

# **Minutes of the 490th Meeting of the Canterbury Regional Council held in the Council Chamber, 200 Tuam Street, Christchurch on Thursday, 23 August 2018 at 11.00am**

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## **Present**

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

## **In Attendance**

Stefanie Rixecker (Acting Chief Executive), Katherine Trought (Director Strategy and Programmes), Ken Renz (Acting Director Finance and Corporate Services), Nadeine Dommissie (Director Operations), Tafflyn Bradford-James (Director Communications), Catherine Schache (General Counsel), Cindy Butt (Team Leader Governance Services) and Louise McDonald (Senior Committee Advisor).

Report writers and other staff were also in attendance.

## **1. Karakia**

Chair Lowndes welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited Cr Scott to open the meeting with a karakia.

## **2. Apologies**

Cr Iaeen Cranwell.  
For early departure Cr Elizabeth Cunningham

## **3. Conflicts of Interest**

No declarations of interest were declared.

## **4. Deputations and Petitions**

### **4.1. Save the Bromley Bus Petition**

*Refer pages 8 to 14 of the agenda*

#### **Resolved**

**That the Council:**

- 1. receives the Save the Bromley Bus Petition; and**
- 2. requests that the Chief Executive investigate the issues raised in the petition.**

Cr Roberts / Cr Cunningham  
CARRIED

## **5. Minutes**

### **Council meeting - 19 July 2018**

*Refer pages 16 to 22 of the agenda.*

#### **Resolved**

**That the Council:**

- 1. Confirms as a true and correct record and adopts the minutes of the meeting held on 19 July 2018 with the following amendment to item 8.3 'replace "Young Leaders Forum' with 'Young Elected Members Network'.**

Cr Pham/Cr McKay  
CARRIED

**Council meeting - 19 July 2018 public excluded**  
*Refer pages 23 to 24 of the agenda.*

**Resolved**

That the Council:

1. **Confirms as a true and correct record and adopts the minutes of the part of the meeting held, with the public excluded, on 19 July 2018.**

Cr Lambie/Cr Skelton  
CARRIED

**Council meeting - 10 August 2018**  
*Refer pages 26 to 35 of the agenda.*

**Resolved**

That the Council:

1. **Confirms as a true and correct record and adopts the minutes of the meeting held on 10 August 2018.**

Cr Skelton/Cr Scott  
CARRIED

## **6. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

## **7. Committee Reports**

### **7.1. Standing Committees**

**7.1.1. Performance, Audit and Risk Committee**  
*Refer pages 37 to 46 of the agenda.*

**Resolved**

That the Council:

1. **receive and confirm as a correct record the minutes of the Performance, Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 9 August 2018.**
2. **receive the summary of the financial reports for the year ending 30 June 2018**

Cr Scott /Cr Skelton  
CARRIED

### **7.1.2. Regulation Hearing Committee**

*Refer pages 47 to 50 of the agenda.*

Cr Skelton presented this item and advised that the Committee had confirmed these minutes at its meeting held on 23 August 2018.

#### **Resolved**

**That the Council:**

- 1. receive the confirmed minutes of the Regulation Hearing Committee meeting held on 2 August 2018.**

Cr Skelton/Cr Cunningham  
CARRIED

## **7.2. Joint Committees**

### **7.2.1. Greater Christchurch Public Transport Joint Committee**

*Refer pages 51 of the agenda and the attachments circulated separately.*

The staff at Environment Canterbury, Christchurch City, Selwyn District and Waimakariri District Councils and the NZ Transport Agency were thanked for their work in producing an exciting and aspirational draft plan.

Noting that the Greater Christchurch Public Transport Joint Committee had appointed a panel to hear and consider submissions on the Plan for the Greater Christchurch area, the Council appointed a panel to hear and consider the submissions outside of Greater Christchurch.

