

Minutes of 538th meeting of the Canterbury Regional Council (under COVID-19 Orange Traffic Light restrictions) on Thursday, 16 December 2021 at 10.32am

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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, Vicky Southworth, and John Sunckell.

Nga Tumu Taiao Yvette Couch-Lewis*, and Iaeen Cranwell

** attended virtually via MS Teams*

Management and officers present

Stefanie Rixecker (Chief Executive), Katherine Trought (Director Strategy and Planning), Katherine Harbrow (Director Operations), Giles Southwell (Director Finance and Corporate Services), Tafflyn Bradford-James (Director Communications and Engagement), Tim Davie (Director Science), Catherine Schache (General Counsel), Stewart Gibbon (General Manager Public Transport), Catherine McMillian (General Manager Governance), Vivienne Ong (Committee Advisor), and Christina Eaglin (Committee Advisor)

Report writers and supporting staff were also in attendance.

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

Councillor Craig Pauling opened the meeting with a mihi whakatau, followed by Tumu Taiao laean Cranwell 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**

An apology was received from Councillor Lan Pham, and Councillor Megan Hands (for lateness).

3. **Conflicts of interest**

No conflicts of interest were declared.

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

- 4.1 **Nicky Snoyink**, General Conservation Manager of Forest and Bird presented an item (via MS Teams) on funding for wallaby control.

RESOLVED:

That the Council:

1. **receives the Public Forum matter from Nicky Snoyink, General Conservation Manager, Forest and Bird on funding for wallaby control**
2. **refers the matter to the Chief Executive.**

Cr Elizabeth McKenzie/Cr Craig Pauling

CARRIED

- 4.2 **Matt Simpson**, member of the Southern Biodiversity Group, and Co-Chair of the Regional Wallaby Group (via MS Teams) spoke on extra funding for eradication of wallaby.

RESOLVED:

That the Council:

1. **receives the Public Forum matter from Matt Simpson, member of the Southern Biodiversity Group and Co-Chair of the Regional Wallaby Group on extra funding for eradication of wallaby**
2. **refers the matter to the Chief Executive.**

Cr Ian Mackenzie/Cr John Sunckell

CARRIED

- 4.3 **Ross Houlston**, of The Greater Hornby Residents Group, supported by **Mike Mora**, Community Board Chairperson of the Waipuna/Halswell/Hornby/Riccarton Ward Christchurch City Council, spoke on progress this year by the Canterbury Regional Council.

Councillor Megan Hands joined online at 11.15am.

RESOLVED:

That the Council:

1. **receives the Public Forum matter from Ross Houlston, representing The Greater Hornby Residents Group, and Mike Mora, representing the Community Board for Waipuna-Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton Ward regarding progress this year by Canterbury Regional Council**
2. **refers the matter to the Chief Executive.**

Cr Craig Pauling/Cr Peter Scott
CARRIED

The Chair changed the order of business to discuss item 6.3 Adoption of the 2022/21 Annual Report.

6. Matters for Council Decision

- 6.3 **Adoption of the 2022/21 Annual Report**
Refer to page 27 of the agenda.

Julian Tan (Audit Director) and Debbie Bradfield from Audit New Zealand, joined the meeting for agenda item 6.3

This item was presented by a member of staff who introduced Julian Tan, Audit Director, Audit New Zealand.

Auditor Julian Tan confirmed a clean audit opinion and explained the audit had been delayed due to the impacts of COVID-19.

Councillor Ian Mackenzie left the meeting at 11.23am and re-joined at 11.25am.

RESOLVED

That the Council:

1. **approves the draft 2020/21 Annual Report and Annual Report Summary of the financial reports for the year ended 30 June 2021**
2. **delegates to the Chief Executive the authority to make alterations of minor effect or to correct any minor errors to the approved 2020/21 Annual Report**

3. **authorises the Chair and Chief Executive to sign the representation letters to the auditor**
4. **receives the Independent Auditor's Report of Environment Canterbury's Annual Report and Annual Report Summary for the year ended 30 June 2021**
5. **adopts the 2020/21 audited Annual Report and Annual Report Summary.**

Chair Jenny Hughey/Cr Peter Scott
CARRIED

The Representation letters were signed and presented to the Auditor.

Councillor Peter Scott left the meeting at 11.56am.

5. **Committee Reports**

5.1 **Standing Committees**

5.1.1 **Regulation Hearing Committee**

Refer to page 6 of the agenda.

Councillor Nicole Marshall presented this item.

