

# **Minutes of 516th meeting of the Canterbury Regional Council held in the Council Chamber, 200 Tuam Street, Christchurch, on Thursday, 23 July 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), Nadeine Dommissie (Chief Operating Officer), Miles McConway (Director Finance and Corporate Services), Tim Davie (Acting Director Science), Katherine Trought (Director Strategy and Planning), Tafflyn Bradford-James (Director Communications and Engagement), Catherine Schache (General Counsel), Katherine Harbrow (Chief Financial Officer), Cindy Butt (Team Leader Governance Services) and Louise McDonald (Senior Committee Advisor).

Report writers and other staff were also present.

### **1. Mihi Whakatau and Karakia**

Chair Jenny Hughey welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Cr Pauling gave a mihi whakatau and Cr Pham led a karakia.

### **2. Apologies**

There were no apologies.

### **3. Conflicts of interest**

Cr McKay advised that she had stood down for item 6.1 at the Regulation Hearing Committee meeting 2 July 2020 as she was an applicant for a resource consent.

In relation to item 9.5 on the Council agenda (Proposed Changes to Fees and Charges Policy) Cr McKay confirmed that she was a holder of resource consents, but with no greater interest than any consent holder, she did not consider that she had a conflict of interest in item 9.5.

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

#### **Petition**

Vanessa van Hoof presented a petition requesting the correct pronunciation of the te reo Māori names at the Bus Exchange. She said that Environment Canterbury should be leading the way with correct pronunciation to support those speaking and learning te reo Māori and as a matter of respect. She also noted that September was Māori language week.

#### **Resolved**

**That the Council:**

- 1. receives the petition requesting correct pronunciation of the te reo Māori names at the Bus Exchange; and**

2. **refers the matter to the Acting Chief Executive for action by the first week in September.**

Cr Marshall/Cr Hands  
CARRIED

## 5. **Minutes**

*Refer pages 10 to 49 of the agenda*

**18 June 2020**

**Resolved**

**That the Council:**

1. **confirms and adopts as a true and correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 18 June 2020, subject to the following corrections:**
  - **include Harata Te Aika in the list of those recognised in the Queen's Birthday Honours; and**
  - **add the resolution to item 4 to receive the petition.**

Cr Marshall/Cr Hands  
CARRIED

## 6. **Matters Arising**

### **9.5 Local Governance Statement**

The meeting was advised that te reo Māori headings will be included in the Local Governance Statement before it is made available on the Council's web site.

## 7. **Committee Reports**

### 7.1 **Standing Committees**

#### 7.1.1 **Performance, Audit and Risk Committee**

*Refer pages 51 to 60 of the agenda*

Cr Sunckell presented this item.

**Resolved**

**That the Council:**

1. **receives and confirms as a correct record of minutes of the Performance, Audit and Risk Committee meeting held 2 July 2020**

Cr Edge/Cr McKay  
CARRIED

**Resolved**

**That the Council:**

2. receives the summary of the financial reports for the period ending 31 May 2020
3. notes the resolutions made by the Committee under delegated authority.

Cr Sunckell/Cr Edge  
CARRIED

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

*Refer pages 61 to 67 of the agenda*

Cr McKay presented this item and advised that the minutes from the 2 July 2020 meeting had been confirmed at the Committee meeting held on 23 July 2020.

**Resolved**

**That the Council:**

1. receives the confirmed minutes of the Regulation Hearing Committee meeting held on 18 June 2020.
2. receives the confirmed minutes of the Regulation Hearing Committee meeting held on 2 July 2020.

Cr McKay/Cr Pham  
CARRIED

### **7.2 Joint Committees**

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

*Refer pages 68 to 72 of the agenda*

This item was presented by Cr Clearwater.

**Resolved**

**That the Council:**

1. receives the unconfirmed minutes of the Greater Christchurch Public Transport Joint Committee meeting held on 17 June 2020.

Cr Clearwater/Cr Apanui  
CARRIED

### **8. Working Groups**

#### **8.1 Planting Regeneration Working Group**

*Refer pages 73 to 75 of the agenda*

Cr Pauling presented this item.



