

Minutes of 526th meeting of the Canterbury Regional Council held in the Council Chamber, 200 Tuam Street, Christchurch, on Thursday, 13 May 2021 at 10.35am

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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

Tumu Taiao: laean Cranwell

Management and officers present

Stefanie Rixecker (Chief Executive), Katherine Harbrow (Director Operations), Tafflyn Bradford-James (Director Communication and Engagement), Catherine Schache (General Counsel), Toshi Hodliffe (Governance Services Team Leader) and Louise McDonald (Senior Committee Advisor).

Report writers and other staff were also present.

1. Mihi/Karakia Timatanga – Opening

Chair Hughey welcomed everyone to the meeting. Tumu Taiao laean Cranwell gave a mihi whakatau.

The karakia for the day had been made at the Regulation Hearing Committee meeting held at 8.30am.

2. **Apology**

Tumu Taiao Yvette Couch-Lewis

3. **Conflicts of interest**

No conflicts of interest were declared.

4. **Public Forum, Deputations and Petitions**

There were no Public Forum, Deputations or Petitions

5. **Minutes**

Refer pages 9 to 17 of the agenda.

29 April 2021

Resolved

That the Council:

1. **confirms and adopts as a true and correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 29 April 2021 with the following corrections to item 7.1 Council Committee Structure:**

- **page 10 of the agenda - correct spelling of Te Ao Māori**
- **page 10 of the agenda – correct spelling of alignment**
- **page 11 pf the agenda – appoints Tumu Taiao Couch-Lewis and Cr Marshall to be Co-Chairs of the Regulation Hearing Committee.**

Chair Hughey/Cr Pham
CARRIED

29 April 2021 – public excluded

Refer page 16 of the agenda

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 29 April 2021**

Cr Scott/Cr Edge
CARRIED

6. **Matters Arising**

The Chief Executive advised that letters had been sent to Nelson Early and Philip Haythornthwaite following their presentations to the public forum at the meeting held on 15 April 2021.

7. **Matter for Council Decision**

7.1 **Climate Change Emergency Update**

Refer pages 18 to 20 of the agenda.

Crs McKenzie and Southworth presented this item.

The following requests were made:

- That the minutes for this meeting have a link to the 2019 independent report on the 2017 greenhouse gas emissions of Environment Canterbury's Tuam Street and Timaru offices, and passenger vehicle fleet.
- That the information gained from Environment Canterbury's actions on its own organisational greenhouse emissions would be useful for other organisations.
- Future reports could include information about good projects being undertaken by other organisations.

Resolved

That the Council:

- 1. receives the update on the climate change work programme.**

Cr McKenzie/Cr Southworth
CARRIED

7.2 **Essential Freshwater Package Indicative Milestones**

Refer pages 21 to 29 of the agenda.

Caroline Hart, Senior Strategy Manager presented this report.

Cr McKay acknowledged the work done over the last 10 years under the auspices of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy. She noted that there was advice available on the Council website about the Freshwater Package and stressed the importance of providing certainty for land owners and managers; people need to know what to do.

Resolved

That the Council:

- 1. approves the planned approach and indicative programmes for the implementation of Essential Freshwater, including the key dates and milestones.**

Cr McKay/Cr Scott
CARRIED

7.1 **Submission on National Direction for Reduction of Greenhouse Gas Emissions**

Refer pages 30 to 39 of the agenda.

Jesse Burgess, Senior Strategy Advisor presented this report.

The following changes to the submission were requested:

- A change to the second bullet point on page 2 of the submission (page 36 of the agenda) to read:
 - “There are challenges our region will face in terms of the transition:
 - the new and ongoing environmental impact from new energy sources.”
- More emphasis be place on the second sentence of paragraph 4 on page 2 of the submission (page 36 of the agenda):
 - “In Canterbury we have large areas of highly productive land and it is important this be available for production and not dedicated energy crops to meet the new demand.”
- The wording from the submission be included in recommendation 1 *for phasing out fossil fuels in process heat*.

Resolved

That the Council:

1. **agrees that the attached submission on national direction from the Ministry for the Environment for phasing out fossil fuels in process heat be submitted to the Ministry for the Environment.**
2. **delegates to the Chief Executive and Chair the authority to finalise and approve the final submission on behalf of the Council ready for submission by May 20, 2021.**

Cr Scott/Cr McKenzie
CARRIED

7.4 Council Approval for Canterbury Regional Council (Ngāi Tahu Representation) Bill

Refer pages 40 to 53 of the agenda.

Catherine Schache, General Counsel presented this report.

Councillors acknowledged the work of the previous Council, staff, Papatipu Rūnanga and Ngāi Tahu on this and the previous Bill. This work recognised the importance of continuing to progress the Council's partnership with mana whenua.

Resolved

That the Council:

1. **agrees, for the reasons set out on this paper, that no consultation is necessary in relation to its decision to be the promoter for the Bill;**
2. **agrees in principle to be the promoter for the Bill, substantially in the form attached to this paper;**
3. **delegates to the Chair and the Chief Executive the authority to negotiate and agree the final wording of the Bill (including making changes of minor effect, or that are requested by Papatipu Rūnanga and/or the Parliamentary Counsel Office or Office of the Clerk, but that do not affect the principles of the Bill); and**
4. **delegates to the Chief Executive the authority to engage with Parliamentary Counsel Office, the Clerk, Department of Internal Affairs, Te Arawhiti and the Remuneration Authority, notify the Bill and otherwise to attend to the requirements of Parliament's Standing Orders in relation to the Bill.**

Cr Pauling/ Cr Hands
CARRIED

7.5 **Annual Reports Lower Waitaki South Coastal Canterbury and Orari Temuka Opihi Pareora Water Zone Committees**

Refer pages 54 to 61 of the agenda

Lower Waitaki South Coastal Canterbury Water Zone Committee

Bruce Murphy presented the Lower Waitaki South Coastal Canterbury Zone Committee 2020 Progress Report. He paid tribute to out-going committee member Kate White's significant contribution to the Zone Committee.

The Zone Committee were keen to be involved in implementation from the ground up, rather than waiting for Environment Canterbury.

He described some of the key issues in the zone including:

- The erosion along the Waitaki River that was destroying farm land and the braids of the river.
- The braided river revival plan being discussed by the rūnanga and the Department of Conservation.
- Engaging the school community
- Frustration at the lack of funding to start implementation, engage with and help the community.

Mr Murphy thanked facilitator Dave Moore for his support.

Orari Temuka Opihi Pareora Water Zone Committee

Via a link from the Timaru office Deputy Chair Phil Driver presented the 2020 Orari Temuka Opihi Pareora Water Zone Progress Report on behalf of Chair Lucy Millar. He thanked the Committee Facilitator Janine Roux for her great work

Dr Driver explained that the zone committee needs to be aspirational and to inspire people to go beyond the minimum, zone committees need to be empowered.

He requested that an independent assessment be undertaken on the zone committees to get free and frank advice for a proposal to the Canterbury Mayoral Forum.

Resolved

That the Council:

1. **receives the Lower Waitaki South Coastal Zone Committee Annual Report 2020.**

Cr Marshall/Cr Mackenzie
CARRIED

Resolved

That the Council:

2. **receives the Orari Temuka Opihi Pareora Zone Committee Annual Report 2020.**

Cr McKenzie/Cr Marshall
CARRIED

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 20 May 2021

13 **Mihi / Karakia whakamutunga – closing**

The Chair thanked everyone for their participation and Cr Marshall closed the meeting with a karakia.

The meeting closed at 12.33pm

CONFIRMED

Date 17 June 2021


_____ Chair