

Minutes of 511th meeting of the Canterbury Regional Council held by audio-visual link due to the COVID-19 situation on Thursday, 16 April 2020 at 11.02am

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Present

Chair Jenny Hughey, Deputy Chair Peter Scott, Councillors Tane Apanui, Phil Clearwater, Grant Edge, Megan Hands, Ian Mackenzie, Nicole Marshall, Claire McKay, Elizabeth McKenzie, Craig Pauling, Lan Pham, Vicky Southworth and John Sunckell.

Management and officers present

Bill Bayfield (Chief Executive), Nadeine Dommissie (Chief Operating Officer), Miles McConway (Director Finance and Corporate Services), Stefanie Rixecker (Director Science), Katherine Trought (Director Strategy and Planning), Catherine Schache (General Counsel), and Louise McDonald (Senior Committee Advisor).

Report writers and other staff were also present.

1. **Welcome, Mihi Whakatau and Karakia**

Due to the COVID-19 situation and the Government announcement of the level 4 shutdown this was meeting held using an audio-visual link.

Chair Hughey welcomed everyone to the meeting. She acknowledged the strange circumstances the world was in and the stress and uncertainty that people were experiencing.

Noting that this was Bill Bayfield's last meeting she thanked him for his incredible contribution and for doing a fantastic job. She invited Cr Pauling to open the meeting with a karakia.

Cr Pauling also acknowledged the effect on the community of the COVID-19 situation, those affected and unwell, and the contribution from essential workers.

He acknowledged those who had passed away during this time and In particular, Jimmy Brennan, a wonderful character and rangatira from Ngāi Tūāhuriri.

2. **Apologies**

There were no apologies.

3. **Conflicts of interest**

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

4. **Deputations and Petitions**

There were no deputations or petitions.

5. **Minutes**

Refer pages 9 to 23 of the agenda

Resolved

That the Council:

1. **confirms and adopts as a true and correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 12 March 2020, as amended to include reference to the separate welcome extended to the Chairs of the Christchurch West Melton, Banks Peninsula and Selwyn Waihora Zone Committees.**

Cr Pauling/Cr McKenzie
CARRIED

Resolved

That the Council:

- 1. confirms and adopts as a true and correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 24 March 2020, as amended to include Councillor McKenzie's attendance via audio-visual link.**

Cr Pham/Cr Clearwater
CARRIED

6. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

7. Committee Reports

7.1 Standing Committees

7.1.1 Regulation Hearing Committee

Refer pages 25 to 29 of the agenda

Cr McKay presented this item.

Resolved

That the Council:

- 1. receives the confirmed minutes of the Regulation Hearing Committee meeting held on 12 March 2020.**

Cr McKay/Cr Marshall
CARRIED

7.1.2 Canterbury Water Management Strategy Regional Committee

Refer pages 30 to 37 of the agenda

Cr McKay presented this item.

Resolved

That the Council:

- 1. receives the unconfirmed minutes of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy Regional Committee meeting held on 11 February 2020.**

Cr McKay/Cr Edge
CARRIED

8. Matters for Council Decision

8.1 Chair's Report – COVID-19 Recovery

Refer to pages 38 to 44 of the agenda

The Chair spoke to this item and acknowledged Mayor Lianne Dalziel, chair of the Canterbury Mayoral Forum, for this initiative.

Resolved

That the Council:

- 1. receives the Chair's report**
- 2. notes that recovery planning begins immediately and should include consideration of what key projects and initiatives should be prioritised to support the recovery and resilience of Canterbury, and to achieve important environmental and climate outcomes**
- 3. notes that decisions being made on the Annual Plan and planning for the Long-Term Plan must take recovery and resilience into account**
- 4. agrees to review and adjust the Council's strategic direction in light of the COVID-19 crisis to ensure it is fit for purpose to facilitate recovery**
- 5. notes that Council has the foundations for a strong collaborative approach to recovery through strategic relationships with Ngāi Tahu Papatipu Rūnanga, and the Greater Christchurch Partnership and Canterbury Mayoral Forum**
- 6. supports the Canterbury Mayoral Forum as it provides strong leadership and coordination for recovery planning involving all the region's local authorities, including connecting and empowering our communities across the region**
- 7. supports the Greater Christchurch Partnership as it reassesses the work done on the Greater Christchurch Strategic Framework 2050 to position the work as the collective post COVID-19 recovery plan for Greater Christchurch.**

Chair Hughey/Cr Southworth
CARRIED

8.2 Rangitata Flood Recovery Update

Refer pages 45 to 48 of the agenda

Cr Sunckell introduced this report.