#### **Resolved**

**That the Council:**

- 1. receive the unconfirmed minutes of the Greater Christchurch Public Transport Joint Committee meeting held on 9 August 2018**
- 2. approve the draft Canterbury Regional Public Transport Plan for consultation**
- 3. delegate authority to the Environment Canterbury Chief Executive to make alterations of minor effect or to correct minor errors to the Draft Greater Christchurch Public Transport Regional Plan**
- 4. appoints Chair Steve Lowndes and Deputy Chair Peter Scott to a panel to hear and consider submissions on the draft Canterbury Regional Public Transport Plan, pertaining to matters in the Canterbury area outside of Greater Christchurch, and to make a report and provide recommendations to the regional council on those submissions to the draft Canterbury Regional Public Transport Plan.**

Cr Sunckell/Cr Skelton  
CARRIED

## **8. Matters for Council Decision**

## 8.1. Representation Review

*Refer to pages 52 to 80 of the agenda.*

Chair Lowndes introduced this item with the recommendations for the final representation arrangements for the 2019 local authority elections.

It was noted that this decision will be referred to the Local Government for its determination. An amendment was made to recommendation 7 to make it clear that if any appeals or objections are received they will also be forwarded to the Local Government Commission.

Cindy Butt was thanked for her leadership of this review.

The inclusion of a second representative for the South Canterbury Constituency was supported.

### Resolved

**That the Council:**

1. **Notes that it has considered all submissions received on its resolutions dated 21 June 2018, made pursuant to section 19I of the Local Electoral Act 2001 ('the Initial Resolution').**
2. **resolves under section 19N to make amendments to the Initial Resolution, so that the number of constituencies, names of each constituency, the number of members to be elected by the electors of each constituency, and the boundaries (as set out in the maps appended to this report) are:**

<b>North Canterbury-Ōpukepuke</b>	<b>2 members</b>
<b>Mid Canterbury- Ōpākihi</b>	<b>2 members</b>
<b>South Canterbury-Ōtuhituhi</b>	<b>2 members</b>
<b>Christchurch North East-Ōrei</b>	<b>2 members</b>
<b>Christchurch West-Ōpuna</b>	<b>2 members</b>
<b>Christchurch Central-Ōhoko</b>	<b>2 members</b>
<b>Christchurch South-Ōhanga</b>	<b>2 members</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>14 members</b>

3. **notes that the amendments made to the Initial Resolution are:**
  - a) **that the total number of members to be elected is 14, rather than 13;**
  - b) **that the number of members to be elected by the electors of the South Canterbury-Ōtuhituhi Constituency is 2, rather than 1; and**
  - c) **that the name of one of the constituencies is Christchurch North East-Ōrei, rather than Christchurch North-Ōrei.**
4. **receives and adopts the report '*Representation Review*' as providing its reasons for the amendments proposed and the reasons for rejection of some submissions.**

5. notes that the Councils representation arrangements do not comply with section 19V(2) of the Local Electoral Act 2001 and therefore that the Council must refer its decision to the Local Government Commission for its determination, pursuant to section 19V(4) of the Local Electoral Act 2001.
6. notes the final representation review proposal is the subject of an appeal period of not less than one month following the date of the public notice of its decision.
7. notes that if it receives appeals/objections to its final representation review proposal, the matter is forwarded to the Local Government Commission to consider.
8. notes that the Local Government Commission is required to make its decisions by 11 April 2019.
9. delegates to the Chief Executive whatever is necessary for the Council to meet its obligations under the Local Electoral Act 2001, including to
  - a) distribute copies of the resolution (section 19N)
  - b) give public notice following consideration of public submissions (section 19N)
  - c) forward appeals and objections as well as Councils decisions under section 19V(4) to the Commission (section 19Q).

Cr Caygill/Cr Sunckell

CARRIED

Cr Pham requested her vote against this proposal be recorded

## **8.2. Retrospective approval of submissions on central government transport policy**

*Refer to pages 81 to 101 of the agenda.*

### **Resolved**

That the Council:

1. Ratifies the attached Environment Canterbury submission on the draft Government Policy Statement on Land Transport 2018, that was submitted on 2 May 2018.
2. Ratifies the attached Environment Canterbury submission on the Land Transport Management (Regional Fuel Tax) Amendment Bill, that was submitted on 19 April 2018.

Chair Lowndes/Cr Caygill

CARRIED

## **8.3. National Planning Standards- final submission**

*Refer to pages 102 to 128 of the agenda.*

## **Resolved**

**That the Council:**

- 1. receives the Environment Canterbury submission on the draft National Planning Standards**

Cr Skelton/Cr McKay  
CARRIED

## **8.4. Appointments to Regulation Hearing Committee**

*Refer to pages 129 to 130 of the agenda.*

### **Resolved**

**That the Council:**

- 1. amends the Terms of Reference for the Regulation Hearing Committee to increase the membership of the Committee to 6 members.**
- 2. appoints Councillors Claire McKay and Peter Scott to the Regulation Hearing Committee.**

Cr Skelton/Cr Lambie  
CARRIED

## **9. Outstanding Contribution Award**

### **9.1. Outstanding Contribution Award - Peter Lowe**

Chair Steve Lowndes welcomed Peter and Diane Lowe to the meeting.

