

Minutes of 513th meeting of the Canterbury Regional Council held by audio-visual link due to the COVID-19 situation on Thursday, 14 May 2020 at 11.00am

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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

Stefanie Rixecker (Acting Chief Executive), Tafflyn Bradford-James (Director Communications), Tim Davie (Acting Director Science), Nadeine Dommissie (Chief Operating Officer), Miles McConway (Director Finance and Corporate Services), Katherine Trought (Director Strategy and Planning), Catherine Schache (General Counsel), Katherine Harbrow (Chief Financial Officer), 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 this meeting was held using an audio-visual link.

Chair Hughey welcomed everyone and invited Cr Pauling to open the meeting with a karakia.

Cr Pauling acknowledged the hardships being felt by the community during the COVID-19 situation. He welcomed the Chair of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy (CWMS) Regional Committee and Chairs and Deputy Chairs of the Kaikōura, Waimakariri and Ashburton Zone Committees to the meeting and provided a karakia.

Chair Hughey also welcomed the CWMS representatives to the meeting. She noted that Sunday 16 May 2020 marked the one-year anniversary of Environment Canterbury declaring a climate change emergency.

She also referred to the current COVID-19 emergency that had highlighted inequalities in our society. Everyone needed to be working towards recovery. The Chair thanked Council staff for their excellent work and commitment during the COVID-19 lockdown.

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 – 16 April and 21 April 2020**

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 16 April 2020, as amended:**
 - **item 8.2 – Rangitata Flood Recovery Update:**
 - **first bullet point to read the importance of keeping Timaru district Council and Te Rūnanga o Arowhenua involved and updated.**
 - **third bullet point – delete the reference to stage 2.**

Cr Hands/Cr Scott
CARRIED

Resolved

That the Council:

1. **confirms and adopts as a true and correct record the minutes of part of the meeting held, with the public excluded, on 16 April 2020.**

Cr Scott/Cr Sunckell
CARRIED

Resolved

That the Council:

1. **confirms and adopts as a true and correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 21 April 2020.**

Cr McKay/Cr Marshall
CARRIED

6. Matters Arising

16 April 2020 – item 8.5 – Working Groups of Council

Planting and Regeneration Working Group

Cr Pauling reported on the first meeting of the Planting and Regeneration Working Group held on 7 May 2020. The Group will undertake a stock take on what is being done, then focus on accelerating outcomes. Adopting a flexible approach, they will work with partners on riparian planting, sanctuaries and corridors.

Resolved

That the Council

1. **receives the report from the Planting and Regeneration Working Group.**

Cr Edge/Cr Pham
CARRIED

Public Visibility Working Group

Cr Nicole Marshall reported that this Group had met on 6 May 2020 to talk about how they will work with staff to connect with the community to explain what the Council does and provide context around what the Council is doing.

Resolved

That the Council

1. **receives the report from the Public Visibility Working Group.**

Cr McKay/Cr Clearwater
CARRIED

Committee Reports

There were no committee reports presented to this meeting.

7. Matters for Council Decision

7.1 Canterbury Water Management Strategy (CWMS) Regional and Zone Committee Annual Reports 2019

Refer to pages 22 to 38 of the agenda

Cr McKay welcomed the CWMS representatives to the meeting and invited them to present their Annual Reports. This was also an opportunity to provide an update on the work of, and the challenges faced by, their Committee.

CWMS Regional Committee

Hugh Logan, Chair of the CWMS Regional Committee presented the Committee's Annual Report for 2019 and provided the following comments:

- There were differing views within the Committee on the speed of CWMS action.
- The Committee was working on how to progress the work done on goals and targets for recreational amenity issues at a zone and regional level.
- There was a focus on biodiversity and braided rivers; including continued interest in improved fish screen technology.
- Recognised the Committee's role of providing oversight of the CWMS goals and targets and providing advice to the Council.
- Future work to be done on climate change effects, implications and how we adapt and accommodate change.

Kaikōura Zone

Ted Howard, chair of the Kaikōura Zone Committee presented the Committee's Annual Report for 2019 with the following comments:

- A focus for 2019 was restoring and maintaining wetlands.
- The interesting post-earthquake science on the amount of material coming down waterways following the slips. There needed to be a strategy to deal with this potential hazard.
- The Kaikōura community was still in survival/recovery mode following the earthquakes so non-regulatory methods were the best way to work with the community. Kevin Heays and his team were doing a great job.

Waimakariri Zone

Michael Blackwell, Chair and Cameron Henderson, Deputy Chair presented the Waimakariri Zone Committee Annual Report 2019. Key points included:

- The Committee was awaiting the outcomes from Plan Change 7 to provide some direction, especially for high risk farm use activities.
- Progressing on the Zone Implementation Programme Addendum (ZIPA) process focusing on coastal stream catchment management plans.
- Good to see the next generation farmers engagement with ZIPAs and Plan Change 7.
- The Burgess Stream immediate steps project was a good example of wetland planting to rebuild a wetland.
- Alpine rivers zone plan change important for the health and waterways in Waimakariri.

Ashburton Zone

Due to technical difficulties Zone Committee chair William Thomas was unable to present to the Council so Dave Moore, Zone Facilitator presented on behalf of the Committee and highlighted the following:

- The main issue for the Zone Committee was the Ashburton River consent review
- Multiple groups were looking at the problem of Ashburton Lakes water quality.

Resolved

That the Council:

1. **receives the Regional Committee Annual Report 2019.**

2. receives the Kaikōura Zone Committee Annual Report 2019.
3. receives the Waimakariri Zone Committee Annual Report 2019.
4. receives the Ashburton Zone Committee Annual Report 2019.

Cr McKay/Cr Pauling
CARRIED

7.2 **Submission on the Accessible Streets Regulatory Package**

Refer pages 45 to 48 of the agenda

Cr Clearwater requested that in light of COVID-19 footpath widths be included in the submission.

Resolved

That the Council:

1. delegates to the Chair approval of the Environment Canterbury submission on the Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency's 'Accessible Streets' regulatory package.

Cr Scott/Cr Edge
CARRIED

7.3 **Local Government Funding Agency: Amended Documentation**

Refer pages 42 to 254 of the agenda.

Cr Sunckell introduced this item.

Resolved

That the Council:

1. Approves Councillor John Sunckell and Chair Jenny Hughey to execute the following Local Government Funding Agency documents on behalf of Environment Canterbury:
 - 1.1 Multi-Issuer Deed
 - 1.2 Guarantee and Indemnity; and
 - 1.3 Notes Subscription Agreement

Cr Hands/Cr Scott
CARRIED

8.0 **Exclusion of the Public**

Refer page 255 of the agenda.

Resolved

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

1. Council minutes – 21 April 2020

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 – 21 April 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:

Item No.	
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.**

Cr Sunckell/Cr Clearwater
CARRIED

The meeting went into public excluded session from 12.44 to 12.46pm.

9. **Other Business**

There was no other business.

10. **Notices of motion**

There were no notices of motion.

11. **Questions**

There were no questions.

12. **Next meeting**

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday 21 May 2020.

13. **Closing karakia**

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

The meeting closed at 12.50pm.

CONFIRMED

Date 18 June 2020

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Pauling', written over a horizontal line.

Chair