

Minutes of 481st meeting of the Canterbury Regional Council held in the Council Chamber, 200 Tuam Street, Christchurch on Thursday, 15 March 2018 at 11.00 am

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Present

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

Management and officers present

Bill Bayfield (Chief Executive), Miles McConway (Director Finance and Corporate Services), David Perenara-O'Connell (Acting Director Strategy and Planning), Stefanie Rixecker (Director Science), Katherine Trought (Director Communications and External Relations), Catherine Schache (General Counsel), and Louise McDonald (Committee Advisor)

Report writers and other staff were also in attendance.

Welcome

Cr Lowndes welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Opening karakia

Cr laean Cranwell opened the meeting with a karakia,

2. Apologies

There were no apologies.

3. Conflicts of interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

4. Deputations and Petitions

There were no deputations or petitions.

5. Minutes

5.1 Council

5.1.1 Council Meeting held 15 February 2018

Refer pages 9 to 19 of the agenda.

Resolved

That the Council:

- 1. confirms and adopts as a true and correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 15 February 2018.**

Cr McKay / Cr Roberts
CARRIED

6. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

7. Committee Minutes

7.1 Standing Committees

7.1.2 Canterbury Water Management Regional Committee

Refer pages 20 to 28 of the agenda

Cr McKay presented this item.

Resolved

That the Council:

1. **receives the confirmed minutes of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy Regional Committee meeting held on 10 October 2017.**

Cr McKay / Cr Sunckell
CARRIED

7.1.2 Regulation Hearing Committee

Refer pages 23 to 28 of the agenda.

Cr Skelton presented this item and advised that the minutes of the meeting held on 1 March had been confirmed at the committee meeting held at 8.30am 15 March 2018.

Resolved

That the Council:

1. **receives the confirmed minutes of the Regulation Hearing Committee meeting held on 1 March 2018.**

Cr Skelton / Cr Roberts
CARRIED

7.1.3 Performance, Audit and Risk Committee

Refer pages 33 to 43 of the agenda.

Cr Cullinane presented this report.

Resolved

That the Council:

1. **receives and confirms the minutes of the Performance, Audit and Risk Committee meeting held 1 March 2018 as a true and correct record.**
2. **receives the summary of the financial reports for the year to 31 January 2018.**

Cr Cullinane / Cr Scott
CARRIED

8. Matters for Council Decision

8.1 Canterbury Water Management Strategy Zone Committees – Annual Reports

Refer to pages 44 to 56 of the agenda.

Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Zone Committee

John Talbot, chair of the Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Zone Committee, was welcomed to the meeting via a video call from Timaru.

Mr Talbot presented his zone committee's Annual Report 2017. He thanked Barb Gilchrist, earlier facilitators and Environment Canterbury staff for their assistance and for the quality of the papers provided.

The Healthy Catchments Project and the Zone Implementation Programme has been big undertaking for the committee within a very tight timeframe. Mr Talbot expressed disappointment that they did not have all the ecological flow data they would have liked to inform their recommendations.

He made the following requests:

- Clarification of the role of catchment groups and working parties plus the provision of facilitation and administrative support for them.
- Noting the success of one-on-one engagement with farmers, look at more resources for that. Ideally more facilitators or arrange road shows.

Councillors thanked John Talbot for his leadership and thanked the committee for their work and commitment.

Lower Waitaki – South Coastal Canterbury Zone Committee

Kate White, chair of the South Coastal Canterbury Zone Committee, was welcomed to the meeting via a video call from Timaru. She thanked staff for all their work, especially on the Wainono Lagoon. She expressed gratitude Peter Ramsden, Emily Anderson and Kennedy Lange for their contribution to the zone committee.

Ms White identified the challenges for the Committee including:

- Wainono augmentation
- The implantation of Plan Change 5 (Land and Water Regional Plan)
- Finding ways to measure progress
- Water quality at the Black Hole (Waihao River)

Good things that are happening included:

- Protection of 'Narnia' valley
- Hakataramea Valley Sustainability Group
- Project to identify river boundaries in braided rivers.
- The opportunity provided by the zone committee and Environment Canterbury to learn more about the Treaty Partnership.
- Protection for nesting birds through bird islands in braided rivers.

Councillors thanked Kate White for her leadership and thanked the committee for their work and commitment.

Upper Waitaki Zone Committee

Chris Eccleston, Zone Manager – Waitaki, via a video call from Timaru presented the Upper Waitaki Zone Committee Annual Report 2017 on behalf of the zone committee chair, Simon Cameron.

He reported that the committee was shocked by the increase in tourism and the impact on water and land. The Committee urged Environment Canterbury to pressure central government for sufficient funding for infrastructure and growth.

