

Minutes of a meeting of the Policy Committee held in
the Council Chamber at Philip Laing House,
144 Rattray Street, Dunedin on
Wednesday 30 January 2019, commencing at 3:34 pm

Membership

Cr Gretchen Robertson	<i>(Chairperson)</i>
Cr Michael Laws	<i>(Deputy Chairperson)</i>
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	

Welcome

Cr Robertson welcomed Councillors, members of the public and staff to the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES

No apologies were received.

2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3. ATTENDANCE

Sarah Gardner	<i>(Chief Executive)</i>
Tanya Winter	<i>(Director Policy, Planning and Resource Management)</i>
Peter Fitzjohn	<i>(Acting, Director Stakeholder Engagement)</i>
Gavin Palmer	<i>(Director Engineering, Hazards and Science)</i>
Peter Winder	<i>(Acting, Director Environmental Monitoring and Operations)</i>
Sally Giddens	<i>(Director People and Safety)</i>
Ian McCabe	<i>(Executive Officer)</i>
Kim Wainscott	<i>(Acting, Committee Secretary)</i>
Jean-Luc Payan	<i>(Acting Manager Resource Science)</i>
Anita Dawe	<i>(Acting Manager Policy and Planning)</i>
Sylvie Leduc	<i>(Senior Policy Analyst)</i>
Rachael Brown	<i>(Senior Policy Analyst)</i>

4. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Cr Robertson moved to add a late report to Matters for Council Decision: 10.1 Progressing Options for Priority Catchments Using an NPSFM Framework. Agreed.

Moved: Cr Deaker

Seconded: Cr Scott

CARRIED

5. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were advised.

6. PUBLIC FORUM

No public forum was held.

7. PRESENTATIONS

8. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution

That the minutes of the meeting held on 29 November 2018 be received and confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Cr Hope

Seconded: Cr Noone

CARRIED

9. ACTIONS

Status report on the resolutions of the Policy Committee

Amendment 2 (National Environmental Standards for Plantation Forestry) to the Regional Plan: Water for Otago	13/06/2018	b) Make Amendment 2 (NES Plantation Forestry) operative from 1 July 2018.	COMPLETED
Draft Biodiversity Strategy Feedback	13/06/18	That a paper on implementation be brought to the Policy Committee in the next 2-3 months	ON HOLD. Strategy out. Reference group meeting to be held before end of year and bring the next stage to Policy Committee in 2019
Minimum Flow Plan Change Update	01/08/18	That the CEO engage an appropriately qualified facilitator to help consultation associated with Priority Catchments Minimum Flows and Residual Flow Plan Change. (Mrs Gardner advised this action was in process, with a facilitator to be appointed.)	In process. Facilitator was used for the meeting in Cromwell before Christmas. Further discussion to be held in item 10.4 of the agenda.
Biodiversity Action Plan	17/10/18	Approve the draft Biodiversity Action Plan in Attachment 2 for consultation with iwi and key stakeholders before a final draft is brought back to this committee for approval on 28 November 2018.	ON HOLD
Options for resolution on Priority Catchments Minimum Flow	29/11/18	That Council undertake a targeted community consultation meeting regarding the three options listed in the report	On Agenda
Clutha Natural Character and Recreation	29/11/18	That the following reports are made publicly available: Clutha River/Mata-au	COMPLETED

		Catchment Recreation Values Assessment (RG&A), Natural Character, Riverscape & Visual Amenity Assessment (BM Ltd.).	
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10. MATTERS FOR COUNCIL DECISION

10.1. Progressing Options for Priority Catchments Using an NPSFM Framework

Ms Anita Dawe provided an overview of the report and discussion was held on the preferred options, noting a workshop was held on 30 January with iwi and Council.

Cr Laws moved to amend the resolution to:

Resolution

That the options presented to the Council workshop on 30 January 2019 be presented back to interested parties with the intent of providing their policy feedback, including the option of:

- 1) A full plan review and FMU process to be the single policy process to address water management in the Manuherikia, Arrow, and Cardrona catchments, and;
- 2) Deemed permits to be consented under the existing Regional Plan Water Framework.

The committee concurred.

Moved: Cr Laws

Seconded: Cr Neill

CARRIED

11. MATTERS FOR NOTING

11.1. Director's Report on Progress

The report contributes toward the following Strategic Priorities from the Long-Term Plan 2018 - 2028:

- Maintain and enhance the natural environment
- Resilient communities that are engaged and connected to the Otago Regional Council
- Future focused – readiness for change, proactive approach and risk focused.

Ms Winter talked to her report and noted the reports which will be presented at the March committee meeting, namely the *Overseer and Regulatory Oversight: Models, Uncertainty and Cleaning up our waterways* report, and a report on Climate Change.

Cr Robertson acknowledged that this meeting is Ms Winters final Policy Committee meeting and thanked her for her contribution to the Otago Regional Council.

Resolution

That the Council:

- 1) **Notes the report.**

Moved: Cr Noone

Seconded: Cr Hope

CARRIED

11.2. Report of the Biodiversity Collaborative Group on a National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity

The report provided a summary of the Report of the Biodiversity Collaborative Group (BCG) on a draft National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity (NPSIB) and discusses potential implications for the Council.

The committee noted the far-reaching ramifications and significant change for Councils and look towards the opportunity to submit feedback via interactions and workshops.

Resolution

That the Committee:

- 1) ***Note this report.***

Moved: Cr Hope

Seconded: Cr Bell

CARRIED

11.3. Summary of reports from Environment Bay of Plenty evaluating the effectiveness and impacts of land use mitigations

The reports informed Council of work that other regional councils are undertaking to manage freshwater.

Resolution

That the Council:

- 1) ***Receives this report.***

Moved: Cr Scott

Seconded: Cr Bell

CARRIED

Cr Laws left the meeting at 04:33 pm.

11.4. Summary - November 2018 councillor workshop on NPSFM implementation

The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of the key messages that were received by staff during a councillor workshop on implementing the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2014 (NPSFM) in November 2018. This report may assist with developing a better understanding of the different options that exist for implementing the NPSFM, including developing engagement processes with mana whenua and key stakeholders, setting Freshwater Management Units (FMUs) and identifying Freshwater Objectives, environmental flows/levels and allocation limits.

The committee noted this was a very useful workshop and request that staff look at opportunities to take a similar approach in other areas.

Resolution

That the Committee:

- 1) ***Note this report***
- 2) ***Provides staff with any additional key messages or considerations from elected members.***

Moved: Cr Hope
Seconded: Cr Deaker
CARRIED

Cr Laws returned to the meeting at 04:35 pm.

12. NOTICES OF MOTION

13. CLOSURE

The meeting was declared closed at 04:40 pm.



Chairperson