

**Minutes of the Strategy and Policy Committee
(*Rautaki me Mahere*) Meeting of the
Southland Regional Council, held in Regional House,
corner North Road and Price Street, Invercargill, on
Wednesday, 18 March 2020, at 9.00 am**



Present:	Cr E Roy	(Chair)
	Cr A Baird	via Zoom digital
	Cr R Guyton	via Zoom digital
	Cr L Ludlow	
	Cr L McCallum	
	Cr P McDonald	
	Cr B Mager	via Zoom digital
	Cr D Stevens	(Deputy Chair)
	Chairman N Horrell	(ex-officio)
In attendance:	Cr J McPhail	via Zoom digital
Staff Present:	Mr R Phillips	(Chief Executive)
	Mr V Smith	(GM, Policy, Planning and Regulatory Services)
	Mr N Selman	(GM, Corporate Services)
	Mr A Morgan	(Acting Policy & Planning Manager)
	Mr G Gilder	(Acting Team Leader, Policy & Planning)
	Mrs E Moran	(Senior Policy Analyst/Economist)
	Mr P Haynes	(Catchment Operations Manager)
	Mr C Young	(Technical Services Engineer)
	Mrs G Jefferies	(Communications & Engagement Manager)
	Mrs A Henderson	(Senior Communications Co-ordinator)
	Miss T Allen	(PA - <i>minutes</i>)

1 Welcome (*Haere mai*)

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Strategy and Policy Committee meeting for March.

2 Apologies (*Nga Pa Pouri*)

Resolved:

Moved Cr McCallum, seconded Cr McDonald that an apology for absence be recorded on behalf of Cr Esler.

Carried

3 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made to the meeting.

4 Public Forum, Petitions and Deputations (*He Huinga tuku korero*)

There were no public forum, petitions or deputations presented at the meeting.

5 Confirmation of Minutes (*Whakau korero*) – 14 November 2019

Resolved:

Moved Cr McCallum, seconded Cr Stevens that the minutes of the Strategy and Policy Committee meeting, held on 14 November 2019 be taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record.

Carried

6 Notification of Extraordinary and Urgent Business (*He Panui Autaia hei Totoia Pakihi*)

4.1 Supplementary Reports

There were no supplementary reports tabled for inclusion in the agenda.

4.2 Other

There were no other items of business raised for inclusion in the agenda.

7 Questions (*Patai*)

There were no questions asked by the meeting.

8 Chairman and Councillors' Reports (*Nga Purongo-a-Tumuaki me nga Kaunihera*)

Cr McCallum proposed that the Restoring Water Cycles presentation by Walter Jehne on Friday, 13 March 2020 be made available to all Councillors for viewing. Walter Jehne is an internationally recognised soil microbiologist and innovation strategist. Cr McCallum said Mr Jehne was illuminating and knowledgeable, and the key points in his two-hour presentation were worth noting. Staff undertook to provide the information requested.

9 General Manager, Policy, Planning & Regulatory Services Report – 20/S&P/21**➤ Item 1 – Proposed Southland Flood Control and Drainage Management Bylaw 2019**

The purpose of this item was for Council to hear the views of submitters on the Proposed Southland Flood Control and Drainage Management Bylaw 2019 ('the Bylaw') and make decisions on the Bylaw.

The Southland Flood Control Management Bylaw 2010 has ceased to have legal effect, and a replacement bylaw is required to enable the Council to continue controlling the use of land, which might affect flood control works.

The Proposed Southland Flood Control and Drainage Management Bylaw was publicly notified under Section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002, on 7 October 2019. Submissions closed on 8 November 2019 and three submissions were received.

Council heard from Mr Hunter McHugh who had concerns about his neighbour. The neighbour had planted a tree lane on the boundary of a return bank. During a flooding event Mr McHugh was worried the tree lane would obstruct debris and the flow of floodwater and negatively impact his own property and safety.

Following this submission deliberations and decisions occurred. There were decisions made about word changes. It was agreed that the changes would be reflected in the Bylaw through relevant footnotes.

Wording changes included:

- clarification that temporary fishing nets can be excluded from the bylaw
- clarification that the fishing net exclusion applies only to fishing nets for catch and not holding
- clarification that ES needs to be advised of the placement of nets
- clarification about what items can be stored, and how they are stored in the floodway including baleage, slash, gravel, containers, matter with a positive buoyancy, rocks etc
- minor grammatical corrections.

Resolved:

Moved Cr McCallum, seconded Chair Nicol, that Council note the report and, having heard submitters who wish to speak on the Proposed Southland Flood Control and Drainage Management Bylaw; and deliberated on the submissions, require staff to report the final decision back to Council for adoption.

Carried

➤ **Item 2 – Regional Transport Committee Update – February 2020**

The purpose of this item was to brief Council on the activities of the Combined Otago and Southland Regional Transport Committees (RTC's) following its meeting on 4 February 2020.

A summary of the topics discussed by the RTC included:

- a briefing for the incoming RTC's;
- review of the RTC's and Technical Advisory Group - Terms of Reference;
- planning for development of the 2021-2031 Regional Land Transport Plan;
- Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency Update;
- Regional Land Transport Plan 2018-2021 review.

Cr Baird noted an error on page 47 of the report. The next RTC meeting should be scheduled for 23 June 2020, not 23 June 2021 as written.

Resolved:

Moved Chair Horrell, seconded Cr Stevens, that Council note the RTC report attached to this item.

Carried

➤ **Item 3 – Policy and Planning Division Work Programme including External Agency Reports**

The purpose of this item was for Council to note the Policy and Planning Division work programme, which was updated for each Strategy and Policy Committee meeting. The item also included a summary of recent reports and discussion papers received from external agencies that may be of interest to Councillors. Attached to the item were two tables, current as at 9 March 2020.

Mr Morgan provided an update on the progress of several projects and work programmes. There were workshops scheduled to update Councillors on work programme details, however this may be reviewed given the current situation with the Covid-19 pandemic.

Resolved:

Moved Cr Stevens, seconded Cr McDonald, that Council note the Policy and Planning Division Work Programme including External Agency Reports as at 9 March 2020.

Carried

➤ **Item 4 – Appoint members to the Appeals Sub-committee**

It was noted that this item had originally been included in the agenda as an item of public excluded business, however, it was agreed there were no grounds for this item to be considered in that forum. As a result, the Committee agreed to deal with the item now, in open meeting.

The purpose of this item was to seek Council's endorsement to re-appoint Councillors onto the Appeals Sub-committee in order to facilitate the resolution of the appeals on the proposed Southland Water and Land Plan.

After the local elections in October 2019 members of the sub-committee were not re-elected. The report recommends appointment of Councillors to the sub-committee.

The sub-committee meets as required, to discuss elements of the appeals, and provide a steer to staff, especially where matters are moving beyond the direction previously determined by Council.

Resolved:

Moved Cr McCallum, seconded Cr McDonald that the Strategy and Policy Committee:

- **endorse the revised Terms of Reference to guide the establishment of the Appeals Sub-committee.**

Carried

Moved Cr Stevens, seconded Cr Horrell that the Strategy and Policy Committee:

- **appoint Cr McDonald, Cr Roy, Cr McCallum, Cr Ludlow, Chairman Horrell (ex officio) to the Appeals Sub-committee.**

Carried

10 Extraordinary and Urgent Business (*Panui Autaia hei Totoia Pakihi*)

There were no items of extraordinary or urgent business considered by the meeting.

11 Public Excluded Business (*He hui Pakihi e hara mo te iwi*)

There was no public excluded business included on the agenda.

Termination

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.25 am.