

**Minutes of the meeting of the Canterbury Civil Defence and
Emergency Management Group Joint Committee held at
Environment Canterbury, 200 Tuam Street, Christchurch on Friday
25 August 2017 at 12.30 pm.**

Present

Joint Committee:

Ashburton District Council
Christchurch City Council
Environment Canterbury
Hurunui District Council
Mackenzie District Council
Selwyn District Council
Timaru District Council
Waimakariri District Council
Waimate District Council

Mayor Donna Favel
Mayor Lianne Dalziel (Chair)
Councillor John Sunckell
Mayor Winton Dalley
Mayor Graham Smith
Mayor Sam Broughton
Mayor Damon Odey
Mayor David Ayers
Mayor Craig Rowley

CEG Members

Ashburton District Council
Hurunui District Council
Mackenzie District Council
Selwyn District Council
Timaru District Council
Waimakariri District Council
Ministry of Civil Defence & Emergency Management
New Zealand Police
Group Controller

Andrew Dalziel
Hamish Dobbie
Wayne Barnett
David Ward
Bede Carran
Jim Palmer (Deputy Chair CEG)
Peter Cameron
Inspector Craig McKay
Neville Reilly

In attendance

Jessica Petersen and James Thompson (Regional Emergency Management Office)
Catherine Schache, Matthew Bennett and Louise McDonald (Environment Canterbury)

1. Welcome

Mayor Dalziel welcomed everyone to the meeting

2. Apologies

An apology was received from Mayor Winston Gray.

3. Conflicts of interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

4. Minutes of previous meeting

Refer to page 1 of the agenda.

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting held on 26 May 2017 be received and adopted.

Mayor Odey / Mayor Dalley
CARRIED

5. Matters arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

6. Civil Defence Emergency Management Resilience Fund Project

Refer to page 7 of the agenda.

Tom Wilson, Associate Professor Disaster Risk and Resilience, University of Canterbury was welcomed to the meeting.

James Thompson spoke to a PowerPoint presentation and introduced the project AF8 that aims to bring science and emergency management planning together to identify the consequences of a large Alpine Fault earthquake. This project is being funded by the Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergency Management, led by the Southland CDEM Group.

Associate Professor Tom Wilson described the science and the modelling being done by the University. GNS has world class data on the Alpine Fault that is being used for modelling to create a hazard footprint. This work indicates that an Alpine Fault rupture effects would be South Island wide and may include Wellington.

Lessons learnt from the Kaikōura/Hurunui earthquake are that we need to look at loss of service rather than damage. In Canterbury, this will include impacts on land and rivers from landslides. These effects will include: lifelines; state highways; access to the West Coast; electricity supply: sediments in waterways; and dam safety.

Professor Wilson highlighted the value of science working in partnership with the CDEM sector.

The reality that in the event of an Alpine Fault rupture is that Wellington will also be affected and the National Crisis Centre may not be able to provide assistance immediately was discussed. James Thompson advised that Wellington was preparing a response plan to address this.

The message that people need to be prepared for longer than 3 days before help would be available was considered. Two weeks was suggested, but it was noted that many households would not be in a position to do this. As experienced in recent events, people will help their neighbours.

Also discussed was the need for good information on where tourists would be at different times of the day and year, for example ski fields.

Resolved

That the Canterbury Civil Defence Emergency Management Joint Committee:

- 1. Endorse the research and preliminary planning undertaken to date in relation to an Alpine Fault rupture;**
- 2. Note the lessons learnt from the Canterbury and Hurunui/Kaikoura earthquake sequences; and**
- 3. Write to the Prime Minister and Minister of Civil Defence, with the support of the Canterbury Mayoral Forum, requesting priority is afforded to completing Alpine Fault response and recovery planning, and that sufficient funding is provided to ensure that work is completed with urgency.**

Mayor Rowley / Mayor Odey
CARRIED

7. Health and Safety at Work Act

Refer to page 27 of the agenda

Catherine Schache, General Counsel Environment Canterbury, explained that the implications of the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 for emergency management were not clear. So far it is untested and the legal advice received differs.

She suggested that the Joint Committee and the Co-ordinating Executive Group take a pragmatic approach and exercise due diligence. This should be done by keeping informed and knowing that systems are in place.

Matthew Bennett, Health and Safety Advisor Environment Canterbury, explained that it was about risk management, asking good questions and planning.

Concern was expressed by the Committee over the lack of certainty: who is responsible for an Emergency Operations Centre (EOC)? The Act appears designed for business as usual, but this is not the case during an emergency.

It was agreed to write to Worksafe, with a copy to the Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergency Management, seeking clarification of the obligations for CDEM.

Resolved

That the Canterbury Civil Defence Emergency Management Joint Committee

- 1. receive the report on the implications of the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015; and**
- 2. Write to Worksafe, with a copy to the Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergency Management, seeking clarification of the obligations for Civil Defence Emergency Management.**

Mayor Rowley / Mayor Favel
CARRIED

8. Controller Appointments

Refer to page 28 of the agenda

Neville Reilly presented this report.

Mayor Rowley advised that Waimate District's new Chief Executive Stuart Duncan has been appointed as a local controller.

Resolved

That the Canterbury Civil Defence Emergency Management Joint Committee confirm the following appointments:

Group Controllers: Neville Reilly, Baden Ewart, Ken Taylor, Don Chittock, Brett Aldridge

Local Controllers:

- **Ashburton – Terry O'Neill and Darryl Nelson**
- **Christchurch – John Mackie, David Adamson, Anne Columbus, Mary Richardson, Mike Gillooly and Steven May**
- **Hurunui – Audrey van der Monde, Judith Batchelor, Allan Grigg, Hamish Dobbie and Dan Harris**
- **Kaikoura – Suzanne Syme, Mike Morrissey and Graham Lamond**
- **Mackenzie - Bernie Haar and Rick Ramsay**
- **Selwyn – Douglas Marshall, Al Lawn, Murray Washington, Helene Faass and Kevin Green**
- **Timaru – Gary Foster, Justin Bagust and Paul Cooper**
- **Waimakariri – Nick Harrison, Les Pester, Geoff Meadows, Malcolm Johnston, Murray Sinclair and Brennan Wiremu**
- **Waimate – Carolyn Johns, Brent Herbert, Hillary Botting and Stuart Duncan**

Mayor Broughton / Mayor Rowley
CARRIED

9. Group Controller's Report

Refer to page 31 of the agenda

Neville Reilly presented his report that included income and expenditure information for the period 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017.

A correction to the first paragraph of the report about the flooding events was noted: the second event on 13th August led to an activation (not declaration) by Selwyn District Council.

Mayor Favel raised the matter of the New Zealand Transport Agency feedback that it would have been easier for the agency if Ashburton District had also declared during the 22 July flooding event. Mayor Dalziel advised Mayors to seek advice from the Group Controller for declarations as he is in contact with the other agencies.

A letter dated 16 August 2017 from the Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergency Management was tabled requesting a report on the Group's progress in strategic planning for recovery.

Resolved

That the Canterbury Civil Defence Emergency Management Joint Committee:

- 1. Receive the Group Controller's report; and**
- 2. Request the Chair of the Co-ordinating Committee reply to the letter of 16 August 2017 from the Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergency Management with regard to strategic recovery planning.**

Mayor Smith / Mayor Broughton
CARRIED

10. General business

Peter Cameron provided a quick update on the Ministry's activities.

11. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Friday 1 December 2017.

The meeting closed at 2.39 p.m.

CONFIRMED

Date: 1 December 2017

Chairperson:


