

Council (Extraordinary) MINUTES

Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of the Otago Regional Council held in the Council Chamber, Level 2 Philip Laing House, 144 Rattray Street, Dunedin on Thursday 5 September 2024, commencing at 1:03 PM.

PRESENT

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

1. WELCOME

Chair Robertson welcomed Councillors, members of the public and staff to the meeting at 1:03 pm with a karakia. Staff present included Richard Saunders (Chief Executive), Nick Donnelly (GM Finance), Joanna Gilroy (GM Environmental Delivery), Tami Sargeant (GM People and Corporate) Amanda Vercoe (GM Strategy and Customer, Deputy CE), Kylie Darragh (Governance Support), Fleur Matthews (Manager Policy & Planning) Michelle Mehlhopt (Special Counsel, Environment & Planning and Local Government, Wynn Williams) and Christina Robb (Director, Happen Consulting).

There was a minute silence observed for the passing of Kīngi Tūheitai Pōtatau Te Wherowhero VII.

2. APOLOGIES

Resolution: Cr Robertson Moved, Cr Noone Seconded:

That the apologies for Cr Mepham for lateness be accepted.

MOTION CARRIED

Cr Laws joined the meeting at 1:07 pm

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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 COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

None

6. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

Resolution: Cr Robertson Moved, Cr Weir Seconded:

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

- *1.1 GOV2425 Draft Response to the Minister for the Environment Regarding Proposed Land and Water Regional Plan.*

and also that Christina Robb, consultant, be permitted to remain in the room due to her skills and knowledge of the item.

A division was called:

Vote

For:	Cr Forbes, Cr McCall, Cr Mepham, Cr Scott, Cr Somerville, Cr Weir, and Cr Robertson
Against:	Cr Kelliher, Cr Laws, Cr Malcolm, Cr Noone, and Cr Wilson
Abstained:	Nil

MOTION CARRIED

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under [section 48\(1\)](#) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
2.1 Draft Response to the Minister for the Environment	To protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information— would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied – Section 7(2)(c)(i) To maintain legal professional privilege – Section 7(2)(g)	Section 48(1)(a); Section 7(2)(c)(i) 7(2)(g)

7. CLOSURE

There was no further business and Chair Robertson declared the meeting closed at 1:57 pm.



25/09/2024

Chairperson

Date