

Minutes of 470th meeting of the Canterbury Regional Council held in the Council Chamber, 200 Tuam Street, Christchurch on Thursday, 25 May 2017 at 10.00 a.m.

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Present

Chairman David Bedford, Councillors Steve Lowndes (Deputy Chair), David Caygill, Iaeon Cranwell, Rod Cullinane, Elizabeth Cunningham, Tom Lambie, Claire McKay, Lan Pham, Dr Cynthia Roberts, Peter Scott, Peter Skelton, and John Sunckell

Management and officers present

Bill Bayfield (Chief Executive), Catherine Schache (General Counsel), Jill Atkinson (Director Strategy and Planning), Miles McConway (Director Finance and Corporate Services), Stefanie Rixecker (Director Science), Katherine Trought (Director Communications), Cindy Butt (Team Leader Governance Services) and Louise McDonald (Senior Administration Officer)

Report writers and other staff were also in attendance.

Welcome

Chairman Bedford welcomed everyone to the meeting and confirmed that Councillors had received the following document:

- Item 8.2.1 – Greater Christchurch Public Transport Joint Committee unconfirmed minutes from 17 May 2017
- Item 9.1 – the attachments for the Canterbury Regional Pest Management Plan 2017-2037
- Item 9.5 – the Local Governance Statement

1. Opening karakia

Cr Cranwell opened the meeting with a karakia.

2. Apologies

There were no apologies

3. Conflicts of interest

No declarations of interest were declared.

4. Deputations and petitions

5. There were no deputations or petitions.

6. Exclusion of the Public

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

1. Council minutes – 13 April 2017
2. Performance, Audit and Risk Committee minutes – 4 May 2017
2. Waimakariri Zone Water Management Committee – Refresh of Committee Membership

The general subject of the matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

Item No.	Report	General subject matter	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
1.	Council minutes	Councillors' leave	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7	Section 48(1)(a)
2.	Performance, Audit and Risk Committee minutes	Risk management	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7	
3.	Waimakariri Zone Water Management Committee	Committee appointments	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7	Section 48(1)(a)

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceeding of the meeting in public are as follows:

1.	Protect the privacy of natural persons
2.	Enable the Council holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)
	Protect the privacy of natural persons

That appropriate officers remain to provide advice to the Committee.

Cr Bedford / Cr Cunningham
CARRIED

The meeting went into public excluded session from 10.02 to 10.16 am.

6. Minutes

6.1 Council meeting held 13 April 2017

Refer pages 6 to 13 of the agenda.

Resolved

That the Council:

1. **Confirms as a true and correct record and adopts the minutes of the meeting held on 13 April 2017 subject to the following amendments:**
 - **item 8.2: Submission be amended to encourage central government to fund further research *into phormidium and extend the National Policy Statement to include groundwater attributes*"
Delete *.....on water attributes for swimability*"**
 - **item 8.5 *drinking* water management zone**

Cr Skelton / Cr Roberts
CARRIED

7. **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

8. **Committee reports**

8.1 **Standing Committees**

8.1.1 **Regulation Hearing Committee**

Refer pages 15 to 19 of the agenda.

Cr Skelton presented this item.

Resolved

That the Council:

1. **Receives the unconfirmed minutes of the Regulation Hearing Committee meeting held on 27 April 2017.**

Cr Skelton / Cr Cunningham
CARRIED

8.1.2 **Performance, Audit and Risk Committee**

Refer pages 20 to 30 of the agenda.

Cr Cullinane presented this report.

Resolved

That the Council:

1. **Receives and confirms as a correct record the minutes of the Performance, Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 4 May 2017.**
2. **Notes the resolutions made by the Committee under delegated authority.**
3. **Receives the summary of financial reports for the year to 31 March 2017.**

Cr Cullinane / Cr McKay
CARRIED

8.2 **Joint Committees**

8.2.1 **Greater Christchurch Public Transport Joint Committee**

Refer to page 31 of the agenda and the unconfirmed minutes circulated separately.

Chairman Bedford presented this report.

Resolved

That the Council:

1. **Receives the unconfirmed minutes of the Greater Christchurch Public Transport Joint Committee meeting held on 17 May 2017.**

Cr Bedford / Cr Lambie
CARRIED

9. **Matters for Council decision**

9.1 **Proposal for the Canterbury Regional Pest Management Plan 2017-2037**

Refer pages 32 to 40 and the attachments circulated separately.

Cr Skelton presented this item. The work done by Chris Keeling and the team was acknowledged.

