



Minutes of a meeting of the Policy Committee held in the
Council Chamber at Philip Laing House,
144 Rattray Street, Dunedin on
Wednesday 20 March 2019, commencing at 1:00 p.m.

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.

For our future

1. APOLOGIES

Resolution

That the apologies for Councillor Noone be accepted.

Moved: Cr Hope

Seconded: Cr Scott

CARRIED

2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

No leaves of absence were noted.

3. ATTENDANCE

Sarah Gardner (Chief Executive)

Gavin Palmer (General Manager Operations)

Sally Giddens (General Manager People, Culture and Communications)

Andrew Newman (General Manager Policy Science and Strategy)

Liz Spector (Committee Secretary)

4. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Agenda was confirmed as tabled.

5. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were advised.

6. PUBLIC FORUM

No public forum was held.

7. PRESENTATIONS

No presentations were held.

8. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution

That the minutes of the meeting held on 30 January 2019 be received and confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Cr Hope

Seconded: Cr Robertson

CARRIED

9. ACTIONS

Status report on the resolutions of the Policy Committee

Draft Biodiversity Strategy Feedback	13/06/18	<i>That a paper on implementation be brought to the Policy</i>	ON HOLD. Strategy out. Reference group meeting to be held
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		<i>Committee in the next 2-3 months</i>	before end of year and bring the next stage to Policy Committee in 2019
Minimum Flow Plan Change Update	01/08/18	<i>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.)</i>	In process. Facilitator has been arranged for community engagement. 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	<i>That Council undertake a targeted community consultation meeting regarding the three options listed in the report</i>	IN PROGRESS

10. MATTERS FOR COUNCIL DECISION

10.1. New Approach for managing water in the Priority Catchments

General Manager Policy, Science and Strategy Andrew Newman addressed the committee members. He stated a fair amount of work had been done in last month on the proposed new approach to development of water management plans in the Arrow, Cardrona and Manuherikia catchments. He mentioned that presentation of the proposed regional water plan had been presented at a community meeting in Cromwell as well. Senior Policy Analyst Tom De Pelselmaeker also addressed the councillors. He said there is a need for overarching principles for resource management across the region and felt it prudent to develop a separate work stream for priority catchment principles to ensure integrity across management of other FMUs. Mr Pelselmaeker suggested ORC set up internal teams, comprised of policy and science staff, supported by monitoring and compliance teams as well. He stated there will be a need for additional resources to manage the workstream, and also to develop the partnership with iwi.

Chairperson Robertson asked Cr Woodhead to provide a summary of the Mana to Mana meeting with Rūnanga conducted the previous week to discuss the policy. Cr Woodhead said concerns were raised during that meeting about the policy. He said iwi would prefer there to be a framework and set of key principles used to work through the different water stages of the water plan review. He then said he would make an amendment to staff recommendation 2) to add the word framework as follows: adopts the proposal to simultaneously develop a set of principles **and framework** for the review of the regional water plan consistent with the values and intent of the partnership with iwi.

Cr Robertson suggested a progress report on the project plan be written and brought to the next Council Meeting for review. Cr Scott stated while there is no perfect solution, this is a pragmatic outcome to achieve as well as possible what needs be done. After further discussion, Cr Robertson asked for a motion.

Resolution

That the Council:

- 1) **Notes** the feedback received from our iwi partners, consultants and stakeholders on the proposed new approach for progressing the development of water management plans for the Arrow, Cardrona and Manuherikia (Manuherekia) catchments.
- 2) **Adopts** the proposal to: simultaneously develop a set of principles and **framework** for the overarching regional water plan consistent with the values and intent of the partnership with Iwi.
- 3) **Note** that many but possibly not all of these principles will already be developed within existing ORC policies and plans i.e., the regional Policy Statement
- 4) **Agree** the relationship agreement with Aukaha be further developed with a view to formalising it between ORC and Ngai Tahu thereby enabling a systematic approach to be undertaken on the plan development process at a staff level.
- 5) **Initiate** the development of two plan changes to set freshwater objectives and comprehensive planning framework for managing water in the Arrow, Cardrona and Manuherikia (Manuherekia) catchments in accordance with the process outlined in policies CA1-CA4 of the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2014 (amended 2017)
- 6) **Notify** before 1 January 2021 the plan changes for **partially** managing water in the Arrow, Cardrona and Manuherikia (Manuherekia) catchments as for Stage 1 of the full Water Plan review
- 7) **Establish** a Technical Advisory Group (TAG) and Community Reference Group (CRG), with formalised terms of reference, to provide ongoing technical and strategic advice and input to the ORC that supports the delivery of the plan change for managing water in the Manuherikia (Manuherekia) catchment **and provide a progress report at the next council meeting.**

Moved: Cr Woodhead
Seconded: Cr Robertson
CARRIED

11. MATTERS FOR NOTING

11.1. Director's Report on Progress

Anita Dawe, Acting Manager Policy and Planning provided the Director's Report on Progress to the Councillors. After a general discussion, Cr Robertson made a motion.

Resolution

That the Council:

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

Moved: Cr Robertson
Seconded: Cr Hope
CARRIED

11.2. Overseer update

Julia Briggs, Policy Analyst spoke to the Councillors and provide an update on the Overseer program. She mentioned review of the program was underway at Parliament. Cr Kempton stated Overseer was a blunt instrument, but if consistently applied it did provide a benchmark to review nutrient leeching. Cr Laws enquired whether anyone had been prosecuted based on results of Overseer. CE Gardner answered no. Cr Robertson noted that Overseer is a useful tool for tracking problem areas or catchments in respect to nutrient leeching into groundwater. Cr Woodhead said the program will help to inform policy and compliance activity on catchment and subcatchment scale on water quality issues. No further discussion was held and Cr Robertson asked for a motion.

Resolution

That the Council:

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

Moved: Cr Woodhead
Seconded: Cr Kempton
CARRIED

12. NOTICES OF MOTION

No Notices of Motion were advised.

13. CLOSURE

The meeting was declared closed at 02:26 pm.


Chairperson