

Council
MINUTES

Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Otago Regional Council held in the Council Chamber,
Level 2 Philip Laing House, 144 Rattray Street, Dunedin on Thursday 3 October 2024,
commencing at 9:00 AM.

<https://www.youtube.com/live/YVDFbjHTdKo?si=4yh8eDS0jjQxe0Uy>

PRESENT

Cr Gretchen Robertson	<i>(Chairperson)</i>
Cr Lloyd McCall	<i>(Deputy Chairperson)</i>
Cr Alexa Forbes	<i>(online)</i>
Cr Gary Kelliher	
Cr Michael Laws	
Cr Kevin Malcolm	
Cr Tim Mepham	
Cr Andrew Noone	
Cr Bryan Scott	
Cr Elliot Weir	
Cr Kate Wilson	

1. WELCOME

Chair Robertson welcomed Councillors, Mayor Jules Radich, Stephen Hill of Electionz, all submitters including those watching online, members of the public and staff to the meeting at 9 am and opened with a karakia. Staff present included Richard Saunders (Chief Executive), Amanda Vercoe (GM Strategy and Customer, Deputy CE), Kylie Darragh (Governance Support)

2. APOLOGIES

Cr Robertson Moved, Cr Wilson Seconded:

That the apologies for Cr Somerville, and for lateness Cr Laws and Cr Forbes, be accepted.

MOTION CARRIED

9:07am Cr Forbes joined the meeting online.

3. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

The agenda was confirmed as published.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Members were reminded of the need to stand aside from decision-making when a conflict arises between their role as an elected representative and any private or other external interest they might have.

5. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

5.1. ORC Membership Representation Review - hearings

[Youtube 8:00] Councillors were provided with the report of the submissions received on ORC's membership representation review Initial Proposal, and a schedule for hearings for submitters who wish to present to Council.

Hearings of Submissions

Mayor Jules Radich, from Dunedin City Council attended in person to speak, there was an opportunity for Councillors to ask questions of clarification on the submission and Chair Robertson thanked the mayor for attending.

Mayor Glyn Lewers of the Queenstown District Lakes Council attended online to speak, there was an opportunity for Councillors to ask questions of clarification on the submission and Chair Robertson thanked the mayor for attending.

Mayor Tim Cadogan, from Central Otago District Council, attended online to speak, there was an opportunity for Councillors to ask questions of clarification on the submission and Chair Robertson thanked the mayor for attending.

Chair Robertson reminded all submitters that cross examination was not permitted and that the Councillors would be mindful of the scope of each submitter's own submission in its deliberations.

Simon Telfer attended online to speak, there was an opportunity for Councillors to ask questions of clarification on the submission and Chair Robertson thanked Simon for attending.

At 9:40 am **Cr Robertson Moved, Cr Noone seconded:**

That Council adjourn for ten minutes.

MOTION CARRIED

Duncan Eddy, West Harbour Community Board, attended online to speak, there was an opportunity for Councillors to ask questions of clarification on the submission and Chair Robertson thanked Duncan for attending.

At 9:58 am **Cr Robertson Moved, Cr Noone seconded:**

That Council adjourn for two minutes.

MOTION CARRIED

Harriet Jopp, and Simon Davies from Federated Farmers attended online to speak, there was an opportunity for Councillors to ask questions of clarification on the submission and Chair Robertson thanked Harriet and Simon for attending.

At 10:10 am **Cr Robertson Moved, Cr Weir seconded:**

That Council adjourn for ten minutes.

MOTION CARRIED

GOV2436 ORC Membership Representation Review - Deliberations

[YouTube 1:26:30] Following hearings, this paper provided a format for deliberating on guidance for the Final Proposal. Amanda Vercoe, GM Strategy and Customer and Stephen Hill of Electionz were available to respond to questions on the report.

At 10:38 am **Cr McCall Moved, Cr Noone seconded:**

That Council adjourn for three minutes.

MOTION CARRIED

The recommendation was amended and taken in two parts:

Resolution CM24-185: Cr Laws Moved, Cr Wilson Seconded

That the Council:

- 1. Notes this report.**
- 2. Acknowledges and thanks** submitters to the ORC's 2024 membership representation review for the time taken to prepare their submissions on the Initial Proposal, which contained useful information and insights into the communities' views.
- 3. Acknowledges and thanks** submitters that came to present their submissions on the Initial Proposal to the hearings on the representation review.

MOTION CARRIED

A division was called for the remaining recommendation:

Resolution CM24-186: Cr Laws Moved, Cr Wilson Seconded

That the Council:

- 4. Provides staff** with the following guidance for the preparation of Council's Final Proposal to be adopted at the Council meeting on 23 October 2024: Either
 - a. Prepare the Initial Proposal** for adoption as the Final Proposal

For:	Cr Kelliher, Cr Laws, Cr Malcolm, Cr McCall, Cr Noone, Cr Scott, Cr Weir, Cr Wilson, Cr Robertson.
Against:	Cr Forbes, Cr Mepham

Abstained:	
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MOTION CARRIED

6. CLOSURE

There was no further business and Chair Robertson declared the meeting closed at 12:02 pm.



Chairperson

____23/10/2024____
Date