

**Minutes of the Regional Services Committee, Ropu Tiaki  
Waka-a-Rohe meeting of the Southland Regional Council,  
held in Regional House, corner North Road and  
Price Street, Invercargill, on Wednesday,  
10 May 2023, at 1.30pm**



<b>Present:</b>	Cr E Roy	(Chair)
	Cr L Ludlow	
	Cr M Rodway	(via Zoom)
	Cr P Evans	
	Chairman N Horrell	(ex-Officio)
	Mr S Bull	(Mana Whenua Representative)
<b>In Attendance:</b>	Mrs N McRobie	(Mana Whenua Support)
<b>Staff Present:</b>	Mr P Hulse	(General Manager, Integrated Catchment Management)
	Ms F Young	(Catchment Integration Manager)
	Ms E Whalley	(Team Leader Catchment Integration)
	Mr C Smith	(Team Leader Catchment Integration)
	Mrs K McLachlan	(Acting Biosecurity & Biodiversity Operations Manager)
	Mr D Burgess	(Team Leader Biodiversity)
	Mr R Beal	(Catchment Operations Manager)
	Mr D Connor	(Team Leader Catchment Operations)
	Mr P Pollard	(Team Leader Catchment Operations)
	Mr D McIntosh	(Property Officer)
	Mr Nick Perham	(Partnerships Manager, ICM)
	Miss B Pickett	(Strategic Communications Advisor)
	Mrs E Kini	(Personal Assistant - Minutes)

**1 Welcome | Haere mai**

The Chairman, Cr Roy, welcomed members to the Regional Service Committee meeting for May 2023. Cr Roy advised he was standing in for Cr McDonald who was unable to attend.

**2 Apologies | Nga Pa Pouri**

**Resolved:**

**Moved Chairman Horrell, seconded Cr Ludlow, that apologies be recorded on behalf of Cr McDonald, Cr Pemberton, Cr McPhail and Mr Melgren.**

**Carried**

**3 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest made at this time.

**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**

**Resolved:**

**Moved Cr Evans, seconded Cr Ludlow that the minutes of the Regional Services Committee meeting held on 22 February 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record.**

**Carried**

**6 Notification of Extraordinary and Urgent Business | He Panui Autaia hei Totia Pakihi**

**(a) Supplementary Report**

There were no supplementary reports considered by the meeting.

**(b) Other**

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

**7 Questions | Patai**

Cr Ludlow enquired as to the regular updates of the Whakamana te Waituna Charitable Trust and when these would occur. Mr Hulse advised an update would be provided at the next Council meeting and regular updates to be scheduled thereafter.

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

**Whakamana te Waituna Trust Meeting:** Chairman Horrell reported on his attendance at the last Trust meeting, and noted that, the report mentioned by Mr Hulse which would include recommendations regarding Environment Southland representatives on the Trust and future funding, will require consideration by Council. Further information provided by Chairman Horrell included revisiting the Trust's constitution and membership, the Finance and Governance Project finishing on 30 June 2023 and acknowledgement of work completed to date and those involved.

Cr Evans provided an update regarding a meeting held on 2 May 2023 with Environment Southland staff and Waka Kotahi regarding gravel extraction on the Mararoa River.

**Resolved:**

**Moved Cr Ludlow, seconded Cr Roy that Council note the Chairman and Councillors' Reports.**

**Carried**

**9 General Manager, Integrated Catchment Management Report – 23/RC/08**

**⇒ Item 1 – Southern Pest Eradication Society Update**

The purpose of this item was to update Council on the planned consultation with the community within the operational boundaries of the Southern Pest Eradication Society (SPES) contract in relation to feedback being sought on the contracted work being undertaken.

Mr Perham advised a correction on Page 12 in relation to community feedback and drop in sessions, which will now not take place.

