

Minutes of an ordinary meeting of Council held
in the Conference Room, The Gate, Cromwell on
Wednesday 11 April 2018, commencing at 11:10 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

Cr Woodhead welcomed councillors, staff, members of the public and media to the meeting. He also introduced two new staff members in attendance, Ms Emma Schranz (Senior Media Advisor) and Mr Michael Roseler (Corporate Planning Manager).

1. APOLOGIES

Cr Woodhead advised of the passing of Cr Noone's wife, Chele Noone. A moment's silence was observed.

Resolution

That the apologies for Cr Noone and apology for lateness for Cr Robertson be accepted.

Moved: Cr Woodhead
Seconded: Cr Hope
CARRIED

2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Resolution

That the request for leave of absence from Crs Bell and Robertson be accepted.

Moved: Cr Woodhead

Seconded: Cr Lawton

CARRIED

3. ATTENDANCE

Sarah Gardner	(CEO)
Nick Donnelly	(Director Corporate Services)
Tanya Winter	(Director Policy, Planning & Resource Management)
Sian Sutton	(Director Stakeholder Engagement)
Gavin Palmer	(Director Engineering, Hazards & Science)
Scott MacLean	(Director Environmental Monitoring)
Sally Giddens	(Director People & Safety)
Ian McCabe	(Executive Officer)
Lauren McDonald	(Committee Secretary)
Mike Roesler	(Corporate Planning Manager)
Emma Schranz	(Senior Media Advisor)

4. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

The agenda was confirmed as tabled.

5. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were advised.

6. PUBLIC FORUM

Mr Andrew Burton, past Chair of the Guardians of Lake Dunstan asked what was the purpose of the Council's visit to the Bendigo Boat ramp on 12 April and requested feedback on the release of the K5 virus. He commented on his concern about wilding pines being killed but not removed.

Cr Woodhead advised Mr Burton that the reason for the Council visit to the Bendigo Boat Ramp was to familiarise councillors with the site and the lake in regard to lagarosiphon control (as part of the Pest Plan). Councillors were also taking the opportunity, while in the district, to visit sites relevant to the Council's work programmes.

Mr John Wilson spoke and referred to media reports on the difference between a "pond and lake" for lagarosiphon. He wanted to encourage Council to extend the work programme for lagarosiphon control, particularly in the area by the old Cromwell township.

Mr Burton and Mr Wilson responded to questions of clarification from councillors.

Public session ended at 11.24am.

7. PRESENTATIONS

No presentations were held.

8. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution

That the minutes of the public portion of the Council meeting held on 21 February 2018 be received and confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Cr Bell
Seconded: Cr Kempton
CARRIED

9. ACTIONS

Status report on the resolutions of Council.

	Meeting	Resolution	Status
4.1	Confirmation of agenda Council 21/2/18	<i>That ORC contacts the Minister of Tourism's office and assess the potential for ORC to be represented at the meeting with Minister in early March, to discuss freedom camping with a paper to come to the next committee round as a result of the outcomes of the meeting.</i>	The Minister has declined the ORC request to attend.
10.2	Chief Executive's Report Council 21/2/18	<i>That Council formally invite Minister David Parker and Minister Damien O'Conner to meet with Council to discuss a variety of matters.</i>	In progress

10. CHAIRPERSON'S AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORTS

10.1. Chairperson's Report

The report summarised meetings and activities undertaken during February and March 2018 and upcoming events in April, including the Zone 5/6 meeting and the Freedom Camping Forum.

Cr Woodhead clarified that the Fire and Emergency New Zealand (FENZ) Board was a national amalgamation of the professional and volunteer fire services (with the rural fire service to be the next step of the amalgamation). FENZ is a national board with staff overseeing management of the new organisation.

Cr Hope confirmed her interest in attending the LGNZ conference. Cr Lawton advised she is part of the organising committee for the 2018 LGNZ conference.

10.2. Chief Executive's Report

The report summarised external meetings and engagements, stakeholder/community engagements, policy work programme, legal services procurement, Dunedin Harbour stakeholder arrangements and opportunities for staff participation at national level groups which provide a strategic or operational opportunities for the region.

Mrs Gardner commented that the 'Shaping our Future Water Forum' held in Wanaka received a good community turnout. The 'Future Directions of Farm Based Food Production Workshop' in Gore was also attended by Cr Hope. She was encouraged by work being done on farm around changes to nutrient regimes and management practises.

Queenstown office (Level 1, Alta House, Terrace Junction, Frankton)

Mr Donnelly responded to questions on the functionality of the office, staff numbers and positions to be based from the office (consents, transport, emergency management, customer services - front of house) and accessibility for councillors to meet with constituents. Mr Donnelly advised a booking system would be in place for use of the meeting room at the office.

