

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 20 September 2023, commencing at 10:00 AM.

PRESENT

Cr Gretchen Robertson *(Chairperson)*
Cr Lloyd McCall *(Deputy Chairperson)*
Cr Alexa Forbes
Cr Michael Laws
Cr Kevin Malcolm
Cr Tim Mepham
Cr Andrew Noone
Cr Bryan Scott
Cr Alan Somerville
Cr Elliot Weir
Cr Kate Wilson

1. WELCOME

Chairperson Cr Gretchen Robertson welcomed Councillors, members of the public and staff to the meeting at 10:00am and opened the meeting with a karakia.

Cr Noone recognised the passing of Len Anderson, KC on 16 September.

Staff present included Richard Saunders (Chief Executive), Nick Donnelly, online (GM Corporate Services), Anita Dawe (GM Policy and Science), Gavin Palmer, online (GM Operations), Joanne Gilroy (GM Regulatory and Communications), Amanda Vercoe (GM Governance, Culture and Customer), Kylie Darragh (Governance Support)

2. APOLOGIES

Resolution: Cr Malcolm Moved, Cr McCall Seconded:

That the apologies for Cr Gary Kelliher be accepted.

MOTION CARRIED

3. PUBLIC FORUM

Liz Angelo spoke to the Council on City Rise Bus Service being reinstated. Following an opportunity for questions from Councillors, Cr Robertson thanked Liz for attending the meeting.

Pierre Marasti representing Extinction Rebellion spoke to the Council on climate change. Following an opportunity for questions from Councillors, Cr Robertson thanked Pierre for attending the meeting.

Gerrard Eckhoff spoke on Manuherehia by zoom, following an opportunity for questions from Councillors, Cr Robertson thanked Gerrard for attending the meeting.

Nigel Paragreen from Otago Fish and Game Council also spoke on the Manuherehia. Following an opportunity for questions from Councillors, Cr Robertson thanked Nigel for attending the meeting.

4. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

It was Moved by Cr Robertson and Seconded by Cr Malcolm:

That the addition of:

- 8.1 Land and Water Regional Plan Noting Policy Direction for Manuherehia
- 3.3 Service Procurement of Fleet Tracking System (Public Excluded)
- Presentation from Port Otago Chief Executive, Kevin Winders on the Annual Report

be accepted to the agenda for this meeting. The reasons they can't be carried over to another meeting are:

- due to the upcoming public consultation on the Manuherehia paper,
- procurement timing for the second paper
- the Presentation from the Port was omitted from the agenda when it was finalised.

MOTION CARRIED

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillors were reminded to signal to the Chair any declarations of interest arising through the meeting.

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Cr Wilson noted to the Council an amendment to the minutes then it was moved:

Resolution Cr Noone Moved, Cr Somerville Seconded

That the minutes of the (public portion of the) Council meeting held on 23 August 2023 be received and confirmed as a true and accurate record.

MOTION CARRIED

7. ACTIONS (STATUS OF COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS)

Cr Robertson went through the Action List and noted recent updates:

- CM23-146 Free Fares Campaign is to be marked as complete.
- CM23-147 Request for more time noted.
- CM23-179 Wellbeing baseline report to be presented to Mayoral Forum.
- GOV2324 Electoral System poll action is complete.
- CM23-130 Cr McCall raised a correction of a date to 2024.

Moved Cr Robertson, Seconded Cr Mepham

With updates, the Action Register be noted.

MOTION CARRIED

8. CHAIRPERSON AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORTS

8.1. Chairperson's Report

Resolution: Cr Wilson Moved, Cr Noone Seconded

That the report be noted.

Motion Carried

8.2. Chief Executive's Report

Resolution: Cr Wilson Moved, Cr Forbes Seconded

That the report be noted.

Motion Carried

9. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

This paper was taken ahead of 8.1.

9.1. LWRP Noting Policy Direction for Manuherekia

This paper noted the policy provisions that will form the basis of consultation for the Manuherekia rohe, which is part of the Clutha Mata-au Freshwater Management Unit. The policy provisions and associated consultation feedback will inform the development of the draft Land and Water Regional Plan (LWRP).

Anita Dawe, General Manager Policy and Science and Tom Dyer, Manager Science presented the paper with an opportunity for questions. Jo Gilroy, Acting Manager Regulatory also responded to questions.

Resolution CM23-211: Cr McCall Moved, Cr Mepham Seconded

1. **Notes** this report.
2. **Notes** the policy provisions that will form the basis for consultation with the community to manage the Manuherekia rohe, as set out in paragraph 3 of this paper; and
3. **Notes** the Council will be asked in June 2024 to adopt the section 32 report, and publicly notify the proposed Land and Water Regional Plan.