**Resolved:**

**Moved Chairman Horrell, seconded Cr Evans that Council note the Southern Pest Eradication Society Report.**

**Carried**

**⇒ Item 2 – Biosecurity & Biodiversity Operations Division Update – 1 January 2023 to 31 March 2023**

This item updated Council on the operational progress of the Biosecurity and Biodiversity team's work programme focusing on key outcomes, current topical issues, emerging issues, co-ordination initiatives and key challenges.

**Resolved:**

**Moved Cr Evans, seconded Cr Ludlow that Council note the Biosecurity & Biodiversity Operations Division quarterly report and instruct staff to investigate options for advising Vehicle Rental Companies of potential pests that could be sighted in Southland and the process of who and when to notify if sighted.**

**Carried**

**⇒ Item 3 – Catchment Integration Division Update**

This item provided an update to Council on the Catchment Integration division's activities for the period January to March 2023. It was noted the team was leading or supporting a number of projects that demonstrate a shift towards a more integrated approach with internal and external groups, and across the catchments.

Mrs Young advised a correction on Page 20 in relation to Freshwater Farm Plans (FWFP), whereby Southland and Waikato are the first councils where farm plans will be required, not Southland and Otago.

**Resolved:**

**Moved Chairman Horrell, seconded Cr Ludlow that Council note the report.**

**Carried**

#### ⇒ **tem 4 – Catchment Operations Divisions Update**

This item was for Council to note the activity within the Catchment Operations Division, the focus over the period for which had continued to be a mix of annual asset inspections, reviewing and preparing the defects remediation work programme, climate resilience project delivery, gravel management and business as usual. Discussion occurred relating to Tuatapere stopbank ownership, raising sheep in the river berms and high risk tree removal and beautification of Waihopai River.

**Resolved:**

**Moved Cr Ludlow, seconded Cr Rodway that Council note the report.**

**Carried**

#### ⇒ **Item 5 – Contracts and Progress on Works**

This item was provided to update Council on contracts and progress on works entered into by the Catchment Operations during the period 1 January 2023 to 31 March 2023.

**Resolved:**

**Moved Cr Evans, seconded Chairman Nicol, that Council note the update on Contracts and Progress on Works.**

**Carried**

#### ⇒ **Item 6 – Mataura Catchment Update**

The purpose of this item was for staff to provide Council with a presentation and report on emerging issues, projects and meetings attended relating to the Mataura catchment (including Waituna).

**Resolved:**

**Moved Cr Rodway, seconded Cr Ludlow that Council note the update.**

**Carried**

⇒ **Item 7 – Integrated Catchment Management Group Work Plan**

This item provided Council with an update on the Integrated Catchment Management Group Work Plan, including providing details of the purpose of the plan, identifying key projects on each of the main catchments and regular reporting timeframes.

**Resolved:**

**Moved Chairman Horrell, seconded Cr Evans, that Council note the Integration Catchment Management Group Work Plan.**

**Carried**

**10 Department of Conservation Verbal Update**

An update from the Department of Conservation was not available, due to the absence of Mr Melgren.

**10 Extraordinary and Urgent Business**

There was no extraordinary or urgent business considered by the meeting.

**12 Public Excluded Business**

**Resolved:**

**Moved Chairman Horrell seconded Cr Evans, that in accordance with section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest/s protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act (or sections 6, 7 or 9 of the Official Information Act 1982, as the case may be), the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:**

- ⇒ **Confirmation of Minutes – 22 February 2023**
- ⇒ **Item 8 – Lease Inspection Reports**

**The general subject of the matters to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to the matter, and the specific grounds for excluding the public, as specified by Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, are set out below:**

<i><b>General Subject Matter</b></i>	<i><b>Reason for Passing the Resolution</b></i>	<i><b>Grounds under S. 48(1)</b></i>
⇒ <b>Confirmation of Minutes – 22 February 2023</b>	Enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities	S.7(2)(h)
⇒ <b>Item 8 – Lease Inspection Reports</b>	To protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.	S.7(2)(a)

**Carried**

**Termination**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 3.01pm.