

Minutes of the 548th meeting of the Canterbury Regional Council (under COVID-19 Orange Traffic Light restrictions) at Environment Canterbury, Council Chamber, 200 Tuam Street, Christchurch on Tuesday, 24 May 2022 at 11.01am.

Present

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

Ngā Tumu Taiao: Yvette Couch-Lewis and Iaeen Cranwell*

Report writers and other staff were also present.

*via MS Teams

1. Mihi/Karakia Timatanga - Opening

Cr Craig Pauling opened the meeting with a mihi whakatau and acknowledged and paid respects to whanau of the recent passing of two great wahine; Dame Aroha Reriti-Crofts of Ngāu Tūāhuriri, and Karen Morgan of Ōnuku. Cr Phil Clearwater followed with a karakia.

The Chair changed the order of business to take item 9.0 Public Excluded after agenda item 7.4

2. Apologies

The apologies for lateness was received from Tumu Taiao Yvette Couch-Lewis.

3. Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest reported.

4. Public Forum, Deputations and Petitions

There were no requests for public forum, deputations and petitions.

5. Extraordinary and Urgent Business

8.2 Budget 2022 Public Transport Funding Implications

The purpose of this paper was to provide Council information on aspects of the Government's Budget 2022 that have possible implications for the funding of public transport and the Council's Annual Plan 2022/23.

There was extensive discussion on this item and the following was requested to be recorded:

- After working with the appropriate committees, staff will bring back to Council budget allocation options, eg: transport reserves, and/or climate change emergency transport on reducing carbon emissions.

Resolved CNCL/2022/58

That the Council:

1. Receives the Supplementary Paper titled "Budget 2022 public transport funding implications". This item was not on the published agenda for this meeting because it relates to information that became available after the agenda was finalised, during the government's budget announcements on Thursday 19 May. The budget announcements have possible implications for the funding of public transport and this Council's Annual Plan 2022/23. This information is therefore potentially relevant to the Council's deliberations on its Annual Plan 2022/23, which need to be completed at the meetings on 24 and 25 May 2022, which is why this item cannot be delayed to a subsequent meeting.

Cr Grant Edge/Cr Phil Clearwater
CARRIED

6. Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

7. Minutes

7.1. Unconfirmed Council Minutes - 26 April 2022

Resolved CNCL/2022/59

Staff recommendations adopted without change.

That the Council:

1. Confirms the minutes from the Council meeting held on 26 April 2022.

Chair Jenny Hughey/Cr Peter Scott
CARRIED

7.2. Unconfirmed Council Minutes - 27 April 2022

Resolved CNCL/2022/60

Staff recommendations adopted without change.

That the Council:

1. Confirms the minutes from the Council meeting held on 27 April 2022.

Cr John Sunckell/Cr Lan Pham

CARRIED

7.3. Unconfirmed Council Minutes - 28 April 2022

Resolved CNCL/2022/61

Staff recommendations adopted without change.

That the Council:

1. Confirms the minutes from the Council meeting held on 28 April 2022.

Chair Jenny Hughey/Cr John Sunckell

CARRIED

7.4. Unconfirmed Council Minutes - 29 April 2022

Resolved CNCL/2022/62

Staff recommendations adopted without change.

That the Council:

1. Confirms the minutes from the Council meeting held on 29 April 2022.

Chair Jenny Hughey/Cr Grant Edge

CARRIED

9. Resolution to go into Public Excluded

Resolved CNCL/2022/64

1. That Katherine Trought, Catherine Schache, Stewart Gibbon, and Brian Elliott be permitted to remain at this meeting after the public has been excluded because of their knowledge under discussion and remain after the public has been excluded as they have knowledge that is relevant to the item under discussion.

2. That at 2.31pm the resolution to exclude the public set out on pages 149 to 150 of the agenda be adopted.

Chair Jenny Hughey/Cr John Sunckell
CARRIED

The public were re-admitted to the meeting at 3.34pm.

8. Report Items

8.1. Annual Plan Deliberations

Resolved CNCL/2022/63

Staff recommendations adopted without change.

