



Minutes of a meeting of the  
Finance Committee held in the  
Council Chamber on Wednesday 10 June 2020,  
commencing at 11:00 am

**Membership**

Cr Hilary Calvert	<i>(Co-Chairperson)</i>
Cr Andrew Noone	<i>(Co-Chairperson)</i>
Cr Michael Deaker	
Cr Alexa Forbes	
Hon Marian Hobbs	
Cr Carmen Hope	
Cr Gary Kelliher	
Cr Michael Laws	
Cr Kevin Malcolm	
Cr Gretchen Robertson	
Cr Bryan Scott	
Cr Kate Wilson	

**Welcome**

Chairperson Noone welcomed Councillors, members of the public and staff to the meeting at 11:11 am.

## **1. APOLOGIES**

### **Resolution**

*That the lateness of Cr Hope be accepted.*

Moved: Cr Noone

Seconded: Cr Kelliher

CARRIED

## **2. ATTENDANCE**

Sarah Gardner *(Chief Executive)*

Nick Donnelly *(General Manager Corporate Services and CFO)*

Gavin Palmer *(General Manager Operations)*

Sally Giddens *(General Manager People, Culture and Communications)*

Richard Saunders *(General Manager Regulatory)*  
(electronically)

Gwyneth Elsum *(General Manager Policy, Strategy and Science)*

Amanda Vercoe *(Executive Advisor)*

Liz Spector *(Committee Secretary)*

Other staff in attendance included Andrea Howard (Manager Biosecurity and Rural Liaison), Ryan Tippet (Media Communications Lead) and Kim Wainscott (Executive Assistant). Also in attendance via electronic link was Mike Roesler (Manager Corporate Planning).

## **3. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

The agenda was confirmed as circulated.

## **4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Cr Hobbs indicated she would withdraw from any discussions related to Orokonui Ecosanctuary.

## **5. PUBLIC FORUM**

No public forum was held.

## **6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

### **Resolution**

*That the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 3 June 2020 be received and confirmed as a true and accurate record.*

Moved: Cr Noone

Seconded: Cr Calvert

CARRIED

## **7. ACTIONS**

The Committee reviewed outstanding actions.

## 8. MATTERS FOR COUNCIL DECISION

### 8.1. Annual Plan 2020-2021

Nick Donnelly was present to speak to the proposed Annual Plan 2020-21 and the recommendations from the 3 June Finance Committee meeting. Cr Hobbs requested an additional .5 FTE for the QLDC emergency management group. She said the Acting Director Emergency Management Michele Poole had requested an additional 1.0 FTE on a one-year fixed-term contract for the Queenstown location rather than the .5 FTE that was added per the 3 June resolution. A discussion was held about the capacity needed for the QLDC group and Chief Executive Gardner agreed that a 1.0 FTE role would be much more manageable and practical.

Cr Hobbs then moved:

#### Resolution

*That along with the .5 FTE approved at the 3 June Finance Committee meeting, an additional .5 FTE be added, resulting in an additional total of 1.0 FTE for the Emergency Management group to be based at QLDC for a one-year fixed-term contract in 2020/21.*

Moved: Cr Hobbs

Seconded: Cr Malcolm

CARRIED

The meeting then moved into discussion of each of the other eight motions from the 3 June meeting for finalisation. The Committee members agreed that the gap in possum eradication that may occur from the changeover of management from OSPRI to Predator Free Dunedin will be covered by the ORC within the existing \$1.9m pest activity budget. The Committee then reviewed and agreed with the staff comment regarding the integrated trail network which would inform the LTP 2021-31.

The discussion moved into the request from the Orokonui Ecosanctuary for \$100,000 for fencing. Cr Hobbs withdrew from discussions as she had a conflict of interest. Cr Deaker expressed his concern that staff recommended funding the fence from the ECO Fund, rather than as a separate line item in the environmental enhancement activity budget. After a discussion, Mr Donnelly agreed to show this as a separate line item. Cr Calvert also wanted to ensure that Port Otago will still be asked if they will participate in funding the initiative by a request from the Port Otago Liaison Working Group.

The Committee then discussed the proposal of Wise Response for Otago for funding of a carbon footprint model. Cr Wilson said she was disappointed that no funding for the Wise proposal was going to be included in the Annual Plan. She said she didn't want to lose the momentum that had started during the pandemic, with people becoming aware of the impacts they have as individuals on the environment. Chief Executive Gardner said work is already underway at ORC internally on climate change and carbon footprinting and is concerned about moving too quickly and spending money on a tool that might not be the best fit for the region before the necessary internal work has been evaluated. It was noted that the request from Wise Response was for a low enough amount that there was potential to deploy at a later time during the year, with little impact on the budget. Cr Deaker then moved:

## Resolution

*That the Committee supports staff in carbon footprint accounting work and requests a detailed report on progress before the end of 2020.*

Moved: Cr Deaker  
Seconded: Cr Malcolm  
CARRIED

The Committee then discussed the additional \$25,000 contribution towards control of lagarosiphon that was passed at the 3 June meeting. Cr Laws indicated it should be noted that the contribution of \$25,000 was to be spent on control in Lake Dunstan. Staff stated they understood this request. Cr Laws then moved:

## Resolution

*That the motion from the 3 June 2020 meeting regarding doubling the contribution to lagarosiphon control read: "That the ORC note the doubling of its contribution to the control of lagarosiphon **in Lake Dunstan** from \$25,000 in 2019/20 to \$50,000 in the 2020/21 annual plan, and review the effectiveness of the current operational plan with an eye towards utilising potential government funds for a stronger approach to lagarosiphon control in Lakes Wanaka and Dunstan, and the Clutha and Kawarau rivers."*

Moved: Cr Laws  
Seconded: Cr Kelliher  
CARRIED

## 9. RECOMMENDATIONS OF MEETINGS

### 9.1. Recommendations of the Audit and Risk Subcommittee

#### Resolution

That the Recommendations of the 3 June 2020 Audit and Risk Subcommittee meeting are adopted.

Moved: Cr Calvert  
Seconded: Cr Malcolm  
CARRIED

## 10. CLOSURE

There was no further business and Chairperson Noone declared the meeting closed at 12:40 pm.

  
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Co-Chairperson, Hilary Calvert

26 August 2020  
Date