

# **Minutes of 502nd meeting of the Canterbury Regional Council held in the Council Chamber, 200 Tuam Street, Christchurch on Thursday, 11 July 2019 at 11.00 am**

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## **Present**

Chair Steve Lowndes, Councillors David Caygill, Iaeen Cranwell, Rod Cullinane, Elizabeth Cunningham (from 12.14pm), 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), Katherine Trought (Director Strategy and Planning), Nadeine Dommissse (Chief Operating

Officer), Stefanie Rixecker (Director of Science), Catherine Schache (General Counsel), Katherine Harbrow (Chief Financial Officer), and Louise McDonald (Senior Committee Advisor).

Report writers and other staff were also in attendance.

## **Welcome**

Chair Steve Lowndes welcomed everyone to the meeting and on behalf of the Council extended sympathy to the family and friends of Conor Parker. Conor was a respected and well-liked member of the science team and will be missed.

### **1. Welcome and opening karakia**

Cr laean Cranwell opened the meeting with a karakia.

## **Apologies**

Cr Peter Scott

Cr Elizabeth Cunningham, for late arrival.

### **2. Conflicts of interest**

Cr Claire McKay advised that she was a farmer in the Waimakariri District but she did not consider that she had a conflict of interest in item 8.1.

Cr Tom Lambie advised that he was a farmer in the Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Zone but did not consider that he had a conflict of interest in item 8.1.

### **4. Deputations and Petitions**

There were no deputations or petitions.

### **5. Minutes**

#### **5.1 Council**

##### **5.1.1 Council Meeting held 16 May 2019**

*Refer pages 8 to 41 of the agenda.*

## **Resolved**

**That the Council:**

- 1. Confirm and adopt as a true and correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 20 June 2019.**

Cr Roberts/Cr Skelton  
CARRIED

**6. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

**7. Committee Minutes**

**7.1 Standing Committees**

**7.1.1 Performance, Audit and Risk Committee**

*Refer pages 43 to 53 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 27 June 2019.**
- 2. Receive the summary of the financial reports for the period ending 31 May 2019.**
- 3. Resolve that the financial reserves for flood and erosion repairs for the river schemes listed in the report up to \$660,000 be approved.**
- 4. Note the resolutions made by the Committee under delegated authority.**

Cr Sunckell/Cr McKay  
CARRIED

**7.1.2 Regulation Hearing Committee**

*Refer pages 54 to 57 of the agenda.*

**Resolved**

**That the Council:**

- 1. Receive the confirmed minutes of the Regulation Hearing Committee meeting held on 20 June 2019.**

Cr Skelton/Cr Pham  
CARRIED

**7.1.3 Canterbury Water Management Regional Committee**

*Refer pages 58 to 64 of the agenda*

**Resolved**

**That the Council:**

- 1. Receive the unconfirmed minutes of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy Regional Committee meeting held on 11 June 2019.**

Cr McKay/Cr Caygill  
CARRIED

## 7.2 Joint Committees

### 7.2.1 Canterbury Civil Defence and Emergency Management Group Joint Committee

*Refer pages 65 to 73 of the agenda*

Cr Sunckell presented this item.

#### **Resolved**

#### **That the Council:**

1. **Receive the unconfirmed minutes of the Canterbury Civil Defence and Emergency Management Group Joint Committee meeting held on 24 May 2019.**

Cr Sunckell/Cr Cranwell  
CARRIED

## 8. Matters for Council Decision

### 8.1 Public Notification of Proposed Plan Change 7 to the Land and Water Regional Plan and Plan Change 2 to the Waimakariri River Regional Plan

*Refer to pages 74 to 80 of the agenda and the attachments circulated separately.*

Cr Skelton presented this item and explained that the recommendations were to enable the formal statutory process to notify the two proposed plan changes. Extensive consultation had already been undertaken. He thanked the members of the Waimakariri and Orari-Temuka-Opihi-Pareora Zone Committees for their commitment and contribution.

Cr Skelton reflected on the last 10 years of work and expressed satisfaction that a very robust planning structure had been put in place.

**Attendance:** Cr Cunningham joined the meeting at 12.14pm

Councillors joined Cr Skelton in thanking all the dedicated staff and contractors who contributed to this complex and significant work.

Due to the complexities of the proposed Plan Changes, it was agreed to extend to the closing dates for submissions from 23 August to 13 September 2019.

#### **Resolved**

#### **That the Council:**

1. **Has particular regard to the evaluation report prepared in accordance with Section 32 of the Resource Management Act 1991, in relation to both proposed Plan Change 7 to the Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan and proposed Plan Change 2 to the Waimakariri River Regional Plan, when deciding whether to proceed with public notification of proposed Plan Change 7 to the Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan and proposed Plan Change 2 to the Waimakariri River Regional Plan.**
2. **Has particular regard, in accordance with Clause 4A(1)(b) of Schedule 1 to the Resource Management Act 1991, to advice received from relevant iwi**



authorities on draft proposed Plan Change 7 to the Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan and draft proposed Plan Change 2 to the Waimakariri River Regional Plan.

3. Directs, in accordance with Clause 5(1) of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991, public notification of the following documents on 20 July 2019:

- 3.1 Proposed Plan Change 7 to Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan, which comprises proposed changes to plan provisions (Attachment 1), and proposed changes to Planning Maps (Attachment 2).

