillors.

Moved Cr Deaker
Seconded Cr Hope

That this report is noted.

Motion carried

The meeting was declared closed at 12:05pm

Chairperson

