

Communications Committee - 31 January 2018 Attachments

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Minutes of a meeting of the Communications Committee held
in the Council Chambers at Otago Regional Council on
Wednesday 29 November 2017, commencing at 11:24 am

Membership

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

1. APOLOGIES

Resolution

That the apologies for Crs Kempton and Woodhead be accepted.

Moved: Cr Deaker
Seconded: Cr Hope
CARRIED

For our future

2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Leave of Absence for Cr Laws noted.

3. ATTENDANCE

Nick Donnelly, (Acting CE, Director Corporate Services)
Sian Sutton, (Director Stakeholder Engagement)
Tanya Winter, (Director Policy, Planning & Resource Management)
Gavin Palmer, (Director Engineering, Hazards and Science)
Lauren McDonald, (Committee Secretary)
Ian McCabe, (Executive Officer)

4. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

The agenda as tabled was confirmed.

5. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were advised.

6. PUBLIC FORUM

NIL.

7. PRESENTATIONS

NIL.

8. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution

That the minutes of the meeting held on 18 October 2017 be received and confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Cr Hope

Seconded: Cr Bell

CARRIED

9. ACTIONS

(Status report on the resolutions of the Communications Committee)

No current actions.

10. MATTERS FOR COUNCIL DECISION

10.1. Director's Report on Progress

The report outlined the stakeholder engagement activity for the period 30 September to 22 November 2017, including: collaborative partnerships; implementation of the rural water quality programme, water management groups; policy consultation sessions; Enviroschools; public transport; environmental operations; science, hazards and engineering; biosecurity, and general public awareness activity.

Ms Sutton and her staff were thanked and acknowledged for their work in making the Queenstown Orbus launch on 20 November 2017, a success.

Discussion was held on activities within the report including: meeting attendance options, such as teleconferencing and video conferencing; collaborative partnerships; communications with stakeholders; on-farm risk assessment readiness survey, and general public awareness issues.

Resolution

That this report is noted.

Moved: Cr Hope

Seconded: Cr Bell

CARRIED

11. MATTERS FOR NOTING

NIL.

12. NOTICES OF MOTION

No notices of motion were advised.

13. CLOSURE

The meeting was declared closed at 12:14pm.

Chairperson

ORC Event Calendar for Councillors

These are events or activities being co-ordinated, undertaken, or attended by ORC staff and Councillors. Events with times and locations are those able to be attended by councillors. Some of these events will need an RSVP. For more information, or to make an RSVP, please enquire with Suzanne Watt, Manager Strategic Communications and Engagement.

January 2018

- 31 Otago Regional Council Committee Meeting**
Scenic Hotel Southern Cross, 118 High St, Dunedin

February 2018

- 1 Otago Regional Council – Councillor Workshops**
Scenic Hotel Southern Cross, 118 High St, Dunedin

- 14-16 Southern Field Days**
Waimumu

TBC Residual Flows plan change development consultation

TBC Draft Air Quality Strategy public consultation

TBC Tomahawk Lagoon community vision workshop

- 21 Meeting of the Otago Regional Council**
Council Chamber, Clutha District Council, Rosebank Terrace, Balclutha

- 22 Otago Regional Council – Councillor Workshops**
Dunstan Room, Otago Regional Council, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin

- 26 Otago Southland Regional Transport Committee meeting**
Council Chamber, Clutha District Council, Rosebank Terrace, Balclutha

March 2018

TBC Coastal Strategy Forum

TBC Managing water in the Manuherkia catchment: minimum flow consultation

TBC Lake Tuakitoto lake margin community vision workshop

- 7 Otago Regional Council Audit and Risk Meeting**
Council Chamber, Level 2, Phillip Laing House, Rattray Street, Dunedin

- 21 Otago Regional Council Committee Meeting**
Council Chamber, Level 2, Phillip Laing House, Rattray Street, Dunedin