**Resolved**

**That the Council:**

1. **receives the paper with Planting Regeneration Working Group notes and actions.**

Cr Pauling/Cr Edge  
CARRIED

## **9. Matters for Council Decision**

### **9.1 Tumu Taiao – Mana Whenua Experts on Council**

*Refer to pages 76 to 86 of the agenda*

Deputy Chair Peter Scott introduced this item. As a member of the previous Council he had appreciated the contribution and sound advice provided by the mana whenua representatives on the Council. He supported the proposal to provide for mana whenua participation for this term of the Council.

He thanked the many people for their commitment, courage and work on this proposal including Rei Simon, Liz Brown, Riki Tainui, Stefanie Rixecker, Julian Phillips, Donald Couch, Elizabeth Cunningham, and Iaeen Cranwell. The support provided by Te Rōpū Tuia, current and former Councillors, and Council staff was also acknowledged.

Catherine Schache spoke to the legal aspects of the report and advised of a correction to the wording in paragraph 16: "These will be eligible to vote in respect to all aspects of Council except for Council meetings which is unlawful under the Local Government Act."

It was agreed to include in the role description (attachment 2 to the report) the following:  
*Ngāi Tahu participation will support Council to make informed decisions when they execute and perform, in the best interests of the Canterbury Region, the powers, authorities, and duties vested in, or imposed upon, them by virtue of the Local Government Act 2002, the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 or any other Act.*

The Chair and Councillors spoke in strong support of the proposal but noted that while this was not the perfect solution to having mana whenua participation in Council decision making, it was a positive a step in the right direction.

**Resolved**

**That the Council:**

1. **endorses the establishment of the role of Tumu Taiao – Mana Whenua Experts for an initial one-year term.**
2. **instructs the Chief Executive to establish the roles of Tumu Taiao.**
3. **notes that this will be formalised by an agreement between Environment Canterbury and Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu (TRONT) after which, TRONT will proceed with a process to identify two individuals for the roles**

Cr Scott/Chair Hughey  
CARRIED

Mananui Ramsden addressed the Council and thanked members for the decision to establish Tumu Taiao, this was a positive step forward to address mana whenua representation on the Council. This was followed by a rousing haka performed by staff and members of the public in the public gallery.

**9.2 Approval of submission on the National Environmental Standards for Air Quality**

*Refer pages 87 to 92 of the agenda*

Cr Peter Scott introduced this item and acknowledged the input provided by Cr Elizabeth McKenzie and the work by staff; Tafflyn Bradford-James and Clare Pattison in the preparation of this submission.

**Resolved**

**That the Council:**

- 1. Approves the Environment Canterbury submission on the proposed amendments to the National Environmental Standards for Air Quality.**

Cr Scott /Cr McKenzie  
CARRIED

**9.3 Submission on Proposed South East Marine Protected Areas**

*Refer pages 93 to 96 of the agenda.*

Cr Southworth introduced this item.

**Resolved**

**That the Council:**

- 1. approves the submission on the proposed South East Marine Protected Area for signature by the Chair.**

Cr Southworth/Cr McKenzie  
CARRIED

**9.4 Submissions to the Environmental Protection Authority and the Department of Conservation**

*Refer pages 97 to 101 of the agenda*

Cr McKenzie introduced this item.

**Resolved**

**That the Council:**

- 1. retrospectively approves Environment Canterbury's submission to the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) regarding Beach Energy Resources New Zealand (Holdings) Limited.**

2. **retrospectively approves Environment Canterbury's submission to the Department of Conservation (DOC) regarding marine mammal sanctuaries.**

Cr McKenzie/Cr Pham  
CARRIED

## 9.5 **Changes to Fees and Charges Policy – Hearing of Submissions**

*Refer pages 102 to 103 of the agenda*

It was agreed to appoint the members of the Regulation Hearing Committee to the Hearing Panel.

### **Resolved**

**That the Council:**

1. **appoints Councillors Claire McKay, Grant Edge, Nicole Marshall, Craig Pauling and Lan Pham to hear submissions to the proposal to increase the planning officer charge-out rates in the Environment Canterbury Fees and Charges Policy.**

Chair Hughey/Cr Scott  
CARRIED

## 9.6 **Six Monthly report to Ministers – April to October 2019**

*Refer pages 104 to 139 of the agenda.*

Cr McKay introduced this item and requested that it be made clear in the covering letter that this was the last report under the previous legislation (Environment Canterbury (Transitional Governance Arrangements) Act 2016).

