

**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
Thursday, 3 September 2020, at 9.00 am**



Present:	Cr E Roy	(Chair)
	Cr R Guyton	via Zoom digital
	Cr L Ludlow	
	Cr L McCallum	
	Cr A Baird	
	Cr P McDonald	
	Cr B Mager	via Zoom digital
	Cr L Esler	
	Cr D Stevens	(Deputy Chair)
	Chairman N Horrell	
In attendance:	Cr J McPhail	
	Ms F Smith	(Regional Forum Co Chair)
Staff Present:	Mr V Smith	(GM, Policy, Planning & Regulatory Services)
	Mr Rob Phillips	(Chief Executive)
	Mr L Cleaver	(Maritime Manager – Harbourmaster)
	Ms A Grant	(Consents Manager)
	Mrs B Lawrence	(Programme Manager – People, Water & Land)
	Mrs E Moran	(Senior Policy Analyst/Economist)
	Ms T Robb	(Policy Planner)
	Mrs A Henderson	(Senior Communications Co-ordinator)
	Mrs L Hicks	(Policy & Planning Manager)
	Mr G McCullagh	(Team Leader Policy & Planning)
	Mr A Morgan	(Team Leader Policy & Planning) via Zoom digital
	Miss M Scott	(PA - <i>minutes</i>)

1 Welcome (*Haere mai*)

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Strategy and Policy Committee meeting for September including the Councillors joining via Zoom digital and the wider public via livestream.

2 Apologies (*Nga Pa Pouri*)

There were no apologies recorded for the meeting.

3 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made to the meeting.

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

4.1 Presentation to Council

Mr Abe de Wolde gave a presentation about the struggle he had had with the processing of a resource consent. Mr de Wolde presented the committee with improvements that he believed could be made to the consenting process. A full copy of his presentation to the Committee has been put on file. [A591692]

Mr de Wolde provided the following clarifications:

- the 108 conditions he had referred to in his presentation encompassed all three consents;
- there were six to seven bores and some of them had presented with low results;
- If he was to have known how strenuous the process was going to have been beforehand then he would have thought twice about submitting the applications.

5 Confirmation of Minutes (*Whakau korero*) – 22 July 2020

Resolved:

Moved Cr Ludlow, seconded Cr Stevens that the minutes of the Strategy and Policy Committee meeting, held on 22 July 2020 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*)

6.1 Supplementary Reports

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

6.2 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*)

Neither the Chairman nor any Councillors presented a report to the meeting.

9 General Manager, Policy, Planning & Regulatory Services Report – 20/S&P/76**⇒ Item 1 – Regulations for Prevention of Air Pollution from Ships**

Lyndon Cleaver spoke to this item which provided Council with an update on the MARPOL International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from the Ships Annex VI Regulations and the Government's planned accession to the IMO convention.

Clarification was sought by Cr McCullum on how Environment Southland would be monitoring vessels to ensure the use of low sulphuric fuel. Mr Smith informed the committee that Environment Southland does not have a role in managing what fuel is used by ships – this is co-ordinated and regulated by central government.

In responding to questions, Mr Cleaver clarified that all vessels entering the region were already complying with the lower sulphur fuel criteria and that this change would not create any compliance issues.

Cr Guyton asked whether the low sulphur fuel would be less damaging and easier to contain if there was to be a spill. Mr Cleaver advised that there was no difference in the overall properties of the fuel itself, so the pollution response would remain the same.

Resolved:

Moved Cr McCallum, seconded Cr Ludlow, that Council note the update on the MARPOL International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships Annex VI Regulations and the Government's planned accession to the IMO convention.

Carried**⇒ Item 2 – Regional Forum Report on Phase Two**

This item had been prepared for Council to receive the Regional Forum's Report on Phase Two and consider the recommendations that are put forward as part of the Long-term Plan process. Fiona Smith (Regional Forum Chair) summarised the report provided for the meeting.

