

Regional Leadership Committee MINUTES

Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Regional Leadership Committee held in the Council Chamber, Level 2 Philip Laing House, 144 Rattray Street, Dunedin on Thursday 10 August 2023, commencing at 10:00 AM (delayed due to inclement weather).

PRESENT

Cr Elliot Weir *(Co-Chairperson)*
Cr Bryan Scott *(Co-Chairperson)*
Cr Michael Laws *(Co-Chairperson)*
Cr Alexa Forbes
Cr Gary Kelliher *(online)*
Cr Kevin Malcolm
Cr Lloyd McCall
Cr Tim Mephram *(online)*
Cr Andrew Noone
Cr Gretchen Robertson
Cr Alan Somerville
Cr Kate Wilson

DRAFT MINUTES

1. WELCOME

Chairperson Weir welcomed Councillors, Mr Hoani Langsbury (online), and members of the public and staff to the meeting at 9:00am and opened the meeting with a karakia. Staff present included Richard Saunders, (Chief Executive), Pim Borren (Acting GM Transport), Nick Donnelly (GM Corporate Services), Anita Dawe (GM Policy and Science), Joanna Gilroy (Acting GM Regulatory), Gavin Palmer (GM Operations) Amanda Vercoe (GM Governance, Culture and Customer), Alexandra King (Acting Manager Consents) and Trudi McLaren (Governance Support)

2. APOLOGIES

Resolution: Cr Weir Moved, Cr Robertson Seconded:

That the apologies for Cr Wilson for leaving the meeting early be accepted.

MOTION CARRIED

3. PUBLIC FORUM

No requests to address the Committee under Public Forum were received.

4. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

The agenda was confirmed as published.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No changes to Councillor Declarations of Interests were noted.

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution: Cr Wilson Moved, Cr Somerville Seconded

That the minutes of the (public portion of the) Council meeting held on 10 May 2023 be received and confirmed as a true and accurate record.

MOTION CARRIED

7. OPEN ACTIONS FROM RESOLUTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

Open actions from resolutions of the Committee were reviewed. No changes were noted.

8. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

8.1. Consents Fee Support

The purpose of the report was to update the Committee on the activities that had been funded under the Consents Fee Support Fund from 1 July 2022 to 31 June 2023. Joanna Gilroy (Acting GM Regulatory) and Alexandra King (Acting Manager Consents) were present to take questions.

Hoani Langsbury was not present for this item due to a conflict of interest.

Councillors requested that it be recorded that this is an excellent initiative and that it was good to see the amount of diversity in the projects.

Resolution RLC23-108: Cr McCall Moved, Cr Wilson Seconded

That the Regional Leadership Committee:

1. **Notes** the update on consent applications that received funding support in the 2022/23 financial year and that no changes are proposed to the policy.

MOTION CARRIED

8.2. Regulatory Group Update - Quarterly Update Report

This paper was to update the Committee on activities of the Regulatory Group between 1 July 2022 and 30 June 2023. Joanna Gilroy (Acting GM Regulatory), Alexandra King (Acting Consents Manager), Tami Sargeant (Manager Compliance) and Simon Wilson (Manager Regulatory Data and Systems) were present to give background and answer questions.

Cr Wilson left the meeting at 10:29am.

Resolution RLC23-109: Cr Robertson Moved, Cr Malcolm Seconded

That the Regional Leadership Committee:

1. **Notes** the Quarterly Update Report from the Regulatory Group.

MOTION CARRIED

8.3. Freshwater Farm Plans

This paper provided a background on Freshwater Farm Plans (FWFPs) and the proposed approach to the implementation of FWFPs in Otago. Libby Caldwell (Manager Environmental Implementation) and Joanna Gilroy (Acting GM Regulatory) were present to answer questions.

Chief Executive Richard Saunders noted to the Councillors that this paper proposes a significant change to the current approach and confirmed that the ORC is responsible for implementation across the region.

Cr Wilson returned at 11:24am.

Cr Scott left the meeting at 11:28am.

Cr Scott returned at 11.30am.

Resolution RLC23-110: Cr Weir Moved, Cr Malcolm Seconded

That the Regional Leadership Committee:

1. **Notes** *this report, implementation plans, and the complexity of work associated with delivering the freshwater farm plan system for Otago.*

MOTION CARRIED

8.4. Engagement Approach to Long-Term Plan

This paper detailed the planned engagement approach for the Otago Regional Council's (ORC) Long Term Plan (LTP) 2024-34, which included different engagement approaches with mana whenua, strategic stakeholders, and region-wide community engagement. Nick Donnelly (GM Corporate Services and CFO), Andrea Howard (Manager Executive Advice) (online) and Mike Roesler (Manager Corporate Planning) were present to speak to the paper and answer questions.

Cr Mephram left the meeting at 12:10pm.

Resolution RLC23-111: Cr Scott Moved, Cr Somerville Seconded

That the Regional Leadership Committee:

1. **Notes** *Council (including both councillors and staff) will engage with mana whenua, strategic stakeholders, and undertake region-wide community engagement as part of developing the Long-Term Plan 2024-34.*
2. **Notes** *that feedback from engagement opportunities will inform the advice coming to Council on the draft LTP development.*
3. **Notes** *that Council will be provided with a paper to consider communications options for the formal LTP consultation/SCP in late September 2023.*

MOTION CARRIED

9. CLOSURE

There was no further business and Chairperson Weir closed the meeting with a *karakia* at 12:26pm.

Chairperson

Date