- 22 Otago Regional Council – Councillor Workshops**
Council Chamber, Level 2, Phillip Laing House, Rattray Street, Dunedin

- 27 Otago Southland Regional Transport Committee meeting**
Council Chamber, Clutha District Council, Rosebank Terrace, Balclutha

April 2018

TBC Long Term Plan consultation

- 11 Meeting of the Otago Regional Council**
Central Otago
- 12 Otago Regional Council – Councillor Workshops**
Central Otago
- 17-18 Irrigation NZ conference and Expo**
Alexandra

May 2018

- 2 Otago Regional Council Committee Meeting**
Council Chamber, Level 2, Phillip Laing House, Rattray Street, Dunedin
- 3 Otago Regional Council – Councillor Workshops**
Council Chamber, Level 2, Phillip Laing House, Rattray Street, Dunedin
- 16 Meeting of the Otago Regional Council**
Council Chamber, Level 2, Phillip Laing House, Rattray Street, Dunedin
- 17 Otago Regional Council – Councillor Workshops**
Council Chamber, Level 2, Phillip Laing House, Rattray Street, Dunedin
- 23-29 Long Term Plan hearings**

June 2018

- 13 Otago Regional Council Committee Meeting**
Council Chamber, Level 2, Phillip Laing House, Rattray Street, Dunedin
- 14 Otago Regional Council – Councillor Workshops**
Council Chamber, Level 2, Phillip Laing House, Rattray Street, Dunedin
- 20 Otago Regional Council Audit and Risk Meeting**
Council Chamber, Level 2, Phillip Laing House, Rattray Street, Dunedin
- 27 Meeting of the Otago Regional Council**
Council Chamber, Level 2, Phillip Laing House, Rattray Street, Dunedin
- 28 Otago Regional Council – Councillor Workshops**
Council Chamber, Level 2, Phillip Laing House, Rattray Street, Dunedin

July 2018

- 20 Otago Southland Regional Transport Committee meeting**
Council Chamber, Clutha District Council, Rosebank Terrace, Balclutha

August 2018

- 1 Otago Regional Council Committee Meeting**
Council Chamber, Level 2, Phillip Laing House, Rattray Street, Dunedin
- 2 Otago Regional Council – Councillor Workshops**
Council Chamber, Level 2, Phillip Laing House, Rattray Street, Dunedin

15 Meeting of the Otago Regional Council
Council Chamber, Level 2, Phillip Laing House, Rattray Street, Dunedin

16 Otago Regional Council – Councillor Workshops
Council Chamber, Level 2, Phillip Laing House, Rattray Street, Dunedin

September 2018

12 Otago Regional Council Committee Meeting
Council Chamber, Level 2, Phillip Laing House, Rattray Street, Dunedin

13 Otago Regional Council – Councillor Workshops
Council Chamber, Level 2, Phillip Laing House, Rattray Street, Dunedin

19 Otago Regional Council Audit and Risk Meeting
Council Chamber, Level 2, Phillip Laing House, Rattray Street, Dunedin

26 Meeting of the Otago Regional Council
Council Chamber, Level 2, Phillip Laing House, Rattray Street, Dunedin

27 Otago Regional Council – Councillor Workshops
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October 2018

12 Otago Southland Regional Transport Committee meeting
Council Chamber, Clutha District Council, Rosebank Terrace, Balclutha