That the Council:

1. Receives the public submissions to the draft Annual Plan Mahere ā Tau 2022/23 that were made to the Council.

Cr Peter Scott/Nicole Marshall
CARRIED

2. Agrees that the starting point for its deliberations on Annual Plan Mahere ā Tau 2022/23 is the draft Annual Plan Mahere ā Tau 2022/23 as it was issued for consultation (Draft Annual Plan 2022/23).

Chair Jenny Hughey/Cr John Sunckell
CARRIED

Preliminary matters

3. Removes the \$3M that was proposed in the Draft Annual Plan 2022/23 for asset accounting changes from general rates for the Annual Plan Mahere ā Tau 2022/23.

Cr John Sunckell/Cr Peter Scott
CARRIED

4. Approves debt funding the 2022/23 and 2023/24 years of the Freshwater Regulatory Framework workstream and recovers the costs from general rates over 10 years from the year of borrowing.

Cr Peter Scott/Cr John Sunckell
CARRIED

Cr Claire McKay and Cr Megan Hands requested their vote against resolution number 4 be recorded.

Staff recommendation:

5. Approves an increase of \$2.0M in 2022/23 (general rates funded) and \$2.5M in each of the four subsequent years to replenish General Reserves over five years.

Councillor Peter Scott left the meeting at 11.50am and re-joined the meeting at 11.53am.

An amendment was moved by Cr Elizabeth McKenzie and seconded by Cr Grant Edge to change staff recommendation number 5.

5. Approves an increase of \$1.2M in 2022/23 (general rates funded) and \$1.2M in each of the nine subsequent years to replenish General Reserves over ten years.

The motions were put separately by division.

The division was declared LOST by 5 votes for to 9 votes against the voting being as follows:

For: Cr Elizabeth McKenzie, Chair Jenny Hughey, Cr Vicky Southworth, Cr Phil Clearwater, Cr Grant Edge

Against: Cr Ian Mackenzie, Cr Lan Pham, Cr Megan Hands, Cr Peter Scott, Cr John Sunckell, Cr Nicole Marshall, Cr Craig Pauling, Cr Tane Apanui, Cr Claire McKay

Abstained: None

Cr Elizabeth McKenzie/Cr Grant Edge
LOST

Substantive Motion:

5. Approves an increase of \$2.0M in 2022/23 (general rates funded) and \$2.5M in each of the four subsequent years to replenish General Reserves over five years.

Cr John Sunckell/Cr Lan Pham
CARRIED

Cr Elizabeth McKenzie requested her vote against resolution number 5 be recorded.

Public Transport

Staff recommendation:

6. Determines the bus fare structure option to include in the Annual Plan Mahere a Tau 2022/23, which will take effect from February 2023 for a two-year trial, as follows:
 - 6.1 approves Alternative Option B: Hybrid option (staff preferred option) – fares reduction from existing fares and concessions, so that fares are as follows: Community Services Card Holders - \$1 Flat Fare, U25, tertiary students, Total Mobility users - \$1 Flat Fare, remaining customers - \$2 Flat Fare
 - 6.2 notes that there were four other options available for consideration as described further in the paper at paragraph 70.

Additional language was added for clarity to resolution 6.1 and 6.2.

- 6.1 Approves Alternative Option B: Hybrid option (staff preferred option) – fares reduction from existing fares and concessions, so that fares are as follows: Community Services Card Holders - \$1 Flat Fare, (a further reduction on the Government 50% Community Services Card Concession), U25, tertiary students, Total Mobility users - \$1 Flat Fare, remaining customers - \$2 Flat Fare.
- 6.2 notes that there were three other options considered in the consultation document, namely.
 - 6.2.1 a targeted fare free option
 - 6.2.2 a \$2 flat fare option and a \$1.20 child and tertiary fare and
 - 6.2.3 a status quo option

The meeting adjourned at 12.43pm and reconvened at 12.53pm.

Substantive motion:

6. Determines the bus fare structure option to include in the Annual Plan Mahere ā Tau 2022/23, which will take effect from February 2023 for a two-year trial, as follows:

- 6.1 Approves Alternative Option B: Hybrid option (staff preferred option) – fares reduction from existing fares and concessions, so that fares are as follows:
Community Services Card Holders - \$1 Flat Fare, (a further reduction on the Government 50% Community Services Card Concession), U25, tertiary students, Total Mobility users - \$1 Flat Fare, remaining customers - \$2 Flat Fare.

