

Minutes of 536th meeting of the Canterbury Regional Council (under COVID-19 Alert Level 2 restrictions) on Thursday, 25 November 2021 at 10.34am

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Present

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

Tumu Taiao Iaeon Cranwell

** attended virtually via MS Teams*

Management and officers present

Stefanie Rixecker* (Chief Executive), Katherine Trought (Director Strategy and Planning), Katherine Harbrow (Director Operations), Tafflyn Bradford-James (Director Communications and Engagement), Tim Davie (Director Science), Catherine Schache (General Counsel), Jesse

Burgess (Senior Strategy Manager), Toshi Hodliffe (Team Leader Strategy and Planning), Catherine McMillian* (General Manager Governance), Vivienne Ong (Committee Advisor), and Christina Eaglin (Committee Advisor)

* *attended virtually via MS Teams*

Report writers and supporting staff were also in attendance.

1. **Mihi/Karakia Timatanga – Opening**

Tumu Taiao laean Cranwell opened the meeting with a mihi whakatau, followed by Councillor Elizabeth McKenzie with a karakia.

The Chair advised that the meeting was being recorded and that the recording would be made available on the Regional Council website.

2. **Apologies**

Apologies received from Tumu Taiao Yvette Couch-Lewis and Councillors Megan Hands and Tane Apanui.

3. **Conflicts of interest**

No conflicts of interest were declared.

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

- 4.1 **Jolyon White** from the Anglican Advocacy presented an item regarding a free fares campaign for central government to fund transport for community service cardholders, students and under 25s. The free fares campaign currently has the support of over 60 groups nationwide.

Key Points

- Request Environment Canterbury join the free fares campaign.

RESOLVED:

That the Council:

1. **receives the Public Forum matter on ‘free fares campaign to fund transport for community service cardholders, students and under 25s’ from Jolyon White**
2. **refers the matter to the Chief Executive to reply.**

Cr Lan Pham/Cr Phil Clearwater
CARRIED

- 4.2 **Kim Fowler** the President of University of Canterbury Student Association (UCSA) spoke in support of the Anglican Advocacy free fares campaign for central government to fund transport for community service cardholders, students and under 25s.

Key Points

- The free fares campaign would benefit students who are the most price sensitive and free fares on public transport would increase student patronage on buses.
- The USCA requests that Environment Canterbury joins the collective to support the call for central government to fund transport for community service cardholders, students and under 25s.

RESOLVED:

That the Council:

1. **receives the Public Forum matter on ‘free fares campaign to fund transport for community service cardholders, students and under 25s’ from Kim Fowler**
2. **refers the matter to the Chief Executive to reply.**

Cr Nicole Marshall/Cr Vicky Southworth

CARRIED

5. **Minutes**

5.1 **Council minutes – 17 November 2021**

Refer pages 8 of the agenda.

RESOLVED

That the Council:

- 1.1. **confirms and adopts as a true and correct record the minutes of the Council meeting held on 17 November 2021.**

Cr Peter Scott/Cr Grant Edge

CARRIED

6. **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

7. **Committee Reports**

7.1 **Standing Committees**

7.1.1 **Climate Change Action Committee**

Refer page 16 of the agenda.

Councillors Elizabeth McKenzie and Vicky Southworth presented this item.

RESOLVED:

That the Council:

1. **receives the confirmed minutes from the meeting of the Climate Change Action Committee held on 12 August 2021**

confirmed

Cr Elizabeth McKenzie/Cr Vicky Southworth
CARRIED

7.1.2 **Audit, Finance and Risk Committee**

Refer page 25 of the agenda.

Councillor John Sunckell presented this item and answered questions of clarification on audit and risk assurance processes.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That the Council:

1. receives and confirms as a correct record of the minutes of the Audit, Finance and Risk Committee meeting held Thursday, 7 October 2021
2. receives the summary of the financial reports for the period ending 31 August 2021
3. approves the alteration of the timing of the VHF Communications Network capex item from Years 1 to 3 of the Long-Term Plan to Year 1 of the Long-Term Plan (2021-22)
4. notes the resolutions made by the Committee under delegated authority (refer to the Committee's Terms of Reference, Clause 4).

RESOLVED

CHAIR JENNY HUGHEY UNDER STANDING ORDER 23.6 (*a chairperson, when moving the adoption of a recommendation from a committee or sub-committee to the council can include in the motion an amendment to the committee or sub-committee's recommendation*) **amended the committee recommendation by removing clause 3.**

Chair Jenny Hughey/Cr Lan Pham
The amendment was CARRIED

RESOLVED

That the Council:

1. **receives and confirms as a correct record of the minutes of the Audit, Finance and Risk Committee meeting held Thursday, 7 October 2021**

Cr John Sunckell/Cr Claire McKay
CARRIED

2. **receives the summary of the financial reports for the period ending 31 August 2021**

Cr John Sunckell/Cr Claire McKay
CARRIED

3. **notes the resolutions made by the Committee under delegated authority (refer to the Committee's Terms of Reference, Clause 4).**

Cr John Sunckell/Cr Lan Pham

confirmed

CARRIED

7.2 Joint Committees

7.2.1 Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee

Refer page 45 of the agenda.