17 Otago Regional Council Committee Meeting
Council Chamber, Level 2, Phillip Laing House, Rattray Street, Dunedin

18 Otago Regional Council – Councillor Workshops
Council Chamber, Level 2, Phillip Laing House, Rattray Street, Dunedin

31 Meeting of the Otago Regional Council
Council Chamber, Level 2, Phillip Laing House, Rattray Street, Dunedin

November 2018

1 Otago Regional Council – Councillor Workshops
Council Chamber, Level 2, Phillip Laing House, Rattray Street, Dunedin

28 Otago Regional Council Committee Meeting
Council Chamber, Level 2, Phillip Laing House, Rattray Street, Dunedin

29 Otago Regional Council – Councillor Workshops
Council Chamber, Level 2, Phillip Laing House, Rattray Street, Dunedin

December 2018

12 Meeting of the Otago Regional Council
Council Chamber, Level 2, Phillip Laing House, Rattray Street, Dunedin

13 Otago Regional Council – Councillor Workshops
Council Chamber, Level 2, Phillip Laing House, Rattray Street, Dunedin

15 November 2017

Quarterly report to Otago Regional Council and Otago Museum

Trudi Webster, Conservation Science Advisor, Yellow-eyed Penguin Trust

Key activities:

1. Research particularly around marine and terrestrial impacts on hoiho.
2. Monitoring and delivery of optimal species management.
3. Informing relevant policy and submissions.
4. Scientific representation in different forums.
5. Specific Otago Museum related tasks.
6. Other relevant science activities.
7. Public and media relations.
8. Building relationships with key stakeholders and visiting key sites.

1. Research

- Two Multibeam Echosounder (MBES) trials were undertaken with University of Otago's Department of Surveying and Marine Science. One was conducted a few kilometres off Boulder Beach (known foraging area), and the other a few kilometres off Aramoana (known foraging area and dredge dumping ground). The data from the MBES will be analysed by Matt Barber and Emily Tidey.
- Ongoing collaboration with Grant Harper and Yolanda van Heezik on the Stable Isotope Analysis project. Involvement of Steve Wing regarding Suess effect, carbon sources and individual bird specialisation.
- Continued development of "smart" nest box project to gather data remotely to help answer research questions about parental investment and foraging trips. Otago Polytechnic keen to be involved long-term with YEPT to develop remote sensing of hoiho.
- Assist researchers with collection of data from nest cameras, on YEPT reserves.
- Historical data on hoiho from John Darby donated with permission for future use.
- Report written on the decline in the population of yellow-eyed penguins at Whenua Hou and detail potential impacts for urgent circulation to Department of Conservation and Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu.
- Completion of the literature review on YEP impacts and recommendations for the future.

2. Monitoring and optimal species management

- Moulting check guidelines document has been circulated to conservation groups, rehabbers and other managers for use in the field and received good feedback.
- Preparation for field season in conjunction with DOC in particular database and handling of data, reviewing protocols for monitoring and agenda for pre-season meeting.
- Write diphtheria protocols for YEPT and prepare diphtheria kit for weighing and measuring chicks and debriding oral diphtheric lesions in the field. Diphtheria has been detected in the majority of chicks on Otago Peninsula and North Otago, so far Catlins and Stewart Island remains relatively unaffected.

- Comment and review DOCs transponder best practice document.
- Preparation for field season in conjunction with DOC in particular database and handling of data, reviewing protocols for monitoring and agenda for pre-season meeting.
- Nest searches completed at Tavora (N Otago); Okia, Otapahi, Fuchsia Gully, Dicks Bush, Otekiho, Allans Beach and Kaikai (Otago Peninsula); and Long Point, Cosgrove Creek, Purakaunui, Harts Rock and Helena Falls (Catlins). Nest numbers are still very low, similar to last year. However, the precipitous decline at Whenua Hou is particularly concerning.
- Regular update of parentage information, hatch dates and age of chicks at nests to take into the field so we can work whether birds are underweight and require supplementary feeding.
- Marking (transpondering) of birds is paying off in terms of the data we are able to gather from re-sightings (including long distances travelled by juveniles, successfully rehabilitated birds observed breeding and juvenile siblings continuing to hang out together).
- Continued collation of nest monitoring data and input into DOC googledocs for the YEP database and for YEPT parentage and breeding success spreadsheets.
- Completion of wildlife submission forms to be sent with dead birds for post-mortem at Wildbase, Massey University.