- 3.2 Proposed Plan Change 2 to the Waimakariri River Regional Plan, which comprises proposed changes to plan provisions (Attachment 3) and proposed changes to Planning Maps (Attachment 4).

4. Makes available for public inspection, from 20 July 2019, the documents described in 3.1 and 3.2 above, along with the evaluation report prepared in accordance with Section 32 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

5. Notes:

- 5.1 Rules in proposed Plan Change 7 to the Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan and proposed Plan Change 2 to the Waimakariri River Regional Plan will have immediate legal effect from the date of public notification of the proposals; and

- 5.2 the closing date for primary submissions on both proposed plan changes is 13 September 2019.

Cr Skelton/Cr Caygill  
CARRIED

Cr Cranwell explained that he was still concerned that the targets were not strict enough and abstained from the vote.

## 8.2 Biosecurity Advisory Groups

*Refer pages 81 to 97 of the agenda.*

Cr Roberts presented this item.

In response to a query from Crs Sunckell and McKay, the Council was advised that the existing North Canterbury Chilean Needle Grass and Nassella Tussock Groups will continue over the next 12 months to enable the transition of the members' knowledge to the new North Canterbury Biosecurity Group. If those groups wish to continue beyond the 12 months, support could be provided.

### Resolved

That the Council:

1. Approve the establishment of the following Biosecurity Advisory Groups as other subordinate decision-making bodies under clause 7 of the Local Government Act 2002:

- a. North Canterbury Biosecurity Advisory Group
  - b. Central Canterbury Biosecurity Advisory Group
  - c. Christchurch and Banks Peninsula Biosecurity Advisory Group
  - d. South Canterbury Biosecurity Advisory Group
2. Approve the purpose of the Biosecurity Advisory Groups.
  3. Approve the Biosecurity Advisory Group Terms of Reference.
  4. Approve the establishment of a Biosecurity Advisory Councillor Working Group comprising Cr Tom Lambie, Cr Cynthia Roberts, Cr Iaeen Cranwell, Cr Peter Scott and Cr Claire McKay to:
    - a. consider applications for membership from community candidates in accordance with the Biosecurity Advisory Group Terms of Reference and appoint the Community Members; and
    - b. confirm the Papatipu Rūnanga representative(s) based on interests in the area nominated by the relevant Rūnanga within the area.
  5. Delegate to the Biosecurity Advisory Councillor Working Group the power to appoint Community Members in accordance with the Biosecurity Advisory Group Terms of Reference and confirm the Papatipu Rūnanga representative(s) nominated by the relevant Rūnanga.
  6. Resolve that the Biosecurity Advisory Groups are not discharged on the coming into office of the members of the local authority elected or appointed at, or following, the 2019 general election of members.

Cr Skelton/Cr Pham  
CARRIED

### 8.3 Submission on Climate Change Respnse (Zero Carbon) Amendment Bill

*Refer pages 98 to 106 of the agenda.*

Chair Lowndes introduced this item. It was agreed to add an additional paragraph to the submission:

*We wish to emphasise the importance that the Bill's targets(s) for both long and short-lived gases are consistent with its 1.5°C purpose. As it stands, the Bill does not reflect the scientific fact that limiting global warming to 1.5°C means the world must stay within a finite carbon budget. What is of utmost importance is not the date that net zero is achieved, but that our total emissions released between now and then are consistent with this finite 1.5°C budget.*

### Resolved

That the Council:

1. Approve the submission, as amended, on the Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Bill.

Cr Pham/Cr Cranwell  
CARRIED



## 8.4 Further Research on Nitrate Concentrations

*Refer pages 107 to 109 of the agenda*

**Resolved**

**That the Council:**

1. **Agree that a letter is drafted and sent to the Minister of Health advocating for research on health issues from nitrate concentrations in drinking water.**

Cr Sunckell/Cr Pham  
CARRIED

## 9. Exclusion of the Public

*Refer page 110 of the agenda..*

**Resolved**

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

1. **Council minutes 20 June 2019 – public excluded**
2. **Performance, Audit & Risk Committee minutes 27 June 2019 – public excluded**
3. **Waimakariri Zone Committee – Community Members Refresh**

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 20 June 2019 – public excluded	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7	Section 48(1)(a)
2.	Performance, Audit & Risk Committee minutes 27 June 2019 – public excluded		
3.	Waimakariri Zone Committee – Community Members Refresh		

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.	Protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information should continue to be supplied. (Section 7(2)(c)(i))
2.	Conduct of negotiations (Section 7(2)(i))
3.	Protection of Privacy of Natural Persons (Section 7(2)(a))

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

Cr Lambie/Cr Roberts  
CARRIED

The meeting went into public excluded session from 12.48 to 12.56 pm.

**10. Other Business**

There was no other business.

**11. Notices of motion**

There were no notices of motion.

**11. Questions**

There were no questions.

**12. Next meeting**

Thursday 29 August 2019.

**13. Closing karakia**

The Chair thanked everyone for their participation and invited Cr Cranwell to close the meeting with a karakia at 12.58 pm.

**Confirmed**

Date 29 August 2019

Swift Lowndes. Chairperson