It was agreed to continue reporting to the Ministers, using the new template as attached to the report.

### **Resolved**

**That the Council:**

1. **adopts the six-monthly report for release to the Minister for the Environment and Minister of Local Government.**
2. **approves the new template for future reporting to be sent to the Ministers for feedback.**

Cr McKay/Cr Scott  
CARRIED



## 9.7 Local Government NZ Annual General Meeting

*Refer pages 140 to 185 of the agenda*

Chair Hughey presented this item and explained that due to COVID-19 the Annual Local Government New Zealand Conference would not be held this year, but the Annual General Meeting will be held on 21 August 2020.

### Resolved

#### That the Council

1. agrees Environment Canterbury's delegate to the 2020 Local Government New Zealand Annual General Meeting is Deputy Chair Peter Scott.
2. agrees the delegate is authorised to vote on the remits on the Council's behalf.
3. notes that staff will provide advice on the remits and this will be presented to Councillors for discussion prior to the Annual General Meeting.

Chair Hughey /Cr Pham  
CARRIED

The meeting adjourned for lunch between 12.30 and 1.03pm.

## 10.0 Exclusion of the Public

*Refer page 186 of the agenda.*

### Resolved

1. That the public be excluded from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:
  - 1.1 Council minutes – 18 June 2020
  - 1.2 Performance, Audit & Risk Committee – 2 July 2020
  - 1.3 Greater Christchurch Partnership update
  - 1.4 Property Matter

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	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 – 18 June 2020	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7	Section 48(1)(a)
2.	Performance, Audit & Risk Committee – 2 July 2020		
3.	Greater Christchurch Partnership update		
4.	Property Matter		

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	
1	Protection of privacy of natural persons – Section 7(2)(a) Enable the Council holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations commercial activities. (Section 7(2) (h)
2, 3 & 4	Enable the Council holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) – Section 7(2)(i)
2	Prevention of improper gain or improper advantage – Section 7(2)(j)

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

Chair Hughey/Cr Marshall  
CARRIED

The meeting went into public excluded session from 1.04pm to 1.55pm.

## 10.1 Confirmation of Decision in Open Meeting

### Greater Christchurch Partnership

**Resolved**

**That the Council:**

1. receives the recommendations from the Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee to:
  - a. recommend to the governance of Christchurch City Council, Waimakariri District Council, Selwyn District Council, Canterbury Regional Council, the Canterbury District Health Board and Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu that they agree the focus of the Partnership for the next twelve months, specifically to:
    - i. Develop Greater Christchurch 2050 – setting a vision and plan for Greater Christchurch to achieve intergenerational wellbeing that also responds to climate change, and moving towards a zero carbon economy, noting the opportunity to reset that responding to COVID-19 provides.
    - ii. Focus on our partnership with Central Government, alignment with Central Government's Urban Growth Agenda, key policies driving investment, and advocacy on behalf of Greater Christchurch.
    - iii. Strengthen the partnership with Mana Whenua and Iwi to ensure aspirations and outcomes for Māori are tangibly integrated into strategy and delivery.
    - iv. Progress existing Greater Christchurch Partnership commitments, including Our Space actions, maintaining our focus towards a sustainable urban form which aligns land-use and transport, and enables an integrated and efficient public transport system, including mass rapid transit.