Councillors Phil Clearwater and Grant Edge presented this item.

RESOLVED:

That the Council:

- 1. receives the unconfirmed minutes of the Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee meeting held on 5 November 2021.**

Cr Grant Edge/Cr Phil Clearwater
CARRIED

8. Matters for Council Decision

8.1 Taking Responsibility for Our Waste – Consultation Document

Refer pages 52-140 of the agenda.

This item was presented by a member of staff.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Council

1. approves the attached draft submission to the Ministry for Environment on the Te kawē i te haepapa para: Taking Responsibility for Our Waste Consultation Document
2. delegates to the Chief Executive the amendment of any minor or clerical errors in the submission, prior to submitting it to the Ministry for the Environment.

RESOLVED

That the Council

- 1. agrees to substitute current staff recommendations with revised recommendations to reflect that the Council wished to make amendments to the submissions in agenda item 8.1 and agenda item 8.2 of this meeting.**

Chair Jenny Hughey/Cr Peter Scott
The amendment was CARRIED

RESOLVED

That the Council

- 1. The council agrees to amend the submission by inserting an additional paragraph at paragraph 23, below existing 22 as follows:**

- Household chemicals and waste.
A lot of invisible waste is washed into our urban wastewater and stormwater systems. These include personal care products, cleaning products, excess medications, and other household chemicals. Some of these compounds have an adverse effect on the environment, some bioaccumulate and are becoming problematic emerging contaminants. They are not currently addressed in this, or other existing legislation. We need regulations and product stewardship pathways for this type of waste.

Cr Elizabeth McKenzie/Cr Nicole Marshall
CARRIED
Against: 2

2. The Council agrees to amend the submission by inserting an additional stage one priority bullet point in paragraph 6, as follows:

- Investing in research and development – the funding of research to identify waste streams that can re-enter the materials cycle as an input, is a tool for supporting the implementation of a circular economy. An example would be the finding that prawn shells can be used for extracting collagen, a high value output from what is currently a waste material.

Cr Vicky Southworth/Cr Lan Pham
CARRIED
Against: 2

3. approves the attached draft submission to the Ministry for Environment on the Te kawe I te haepapa para: Taking Responsibility for Our Waste Consultation Document with the additions agreed.

Chair Jenny Hughey/Cr Grant Edge
CARRIED

4. delegates to the Chief Executive the amendment of any minor or clerical errors in the submission, prior to submitting it to the Ministry for the Environment.

Chair Jenny Hughey/Cr Lan Pham
CARRIED

8.2 Emissions Reduction Plan discussion document submission

Pages 141-161 of the agenda

This item was presented by a member of staff.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That Council

1. approves Canterbury Regional Council's submission on the *'Transitioning to a low-emissions and climate-resilient future: Emissions Reduction Plan'* discussion document
2. delegates to the Chief Executive the amendment of any minor or clerical errors in the submission, prior to submitting it to the Ministry for the Environment.

RESOLVED

That the Council

- 1. agrees to substitute current staff recommendations with revised recommendations to reflect that the Council wished to make amendments to the submissions in agenda item 8.1 and agenda item 8.2 of this meeting.**

Chair Jenny Hughey/Cr Peter Scott
The amendment was CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 11.46am and reconvened at 11.53am.

RESOLVED

That the Council:

- 1. approves Canterbury Regional Council's final submission on the '*Transitioning to a low-emissions and climate-resilient future: Emissions Reduction Plan*' discussion document as amended**

Chair Jenny Hughey/Cr Lan Pham
CARRIED
Against: 4
Abstained: 1

- 2. That the Council agrees to amend the submission as follows:**

- a. That the second sentence of paragraph 7 be amended as follows:**

This fare reduction is an opportunity to support people in greater Christchurch to use low-carbon transport by removing the cost barrier for those who qualify for reduced fares.

Cr Phil Clearwater/Cr Grant Edge
CARRIED
Against: 1

- b. That a new sentence be added at the end of paragraph 60 that reads as follows:**

Greening our urban environments to achieve carbon sequestration and deliver on our emissions reduction targets will also support creating an environment conducive with mode shift.

Cr Grant Edge/Cr Vicky Southworth
CARRIED

- c. That paragraph 78 be amended as follows:**

We note evidence indicates that investing in improving public transport services (especially frequency and coverage) is likely to have an impact on growing ridership alongside levers such as reducing fares.

Cr Vicky Southworth/Cr Lan Pham
CARRIED

- d. That a new paragraph 78. Be added that reads as follows:**

We would like to see the government consider supporting the call of the Aotearoa Collective for Public Transport Equity and their Free Fares Campaign for under 25s, community service card holders and tertiary students.

confirmed

Cr Lan Pham/Cr Nicole Marshall
CARRIED
Against: 4
Abstained: 1

e. That the following paragraph be added as a new paragraph 119 to the submission

We support development of agricultural innovations, including sequestering carbon in the soil, through improved farming practices and natural soil-building processes.

