

OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Policy Committee held in the Council Chamber, 70 Stafford Street, Dunedin on Wednesday 29 January 2014 commencing at 3.12 pm

Present:

- Cr Gretchen Robertson** (Chairperson)
- Cr Michael Deaker** (Deputy Chairperson)
- Cr Graeme Bell**
- Cr Doug Brown**
- Cr Louise Croot MNZM**
- Cr Gerrard Eckhoff**
- Cr Gary Kelliher**
- Cr Trevor Kempton**
- Cr Sam Neill**
- Cr Bryan Scott**
- Cr David Shepherd**
- Cr Stephen Woodhead**

In attendance:

- Peter Bodeker**
- Wayne Scott**
- Jeff Donaldson**
- Fraser McRae**
- Gavin Palmer**
- Janet Favel**

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 November 2013, having been circulated, were adopted on the motion of Crs Shepherd and Neill.

Matters arising from minutes

ITEMS FOR NOTING

Item 1

2013/1233 **Proposed Amendments to the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2011.** MP, 20/12/13

The report noted that submissions had been sought on an amendment proposed by the Ministry for the Environment to the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management (NPSFM). The Executive Summary of the proposed submission was circulated, and it was noted that the submission was due on 4 February.

Mr McRae commented that the submission took a positive approach on the proposed National Policy Statement, which aligned with Plan Change 6A. The major concern was that the water limits and targets set in the NPSFM were well below those in Plan Change 6A, and if adopted could result in large scale degradation of water quality in Otago.

Cr Woodhead commented that the Otago community had agreed on limits and targets in Otago waterways, and he understood that it was not intended that the NPS undermine community decisions. He noted that the NPS required collection of data which Otago did not need and in some cases was expensive to test for. Mr McRae also queried the need for measuring takes from permitted activities for fire control, stock water, and domestic uses.

It was suggested that a working group be set up to assist in the development of, and to endorse, an ORC submission, the group to comprise the Chair, Chair of the Policy Committee, and the Director Policy Planning and Resource Management.

Cr Robertson moved
Cr Deaker seconded

- 1) *That the report be noted.*
- 2) *That a working group be set up to assist in the development of, and to endorse, an ORC submission on the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management, the group to comprise the Chair, Chair of the Policy Committee, and the Director Policy Planning and Resource Management.*

Motion carried

Item 2

2014/0602 **Director's Report on Progress.** DPPRP, 20/12/13

The report gave an overview of significant activities undertaken by the Policy section. The reference to a Consultation Draft of Proposed Plan Change 7A was to be deleted from the report.

Mr McRae advised that all appeals on Plan Change 6A had been resolved and a Memorandum of Agreement was soon to be circulated for signature. There were some wording modifications, but very little change in the substance of what was intended as a result of the hearing.

Cr Deaker moved
Cr Kemptom seconded

That the report be noted.

Motion carried

The meeting closed at 3.28 pm



Chairperson