

OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Policy Committee held in the Council Chamber, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin on Wednesday 2 August 2017, commencing at 9:55am

- Membership:** Cr Gretchen Robertson (Chairperson)
Cr Michael Laws (Deputy Chairperson)
Cr Graeme Bell
Cr Doug Brown
Cr Michael Deaker
Cr Carmen Hope
Cr Trevor Kempton
Cr Ella Lawton
Cr Sam Neill
Cr Andrew Noone
Cr Bryan Scott
Cr Stephen Woodhead
- Apologies:** Cr Noone and Cr Laws
Apologies accepted on the motion of Crs Bell and Deaker
Carried.
- Leave of Absence:** Cr Neill
- In attendance:** Peter Bodeker (CE)
Nick Donnelly (DCS)
Fraser McRae (DPPRM)
Scott MacLean (DEMO)
Michele Poole (Acting DSHE)
Lauren McDonald (Committee Secretary)

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

An additional item was added to provide councillors a briefing in public excluded session on the status of the PC5A Lindis, currently under the Environment Court appeal process.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interested were advised.

PUBLIC FORUM

No public forum held.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 June 2017, having been circulated were adopted on the motion of Crs Hope and Kempton. Carried.

ACTIONS - (Status report on the resolutions of the Policy Committee).

Report No.	Meeting	Resolution	Status
2017/0867 Plan Change 1D: Flow requirements for River Takes	14/6/17	<i>That a draft communications strategy to explain Plan Change 1D be provided to the next round of Council meetings</i>	CLOSED Status – received.

PART A – FOR RECOMMENDATION

Item 1

2017/0820 **Director’s Report on policy progress to July 2017.** DPPRM, 14/07/17

The report provided an overview of significant activities undertaken by the Policy section for the period 27 May to 14 July 2017, including: national policies, strategies and plans; ORC policy, plans and strategies; water quantity planning; regional transport

The Wildlands Consultants report “*Strategic analysis of options to improve management of ecosystems and biodiversity for Otago Region*” was circulated separately with the agenda.

Mr McRae responded to questions from councillors in regard to natural hazard risk management as part of the consent application process and the impact of the Social Housing legislation in the Queenstown area.

Urban Water Quality Strategy – Mr McRae outlined the timeframe for the presentation of the final draft strategy to Council in September 2017.

Action: Mr McRae to confirm the deadline date for ORC councillor feedback to the Urban Water Quality Reference Group in advance of the workshop at the Council meeting on 16 August.

Water Quantity planning – PC5D Cardrona

Action: Mr McRae to arrange for communication to be sent to the Cardrona community to update them on the analysis of survey results on water storage being undertaken by Council and confirm next steps.

Moved Cr Deaker

Seconded Cr Lawton

- a) *That the Director’s report is received;*
- b) *That the report by Wildlands Consultants, “Strategic Analysis of Options to Improve Management of Ecosystems and Biodiveristy for Otago Region” is received.*

Motion carried

After discussion of the public excluded item a motion was placed to return to public session by Crs Woodhead and Robertson. **Carried.**

The meeting was declared closed at 11:05am.

Chairperson