- v. Co-ordinate Greater Christchurch recovery actions, through forums, where needed.
  - b. recommend to the Canterbury Regional Council, Christchurch City Council, Selwyn District Council and the Waimakariri District Council to fund the required additional investment to deliver on the Greater Christchurch Partnership's focus for the year ahead according to the current cost share arrangement and accounting for the \$150,000 investment the Christchurch City Council has made in phase 1 (Christchurch City Council \$348,750, Canterbury Regional Council \$498,750, Selwyn District Council \$166,250 and Waimakariri District Council \$166,250).
  - c. agree to request that the additional investment for FY2020/21 of up to \$1,180,000 will be funded through the Canterbury Regional Council acting as 'banker' and that the Christchurch City Council, Waimakariri District Council and Selwyn District Council agree to repay their share (as set out in recommendation 1.2) over a term of no more than 5 years, with repayments to commence from FY2021/22, with the details to be finalised and agreed by their respective Chief Executives.
2. agrees the focus of the Greater Christchurch Partnership for the next twelve months, specifically to:
- a. Develop Greater Christchurch 2050 – setting a vision and plan for Greater Christchurch to achieve intergenerational wellbeing that also responds to climate change, and moving towards a zero carbon economy, noting the opportunity to reset that responding to COVID-19 provides.
  - b. Focus on our partnership with Central Government, alignment with Central Government's Urban Growth Agenda, key policies driving investment, and advocacy on behalf of Greater Christchurch.
  - c. Strengthen the partnership with Mana Whenua and Iwi to ensure aspirations and outcomes for Māori are tangibly integrated into strategy and delivery.
  - d. Progress existing Greater Christchurch Partnership commitments, including Our Space actions, maintaining our focus towards a sustainable urban form which aligns land-use and transport, and enables an integrated and efficient public transport system, including mass rapid transit.
  - e. Co-ordinate Greater Christchurch recovery actions, through forums, where needed.
3. notes the approach to delivering on the current Greater Christchurch Partnership commitments, including Our Space actions, and that other matters arising throughout the year will be considered and prioritised by the Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee and the Chief Executives Advisory Group, with implementation plans and progress updates reported regularly to the Committee
4. notes to deliver on the recommended approach, the total funding required for the Greater Christchurch Partnership from Partner Councils for the FY2020/21 is \$1,780,000
5. notes this is an additional amount of \$1,180,000 over the \$600,000 for the Greater Christchurch Partnership Budget signalled in the Partner Councils' 2018-28 Long Term Plans for the FY2020/21



6. notes that the cost share arrangement for funding the Greater Christchurch Partnership is as follows; Christchurch City Council (37.5%), Canterbury Regional Council (37.5%), Waimakariri District Council (12.5%) and Selwyn District Council (12.5%)
7. notes that the Performance Audit and Risk Committee considered this matter at its meeting on 2 July and recommends that the Council:
  - a. authorise the proposed funding arrangements for the Greater Christchurch Partnership, including the proposal for the Canterbury Regional Council to lend a maximum total amount of \$681,300 to the Christchurch City Council, Selwyn District Council and Waimakariri District Council on the terms described in this report
  - b. approve the unbudgeted interest cost in the Regional Leadership portfolio, acknowledging that the funding for this arrangement will come from general reserves until the Christchurch City Council, Selwyn District Council and Waimakariri District Council start repayments in FY2021/22.
8. agrees that the additional investment for FY2020/21 of up to \$681,300 (being the Partner Councils' share of the additional required investment) will be funded through the Canterbury Regional Council acting as 'banker'
9. agrees that Christchurch City Council, Waimakariri District Council and Selwyn District Council repay their respective share over a term of no more than 5 years, with repayments to commence from FY2021/22, and delegates authority to the Chief Executive to finalise and agree the terms of the lending
10. notes that Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee have requested that the Chief Executives Advisory Group provide advice to the Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee by the end of 2020 on the anticipated costs for Greater Christchurch 2050 implementation and other Partnership work programmes, for consideration as part of Long Term Plans 2021-2031 processes, with that advice to include consideration of the equity of the current funding cost share arrangements
11. notes that Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee have requested that the Chief Executives Advisory Group provide advice to the Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee on streamlining collaborative governance structures at an upcoming meeting.

Chair Hughey/Cr Clearwater

CARRIED

Cr Apanui & Cr Marshall Abstained

**Resolved**

**That the Council**

1. agrees to fund the required additional investment by the Canterbury Regional Council of \$498,750 by way of borrowing, to deliver on the Greater Christchurch Partnership's focus for the year ahead.

Chair Hughey/Cr Clearwater

CARRIED



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. **Next meeting**

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday 27 August 2020.

15. **Mihi / Karakia whakamutunga – closing**

The Chair thanked everyone for their participation and invited Cr Pham to close the meeting with a karakia.

The meeting closed at 2.00pm

**CONFIRMED**

Date 27 August 2020

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

**Chair**