Cr Phil Clearwater/Cr Ian Mackenzie
CARRIED
Abstained: 2

f. That the following sentence be added to paragraph 118.

We also note that a reduction in fossil carbon emissions through reducing the use of synthetic nitrogen fertiliser, imported phosphate and palm kernel expeller feed (PKE) could also support an improvement in water quality outcomes.

Cr Vicky Southworth/Cr Lan Pham
CARRIED

A division was called [Standing Order 19.5], voting on f. which was as follows:

<u>For:</u>	<u>Against:</u>	<u>Abstained:</u>
Councillor Vicky Southworth	Councillor Claire McKay	Councillor Nicole Marshall
Councillor Grant Edge	Councillor John Sunckell	
Councillor Jenny Hughey	Councillor Ian Mackenzie	
Councillor Phil Clearwater	Councillor Peter Scott	
Councillor Lan, Pham		
Councillor Craig Pauling		
Councillor Elizabeth McKenzie		
<i>Total For: 7</i>	<i>Total Against: 4</i>	<i>Total Abstained: 1</i>

g. That a new paragraph 146. Be added to the submission that reads as follows:

We strongly support the Banks Peninsula Native Forest/Climate Change group's submission which clearly outlines the factors which need to change in order to effectively incentivise the regeneration of native vegetation and planting of native forestry.

Cr Lan Pham/Cr Vicky Southworth
CARRIED

3. delegates to the Chief Executive the amendment of any minor or clerical errors in the submission, prior to submitting it to the Ministry for the Environment

Chair Jenny Hughey/Cr Phil Clearwater
CARRIED

Adjourned for lunch at 12.43pm and reconvened 1.15pm.

8.3 Climate Emergency Update

Pages 162-163 of the agenda

Councillor Craig Pauling and staff provided an update.

Key Points:

- The INTECOL International Wetlands Conference featured a documentary, partly funded by the Department of Conservation (DOC), about wetlands across New Zealand, highlighting the restoration projects on Ahuriri Lagoon.
- Projections of climate change flooding show that the life cycle of birds who nest on braided river islands and low gravel bars is likely to be affected.

RESOLVED

That the Council:

1. **receives the update on the climate change work programme at Environment Canterbury Regional Council.**

Cr Vicky Southworth/Cr Elizabeth McKenzie
CARRIED

Chair Jenny Hughey under Standing Order 9.4 (*at the meeting the business is to be dealt with in the order in which it stands on the agenda unless the Chairperson, or the meeting, decides otherwise*) changed the order of business that agenda item 10 would be taken next.

10. **Public Excluded Business to be Transferred into the Open**

Pages 166-169 of the agenda

A member of staff presented this item.

RESOLVED

That the Council:

1. **receives this as notification that the “Appointment of the Canterbury Civil Defence Emergency Management Controller/Regional Manager” report has been approved for release to the public, after it was previously considered in a public excluded session of the Canterbury Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee at their extraordinary meeting on 18 October 2021**
2. **receives this as notification that certain information listed about the former Odeon Theatre and the Lawrie & Wilson building was approved for release to the public by the Chief Executive on 8 November 2021 in accordance with Canterbury Regional Council Standing Orders SO18.4 and SO18 5.**

Cr John Sunckell/Cr Grant Edge
CARRIED

9. **Exclusion of the Public**

Pages 164-165 of the agenda.

RESOLVED

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

- 1. Council minutes – 17 November 2021**
- 2. Audit, Finance and Risk Committee minutes – 7 October 2021**
- 3. Environment Canterbury Property Update**
- 4. CWMS Zone Committee Refresh Cycle 2021-2024**

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	Unconfirmed Minutes – Council 17 November 2021	Good reason exists under section 7	Section 48(1)(a)
2	Unconfirmed Public Excluded minutes – Audit Finance and Risk Committee – 7 October 2021		
3	Environment Canterbury Property Update		
4	CWMS Zone Committee Refresh Cycle 2021-2024		

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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2	Protect information where the making available of that information would be likely to prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation, and detection of offences, and the right to a fair trial – Section 6(a)
2	Protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information – Section 7(2)(b)(ii)
2	Maintain professional legal privilege – Section 7(2)(g)
2,3	Enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities – Section 7(2)(h)
2,3	Enable the Committee holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) – Section 7(2)(i)
2	Prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage – Section 7(2)(j)

1,4	Protect the privacy of natural persons
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That appropriate officers remained to provide advice to the Council.

Chair Jenny Hughey/Cr Peter Scott
CARRIED

The meeting went into public excluded session from 1.37pm to 1.58pm.

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, 9 December 2021.

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

Cr Elizabeth McKenzie provided a karakia whakamutunga.

1.58pm – The meeting **closed**.

CONFIRMED:

Chair Jenny Hughey
Chair, Environment Canterbury