



Minutes of an ordinary meeting of Council held in the
Council Chambers at Otago Regional Council on
Wednesday 1 November 2017, commencing at 10:30 am

Membership

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

Welcome

Cr Woodhead welcomed councillors, members of the public, media and staff to the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies advised. The Leave of Absence for Cr Deaker was noted.

2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Resolution

That the request for leave of absence from Cr Laws be accepted.

Moved: Cr Woodhead
Seconded: Cr Hope
CARRIED

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3. ATTENDANCE

Peter Bodeker	(CEO)
Nick Donnelly	(Director Corporate Services)
Sian Sutton	(Director Stakeholder Engagement)
Tanya Winter	(Director Policy, Planning & Resource Management)
Gavin Palmer	(Director Engineering, Hazards and Science)
Scott MacLean	(Director Environmental Monitoring and Operations)
Sally Giddens	(Director People & Safety)
Lauren McDonald	(Committee Secretary)
Marian Weaver	(Item 11.3)
Mark Peart	

4. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

The agenda was confirmed as tabled.

5. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were advised.

6. PUBLIC FORUM

No public forum was held.

The meeting adjourned at 11:39 am at the conclusion of the tabled agenda items and recommenced at 1:15 pm with the Manuherikia Catchment Water Strategy and the Otago Peninsula Biodiversity Group presentations.

7. PRESENTATIONS

1. Manuherikia Catchment Water Strategy Group – report back on funding from the Bulk Water Fund by former Chairman, Mr Allan Kane.
2. Otago Peninsula Biodiversity Group – report back on funding from the Environmental Enhancement fund by current Chairman, Rod Morris and past chairman, David Chalmers and Project Manager, Ursula Ellenberg.

The presentations commenced at 1:15pm.

Mr Kane outlined the background to the formation of the Manuherikia Catchment Water Strategy Group (MCWSG) and the feasibility studies undertaken by the MCWSG on land area, water and climate to assist to define options for the catchment community to consider. He advised the full reports were available to view on the website www.mcwater.co.nz. He acknowledged the funding support from the ORC, allowing the MCWSG to receive matching funding from the Crown for the feasibility studies. He advised the next phase for the group was for the community discussion on the irrigation option to be advanced and the development of a water company through an amalgamation agreement with irrigators. The feasibility studies would be able to be used as “guiding principles” to the company. Mr Kane confirmed that the ORC was not involved in funding for stages beyond the feasibility studies.

Mr Kane responded to questions from councillors.

Councillors acknowledged and thanked Mr Kane for his dedication to the MCWSG and the group achievements to date.

Mr Kane left the meeting at 1:55pm.

"Towards a Pest Free Otago Peninsula" - Ms Ellenberg outlined the work undertaken by the Otago Peninsula Biodiversity Group through the funding assistance received through the ORC Environmental Enhancement Fund. She advised the group's intent was to strive to change and make the Otago Peninsula a better environment to live through community participation and involvement in managing co-ordinated pest control. She highlighted the activities undertaken with the group in monitoring, trapping, tertiary and public education trips and events.

Discussion was held on work towards a predator free Otago Peninsula including completion of predator deterrent fencing for rabbits and possums in the buffer zone between the peninsula and the city suburbs.

Mr Morris, Chalmers and Ms Ellenberg responded to questions from councillors on the project work, achievements and future plans.

Ms Ellenberg was thanked for her informative presentation.

The presentations concluded at 2:43pm.

8. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 27 September 2017 be received and confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Cr Kempton
Seconded: Cr Hope
CARRIED

9. ACTIONS

Status report on the resolutions of Council. No current items for action.

10. CHAIRPERSON'S AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORTS

10.1. Chairperson's Report

The report outlined meeting activities for the period 20 September to 27 October, including: Zone 5 and 6 meeting in Cromwell; Kai Tahu ki Otago (KTKO) 20th anniversary; Fonterra update of annual result; Lake snow public consultation session; Queenstown Public Transport; Hawea Flat groundwater and the Chief Executive's end of contract.

Cr Woodhead advised that Kai Tahu Ki Otago (KTKO) announced the rebranding of the organization to "Aukaha" originating from *kia kaha, au kaha* meaning to unite, bind together.

Hawea Flat groundwater - Cr Woodhead advised that he and Cr Lawton would attend an initial meeting with farmers in regard to ground water levels. Dr Palmer confirmed

the ongoing ground water monitoring in the area (including water quality testing). The data to be used to inform the Plan Change on allocation levels for aquifers.

Cr Woodhead then asked Mr Bodeker to present his final report as Chief Executive and to provide councillors the opportunity to offer their thanks and comments to him

10.2. Chief Executive's Report

Mr Bodeker provided an end of contract review for his term as Chief Executive and highlighted the main areas of achievement during his role as CE, including: the establishment of Civil Defence Emergency Management Otago, (CDEM Otago), based at ORC; greater engagement with communities; improved public transport and health and safety processes, and appointment of a harbourmaster. He acknowledged and thanked his executive management team for the positive gains made for the organization during his time as Chief Executive.