Resolved

That the Council:

1. **receives the Orari-Temuka-Ophi-Pareora Zone Committee Annual Report 2017**
2. **receives the Upper Waitaki Zone Committee Annual Report 2017**

3. receives the Lower Waitaki South Coastal Canterbury Zone Committee Annual Report 2017.

Cr Cunningham / Cr Sunckell
CARRIED

8.2 Canterbury Water Management Strategy Regional Committee Membership

Refer pages 57 to 58 of the agenda.

Chair Lowndes presented this item.

Resolved

That the Council:

1. appoints Leslie Wanhalla to the Canterbury Water Management Strategy Regional Committee as the Christchurch West Melton Committee representative to replace Lance Kenyon
2. appoints Cr Peter Scott to the Canterbury Water Management Strategy Regional Committee as a representative to replace Cr Rod Cullinane.

Cr Lambie / Cr McKay
CARRIED

8.3 Regional Pest Management Plan Decision Notification

Refer pages 59 to 64 of the agenda and the attachments circulate separately.

John Simmons, Ray May and Marcus Longman were welcomed to the meeting.

Cr Skelton presented this report and paid tribute to the hearing panel, staff and advisors for an extremely well written report.

Resolved

That the Council:

1. receives the Report and Recommendations of the Hearing Panel dated 22 February 2018.
2. notes the suggestions by the Hearing Panel to Council for actions outside of the statutory Regional Pest Management Plan process set out in paragraph 155 of the Report and Recommendations of the Hearing Panel.
3. adopts the Report and Recommendations of the Hearing Panel as the Council's written report and decision on the Canterbury Regional Pest Management Plan under section 75 of the Biosecurity Act 1993.
4. resolves to publicly notify Council's decision on the Canterbury Regional Pest Management Plan under section 75(4) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 on 21 March 2018.

Cr Skelton / Cr Scott
CARRIED

Cr Lambie, chair of the hearing panel, reflected on the process and the opportunity to deal with some key issues. This is a new plan that acknowledges legacy pests and anticipates new threats. He noted the quality of the submissions and the good ideas presented by the community.

Cr Lambie acknowledged the contribution of Ray May for his work on the mid-term review. He also thanked Chris Keeling, Verity Halkett, Lochiel McKellar, Michelle Mehlhopt and Marcus Langman for their great support.

8.4 **Draft Regional Targets for Swimmable Lake and Rivers**

Refer pages 65 to 66 of the agenda

Cr Caygill introduced this item and suggested additional wording in recommendation 2 to provide more information about the targets/

Resolved

That the Council:

1. **Approves and sets the draft target of 92% of rivers and 81% of lakes being swimmable in the Canterbury region by 2030.**
2. **Notes that the targets being set are as defined in the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management (NPS-FM) (2017) and are based on water quality and economic modelling of improvements that will be made to water quality under committed work programmes.**
3. **Notes a desire to discuss the methodology and definition of swimmability targets with Ministry for the Environment before the regional targets are finalised**

Cr Caygill / Cr Pham
CARRIED

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

Refer page 67 of the agenda

Chair Lowndes presented this item.

Resolved

That the Council:

1. **appoint Councillor David Jack following his nomination by Timaru District Council, as the Timaru District Council representative to the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee.**

Chair Lowndes / Cr Scott
CARRIED

9. **Exclusion of the public from part of the meeting**

Refer page 68 of the agenda.

Resolved

That the Council

1. **excludes the public from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:**
 1. **Council minutes 14 December 2017**
 2. **Council minutes 15 February 2018**
 3. **Performance, Audit and Risk Committee 1 March 2018**
 4. **Plan Change 2 (Hinds) - appeals**

The general subject of the matters 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	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 14 December 2017	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7	Section 48(1)(a)
2.	Council minutes 15 February 2018		
3.	Performance, Audit and Risk Committee 1 March 2018		
4.	Plan Change 2 (Hinds) - appeals		

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:

Item No.	
1	Maintain legal professional privilege (Section 7(2)(g)) Protect the privacy of natural persons (Section 7(2)(i))
2	Protect information which is subject of an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority or any enactment, where the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied (Section 7(2)(c)(i))
3.	Enable the Council holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations (Section 7(2)(i))
4.	Maintain legal professional privilege (Section 7(2)(g))

2. **That appropriate officers remain to provide advice to the Committee.**

Cr Caygill / Cr Cranwell
CARRIED

The meeting went into public excluded session from 12.30 to 12.36 pm

10. **Notices of motion**

There were no notices of motion.

11. **Other Business**

There was no other business.

12. **Next meeting**

Thursday 12 April 2018

12. **Questions**

There were no questions

14. **Closing karakia**

The Chair thanked everyone for their participation and Cr Cranwell closed the meeting with a karakia at 12.38 pm.

Confirmed

Date 12.4.18

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