Councillors supported this important work and provided the following comments:

- The importance of keeping Timaru District Council and Te Rūnanga o Arowhenua updated.
- That the cost of flood repair falls unfairly on a small group of ratepayers.
- A request for a review of land use in the floodplain, at stage 3 of the work. That review to include a fully integrated approach to river management and consideration of climate change and braided rivers values.
- The issues raised in respect of the Rangitata River will be applicable to other rivers.

Resolved

That the Council:

- 1. Approve \$150,000 transfer from general reserves to the Rangitata rating district in 2019/20 to reduce the debt held by the Rangitata scheme and to ensure we maintain excellent support as we continue to assess essential repairs.**

2. **Approve acceleration of the general rate funded Rangitata Scheme review by bringing it forward into the 2020/21 Annual Plan.**

Cr Sunckell/Cr Mackenzie
CARRIED

8.3 **Appointment of Independent Commissioner for Canterbury Regional Policy Statement Change Peer Review**

Refer pages 49 to 55 of the agenda.

Cr McKay introduced this item.

Resolved

That the Council:

1. **Appoints Lester Chisholm to undertake a technical peer review of the Council's 'Recommendations Report' on the Proposed Change to Chapter 6 of the Canterbury Regional Policy Statement, and to prepare a report for the Council setting out the findings of his review. The review will be carried out in accordance with the Direction issued by the Minister for the Environment.**

Cr McKay/Cr Pham
CARRIED

8.4 **Delegation of submission approvals: Draft Government Policy Statement on Land Transport and Draft New Zealand Rail Plan**

Refer pages 56 to 58 of the agenda

Cr Scott introduced this item and explained that the submissions close on 11 May 2020.

Resolved

That the Council:

1. **delegates to the Chair approval of the Environment Canterbury submissions on the Ministry of Transport's consultations on the draft Government Policy Statement on Land Transport and the draft New Zealand Rail Plan.**

Cr Scott/Cr Apanui
CARRIED

8.5 **Working Groups of Council**

Refer the report circulated separately

Chair Hughey presented this report and explained that the formation of these working groups was an opportunity for Councillors to take an active role and to utilise the range of skills and experience of Councillors.

Cr Marshall withdrew from the Planting and Regeneration Working Group.

The proposal was supported by Councillors, but caution was expressed regarding the potential for the working groups overlapping with the work of portfolio groups and staff.

It was agreed that working groups would keep the portfolio groups informed and work with them.

Resolved

That the Council

- 1. agrees to the establishment of, in the first instance, two groups of Council to make recommendations to Council on issues related to:**
 - a. Public visibility**
 - b. Planting and regeneration**
- 2. agrees the Guidelines for each of the working groups**
- 3. appoints the following Councillors to each working group:**
 - 3.1 Public Visibility Working Group - Councillors: Marshall (Chair), Hands, Southworth, Apanui, Clearwater and Chair Hughey ex-officio**
 - 3.2 Planting and Regeneration Working Group – Councillors: Pauling (Chair), Pham, Mackenzie, Southworth, Edge and Chair Hughey ex-officio.**

Chair Hughey/Cr Clearwater
CARRIED

9.0 Exclusion of the Public

Refer page 60 of the agenda.

Resolved

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

- 1. Minutes of part of the Council meeting, held with the public excluded, on 24 March 2020**

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.	Minutes of part of the Council meeting, held with the public excluded, on 24 March 2020	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:

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1	Enable the Council holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations. (Section 7(2)(i))

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

Chair Hughey/Cr Hands
CARRIED

The meeting went into public excluded session from 11.49 to 11.52am.

10 Other Business

There was no other business.

11. Notices of motion

There were no notices of motion.

12. Questions

There were no questions.

13. Next meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday 14 May 2020.

13. Mihi / Karakia whakamutunga – closing

The Chair thanked everyone for their participation and invited Cr Pauling to lead the karakia:

Cr Pauling closed the meeting with a karakia and acknowledged the Chief Executive at his last formal Council meeting. He thanked him for his work for Environment Canterbury and for the region. He wished him good luck with his new role.

With best wishes to Bill Bayfield and his whanau, the meeting closed at 11.58am.

CONFIRMED

Date 14 May 2020

 Chair