

Minutes of 486th meeting of the Canterbury Regional Council held in the Council Chamber, 200 Tuam Street, Christchurch on Wednesday, 23 May 2018 at 1.00 pm

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Present

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

Management and officers present

Katherine Trought (Acting Chief Executive), Tafflyn Bradford-James (Director Communications), Nadeine Domnisse (Chief Operating Officer), Miles McConway (Director Finance and Corporate Services), Stefanie Rixecker (Director Science), Katherine Harbrow (Chief Financial Officer), Catherine Schache (General Counsel), Stewart Gibbon (Senior Manager Public Transport), and Louise McDonald (Senior Committee Advisor)

Other staff were also in attendance.

Welcome

Cr Lowndes welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Opening karakia

Cr Peter Scott opened the meeting with a karakia,

2. Apologies

There were no apologies.

3. **Conflicts of interest**

The following conflicts of interest were declared in relation to item 7.1 2018-28 Long-Term Plan Deliberation:

- Cr Cullinane North Canterbury Fish and Game
- Cr Pham Working Waters Trust
- Cr Roberts Rod Donald Banks Peninsula Trust
- Cr Lambie Federated Farmers
- Cr McKay Federated Farmers
- Cr Sunckell Federated Farmers and North Canterbury Fish and Game
- Cr Cranwell Wairewa Runanga Inc

These Councillors did not partake in any discussion or decisions on those submissions.

4. **Deputations and Petitions**

There were no deputations or petitions.

5. **Minutes**

5.1.1 **Council Meeting held 30 April 2018**

Refer pages 6 to 27 of the agenda.

Resolved

That the Council:

1. **confirms and adopts as a true and correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 30 April 2018.**

Cr Skelton / Cr Roberts
CARRIED

6. **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

7. **Matters for Council Decision**

7.1 **2018-2018 Long-Term Plan Deliberation**

Refer to pages 29 to 40 of the agenda and attachment 1 that was circulated separately.

Chair Lowndes introduced this item and suggested working through the submissions by portfolio.

Resolved

That the Council:

1. **receives the public submissions to the Long-Term Plan 2018-28 as provided on Environment Canterbury's website; and**

2. receives the report 'Submissions Report' which has been circulated with the agenda. An updated version will be available on the Environment Canterbury website after this meeting with the public submissions in 1.

Cr Cunningham / Cr Caygill
CARRIED

Before recommendations 3 to 6 were considered Chair Lowndes invited Miles McConway to provide an update on the current financial position.

Mr McConway explained that following the submissions the 4.5% across the board increase in rates was now looking like 7.5%. In order to avoid a 7.5% increase staff had reviewed the budget and reserve positions. As a result, two changes were recommended:

- Reduce the rate funded reserve accumulation in the Waimakariri Eyre Cust River rating district.
- Increase the end of year rate revenue assumption to include unbudgeted rating revenue.

He tabled a spreadsheet with information on the additional funding to be considered for inclusion in the Long-Term Plan as a result of requests made in the submissions. He explained the proposal

The meeting then considered the submission points to the draft Long-Term Plan (LTP) by each portfolio.

Public Transport

Cr Caygill explained that there were 649 submissions on public transport, plus 40 submissions received during the consultation on the draft Regional Land Transport Plan.

Many of the submitters did not support cuts to bus services and several made suggestions for improvements to the six bus routes that were proposed to be cut. There was no support for the proposed change to the Total Mobility subsidy

Staff had looked at all the submissions and were recommending no change to the current Total Mobility Scheme and a new proposal for the six bus routes.

Stewart Gibbon, with a PowerPoint presentation, explained the proposal to:

- Combine routes 135 (Burwood Hospital – New Brighton) and 150 (The Palms to Spencerville) to create one service that will include Prestons subdivision and the new schools in East Christchurch.
- Retain route 107 (Styx Mill - Northlands) and extend route 28 (Papanui-Lyttelton) to Casebrook.
- Change route 145 (Westmorland – Eastgate) to run from Westmorland into the city and investigate a school service from Westmorland.
- Extend route 28 (Papanui – Lyttelton) to Rapaki for peak times

These changes if approved could come into effect in October 2018.