Mrs Gardner responded to questions on the NOIC and LINZ meetings, legal service procurement, Dunedin Harbour Stakeholder arrangements and the Future Directions Farm Based Food Production workshop.

A request was made for a paper to be provided on LINZ responsibilities in regard to aquatic pests, freedom camping and wilding conifers for the Otago region.

Resolution

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

Moved: Cr Woodhead

Seconded: Cr Bell

CARRIED

11. MATTERS FOR COUNCIL DECISION

11.1. Draft Long Term Plan (LTP) Infrastructure Strategy

The report outlined the draft Infrastructure Strategy and sought Council approval to adopt the draft strategy for public consultation as part of the supporting information for the "For Our Future – Consultation Document for the ORC Long Term Plan 2018 – 2028", as part of the consultation document for the Long Term Plan 2018-28.

Mr Donnelly summarised and outlined the required processes of the four draft LTP papers tabled (Items 11.1,11.2,11.3 and 11.4).

Mrs Sutton provided an overview of the communications plan in support of the release of the Consultation Document, through print, digital and social media. She confirmed print copies of the draft Consultation Document and the draft Long Term Plan would be available from council offices.

Discussion was held on levels of service for the flood and drainage schemes, impacts of climate change, maintenance and insurance cover. Dr Palmer advised the draft LTP did contain the prescribed levels of service for each scheme.

Resolution

That Council:

- 1) **Receive** this report.
- 2) **Adopt** the draft *Infrastructure Strategy for public consultation as part of the supporting information for "For Our Future – Consultation Document for our Long Term Plan 2018 – 2028"*.

Moved: Cr Brown
Seconded: Cr Kempton
CARRIED

11.1. Draft Long Term Plan (LTP) Financial Strategy

The report presented the draft Financial Strategy and sought the adoption of the draft financial strategy for public consultation as part of the supporting information for the "For Our Future – Consultation Document for our Long Term Plan 2018 – 2028", the consultation document for the Council's Long Term Plan 2018-28.

Discussion was held on the key issues with significant financial impact: require for high water quality; certainty of availability of water resources, effective public passenger transport services; Leith Flood Protection Scheme.

It was agreed to amend to key issues to read:

- changes in Central Government policy;
- community need for certainty around availability of our water resources;
- meeting the need for effective public -passenger transport services in Dunedin and the Wakatipu Basin and;
- the significant investment needed in developing the Leith Flood Protection Scheme and the need to invest in new assets to maintain the levels of service provided on existing schemes.

A request was made for the graph on population growth projections to include years 0-3 for reference.

Resolution

That Council:

- 1) **Receive** this report with the changes noted.
- 2) **Adopt** the draft *Financial Strategy for public consultation as part of the supporting information for "For Our Future – Consultation Document for our Long Term Plan 2018 – 2028"*.

Moved: Cr Lawton
Seconded: Cr Kempton
CARRIED

11.2. Draft Long Term Plan (LTP) and consultation document

The report detailed the Council's long term planning process and sought approval for Council to adopt the Consultation Document for the draft Long Term Plan 2018 – 2028 and approve it release for public consultation.

Harbour management (page 22 of the document) - a request was made for communications to clarify the districts where the harbourmaster is regionally rated.

Cr Hope left at 12:24pm and returned at 12:26pm.

Discussion was held on the re-ordering of pages 30-33 of the consultation document to assist with clarity of graph detail.

A request was made for the page order to be change (Page 30 and 31 to go after pages 32 and 33). Mrs Sutton advised she would communicate this request with the printers.

Cr Woodhead commented on the key items in the consultation document as: climate change, South Dunedin, Clutha Delta, high level biodiversity and water quality. Climate change work as front and centre for Council and an important issue for the community. He outlined the commentary to be included in the Chairperson's summary for the LTP. He acknowledged and thanked staff for their work on the consultation document and for the communications plan in place.

Resolution

That Council:

- 1) **Receive** this report
- 2) **Approve** the signing of the Audit representation letter
- 3) **Receive** the audit clearance on the "For Our Future – Consultation Document for our Long Term Plan 2018 – 2028" prepared in accordance with section 93C(4) of the Local Government Act 2002 (tabled at this meeting)
- 4) **Adopt** for public consultation the Long-Term Plan 2018 – 2028 supplementary information that is relied on for the content of the Consultation Document
- 5) **Resolve** that the Long Term Plan is financially prudent per section 100(2) of the Local Government Act 2002 and that it is appropriate to have operating deficits for the first three years of the Long Term Plan
- 6) **Adopt** the "For Our Future – Consultation Document for our Long Term Plan 2018 – 2028" consultation document as detailed in Attachment 1 for public consultation.