RESOLVED:

That the Council:

1. **receives the unconfirmed minutes from the meeting of the Regulation Hearing Committee held on 2 December 2021.**

Cr Nicole Marshall/Cr Claire McKay
CARRIED

5.2 **Statutory Committees**

5.2.1 **Canterbury Regional Transport Committee**

Refer to page 11 of the agenda.

Councillor Peter Scott presented this item.

RESOLVED:

That the Council:

1. **receives the unconfirmed minutes of the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee meeting held on 18 November 2021.**

Cr Peter Scott/Cr Grant Edge
CARRIED

6. **Matters for Council Decision**

6.1 **Proposed Council and Committee Schedule for 2022**

Refer to page 19 of the agenda.

This item was presented by a member of staff.

Staff Recommendation:

1. adopts the Council and Committee Schedule for 2022 as attached to the 16 December 2021 Council agenda, agenda item 6.1, appendix 6.1.1.

An amendment was moved as follows:

RESOLVED

That the Council:

1. **adopts the Council and Committee Schedule for 2022 as attached to the 16 December 2021 Council agenda, agenda item 6.1, appendix 6.1.1 and for these meetings:**

1.1. Council Meetings:

- a. **16 February 2022**
- b. **24 February 2022**
- c. **17 March 2022**
- d. **13 April 2022**
- e. **19 May 2022**
- f. **24 May 2022**
- g. **16 June 2022**
- h. **28 July 2022**
- i. **18 August 2022**
- j. **22 September 2022**
- k. **27 October 2022**
- l. **10 November 2022**
- m. **8 December 2022**

1.2. Audit, Finance and Risk Committee:

- a. **24 February 2022**
- b. **24 March 2022**
- c. **28 April 2022**
- d. **26 May 2022**
- e. **23 June 2022**
- f. **25 August 2022**
- g. **15 September 2022**
- h. **24 November 2022**

1.3. Climate Change Action Committee:

- a. **2 March 2022**
- b. **30 June 2022**
- c. **30 November 2022**

1.4. Chief Executive Performance and Remuneration Committee:

- a. **8 February 2022**
- b. **3 May 2022**
- c. **2 August 2022**
- d. **28 November 2022**

1.5. Catchment Sub Committee:

- a. **9 March 2022**
- b. **11 May 2022**
- c. **10 August 2022**

- d. 16 November 2022
- 1.6. **Natural Environment Committee:**
 - a. 23 February 2022
 - b. 6 April 2022
 - c. 18 May 2022
 - d. 29 June 2022
 - e. 24 August 2022
 - f. 1 December 2022
- 1.7. **Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee:**
 - a. 17 February 2022
 - b. 31 March 2022
 - c. 12 May 2022
 - d. 22 June 2022
 - e. 11 August 2022
 - f. 21 September 2022
 - g. 23 November 2022
- 1.8. **Canterbury Regional Transport Committee:**
 - a. 17 February 2022
 - b. 26 May 2022
 - c. 25 August 2022
 - d. 24 November 2022
- 1.9. **Transport and Urban Development Committee:**
 - a. 3 March 2022
 - b. 14 April 2022
 - c. 2 June 2022
 - d. 27 July 2022
 - e. 7 September 2022
 - f. 17 November 2022

Cr Craig Pauling/Cr Nicole Marshall
CARRIED

6.2 **Establishment of Emergency Committee**
Refer to page 25 of the agenda.

This item was presented by a member of staff.

RESOLVED

That:

1. the Council establishes an Emergency Committee comprising the Chair, Deputy Chair and Chair of Audit, Finance and Risk Committee to deal with any matters of urgency (including making any decisions) over the period 17 December 2021 to 28 January 2022; and
2. the Council notes the existing delegation to the Chief Executive of the authority to approve contingency expenditure of \$250,000 for emergency works; and
3. the Emergency Committee and the Chief Executive then report any decisions made by the Emergency Committee or the Chief Executive, to the February 2022 Council meeting.

Cr Ian Mackenzie/Cr Grant Edge
CARRIED

6.4 **Annual Plan: Public Transport Fares Engagement**
Refer to page 181 of the agenda.

Members of staff presented this item.

Councillor Peter Scott re-joined the meeting at 12.00pm.

RESOLVED

That the Council:

- 1. notes that, in accordance with Council meeting 30 September 2021 Resolution 9 options have been considered to inform the draft 2022/23 Annual Plan process**

Chair Jenny Hughey/Cr Peter Scott
CARRIED

An amendment was moved by Councillor Grant Edge and seconded by Councillor Vicky Southworth.