- 6.2 notes that there were three other options considered in the consultation document, namely.

- 6.2.1 a targeted fare free option

- 6.2.2 a \$2 flat fare option and a \$1.20 child and tertiary fare and

- 6.2.3 a status quo option

Chair Jenny Hughey/Cr Lan Pham
CARRIED

Resolution 6.2 was noted as being agreed unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 1.34pm and reconvened at 2.08pm.

- 7 Approves the inclusion of \$70K in the Annual Plan Mahere ā Tau 2022/23 for extension of free travel for SuperGold Card holders to all day after 9.00am for the two-year fare trial.

Cr Phil Clearwater/Chair Jenny Hughey
CARRIED

- 8 Approves the inclusion in Annual Plan 2022/23 of \$8.7M cost (\$4.3M rates) to address cost escalation and driver shortages as set out in Public Excluded item.

Cr Lan Pham/Cr Peter Scott
CARRIED

- 9 Approves the inclusion in Annual Plan Mahere ā Tau 2022/23 of \$175K cost (\$88K rates) and with a full year impact of \$350K cost (\$172K rates) from Annual Plan 2023/24, to address additional costs for routes 17 and 28, including an additional morning service for Cass Bay.

Cr Phil Clearwater/Cr John Sunckell
CARRIED

- 10 Approves the inclusion in Annual Plan 2022/23 of a new targeted rate and the establishment of a new targeted rate district, to fund the new Temuka community vehicle trust as proposed in the Draft Annual Plan 2022/23.

Cr Peter Scott/Cr Elizabeth McKenzie
CARRIED

- 11 Approves the inclusion of \$500K cost (\$245K rates) in Annual Plan 2022/23 and with a full year impact of \$1.3M cost (\$637K rates) from Annual Plan 2023/24 for investment in additional resource to enhance customer and driver safety support.

Cr Nicole Marshall/Cr Tane Apanui
CARRIED

A karakia was provided by Cr Phil Clearwater.

The meeting adjourned for the day at 3.52pm.

The meeting will reconvene on Wednesday, 25 May 2022 at 11.00am.

Minutes of the 548th meeting of the Canterbury Regional Council (under COVID-19 Orange Traffic Light restrictions) at Environment Canterbury, Council Chamber, 200 Tuam Street, Christchurch on Wednesday, 25 May 2022 at 11.05am.

Present

Chair Jenny Hughey, Deputy Chair Peter Scott, Cr Tane Apanui, Cr Phil Clearwater, Cr Grant Edge, Cr Megan Hands, Cr Ian Mackenzie, Cr Nicole Marshall, Cr Claire McKay, Cr Elizabeth McKenzie, Cr Lan Pham, Cr Vicky Southworth*, and Cr John Sunckell.

Ngā Tumu Taiao: Yvette Couch-Lewis and Iaeen Cranwell*

Report writers and other staff were also present.

*via MS Teams

1. Mihi/Karakia Timatanga - Opening

Day two of deliberations reconvened with a karakia by Cr Lan Pham.

2. Apologies

An apology for early departure was received from Cr Craig Pauling.

8. Report Items

8.1. Annual Plan Deliberations

Resolved CNCL/2022/63

Flood recovery and protection

Staff recommendation:

12. Approves borrowing (in both 2022/23 and 2023/24) to fund the costs of recovery from the May 2021 floods, to be repaid by general rates over a 10 year term, as proposed in the Draft Annual Plan 2022/23.

An amendment was moved by Cr Grant Edge and seconded by Cr Phil Clearwater to provide clarity to the resolution.

*The meeting adjourned at 11.22am and reconvened at 11.30am.
Cr Craig Pauling left the meeting.*

13. Approves borrowing of up to \$12.M to fund the costs of recovery from the May 2021 floods as proposed in the draft annual plan 2022/23.

Cr Ian Mackenzie/Cr John Sunckell
CARRIED

Cr Megan Hands requested her vote to abstain on resolution 12 be recorded.

14. Approves this to be repaid by general rates over a 10 year term, as proposed in the draft annual plan 2022/23.

Cr Ian Mackenzie/Cr John Sunckell
CARRIED

Cr Grant Edge and Cr Phil Clearwater requested their vote to abstain on resolution 13 be recorded.