Moved: Cr Woodhead

Seconded: Cr Brown

CARRIED

11.3. Appointment of Hearing Panel for Draft Long Term Plan (LTP)

The report sought the appointment of a hearings sub-committee to hear public submissions, deliberate and to make recommendations to the Finance and Corporate Committee on the Long Term Plan 2018-28 in accordance with Section 83 and Schedule 7 of Local Government Act 2002.

A concern was expressed that all councillors should be involved in the hearing the LTP submissions and the recommendation process.

Discussion was held on the practicalities of all 12 councillors being available for all hearings. Cr Woodhead advised that the hearing panel would make recommendations to Council and there would be the opportunity to debate their recommendations. Majority support was for a six panel membership as per the recommendation.

A request was made for a councillor to serve as reserve for the hearing panel. Cr Hope advised she would be available to act as reserve.

Resolution

That Council:

- 1) **Receive** this report.
- 2) **Appoint** a sub-committee of the Finance and Corporate Committee to hear the views of submitters, deliberate on submissions and make recommendations to the Finance and Corporate Committee on the Long Term Plan 2018-28 in accordance with Clause 30, Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002 comprising the following members:

Cr Brown (Chair);
Cr Deaker;
Cr Lawton;
Cr Neill;
Cr Scott; and,
Cr Woodhead, with Cr Hope to be reserve.
- 3) **Delegate** to the sub-committee appointed in recommendation 2 above the powers and duties to hear the views of submitters, deliberate on submissions and make recommendations to the Finance and Corporate Committee on the Long Term Plan 2018-28 in accordance with Clause 32, Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002.

Moved: Cr Brown
Seconded: Cr Deaker
CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 1:00pm and recommenced at 1:38pm. Cr Robertson remained as an apology.

11.4. Otago Navigational Bylaws 2018

The report outlined the proposed amendments to the Navigational Bylaws to be consulted on (through with Local Government Act) and for community feedback on the bylaws, proposed to come into effect on 1 August 2018. It was noted that the proposed amendments would be consistent with bylaws around New Zealand.

Discussion was held on the bylaw changes to require the compulsory wearing of life jackets for vessels under 9 metres and to have identification marked on vessels. Staff were encouraged to have an education and compliance programme in place for the summer period.

Cr Woodhead advised that current bylaws did not allow enforcement action on issues such as alcohol consumption on vessels to be addressed by Council. He intended that the issue would be discussed with other regional councils, to work towards action at a national level. Mrs Gardner confirmed she would assist.

It was agreed to amend the recommendation to remove the word "consultation" to seeking "feedback" on the bylaws.

Amendments were requested as:

- Appendix A - colour coding to be corrected for what is and is not covered by the bylaws.
- Appendix B - (area covered) - Map detail needs to include more detail on the area north of the Clutha River and the section at the top of Lake Dunstan and the red bridge.

Hearing Panel.

Volunteers for a panel were noted as Cr Lawton, Cr Scott, Cr Robertson, Cr Neill with Cr Hope (reserve).

Resolution

- a) That Council approve the proposed Navigational Bylaws for public feedback.*
- b) Hearings Panel be constituted of the Councillors*

Moved: Cr Laws
Seconded: Cr Scott
CARRIED

It was agreed that Council initiate communication with central government on the issue of banning alcohol consumption on boats to work towards legislation change.

That ORC begin discussions with central government around the issue of legality of operating water craft under the influence of alcohol.

Moved: Cr Laws
Seconded: Cr Deaker
CARRIED

11.5. Water Reference Group

The report outlined the proposed re-frame of the Urban Water Quality Reference Group as a Water Quality Reference Group to provide for all water quality matters in the Otago Region, and to increase the Group's membership with the addition of one Councillor.

Mrs Gardner advised the water quality reference group would primarily focus on Plan Change 6A.

Resolution

- a) *That the Urban Water Quality Reference Group become the Water Quality Reference Group.*
- b) *That the membership of the Water Reference Group be: Councillor Scott (Chair), Councillor Hope, Councillor Lawton, Councillor Robertson, Councillor Woodhead, Councillor Brown and the Chief Executive of Otago Regional Council and/or her representative(s).*
- c) *That the Water Quality Reference Group draft a new Terms of Reference for consideration at a future Policy Committee meeting*

Moved: Cr Woodhead

Seconded: Cr Hope

CARRIED

12. MATTERS FOR NOTING

12.1. 8 Month Review to 28 February 2018

The report "8 Month Review to 28 February 2018" summarised the project progress for the eight months to 28 February 2018.

Cr Laws left the room at 1:52 pm and returned 1:54 pm.

Discussion was held on progress of deemed permit replacements. Mrs Winter advised that 40 water user groups meetings had occurred in regard to resource consent applications.

A request was made for any differentiation to be shown between agreed Council targets and actual activity outcomes.