MOTION CARRIED

Cr Scott left the meeting at 11:38 am.

Cr Scott returned to the meeting at 11:39 am.

Cr Robertson moved to adjourn for a lunch break at 12:20PM, reconvening at 1:00PM

Resolution: Cr Robertson Moved, Cr Wilson Seconded

MOTION CARRIED

9.2. Six Monthly Report to the Minister on Recommendations to Develop a Fit for Purpose Planning Framework for Otago

Presented for adoption by Council, the eighth 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. Anita Dawe, General Manager Policy and Science and Fleur Matthews, Manager Policy and Planning were available for questions. The chair thanked staff for the time taken to collate the information after discussion, the resolution was moved.

Resolution CM23-212: Cr Wilson Moved, Cr Somerville Seconded

That the Council:

1. **Notes** this report.
2. **Approves** the eighth report to the Minister for the Environment, that reports on progress against the recommendations made in his letter dated 19 November 2019.
3. **Notes** that the next report will be brought to Council in March 2024, and subject to notification of the proposed Land and Water Regional Plan by June 2024, will be the last of these reports.

MOTION CARRIED

9.3. Otago Regional Council appointments to the Dunedin City Future Development Strategy Joint Hearings Panel

The purpose of this report was to appoint two Otago Regional Council Councillors to the Joint Hearings Panel to hear the Future Development Strategy (FDS) for Dunedin.

Patricia McLean, Senior Policy Analyst, Anita Dawe, General Manager Policy and Science and Fleur Matthews, Manager Policy and Planning were available to answer any questions regarding the report.

Cr Wilson and Cr Noone left room at 1:27PM while their nomination to the Joint Hearings Panel was considered by Council.

Resolution CM23-213: Cr Robertson Moved, Cr Forbes Seconded

That the Council:

1. **Notes** this report.
2. **Appoints** Councillor Noone and Councillor Wilson to the Joint Hearings Panel that will consider submissions, hear evidence, and make decisions on the Future Development Strategy for Dunedin.
3. **3. Notes** that the appointed Otago Regional Council Councillors should not take part in the decision that appoints the independent chair and iwi appointment/s.

MOTION CARRIED

Cr Noone returned to the meeting at 1:33 pm.

Cr Wilson returned to the meeting at 1:33 pm.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED AT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Recommendations made at previous meetings of committees of Council were presented for adoption.

10.1. Recommendations of the Audit and Risk Subcommittee

Resolution CM23-214: Cr Malcolm Moved, Cr Mepham Seconded

That the Council adopts the recommendations of the 22 June 2023 Audit and Risk Subcommittee.

MOTION CARRIED

10.2. Recommendations of Environmental Implementation Committee

Resolution CM23-215: Cr McCall Moved, Cr Wilson Seconded

That the Council adopts the resolutions of the 9 August 2023 Environmental Implementation Committee.

MOTION CARRIED

10.3. Recommendations of the Environmental Science and Policy Committee

Resolution CM23-216: Cr Wilson Moved, Cr McCall Seconded

That the Council adopts the recommendations of the 29 June Environmental Science and Policy Committee.

MOTION CARRIED

10.4. Recommendations of the Public and Active Transport Committee

Resolution CM23-217: Cr Wilson Moved, Cr Forbes Seconded

That the Council adopts the recommendations of the 9 August 2023 Public and Active Transport Committee.

MOTION CARRIED

10.5. Recommendations of the Otago Regional Transport Committee

Resolution CM23-218: Cr Wilson Moved, Cr Weir Seconded

That the Council resolves to adopt the recommendations of the 4 August Otago Regional Transport Committee.

MOTION CARRIED

11. NOTICES OF MOTION

None were noted to this meeting.

12. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

Resolution: Cr Robertson Moved, Cr Noone Seconded:

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

- Confidential Minutes of 23 August 2023
- Integrated Catchment Management Group
- Community Connect Concession for Queenstown Ferry Service
- Procurement of Fleet Tracking System

MOTION CARRIED

The public part of the meeting was concluded at 1:42PM

The meeting was reopened in public at 2:45PM

13. PRESENTATION: PORT OTAGO

Kevin Winders, Kate Faulks, Tim Gibson, Chris Hopkins were available to present the Annual Report from the Port and answer questions. Councillor Kevin Malcolm, as representative, gave a summary and thanked the Port staff for attending.

14. CLOSURE

The second part of the public meeting was concluded at 4:10PM with a karakia from Cr Robertson.



Chairperson

25/10/2023

Date

