

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 Wednesday 25 September 2024, commencing at 11:15 AM.

PRESENT

Cr Gretchen Robertson *(Chairperson)*
Cr Lloyd McCall *(Deputy Chairperson)*
Cr Alexa Forbes
Cr Gary Kelliher
Cr Michael Laws
Cr Kevin Malcolm
Cr Tim Mepham *(online)*
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 11:15am. Staff present included Richard Saunders (Chief Executive), Joanna Gilroy (GM Environmental Delivery) Nick Donnelly (GM Finance) Tom Dyer (GM Science and Resilience) Amanda Vercoe (GM Strategy and Customer, Deputy CE), Libby Caldwell (Manager, Environmental Delivery), Kylie Darragh (Governance Support Officer)

2. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for this meeting.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

Pierre Marasti spoke via Zoom on behalf of Extinction Rebellion, there was an opportunity for questions. Chair Robertson thanked Pierre for attending.

Ciaran Keogh, Environmental Consultant from EcOtago spoke on consenting, there was an opportunity for questions. Chair Robertson thanked Ciaran for attending.

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 Somerville Moved, Cr McCall Seconded

That the minutes of the (public portion of the) Council meeting held on 28 August 2024 and Council Extraordinary 5 September 2024 be received and confirmed as a true and accurate record.

MOTION CARRIED

7. PRESENTATIONS

7.1. Otago Rescue Helicopter Trust Annual Report

Stephen Woodhead (Trustee) and Ross Kirkpatrick (Critical Care Flight Paramedic and Team Leader) and Vivienne Seaton (Secretary Manager) presented the Otago Southland Rescue Helicopter Trust Annual Report 2024 to Council and were available to respond to questions. Chair Robertson thanked the Trust for their attendance and its crucial support and service.

7.2. Annual Reports from Otago Catchment Community

Otago Catchment Community Groups Craig Simpson, Regional Lead, and Hannah Stalker, Chair of the Otago Catchment Community, presented the annual report. There are now 26 Catchment groups in Otago with over 1800 members. Chair Robertson thanked the OCC for the presentation and continuing the positive energy of communities getting involved.

7.3. Annual Report Whakatipu Wilding Control Group

Grant Hensman presented online the annual report to Council for the Whakatipu Wilding Control Group 2023-2024. There was an opportunity for questions and Chair Robertson thanked Grant for attending and the team and volunteers for the massive amount of work.

7.4. Annual Report Central Otago Wilding Conifer Group

Pete Oswald presented the annual report on behalf of the Central Otago Wilding Conifer Group including a video from central landowners on some of the areas wilding conifer spread and its effect. Chair Robertson thanked Pete for attending and the continuing the effort in managing the gains made.

It was moved by Cr Robertson and seconded by Cr Kelliher:

That Council adjourn for lunch until 1:45pm

MOTION CARRIED

8. ACTIONS (STATUS OF COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS)

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

9. CHAIRPERSON'S AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORTS

9.1. Chairperson's Report

Cr Robertson summarised some of the activities over the last month.

Resolution: Cr Forbes Moved, Cr Wilson Seconded

That the report be noted.

MOTION CARRIED

9.2. Chief Executive's Report

Resolution: Cr Forbes Moved, Cr Somerville Seconded

That the report be noted.

MOTION CARRIED

10. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

10.1. Six-monthly report to the Minister on recommendations to develop a fit for purpose planning framework for Otago.

[YouTube 2:56:44] The purpose of this paper was to present for approval by Council, the tenth progress report to the Minister for the Environment, in accordance with section 27 of the Resource Management Act 1991 in relation to the recommendations made under section 24A of the Resource Management Act. Joanna Gilroy, GM for Environmental Delivery and Libby Caldwell, Manager Environmental Delivery were available to respond to questions.

The recommendation was amended, and a division was called.

Resolution CM24-180: Cr Laws Moved, Cr Malcolm Seconded

That the Council:

1. Approves the tenth report to the Minister for the Environment, that reports on progress against the recommendations made in the Minister's letter dated 19 November 2019 with the addition of clarifying the ministerial directive relating to the sequencing of the operative Regional Policy Statement with the Draft Land and Water Regional Plan.