2. approves the following four options for a two-year fare trial, to be included in the draft 2022/23 Annual Plan consultation:
 - 2.1. status quo (no change to existing fares, includes the tertiary student concession agreed on at the Council meeting of 30 September 2021)
 - 2.2. reduce the base MetroCard fare to \$2.00 for adults (with the standard 40% fare concession for under 19-year-olds and tertiary students at \$1.20). Applied across the whole of the greater Christchurch bus network (including Leeston and Darfield), but not the Diamond Harbour Ferry Service
 - 2.3. remove fares for targeted user cohorts; namely under 25-year-olds, tertiary students, users who have a Community Services Card and users who have a mobility-related disability
 - 2.4. reduce the base Metrocard fare to \$2.50 for adults and \$1.00 for under 19-year-olds and tertiary students applied across the whole of the greater Christchurch bus network (including Leeston and Darfield), but not the Diamond Harbour Ferry Service.

Cr Grant Edge/Cr Vicky Southworth

A Division was called, voting on which was as follows:

<u>For:</u>	<u>Against:</u>	<u>Abstained:</u>
Councillor Vicky Southworth	Councillor Megan Hands	
Councillor Elizabeth McKenzie	Councillor Craig Pauling	
Councillor Phil Clearwater	Councillor Tane Apanui	
Councillor Grant Edge	Councillor Ian Mackenzie	
Chair Jenny Hughey	Councillor Claire McKay	
	Councillor Peter Scott	
	Councillor Nicole Marshall	
	Councillor John Sunckell	
<i>Total For: 5</i>	<i>Total Against: 8</i>	<i>Total Abstained: Nil</i>

The majority vote being against, the amendment was LOST

RESOLVED

That the Council:

2. **approves the following three options for a two-year fare trial, to be included in the draft 2022/23 Annual Plan consultation:**
 - 2.1. **status quo (no change to existing fares, includes the tertiary student concession agreed on at the Council meeting of 30 September 2021)**
 - 2.2. **reduce the base MetroCard fare to \$2.00 for adults (with the standard 40% fare concession for under 19-year-olds and tertiary students at \$1.20). Applied across the whole of the greater Christchurch bus network (including Leeston and Darfield), but not the Diamond Harbour Ferry Service**
 - 2.3. **remove fares for targeted user cohorts; namely under 25-year-olds, tertiary students, users who have a Community Services Card and users who have a mobility-related disability**

Chair Jenny Hughey/Cr Peter Scott

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

3. notes that the targeted fare free option commencing in February 2023 will be used as the baseline, this will require between \$3.6 million to \$4.8 million additional rates in 2022/23

An amendment to the staff recommendation was moved for a minor clarification:

3. **notes that the targeted fare free option (2.3 above) commencing in February 2023 will be used as the baseline, this will require between \$3.6 million to \$4.8 million additional rates in 2022/23**

Chair Jenny Hughey/Cr Craig Pauling

CARRIED

Abstained: 1

- 3.1. **notes that the Diamond Harbour ferry adult MetroCard fare would reduce from \$4.70 per trip to \$4.00 as part of this proposed fare structure**
4. **notes that under the fare free option the eligibility for mobility impairment concession will amend the Total Mobility system in line with other regions in New Zealand.**

Chair Jenny Hughey/Cr Peter Scott

CARRIED

6.5 **Financial Delegation to Support Flood Recovery** *Refer to page 185 of the agenda.*

This item was presented by a member of staff.

RESOLVED

That the Council:

1. provides additional financial delegation approval for unbudgeted May/June 2021 flood recovery expenditure of a further \$4.1 million for the year ended 30 June 2022 (noting that Council has already approved \$4.1 million for immediate flood recovery work)
2. notes that potential options for rating changes for funding flood recovery are being explored by staff for inclusion in the draft 2022/23 Annual Plan.

Cr John Sunckell/Cr Claire McKay
CARRIED

7. Exclusion of the public from part of the Council Meeting

Refer to page 188 of the agenda.

RESOLVED

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

1. Public Transport EV Procurement

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	Public Transport EV Procurement	Good reason exists under section 7	Section 48(1)(a)

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 any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities – Section(2)(h) Enable the Committee holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) – Section 7(2)(i)

That appropriate officers remained to provide advice to the Council.

Chair Jenny Hughey/Cr Phil Clearwater
CARRIED

The meeting went into public excluded session from 12.32pm to 12.49pm.

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

There were no items to be transferred into the open.

9. **Extraordinary Business**

There was no extraordinary or urgent business.

10. **Notices of Motion**

There were no Notices of Motion.

12. **Next meeting**

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, 16 February 2021.

14. **Mihi/Karakia Whakamutunga – closing**

Tumu Taiao laean Cranwell provided a karakia whakamutunga.

12.52pm – The meeting **closed**.

CONFIRMED:

Chair Jenny Hughey
Chair, Environment Canterbury