Resolved

That the Council:

1. **Notes the document titled 'Proposal for the Canterbury Regional Pest Management Plan 2017-2037' (Attachment 1) and other supporting documents (Attachments 2 to 6) to this report;**
2. **Resolves to make the Proposal for the Canterbury Regional Pest Management Plan in accordance with Section 70 of the Biosecurity Act 1993;**
3. **Resolves that it is satisfied that Section 70 of the Biosecurity Act 1993 has been complied with in relation to the Proposal for the Canterbury Regional Pest Management Plan;**

4. **Resolves that it is satisfied of the matters in section 71 of the Biosecurity Act 1993 in relation to the Proposal for the Canterbury Regional Pest Management Plan;**
5. **Given that members of the wider public are likely to be affected by the Proposal and that those members may not have been consulted with to date, resolves that it is not satisfied that sufficient consultation has been undertaken, pursuant to section 72(4) of the Biosecurity Act 1993;**
6. **Directs that further consultation on the Proposal for the Canterbury Regional Pest Management Plan 2017-2037 is undertaken, and that the Proposal is publicly notified on 3 June 2017 for period on submissions until 3 July 2017, followed by a hearing of submissions received, and**
7. **Authorises the Chief Executive to make alterations of minor effect or to correct any minor errors to the Proposal for the Canterbury Regional Pest Management Plan 2017-2037 and supporting documents prior to public notification.**

Cr Skelton / Cr Sunckell
CARRIED

9.2 Approval of Environment Canterbury submission on the discussion document on Urban Development Authorities – Exercise of Delegation

Refer pages 41 to 70 of the agenda.

Cr Skelton introduced this report and thanked Chrissie Williams for a very good document.

Resolved

That the Council:

1. **Notes that the submission on the Urban Development Authorities Discussion Document has been approved under delegation granted to Councillors Bedford, Roberts and Skelton.**

Cr Roberts / Cr Skelton
CARRIED

9.3 Ratification Delegation of approval of Environment Canterbury's submission on the Urban Development Authorities Discussion Document

Refer pages 71 to 87 of the agenda.

Cr Skelton presented this report.

Councillors were advised that the agreement covers the urban area of Greater Christchurch, and at this stage does not include Banks Peninsula beyond Diamond Harbour. The urban boundaries will be reviewed by the Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee.

Resolved

That the Council:

1. **Approves the revised Memorandum of Agreement for the Urban Development Strategy Committee.**
2. **Notes that from the date the agreement is executed the committee's name will change from the Greater Christchurch Urban Development Strategy Implementation Committee to the Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee, and that the committee is working with Ngai Tahu to develop a Māori component as part of its new name.**
3. **Delegates to the Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee the authority to adopt a Māori component of its name.**
4. **Notes that the Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee holds the delegated authority to confirm the final Communications Protocol referenced in the Memorandum of Agreement and incorporate it into Agreement.**
5. **Resolves under Schedule 7 Clause 30(7) of the Local Government Act 2002 that the Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee is not discharged following triennial general elections, in accordance with paragraph 4.4 of the Memorandum of Agreement.**

Cr Skelton / Cr Roberts
CARRIED

9.4 **Delegation of Approval of Oil Spill Response Plan**

Refer pages 88 to 90 of the agenda.

Cr Cunningham presented this report.

Resolved

That the Council:

1. **Delegates to the Chief Executive the approval of Environment Canterbury's Oil Spill Response Plan, prepared in accordance with section 290 of the Maritime Transport Act 1994.**

Cr Cunningham / Cr Pham
CARRIED

9.5 **Approval of Local Governance Statement**

Refer pages 91 to 92 of the agenda

Chairman Bedford presented this report.

Resolves

That the Council:

1. approves the Local Governance Statement.

Cr Caygill / Cr Roberts
CARRIED

9.6 Change to Standing Orders

Refer pages 93 to 95 of the agenda

Catherine Schache presented this report.

Staff were requested to check the definition of present (in relation to the new LGA provisions relating to attendance by audio or by audio-visual link

Resolved

That the Council:

- 1. Amends its Standing Orders by revoking clause 2.12.6 and replacing the clause with revised clause 2.12.6, subject to the Chief Executive making minor amendments in the matter of the definition of 'present'.**

Cr Scott / Cr Cullinane
CARRIED

9.7 Electoral System and Māori Representation Matters

Refer pages 96 to 99 of the agenda

A letter from the Chief Executive Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu dated 4 May 2017 was tabled. The letter advised that Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu are not supportive of Maori wards and it is recommended that the Ngāi Tahu voice is provided for through a Ngāi Tahu representative.

Cr Caygill spoke to this item. He explained that the council needed to address both the electoral system to be used at the next council elections and the issue of Maori representation before the council could undertake the electoral review required by both the council's empowering legislation and the Local Electoral Act (LEA).