2. Notes that changes to the reporting requirements may occur as a result of the new Minister.

FOR:	Cr Kelliher, Cr Laws, Cr Malcolm, Cr Noone, Cr Wilson, Cr Robertson
AGAINST:	Cr Forbes, Cr McCall Cr Mephram, Cr Scott, Cr Somerville, Cr Weir
ABSTAINED:	
CASTING VOTE	Cr Robertson

MOTION CARRIED

10.2. Annual Plan 2025-2026 Process

[YouTube 3:41:00] This report communicated the 2025-2026 Annual Plan process. Mike Roesler, Manager Corporate Planning, Amanda Vercoe, GM Strategy and Customer and Nick Donnelly, GM Finance were available to respond to questions.

Resolution CM24-181: Cr Malcolm Moved, Cr Noone Seconded

That the Council:

1. **Notes** the proposed Annual Plan 2025-2026 process outlined in this report.

MOTION CARRIED

10.3. South Dunedin Future - Risk Assessment Update and Programme Changes

[YouTube 3:59:40] This report provided an update on technical work relating to the South Dunedin Risk Assessment, describing constraints faced in finalising this technical report, and associated implications for the South Dunedin Future programme. Tom Dyer (GM Science and Resilience) Jean-Luc Payan, Manager Natural Hazards, and Jonathan Rowe, Programme Manager – South Dunedin Future were available to respond to questions on the report.

Resolution CM24-182: Cr Wilson Moved, Cr Scott Seconded

That the Council:

1. **Notes** a review of the draft risk assessment for South Dunedin has identified information gaps and data limitations that have prevented finalisation of this technical report.
2. **Notes** work underway to address identified information gaps and data limitations, including bringing forward completion of an updated flood model and collection of building floor level information for South Dunedin.
3. **Notes** the associated delay in finalising the risk assessment and spatial adaptation options for South Dunedin, which are now expected to be presented to Councils and released publicly in February 2025.
4. **Notes** a copy of this report was considered by Dunedin City Councillors on 24 September 2024.

MOTION CARRIED

It was Moved by Cr Robertson and Cr Somerville Seconded

That Council adjourn for a 15-minute break.

MOTION CARRIED

10.4. Standing Orders - Administrative Update

[YouTube 4:32:20] This paper was brought to Council to consider an administrative update to Council's Standing Orders. Amanda Vercoe (GM Strategy and Customer) was available to answer questions on the report.

Resolution CM24-183: Cr Wilson Moved, Cr Weir Seconded

That the Council:

1. **Notes** this report.
2. **Notes** a 75 percent majority is required to amend Standing Orders.
3. **Adopts** the attached updated Standing Orders.
4. **Notes** that Local Government New Zealand and Taituarā are currently reviewing its template for Standing Orders and staff will workshop the new template with councillors in 2025, ahead of the next local body elections.

MOTION CARRIED

11. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

It was moved by Cr Robertson and Cr Noone Seconded

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

1.1 Confirmation of Confidential Minutes of Council 28 August 2024

1.2 Confirmation of Confidential Minutes of Extraordinary Council 5 September 2024

3.1 GOV2433 Delegations Manual Update

MOTION CARRIED

Cr Laws, Cr Kelliher and Cr Malcolm voted against the motion.

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
<i>1.1 Confidential Minutes of Council 28 August 2024</i>	To protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons – Section 7(2)(a) To enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities – Section 7(2)(h)	Section 48(1)(a); Subject to subsection (3), a local authority may by resolution exclude the public from the whole or any part of the proceedings of any meeting only on 1 or more of the following grounds: (a) that the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist.
<i>1.2 Confidential Minutes of Extraordinary Council 5 September 2024</i>	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); Subject to subsection (3), a local authority may by resolution exclude the public from the whole or any part of the proceedings of any meeting only on 1 or more of the following grounds: (a) that the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist.

<p>3.1 Delegations Manual Update</p>	<p>To maintain legal professional privilege – Section 7(2)(g)</p>	<p>Section 48(1)(a); Subject to subsection (3), a local authority may by resolution exclude the public from the whole or any part of the proceedings of any meeting only on 1 or more of the following grounds: (a) that the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist.</p>
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This resolution is made in reliance on [section 48\(1\)\(a\)](#) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by [section 6](#) or [section 7](#) of that Act or [section 6](#) or [section 7](#) or [section 9](#) of the Official Information Act 1982, as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public.

12. CLOSURE

There was no further business and Chairperson Robertson declared the meeting closed at 3:45



Chairperson

23 October 2024

Date