

Safety and Resilience Committee MINUTES

Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Safety and Resilience Committee held in the Council Chamber, Level 2 Philip Laing House, 144 Rattray Street, Dunedin on Thursday 9 November 2023, commencing at 1:00 PM.

PRESENT

Cr Gary Kelliher *(Co-Chairperson)*
Cr Alan Somerville *(Co-Chairperson)*
Cr Lloyd McCall
Cr Tim Mepham
Cr Andrew Noone
Cr Gretchen Robertson
Cr Elliot Weir
Cr Kate Wilson

1. WELCOME

Chairperson Gary Kelliher welcomed Councillors, members of the public and staff to the meeting at 1:00PM. Staff present included Richard Saunders (Chief Executive) Gavin Palmer (GM Operations), online Nick Donnelly (GM Corporate Services), Amanda Vercoe (GM Governance, Culture and Customer) Jean-Luc Payan (Manager, Natural Hazards), Ann Conroy (Team Leader Natural Hazards Adaptation) Jamie MacKenzie (Natural Hazards Adaptation Specialist), Simon Robinson (Team Leader Natural Hazards Analysis), Tim van Woerden (Senior Natural Hazards Analyst), online Michelle Mifflin (Manager Engineering), Dr Luke Sutherland-Stacey, Weather Radar New Zealand Limited, Kylie Darragh (Governance Support)

2. APOLOGIES

Resolution: Cr Wilson Moved, Cr Weir Seconded:

That the apologies for Cr McCall (for lateness), and Cr Alexa Forbes and Cr Kevin Malcolm be accepted.

MOTION CARRIED

3. PUBLIC FORUM

None for this meeting.

4. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

The agenda was confirmed as published.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Chair Kelliher reminded members 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 and noted that Councillor Declarations of Interests are published on the [ORC website](#).

6. PRESENTATIONS

None for this meeting.

8. OPEN ACTIONS FROM RESOLUTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

None for this meeting.

9. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

9.1. Head of Lake Whakatipu Natural Hazards Adaptation

The report sought to update the Committee on progress towards the development of a natural hazards adaptation strategy for the Head of Lake Whakatipu area.

Gavin Palmer (General Manager Operations) Jamie MacKenzie (Natural Hazards Adaptation Specialist) Ann Conroy (Team Leader Natural Hazards Adaptation) Tim van Woerden, Senior Natural Hazards Analyst and Jean-Luc Payan (Manager Natural Hazards) were present to respond to questions regarding the report. Jamie MacKenzie confirmed that engagement will expand further in the next year.

1:39PM Cr Lloyd McCall joined the meeting.

Resolution SRC23-109: Cr Noone Moved, Cr Weir Seconded

That the Safety and Resilience Committee:

1. **Notes** this report.
2. **Notes** the Head of Lake Whakatipu natural hazards adaptation work programme and community engagement.

MOTION CARRIED

9.2. Otago Rain Radar – Rainfall Analysis and Nowcasting Service

Jean-Luc Payan (Manager Natural Hazards) and Gavin Palmer (General Manager Operations) and Dr Luke Sutherland-Stacey (Rain Radar New Zealand) were present to answer questions on this report which describes developments in the utilisation of the MetService Otago weather radar data to inform the ORC flood response. Dr Sutherland explained the Rain Radar system and applications in detail including the use of high frequency radar pulses which digitize the rain forecast. These maps have been available for some time through Met service. Dr Sutherland-Stacey noted to the Committee that the Otago region has relatively few radars compared to the ideal engineering guidelines.

Resolution SRC23-110: Cr Somerville Moved, Cr Weir Seconded

That the Safety and Resilience Committee:

1. **Notes** this report.
2. **Requests** that the Chair of the Otago Civil Defence and Emergency Management Group writes to the relevant Minister requesting weather radar coverage for Queenstown-Lakes and Central Otago.

MOTION CARRIED

9.3. Clutha Delta Natural Hazards Adaptation

The paper sought to update Council on progress with the Clutha Delta natural hazards adaptation programme. Gavin Palmer (General Manager Operations) and Jean-Luc Payan (Manager Natural Hazards) were present to respond to questions.

Resolution SRC23-111: Cr Wier Moved, Cr Noone Seconded

That the Safety and Resilience Committee:

1. **Notes** this report.

MOTION CARRIED

10. NOTICES OF MOTION

None for this meeting.

11. CLOSURE

There was no further business and Chairperson Kelliher declared the meeting closed, with Cr Somerville saying a karakia at 2:34PM.

Chairperson

Date