Mrs Gardner confirmed that changes would be made to reporting to reflect the differentiation between agreed targets and activity outcomes and to note that if work was deferred, it be removed from the activity outcome reporting.

Resolution

That this report and the "8 Month Review to 28 February 2018" report be received.

Moved: Cr Brown

Seconded: Cr Kempton

CARRIED

12.2. Financial Report to 28 February 2018

The report provided a summary of the Council's financial performance compared to budget for the eight months ended 28 February 2018, and a summary of the financial position as at that date.

Resolution

That this report is received.

Moved: Cr Brown
Seconded: Cr Hope
CARRIED

13. REPORT BACK FROM COUNCILLORS

Cr Bell:

- Attended South Island Regional Land Transport meeting with Cr Kempton.
- Provided feedback on K5 virus release received from four farmers (based at Cardrona, Ettrick, Lake Hawea and Ida Valley) who had reported no sign of dead rabbits as yet. He asked if consideration should be given to providing a Landcare Research report to give reassurance to the wider community on the impact of the virus.

Mr McLean responded that Landcare Research had advised effects the of the virus should be seen in six to twelve weeks from release. He confirmed that the ORC release had strictly followed the protocol set by Landcare Research (as outlined by the procedures from Australia), and advised there was no immunity to the previous release made and that the K5 virus release effect was slower but much more durable and longer lasting kill from the earlier virus.

Mr MacLean and Mrs Sutton were requested to:

- a) Make contact Landcare Research for an update on the virus release results
- b) Issue communications messaging: to "be patient" for effects of the virus to be seen; reminder to landowners of their responsibility to continue with primary control work and to advise on when rabbit culling may be undertaken post virus release.

Cr Lawton attended: -

- Wakatipu Basin bus service meeting in Queenstown
- Pest management visit of upper Wakatipu area.
- 20 March - Wise Response meeting with Crs Woodhead and Robertson and Mrs Gardner on opportunity for integrated land management.
- 28 March met with community members to talk about LTP.
- Wakatipu Wildings Group funding meeting 4-5 April with a reviewing strategy
- Shaping our Future Water forums, she advised there was a wide representation across a number of groups

Cr Kempton outlined the meeting discussion points from the:

- South Island Regional Transport Chairs meeting- 28 March 2018
- Local Government Road Safety Summit in Wellington, 9 April 2018. (A report containing a summary of the meetings was provided.)

Cr Hope advised she also attended the 'Future Directions of Farm Based Food Production Workshop' in Gore. The workshop had 12 speakers and five farmers who outlined their on-farm experiences. Discussion was held on farming options for the future and the need for old problems to be solved in new ways. Prof Frank Griffin (Otago University) spoke on production of alternative foods such as legumes.

14. NOTICES OF MOTION

No Notices of Motion were advised.

15. RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED AT COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON 21 MARCH 2018

15.1. Recommendations of the Policy Committee

Resolution

Recommendations of the Policy Committee held on 21 March 2018, for adoption.

Moved: Cr Woodhead
Seconded: Cr Kempton
CARRIED

15.2. Recommendations of the Regulatory Committee

Resolution

Recommendations of the Regulatory Committee held on 21 March 2018, for adoption.

Moved: Cr Scott
Seconded: Cr Neill
CARRIED

15.3. Recommendations of the Communications Committee

Resolution

Recommendations of the Communications Committee held on 21 March 2018, for adoption.

Moved: Cr Deaker
Seconded: Cr Hope
CARRIED

15.4. Recommendations of the Technical Committee

Resolution

Recommendations of the Technical Committee held on 21 March 2018, for adoption.

Moved: Cr Lawton
Seconded: Cr Hope
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 21 March 2018, for adoption.

Moved: Cr Brown
Seconded: Cr Hope
CARRIED

Discussion was held on the adopted recommendation in regard to the peninsula bus service. Mr Donnelly confirmed the resolution was to review the timetable, not the routes. Cr Woodhead updated councillors on the discussions and meetings he, Mrs Gardner and Mr Donnelly had participated since the public forum presentation at the Finance and Corporate Committee.

16. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

Resolution

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

*Item 11.1 Disposal and Acquisition of Property
Item 11.2 Stock Effluent Site (STEDs)*

Also move that Mr Ian McCabe be permitted to remain at this meeting, after the public has been excluded, because of their knowledge of the property sites. This knowledge, which will be of assistance in relation to the matter to be discussed.

Moved: Cr Woodhead
Seconded: Cr Hope
CARRIED

The meeting resumed in public session at 3:33 pm on the motion of Crs Woodhead and Hope.

17. CLOSURE

The meeting was declared closed at 3:34 pm.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'W. Woodhead', is written in a cursive style.

Chairperson