3. Policy, permits and submissions

- Assist with permit application: amalgamation of 3 permits for a 10 year period covering all monitoring work and uplifting birds across mainland range (Banks Peninsula to Rakiura). An extension allowing conservation management to continue has been granted in the interim.
- Advice provided to Banks Peninsula folks (BPCT / DOC) on monitoring and permitting of their YEP work.
- Completion of a questionnaire for the National Blue Cod Strategy (MPI)
- Information for the fishing industry has been sent out to all setnetters - map of major hoiho foraging and nesting habitats and golden rules to reduce risk to penguins and other seabirds.
- Fisheries data have been obtained under an OIA from MPI including setnet, trawling and oyster dredging effort, observer effort and landings (red cod, blue cod and barracouta).

4. Scientific representation in different forums

- Scientific advice at partnership and strategic development meetings with Department of Conservation and Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu – specifically regarding Whenua Hou, hoiho recovery strategy and conservation management recommendations and priorities.
- Marine Institute - Sentinels of change theme (led by Steve Wing). Discussion about options for funding and plans for application as a Centre of Research Excellence.
- Scientific input at various conservation management forums (e.g. DOC, YEPT Conservation management committee).
- Active discussions with MPI and various fisheries interest groups about the issues of hoiho and fishing (in particular setnets).
- Presentation at the NZ Coastal Society conference in Tauranga: Tidey E, Barber M and Webster T (2017) Yellow-eyed Penguin Habitat Mapping Trial. Winner of best poster prize.
- Continued liaison with researchers across University of Otago departments and Otago Polytechnic, and seminar attendance.
- Membership of the Australasian Seabird Group, Ornithological Society of New Zealand and World Seabird Union.

5. Specific Otago Museum related tasks

- Marketing plan for YEPT and OM re support of the CSA role.
- Training for assistant curator to build and edit 3D images from CT scans using Invesalius 3.0.
- Check of all of the penguins for individual identification transponders in the OM freezer.
- Identification of *Eudyptes* penguin specimens in the OM freezer.
- Contributions to OM Annual report.
- Install hoiho for the advocacy display at Dunedin airport.
- OM staff planting day at YEPT Tavora Reserve.

6. Other science related activities

- Paper accepted: Davidson A, Rayment W, Dawson S, Webster T and Slooten E (2017) Estimated calving interval for the NZ southern right whale in NZ Journal of Marine & Freshwater Research.
- Paper accepted: Rayment W, Webster T, Brough T, Jowett, T and Dawson S (2017) Seen or heard? A comparison of visual and acoustic autonomous monitoring methods for investigating temporal variation in occurrence of southern right whales in Marine Biology
- Assistance with FrequenSea exhibition on underwater sound

7. Public and media relations

- Otago Museum blog and media posts “Q&A with Trudi Webster, saving yellow-eyed penguins”
- Written contributions to the Australasian Seabird Group bulletin on science projects at YEPT.
- Interview on fisheries interactions with Te Papa.
- Vocational profile on the Conservation Science Advisor role at YEPT in the weekend Otago Daily Times by John Gibb.
- Review of YEPT website content (including hoiho, threats, conservation management, science, research). The new YEPT website has now been launched.
- ODT article following installation of the Penguin advocacy display at Dunedin airport.
- Season report written for the YEPT Newsletter.
- Numerous responses to the media and contributions to media briefings especially relating to fisheries and declining penguin numbers.
- Attendance at YEPT 30th Anniversary Celebration.

8. Stakeholders and site visits

- Building and establishing relationships with the YEP community and wider conservation and science communities. New stakeholder contacts:
 - Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu
 - Department of Conservation: head office, media team
 - Christchurch City Council
 - National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research
 - Other: Ahika consulting, Parker consulting
- Site visits to YEPT reserves, and other relevant locations. New sites visited:
 - Pipikaretu and Ryans beaches
 - Katiki beach and Okahau Point
 - Banks Peninsula (Goughs Bay and Pohatu / Flea Bay)