He then read the following citation:

*We wish to acknowledge the outstanding contribution Peter Lowe has made to lead Mid Canterbury into a new more sustainable era of water management. We wish to also acknowledge the contribution Diane Lowe has made by providing her support, patience and undertaking many of the farm chores while Peter has been tied up with countless phone calls and meetings.*

*Over the last few years there has been a significant shift in the way the community of the Hinds/Hekeao catchment understands and manages its water resources. This shift has largely been led by Peter.*

*Peter works tirelessly, on the phone while he is on his tractor, shifting sheep or after dinner – constantly working to bring people together, to develop a team of landowners willing to try a different approach to water management.*

*Peter has worked hard to bridge the gap and develop a common understanding between landowners, Arowhenua Rūnanga and Environment Canterbury. He has been*

*instrumental in introducing the zone delivery team to the area and getting on the ground projects underway.*

*He has a good working relationship with staff from Environment Canterbury – many of whom have been welcomed around Peter and Diane's kitchen table.*

*Peter is a member of the Taylor Drain Water User Group – a group of neighbouring consent holders who work together to manage their takes to keep the drain above the minimum flow for as long as possible.*

*From 2014-16 Peter chaired the Hinds Drains Working Party. One of the recommendations to emerge from this group was to undertake a Managed Aquifer Recharge trial. Peter helped to set up the Managed Aquifer Recharge Pilot Working Party and was chair from 2015 to early 2017. The group secured funding and consents, with the first year of the trial becoming a reality in June 2016. This trial was the first of its type in New Zealand and has also earned international attention. With positive results from the initial trial Peter has worked to establish a Hinds Managed Aquifer Recharge Governance Group – a group that he also chairs. This group has expanded the concept of managed aquifer recharge from a single pilot site to a currently consented network of 17 sites across the catchment.*

*Another recommendation from the Hinds Drains Working Party that is now becoming a reality is to recharge the upper Hinds River. The official opening of this project will be on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September 2018.*

*The Taylors Drain Water User Group and the managed aquifer and river recharge projects are all about bringing people together for the betterment of water quality for the whole community.*

*A sincere thank-you, Peter and Diane, for your work and your leadership – to ensure a prosperous and healthy Hinds catchment.*

*Ma whero, ma pango ka oti ai te mahi  
Through cooperation and everyone doing their part we will succeed.*

Cr Caygill speaking on behalf of the Council and the Ashburton Zone Committee praised Peter's extraordinary skill set with his resolute and practical approach. The Aquifer Recharge Project was a fascinating and exciting idea and its success is due to a number of people including Peter.

Peter Lowe thanked the Council for the award. He was very humbled to receive it and saw it as an award to the Mid Canterbury Hinds Plains community. The hard work done on the Canterbury Water Management Strategy and by the Zone Committee have him the confidence to support it.

He acknowledged the support of Peter Ramsden, Bob Bower, Cr David Caygill, Mark Webb of Fish and Game and Environment Canterbury staff.

**Attendance** – Cr Cunningham left the meeting at 12.00pm.



## 10. Exclusion of the Public from part of the Council Meeting

*Refer page 132 of the agenda.*

### Resolved

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

#### 1. Council minutes 10 August 2018

1. 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 10 August 2018	Good reason to withhold exists under Section 7.	Section 48(1)(a)

2. 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	Enable the Council holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).

2. That appropriate officers remain to provide advice to the Council.

Chair Lowndes/Cr Sunckell  
CARRIED

The meeting went into public excluded session from 12.01 to 12.02 pm

## 11. Other Business

There was no other business.

## 12. Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

### 13. Questions

There were no questions.

### 14. Closing Karakia

Chair Lowndes thanked member for their contribution and invited Peter Scott to close the meeting with a karakia at 12.03pm.

### 15. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on 20 September 2018.

### Confirmed

Date 20/9/18 JWH Lowndes. Chair