Also proposed was the creation of innovation fund to support trials of new services and enhancements in the future.

Regional Transport

Cr Scott reported on the points raised in the submissions, including many emphasising the benefits of active and passenger transport. The Regional Land Transport Plan includes an objective on improving access in an environmentally sustainable manner by increasing the attractiveness of active and public transport.

No changes to the Long-Term Plan were recommended.

Urban Development

Cr Skelton advised that 6 of the submissions were on urban development. These included comments on the impacts of development on greenfield land.

One submission was seeking an amendment to the Regional Policy Statement so that urban development could take place outside the existing urban area. Chapter 6 of the Regional Policy Statement that includes the map that identifies settlement pattern will be reviewed in 2022.

No change to the Long-Term Plan were recommended.

Plan as a Whole

Chair Lowndes reported that the majority of these submissions supported prioritising freshwater management and biodiversity work. Some did not support the use of the term “sustainable” in the description of Council’s purpose, this will be discussed later.

The following changes, as a result of submissions, were supported:

- \$20,000 for the Christchurch EnviroHub
- \$10,000 for operating funds for Sustainable South Canterbury Trust (noting that the Council does not fund capital expenditure for community organisations).
- Adding community groups to the stakeholder narrative.

Regional Leadership

There were 82 submission points on regional leadership. Chair Lowndes explained that these included requests for closer working relationships with partner organisations.

There was support for the continued representation of Ngāi Tahu at the Council table and working closely with mana whenua.

There were no requests for additional funding. To highlight the work being done on compliance monitoring it was recommended that the LTP narrative be amended to refer to Plans, Consenting and Compliance.

Freshwater Management

Cr McKay thanked all the submitters for taking the time and effort to make a submission, and to those who presented their submissions.

181 submission points were received on freshwater management. A number of submissions were in support of consent reviews and staff were looking at how this could be resourced. Some submission points were outside the scope of the LTP including water bottling and the expansion of dairy farms.

The following specific requests were considered and it was noted/recommended:

- Recreation and Amenity Plan - \$50,000 was included in the existing budget
- Silverstream Catchment Restoration – funding to be considered with the new project funding for zone delivery in the LTP.

- Support for the Managed Aquifer Recharge trial will continue as the Council works with the Ashburton Zone Committee.
- Funding towards the efforts to improve the health of Wairewa/Lake Forsyth will be made available through the LTP to support the zone committee.

No additional funding was recommended. The LTP narrative to be amended to clarify the approach to consent reviews and potential resourcing.

Biodiversity and Biosecurity

Cr Roberts thanked all those who submitted to the LTP and noted the high quality of the submissions.

There were 125 submission points on biodiversity and biosecurity. Many of the submissions came from groups that indicated a high degree of interest.

There was support for the expansion of the Banks Peninsula Community Initiative programme, and the new braided rivers and wetlands programmes.

Some submissions requested more budget to be allocated for biodiversity and biosecurity.

Recommendations on the following specific requests were supported/noted:

- Working Waters Trust and other community based organisations (CBO) – no change to this LTP but the request to be included in the support for CBOs to be developed for consideration in the next Annual Plan.
- Pest free work in Banks Peninsula - \$50,000 is in the budget (year 1) to support the Pest Free Banks Peninsula Port Hills Working Group.
- On-going pest free work in Banks Peninsula will be funded by the expansion to the Banks Peninsula Community Initiative programme.
- Add \$30,000 to the existing \$10,000 in the budget for feral goat control in Banks Peninsula.
- Increase funding to the Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust by \$50,000.
- Add \$20,00 to support the Summit Road Society's trapping programme. Recommend that they work with the Pest Free Banks Peninsula Port Hill Working Group.

Hazards, Risks and Resilience

Cr Cunningham summarised the submissions received on the seven programmes in this portfolio.

