

Minutes of 478th meeting of the Canterbury Regional Council held in the Council Chamber, 200 Tuam Street, Christchurch on Thursday, 30 November 2017 at 10.00 a.m.

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Present

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

Cr Elizabeth Cunningham attended by way of a conference telephone call.

Management and officers present

Bill Bayfield (Chief Executive), Miles McConway (Director Finance and Corporate Services), Katherine Trought (Director Communications and External Relations), Catherine Schache (General Counsel), Cindy Butt (Team Leader Governance) and Louise McDonald (Committee Advisor)

Welcome

Cr Lowndes welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Opening karakia

Cr Cranwell opened the meeting with a karakia.

2. Apologies

There were no apologies.

3. **Conflicts of interest**

No conflicts of interest were declared.

4. **Matters for Council decision**

4.1 **Election of Chairperson**

Refer pages 5 to 10 of the agenda.

Cr Lowndes explained that, as he was seeking nomination for the position of Chairperson, he was unable to chair the meeting. He called for nominations for an interim chair to preside at the meeting during the election of the Chairperson.

Resolved

That the Council:

1. **Receives the report**
2. **Elects Cr Tom Lambie as interim chair to preside at the meeting until the new Chairperson is elected.**

Cr Scott / Cr Cullinane
CARRIED

Cr Lambie assumed the chair at 10.06 am.

Cr Lambie referred Councillors to page 7 of the agenda that described the voting systems for appointing the Chairperson.

Resolved

That the Council:

3. **Adopts System A as the voting procedure for the election of the Council Chairperson.**
4. **In the event of a tie between the highest polling candidates, the names of the candidates receiving an equal number of votes be put into a container and the candidate drawn out, by an independent person (such as the Chief Executive), is deemed to be elected.**

Cr Skelton / Cr Roberts
CARRIED

Cr Lambie called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Canterbury Regional Council.

Cr Skelton paid tribute to David Bedford who had resigned due to his health. He then nominated Cr Steve Lowndes for the position of Chairperson noting how well Cr Lowndes had performed as Acting Chair and how he had worked to support the strong and cohesive new council.

Cr Roberts seconded the nomination, acknowledging Cr Lowndes' calm and collaborative leadership style.

There were no further nominations and Cr Lambie declared Cr Steve Lowndes as Chair.

Resolved

That the Council:

- 5. Elects Cr Steve Lowndes as Chairperson of the Canterbury Regional Council.**

Cr Skelton / Cr Roberts
CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION

Chairman Lowndes assumed the chair at 10.18 am

4.2. Election of Deputy Chairperson Business

Refer pages 11 to 13 of the agenda.

The Chair introduced this item and referred Councillors to page 11 of the agenda that described the voting systems for appointing the Deputy Chairperson.

Resolved

That the Council:

- 1. Receives the report**
- 2. Adopts System A as the voting procedure for the election of the Deputy Chairperson.**
- 3. In the event of a tie between the highest polling candidates, the names of the candidates receiving an equal number of votes be put into a container and the candidate drawn out, by an independent person (such as the Chief Executive), is deemed to be elected.**

Cr Skelton / Cr Cranwell
CARRIED

The Chair called for nominations for the position of deputy chairperson.

Cr Cranwell nominated Cr Peter Scott and advised that this nomination was endorsed by the rūnanga. He noted the work that Cr Scott had done on the Air Plan with David Bedford.

Cr Pham seconded this nomination noting the respect for Cr Scott in the South Canterbury community and the Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Zone Committee.

Resolved

That the Council:

- 4. Elects Cr Peter Scott as Deputy Chairperson of the Canterbury Regional Council.**

Cr Cranwell / Cr Pham
CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION

5. **Notices of motion**

There were no notices of motion.

6. **Questions**

There were no questions.

7. **Next meeting**

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8. **Closing karakia**

Cr Cranwell closed the meeting with a karakia at 10.30 am.

Confirmed

Date 14 December 2017 *RWH Lowndes* Chairperson