In answer to a question of clarification Cr Caygill provided the following explanation about STV: Single transferable Vote (STV) is a proportional system in which all elected councillors represent constituencies. STV works best with multi-member constituencies, i.e. constituencies of at least three and ideally four or five members. Under the Local Electoral Act the maximum size of the council is 14 members. This means that if the council were to adopt STV it would need to divide the region into two or three constituencies.

The LEA requires that regional council constituency boundaries must coincide as far as practicable with the boundaries of territorial authority district or ward boundaries. Given the current population of the region this means that there would be likely to be either one or two regional council constituencies in Christchurch City and a single constituency covering the rest of the region outside Christchurch. This "rural" constituency would stretch from Kaikoura to the Waitaki River - a result that would be challenging for both elected councillors and their constituents. For this reason Cr Caygill recommended support for the council officers'

recommendation that the council continue to use first-past-the-post at the next council elections.

Resolved

That the Council:

1. **Receives the report, 'Electoral system and Māori representation matters'.**
2. **Under section 27 of the Local Electoral Act 2001 resolves to retain the First Past the Post electoral system for the Canterbury Regional Council triennial election in 2019.**
3. **notes the requirement under section 28 to give public notice of the right to demand a poll on the electoral system and directs staff to publish that notice.**
4. **Under section 19Z of the Local Electoral Act 2001 resolves not to establish Maori Constituencies however seeks further discussion with Maori to enhance the relationship and participation of Māori with Environment Canterbury.**
5. **Notes the requirement under section 19ZA to give public notice of the right to demand a poll on the question of Māori constituencies and directs staff to publish that notice.**

Cr Caygill / Cr Sunckell
CARRIED

9.8 **Appointment to the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee**

Refer pages 100 to 101 of the agenda.

Chairman Bedford presented this item.

Resolved

That the Council resolves:

1. **to appoint Councillor Mike Davidson, following his nomination by Christchurch City Council, as the Christchurch City Council representative to the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee.**

Cr Scott / Cr Caygill
CARRIED

9.9 **Chief Executive Employment, Performance and Remuneration Committee**

Refer pages 102 to 106 of the agenda.

Chairman Bedford presented this item.

Resolved

That the Council:

- 1. Establishes the Chief Executive Employment, Performance and Remuneration Committee.**
- 2. Adopts the term of reference for the Chief Executive Employment, Performance and Remuneration Committee.**
- 3. Appoints the Chairman, Deputy Chairman and Councillor Cunningham as the members of the Chief Executive Employment, Performance and Remuneration Committee.**

Cr Skelton / Cr Lambie
CARRIED

9.10 Local Government New Zealand Conference

Refer pages 107 to 111 of the agenda.

Chairman Bedford presented this item.

It was agreed that the authorisation be amended to include Chairman Bedford will be attending the conference as a speaker.

Resolved

That the Council:

- 1. Approves Chairman Bedford, Councillors Cranwell and Pham attending the 2017 Local Government New Zealand Conference.**

Cr Lambie / Cr McKay
CARRIED

9.11 Canterbury Economic Development Company Limited – Approval of Shareholders’ resolution

Refer pages 112 to 118 of the agenda.

Bill Bayfield presented this item.

Resolved

That the Council:

- 1. approves, as a shareholder, the winding up of Canterbury Economic Development Co Limited; and**
- 2. Delegates to the Chief Executive authority to execute all necessary documents on behalf of Council to effect that winding up.**

Cr Lowndes / Cr Sunckell
CARRIED

9.12 Canterbury Water Management Strategy Zone Committees Annual Reports

Refer pages 119 to 128 of the agenda.

Bill Thomas presented the Ashburton Water Management Zone Committee Annual Report. He highlighted some of their key achievements including supporting the Hinds Community in taking action to improve water quality and quantity in the lower Hinds.

David Ashby presented the Waimakariri Water Management Zone Committee Annual Report. He highlighted farm environment plans as important vehicles for change.

Resolved

That the Council:

1. **Receives with appreciation the Ashburton Canterbury Water Management Zone Committee Annual Report and congratulates the Zone Committee on its efforts this year.**
2. **Receives with appreciation the Waimakariri Water Management Zone Committee Annual Report and congratulates the Zone Committee on its efforts this year.**

Cr Caygill / Cr McKay
CARRIED

10. **Extraordinary and Urgent Business**

There was no urgent business.

11. **Notices of motion**

There were no notices of motion.

12. **Questions**

There were no questions

13. **Next meetings**

Thursday, 8 June 2017 – Annual Plan feedback
Thursday 15 June 2017
Thursday 29 June 2017 – Annual Plan and rates.

13. **Closing karakia**

Cr Cranwell closed the meeting with a karakia at 12.25 pm.

Confirmed

Date 15 June 2017

Shirley Howndes Chairperson