Of the 112 submissions received 69 were about climate change. Many supported the climate change integration programme and 37 requested more work or a higher priority should be applied to climate change. 23 submissions were on coastal hazards.

The recommended changes to the LTP were:

- Amend the narrative in the LTP to clarify the Council's role in climate change and identify groundwater as having an effect on natural hazards.
- Add \$70,000 (targeted rates) in response to the requests made by the River Rating District Liaison Committee.

Air Quality

Cr Scott explained that many of the submissions on air quality supported the Healthier Homes initiative. There was concern about vulnerable people and supplies of suitable firewood.

The following changes were recommended:

- Start the Healthier homes Canterbury initiative in 2018/2019.
- Amend the narrative in the LTP to explain that funding for work relating to non-domestic emissions is provided through the budgets for consents and compliance.

There were no financial changes to the LTP recommended.

Revenue and Financing Policy and Rates

Cr Cullinane thanked submitters for their submissions. There were 49 submissions on revenue and financing policy plus 61 on rates.

He noted the recent announcement by the Minister that the Productivity Commission will be reviewing local government funding.

Resolved

That the Council:

3. **approves the reduction of rate funded reserve accumulation in the Waimakariri Eyre Cust River rating district by \$1.5 million.**
4. **approves the changes highlighted in the staff report (pages 29 to 40 of the agenda) for each of the portfolios subject to the following changes made at this meeting:**
 - **Biosecurity**
 - **Add \$30,000 to the existing \$10,000 in the budget for feral goat control in Banks Peninsula**
 - **Add \$20,000 to the budget to support the Summit Road Society Predator Free Port Hills initiative.**
 - **Public Transport:**
 - **Changes to Christchurch bus routes 107, 108, 145, 135, 150 and 535**
 - **Retain the Total Mobility maximum subsidy at \$35.00.**
 - **Increase total fare revenue by 2.5% each year for the next three years.**
5. **Approve the indicative total rate increase of 4.9% represented by an indicative 5.2% general rate increase and an indicative 4.6% targeted rate increase; and**
6. **Directs the Acting Chief Executive to complete the final document for the Long-Term Plan 2018/28 for audit and then final approval by Council on 21 June 2018.**

Cr Cranwell / Cr Pham
CARRIED

8. Other Business

Late Item – Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee – Future Development Strategy Scoping Paper

Refer pages 1 to 23 of the report circulated separately.

Resolved

That the Council:

- 1. Receive and consider at the Council meeting on 23 May 2018:**
 - a. Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee – Future Development Strategy Scoping Paper**

Chair Lowndes / Cr Skelton
CARRIED

Cr Skelton presented this item and requested consideration of a fourth recommendation to note that Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu are reviewing the scoping paper.

Cr Skelton confirmed Banks Peninsula will not be included in the Future Development Strategy as the Peninsula is not part of the current Greater Christchurch Urban Development Strategy (UDS). When the UDS is reviewed the boundary will be reviewed.

Resolved

That the Council:

- 1. ratifies the future Development Strategy scoping paper as set in out in Attachment A.**
- 2. notes that the draft Future Development Strategy, when complete, will be presented to individual partners for ratification and to allow public consultation to occur in August 2018.**
- 3. agrees that the development of the future Development Strategy, and the associated process, occurs using the Local Government Act 2002 and is undertaken in accordance with Part 6 of the Act, and the significance and engagement policies of the partner councils.**
- 4. notes that Ngāi Tahu Greater Christchurch Partnership representatives are currently considering some proposed additional amendments to the Future Development Strategy scoping paper to ensure the values of Ngāi Tahu are appropriately reflected, and that staff will report back to the Council if any proposed amendments are deemed significant.**

Cr Skelton / Cr Roberts
CARRIED

9. Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

10. **Questions**

There was no other business.

11. **Next meeting**

Wednesday 23 May 2018

12. **Closing karakia**

The Chair thanked everyone for their participation and Cr Scott closed the meeting with a karakia at 12.44 pm.

Confirmed

Date 21 June 2018

SWH Lowndes. Chairperson