



Minutes of a meeting of the Policy Committee held in the Council Chamber on Wednesday 31 July 2019 at 1 p.m.

Membership

Cr Gretchen Robertson	<i>(Chairperson)</i>
Cr Michael Laws	<i>(Deputy Chairperson)</i>
Cr Graeme Bell	
Cr Doug Brown	
Cr Michael Deaker	
Cr Carmen Hope	
Cr Trevor Kempton	
Cr Ella Lawton	
Cr Sam Neill	
Cr Andrew Noone	
Cr Bryan Scott	
Cr Stephen Woodhead	
Mr Edward Ellison	
Mr Tahu Potiki	

Welcome

Cr Robertson welcomed Councillors, members of the public and staff to the meeting at 01:05 pm.

For our future

1. APOLOGIES

Resolution

That the apologies for Cr Noone and Tahu Potiki be accepted.

Moved: Cr Scott

Seconded: Cr Neill

CARRIED

2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

No leaves of absence were requested.

3. ATTENDANCE

Sarah Gardner	<i>(Chief Executive)</i>
Nick Donnelly	<i>(General Manager Corporate Services and CFO)</i>
Gavin Palmer	<i>(General Manager Operations)</i>
Peter Winder	<i>(Acting General Manager Regulatory)</i>
Anita Dawe	<i>(Acting Manager Policy and Planning)</i>
Amanda Vercoe	<i>(Executive Advisor)</i>
Liz Spector	<i>(Committee Secretary)</i>

4. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

The agenda was confirmed as tabled.

5. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were advised.

6. PUBLIC FORUM

Mr Ken Gillespie and Mr Graeme Martin addressed the Councillors about resource planning and consent applications and responded to questions.

7. PRESENTATIONS

Simon Stokes, Environment Strategy Manager Beef + Lamb NZ, thanked the council for their time. Mr Stokes introduced Preston Hope and said he is part of an environment reference group working with Beef + Lamb. Mr Stokes then provided an overview of Beef + Lamb NZ's environment strategy for 2018 - 22 and an update on their current business. Mr Stokes and Mr Hope responded to questions from the Councillors.

Cr Laws left the meeting at 01:25 pm.

Cr Laws returned to the meeting at 01:44 pm.

Cr Noone joined the meeting at 01:54 pm.

8. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution

That the minutes of the meeting held on 12 June 2019 be received and confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Cr Hope
Seconded: Cr Robertson
CARRIED

9. ACTIONS

Status report on the resolutions of the Policy Committee

Water Meter Telemetry	28/11/2018	Report to Policy Committee to detail the communications strategy to encourage landowners to install telemetry sites to improve real-time collection of water meter data.	COMPLETE This project is now complete as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Sent communications to consent holders to remind them to get their data to us by 31 July (this is the first time ORC will have done proactive comms on this).2. Encourage people to use telemetry to collect their data
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10. MATTERS FOR COUNCIL DECISION

10.1. Proposed Regulatory Frameworks for Dam Safety 2019

The report provided background on the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment's (MBIE) discussion paper outlining proposed regulations to address framework gaps with respect to dam safety management. Staff sought endorsement on draft ORC feedback to the Ministry on the proposed regulations. The General Manager Operations, Dr Gavin Palmer, spoke to the report and answered Councillor questions. After a general discussion, Councillor Robertson asked for a motion.

Resolution

That the Council:

- 1) **Approves** the attached draft ORC feedback to MBIE on the Proposed Regulatory Framework for Dam Safety 2019.

Moved: Cr Kempton
Seconded: Cr Hope
CARRIED

11. MATTERS FOR NOTING

11.1. General Manager's Report on Progress

Councillor Robertson reviewed the report. Present to respond to questions was the Acting Manager Policy and Planning, Anita Dawe. After a general discussion, Councillor Robertson asked for a motion.

Resolution

That the Council:

- 1) *Receives this report.*

Moved: Cr Woodhead

Seconded: Cr Brown

CARRIED

11.2. NZ Drinking Water Report

The Acting Manager Policy and Planning, Anita Dawe, summarised the recently released Ministry of Health *Annual Report on Drinking Water Quality 2017-18*. She said the paper provides information useful to ORC staff, given the statutory requirements for managing drinking water and freshwater. Ms Dawe responded to questions from the Councillors, and mentioned the report is for noting only. The Acting General Manager Regulatory, Peter Winder, stated the overwhelming responsibility for provision of safe drinking water lies with the territorial authorities and the district health boards. Councillor Robertson requested staff bring a paper detailing ORC's role in the provision of drinking water to the next Regulatory Committee meeting.

Resolution

That the Council:

- 1) *Receives this report.*
- 2) *Directs staff to provide a report on the ORC's responsibilities in the provision of safe drinking water to the next Regulatory Committee meeting.*

Moved: Cr Hope

Seconded: Cr Noone

CARRIED

Cr Scott left the meeting at 02:48 pm.


Cr Scott returned to the meeting at 02:50 pm.

12. NOTICES OF MOTION

No Notices of Motion were advised.

13. CLOSURE

The meeting was declared closed at 02:54 pm.


Chairperson


Date