Cr Baird requested an elaboration on priority one. Ms Smith clarified that the Regional Forum had found there to be a lack of depth of understanding within the wider community. They had felt there was a need to provide the community with further understanding of where their recommendations were coming from.

Ms Smith clarified that there was still a lot of work to be done around the framework. She informed the meeting that ideally they would seek to collaborate with the community on how the information would be best presented.

Multiple queries were raised in relation to values within the community. Ms Smith and Mrs Lawrence confirmed that the Regional Forum had found common values within the various industries and wider community and noted that this was an encouraging finding. A brief discussion took place on whether it was necessary to return to community groups to check in and make sure that there were still common values present. Mrs Lawrence

advised that this would be up to Council to decide as only a year had passed since many of the community consultations had been undertaken. It was however noted that there would be scenario testing happening in the future on how values would be achieved over time.

Following discussion, it was acknowledged that there was a need to discuss the risks if the recommendations were not adopted by Council. It was decided that a workshop to develop Council's knowledge on the recommendations would be held before discussing perceived risks.

Resolved:

Moved Cr McCallum, seconded Cr Baird, that Council:

- (1) receive the report from the Regional Forum on Phase Two;**
- (2) consider the recommendations in the report as part of the Long-term Plan process.**

Carried

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

This item was prepared to allow the Policy and Planning Division work programme to be reviewed on a regular basis, and to receive reports and discussion papers from external agencies that may be of interest to Council.

Mrs Hicks spoke to this item and summarised the updates and highlighted the following key points:

- Topic A of the proposed Southland Water and Land Plan Appeals was nearing completion;
- workshops on discussion papers for the Coastal Plan review would continue throughout the year;
- scope of work for the Clean Air Scheme had been delayed but would be presented to the Executive Team in September and to the committee around the end of October;
- the LIDAR tender process was complete - another update was to be provided in October;
- there would be a workshop taking place on the flood management scheme for the Waihopai to socialise the report.

To questions raised, Mrs Hicks clarified that the issues with KiwiRail in regards to the cycle track had been resolved. She also noted that there was work being done with ICC to provide positive communications to the public for when the track was ready to use.

A short discussion took place on the timeframe and data for the LIDAR survey. Mrs Hicks informed the committee that once the weather had cleared they could begin flying. She

noted that there was work being done with the IT Team to consider how to display the data using the GIS system.

Mrs Hicks provided a brief summary to update the committee on the progress of interpreting the Action for Healthy Waterways package. A lengthy discussion took place around this matter and how Environment Southland would implement the National Environmental Standard (NES) rules. The following clarifications were made:

- detailed analysis will continue for some time;
- stakeholder engagement and webinars with interested parties will be held over the next few weeks;
- there would be an opportunity to work with the communities that would be affected and to gain insight from them that would help to implement the rules;
- proactive engagement with stakeholders and the community would occur when the analysis was completed and clear messaging had been framed-up;
- moving forward a large number of farmers would need to be liaised with – some who had never interacted with the Council before – which may be problematic.;
- there had been some frustration around mapping as it has been presented very coarsely in the documentation – the team were waiting for more clarity around this;
- it was noted that the Minister of Agriculture had stated that these were guidelines however legal advice was that they were to be taken as rules and not guidelines;
- there had been elements changed for consenting timeframes – these issues were being worked through.

Mr Smith acknowledged the contributions of Gavin McCullagh (Team Leader Policy & Planning) and Alex Morgan (Team Leader Policy & Planning) as they would soon be leaving the organisation. In turn the committee thanked Mr Smith for his work and contribution as General Manager Policy, Planning and Regulatory Services, as he was also set to leave the organisation at the beginning of October.

Resolved:

Moved Chairman Horrell, seconded Cr Stevens, that Council note the Policy and Planning Division Work Programme including External Agency Reports.

Carried

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

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

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 10:28 am.