Individual councillors offered Mr Bodeker their thanks and acknowledged his leadership role in the establishment of Otago CDEM, commitment to Health & Safety, staff management and strategic vision and for the improved relationship with stakeholders, resulting in a positive Council culture.

Cr Woodhead thanked Mr Bodeker for the passion and energy he had provided to Council on behalf of the region and for the good health of the organization and staff.

Resolution

That the Chairperson's and Chief Executive's reports be received.

Moved: Cr Woodhead

Seconded: Cr Lawton

CARRIED

11. MATTERS FOR COUNCIL DECISION

11.1. Māori Representation/Constituencies

The report outlined the three options available for Council decision on any resolution for the region to be divided into Maori constituencies.

Option 1 - Council to not establish one or more constituencies.

Option 2 - Council establish one of more constituencies

Option 3 - Council may resolve at any time to hold a poll on whether the region should be divided into Maori constituencies.

Discussion was held on investigating options for encouraging and improving Maori participation in Council processes.

Resolution

That Council:

a) *Receive this report;*

b) *Adopt Option 1 and decide it is not necessary to establish a Maori constituency for the Otago Region.*

Moved: Cr Neill

Seconded: Cr Brown

CARRIED

Resolution

That Council seek options for improving engagement for Maori participation in Council processes.

Moved: Cr Laws
Seconded: Cr Lawton
CARRIED

11.2. Local Government Leaders' Water Declaration

The report provided the background to the Local Government Leaders' Water Declaration and sought approval for ORC Chairperson to include his signature to the declaration.

Resolution

That Council support the Local Government Leaders' Water Declaration and authorise the Chairperson to add his signature to the declaration.

Moved: Cr Woodhead
Seconded: Cr Hope
CARRIED

11.3. Delegations under the Resource Management Act 1991, Soil and Rivers Control Act 1941, Crown Minerals Act 1991, Building Act 2004, Marine Transport Act 1994, Local Government Act 2002, Biosecurity Act 1993, Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002,

The report provided the recent amendments to the Resource Management Act in 2017 with an update of the delegations for approval by Council.

Discussion was held on current CE delegations in relation to:

S299 & S305	To initiate an appeal to the High Court on a question of law.
S308	To initiate an appeal to the Court of Appeal on a question of law

Resolution

That the Chief Executive is removed from delegation for Sections 299, 305 and 308.

Moved: Cr Laws
Seconded: Cr Scott
CARRIED

That Council approve the schedule of delegations (as amended) in the report.

Moved: Cr Laws
Seconded: Cr Noone
CARRIED

12. MATTERS FOR NOTING

No items were tabled.

13. REPORT BACK FROM COUNCILLORS

Cr Kempton spoke on the launch at the Regional Land Transport Committee meeting, on 27 October of the road safety campaign "*Any number is too many*" to encourage the start of conversations around driver behaviour on the roads to reduce the death rate on New Zealand roads.

Cr Lawton advised of her attendance at the Zone 5&6, Guardians of Lake Hayes and Hawea Flat meetings. She thanked Dr Palmer for addressing the meeting of the Guardians of Lake Hayes on remediation options for the lake. She also attended the public transport meetings in Queenstown held on 19 and 20 October and commented on the predicted increase in airport passenger numbers to Queenstown by 2045 to 5 million and the impact this would have on the Wakatipu Basin.

Cr Laws advised his attendance of the Queenstown public bus information meeting held in Frankton on 19 October, with approximately 100 attendees.

14. NOTICES OF MOTION

No Notices of Motion were advised.

15. RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED AT COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON 18 OCTOBER 2017

15.1. Recommendations of the Policy Committee:

Resolution

Recommendations of the Policy Committee held on 18 October 2017, for adoption.

Moved: Cr Robertson

Seconded: Cr Scott

CARRIED

15.2. Recommendations of the Regulatory Committee:

Resolution

Recommendations of the Regulatory Committee held on 18 October 2017, for adoption.

Moved: Cr Scott

Seconded: Cr Neill

CARRIED

15.3. Recommendations of the Communications Committee:

Resolution

Recommendations of the Communications Committee held on 18 October 2017, for adoption.

Moved: Cr Hope

Seconded: Cr Kempton

CARRIED

15.4. Recommendations of the Technical Committee:

Resolution

Recommendations of the Technical Committee held on 18 October 2017, for adoption.

Moved: Cr Noone

Seconded: Cr Lawton

CARRIED

15.5. Recommendations of the Public Portion of the Finance and Corporate Committee:

Resolution

Recommendations of the public portion of the Finance and Corporate Committee held on 18 October 2017, for adoption.

Moved: Cr Noone
Seconded: Cr Woodhead

CARRIED

16. CLOSURE

The meeting was declared closed at 2:43pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Woodhead', written in a cursive style.

Chairperson