15. Approves the change to reclassification in the Ashburton River/Hakatere rating district as proposed in the Draft Annual Plan 2022/23.

Cr Ian Mackenzie/Cr Nicole Marshall
CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 12.26pm and reconvened at 1.01pm.

Climate Change levy

16. Approves further investigation of a climate change levy as proposed in consultation document, for consideration in future Annual Plan and Long-Term Plans.

Cr Phil Clearwater/Cr Elizabeth McKenzie
CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 1.32pm and reconvened at 1.39pm.

Councillor Ian Mackenzie left the meeting at 1.32pm.

Councillor Megan Hands left the meeting at 1.39pm and apologised for early departure.

Other matters

Staff recommendation:

17. Removes \$2.3M proposed in the Draft Annual Plan 2022/23 to account for programme and operational efficiencies for Annual Plan Mahere ā Tau 2022/23.

Councillor Ian Mackenzie re-joined the meeting at 1.44pm.

An amendment was moved by Cr Elizabeth McKenzie and seconded by Chair Jenny Hughey to change staff recommendation number 16.

16. Removes \$2.3M proposed in the Draft Annual Plan 2022/23 to account for programme and operational efficiencies for Annual Plan Mahere ā Tau 2022/23.

- 16.1 That, in light of the very recent extreme financial hardship on our ratepayers due to inflation, geopolitical changes due to war, and recent government policies on fuel and energy, Council borrows (xx amount staff to calculate and insert) this year to reduce the rates to 9 percent.

- 16.2 We note that this may appear to be inconsistent with our borrowing policy. However, our borrowing policy does not have a policy for borrowing in the case of war, rapid inflation, goods shortages, and the sudden effects of the transition that has begun to a low emission economy and will need to be amended with a clause to deal with this situation.

Cr Elizabeth McKenzie/Chair Jenny Hughey
LOST

Substantive Motion:

16. Removes \$2.3M proposed in the Draft Annual Plan 2022/23 to account for programme and operational efficiencies for Annual Plan Mahere ā Tau 2022/23.

Cr Peter Scott/Cr John Sunckell
CARRIED

Staff recommendation:

17. Approves changes in funding for the Me Uru Rākau programme to \$450K in 2022/23 and \$1M in 2023/24.

An amendment was moved by Cr Lan Pham and seconded by Cr Vicky Southworth to change staff recommendation number 17.

17. Approves changes in funding for the Me Uru Rākau programme to \$450K in 2022/23.
17.1 Approves an additional \$250k funding to Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust in 2022/23 to achieve the outcomes listed in the Trust's submission on the Annual Plan 2022/23.
17.2 Approves an additional \$300k funding towards the Council's Waitaha Action to Impact Fund 2022/23.

Council determined to take the above-amended recommendation separately:

17. Approves changes in funding for the Me Uru Rākau programme to \$450K in 2022/23

The motion (amended recommendation number 17) was put separately by division.

The division was declared LOST by 6 votes for to 7 votes against the voting being as follows:

For: Cr Phil Clearwater, Cr Lan Pham, Cr Grant Edge, Cr Vicky Southworth, Cr Elizabeth McKenzie, Chair Jenny Hughey

Against: Cr John Sunckell, Cr Megan Hands, Cr Claire McKay, Cr Tane Apanui, Cr Nicole Marshall, Cr Ian Mackenzie, Cr Peter Scott,

Abstained: None

Cr Lan Pham/Cr Vicky Southworth
LOST

- 17.1 Approves an additional \$250k funding to Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust in 2022/23 to achieve the outcomes listed in the Trust's submission on the Annual Plan 2022/23.

The motion (amended recommendation number 17.1) was put separately by division.

The division was declared LOST by 6 votes for to 7 votes against the voting being as follows:

For: Cr Vicky Southworth, Chair Jenny Hughey, Cr Lan Pham, Cr Phil Clearwater, Cr Elizabeth McKenzie, Cr Grant Edge

Against: Cr Tane Apanui, Cr Peter Scott, Cr Claire McKay, Cr Ian Mackenzie, Cr John Sunckell, Cr Nicole Marshall, Cr Megan Hands

Abstained: None

Cr Lan Pham/Cr Vicky Southworth
LOST

- 17.2 Approves an additional \$300k funding towards the Council's Waitaha Action to Impact Fund 2022/23.

The motion (amended recommendation number 17.2) was put separately by division.

The division was declared CARRIED by 8 votes for to 5 votes against the voting being as follows:

For: Cr Lan Pham, Cr Tane Apanui, Cr Elizabeth McKenzie, Cr Vicky Southworth, Cr Phil Clearwater, Cr Grant Edge, Cr Nicole Marshall, Chair Jenny Hughey

Against: Cr John Sunckell, Cr Ian Mackenzie, Cr Claire McKay, Cr Megan Hands, Cr Peter Scott

Abstained: None

Cr Lan Pham/Cr Vicky Southworth
CARRIED

Recommendation:

17. Approves changes in funding for the me uru rākau programme to \$450k in 2022/23 and \$1M in 2023/24.

The motion was put separately by division.

The division was declared CARRIED by 7 votes for to 6 votes against the voting being as follows:

For: Cr Ian Mackenzie, Cr Peter Scott, Cr Tane Apanui, Cr John Sunckell, Cr Claire McKay, Cr Megan Hands, Cr Nicole Marshall,

Against: Cr Lan Pham, Cr Vicky Southworth, Cr Elizabeth McKenzie, Cr Phil Clearwater, Chair Jenny Hughey, Cr Grant Edge

Abstained: None

Cr Grant Edge/Cr Ian Mackenzie
CARRIED

- 17.1 Approves an additional \$300k funding towards the Council's Waitaha Action to Impact Fund 2022/23.

The motion was put separately by division.

The division was declared CARRIED by 8 votes for to 5 votes against the voting being as follows:

For: Cr Phil Clearwater, Cr Vicky Southworth, Cr Elizabeth McKenzie, Cr Nicole Marshall, Chair Jenny Hughey, Cr Tane Apanui, Cr Grant Edge, Cr Lan Pham

Against: Cr John Sunckell, Cr Ian Mackenzie, Cr Peter Scott, Cr Claire McKay, Cr Megan Hands

Abstained: None

Cr Lan Pham/Cr Vicky Southworth
CARRIED

18. Approves as a consequential adjustment to recommendation 17 the following changes to Level of Service targets in the Me Uru Rākau programme so that the Level of Service targets for 2022/23 and 2023/24 are amended from 1 July 2022 to be the following:

18.1 Level of Service target 17.1 (2022/23): "Engaged communities implementing projects in one priority ecological catchment"

18.2 Level of Service target 17.1 (2023/24): "Engaged communities implementing projects in two priority ecological catchments".

19. Approves adjustments to the following Level of Service targets, so that the Level of Service targets are amended from 1 July 2022 to be the following:

19.1 Level of Service target 10.1: "Review and report on the effectiveness of two campaigns being undertaken to improve landowner/community understanding of new national direction and Land and Water Regional Plan requirements"

19.2 Level of Service target 38.1: "a) Criteria for identifying climate change outcomes within work programmes are reviewed and, if necessary, refined. b) Increased expenditure, as a percentage of the total, compared with the preceding financial year, for work programmes that meet the criteria".

19.3 Level of Service target 5.1b: "Actively manage and report on progress of catchment projects identified by Rūnanga".

Cr Peter Scott/Cr John Sunckell
CARRIED

20. Agrees to:
- 20.1 progress the finalising of the Annual Plan Mahere a Tau 2022/23, on the basis of the Draft Annual Plan 2022/23 together with the adjustments made following resolutions 3 to 18; and
 - 20.2 directs the Chief Executive to complete the final documents for Annual Plan Mahere ā Tau 2022/23 in accordance with these resolutions, for consideration and, if appropriate

Cr Peter Scott/Cr Phil Clearwater

CARRIED

Cr Claire McKay and Cr Megan Hands requested their votes against resolutions 20, 20.1 and 20.2 be recorded

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on 16 June 2022 at 11.00am.

11. Mihi/Karakia Whakamutunga - Closing

A karakia was provided by Cr Lan Pham.

The meeting concluded at 4.25pm.

CONFIRMED AT COUNCIL MEETING 16 JUNE 2022

CONFIRMED:

Chair Jenny Hughey
Councillor, Environment Canterbury