

Minutes of the 550th meeting of the Canterbury Regional Council (under COVID-19 Orange Traffic Light restrictions), held at Environment Canterbury, Council Chamber, 200 Tuam Street, Christchurch on Thursday, 28 July 2022 at 11.03am.

Present

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

Ngā Tumu Taiao: Yvette Couch-Lewis* and laean Cranwell.

Report writers and other staff were also present.

*via audio/visual link

There was a change to the order of business. Agenda item 1.2 'Outstanding Contribution Award - Ian Heslop' would be taken at 12.30pm.

1. Mihi/Karakia Timatanga - Opening

The Chair welcomed everyone and spoke of the significance of re-opening the recently restored heritage-listed Lawrie and Wilson Auctioneers building and the contribution Environment Canterbury made to the history and heritage of the Christchurch community by ensuring the building was protected rather than going to landfill.

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

2. Apologies

An apology for absence was received from Cr Megan Hands, and Tumu Taiao Yvette Couch-Lewis.

3. Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest reported.

4. Public Forum, Deputations and Petitions

4.1 Public Forum - Martin Mehrstens

Cr Ian Mackenzie left the meeting at 11.20am, returning at 11.21am.

Cr Vicky Southworth joined the meeting online at 11.23am.

Martin Mehrstens joined online and spoke on raising awareness of silage pit placement near waterways and the implications of liquid/leachate leakage.

Resolved CNCL/2022/89

That the Council:

1. Receives the public forum from Martin Mehrstens regarding silage pits placement near waterways and the implications.
2. Provides a reply to Martin Mehrstens as soon as practicable.

Cr Elizabeth McKenzie/Cr Craig Pauling
CARRIED

4.2 Deputations and Petitions

There were no requests for deputations and petitions.

5. Extraordinary and Urgent Business

There was no extraordinary or urgent business.

6. Notices of Motion

Cr Elizabeth McKenzie tabled the 6.1 Notice of Motion paper (<https://www.ecan.govt.nz/get-involved/council-and-committee-meetings/>).

Resolved CNCL/2022/100

That the Council:

1. Requests staff to investigate how a cooperative initiative with Predator-Free 2050 to make fully-automated, 'set and forget' possum traps available to all Canterbury households might work, with an estimate of the likely effectiveness on predator reduction and potential costs, and report back to Council for consideration in the lead-up to the next Annual Plan.

Cr Elizabeth McKenzie/Cr Phil Clearwater
CARRIED

7. Minutes

Refer pages 6-43 of the agenda.

7.1 Unconfirmed Council Minutes - 16 June 2022

Refer pages 7-43 of the agenda.

Resolved CNCL/2022/91

Staff recommendations adopted without change.

That the Council:

1. Confirms the minutes from the Council meeting held on 16 June 2022.

Cr Grant Edge/Cr Phil Clearwater

CARRIED

8. Report Items

Refer pages 44-76 of the agenda.

8.1 Chief Executive's Report - July 2022

Refer pages 44-45 of the agenda.

The Chief Executive informed Council of the outcome of the public forum presentation regarding the Kakahu River from the 16 June 2022 Council meeting.

Resolved CNCL/2022/92

That the Council:

1. Receives the Chief Executive's report.
2. Notes it contains the outcome of a public forum presentation thanking Ms Anne Smillie, Mr Neville Mulvihill, and Ms Anne Morrison as Kakahu residents for their presentation regarding the Kakahu River.
3. Notes that staff are to prepare to Council on the situation regarding the Kakahu River and will update the public forum presenters following that briefing.

Cr Peter Scott/Cr Elizabeth McKenzie

CARRIED

8.2 Previous Committee Activities and Minutes

Refer pages 46-52 of the agenda.

Cr John Sunckell spoke to the Audit, Finance and Risk Committee minutes.

Resolved CNCL/2022/93

Staff recommendations adopted without change.

That the Council:

1. Notes the minutes and information received in relation to recent joint, external, and limited membership committee meetings.
 - Unconfirmed minutes from the Audit, Finance and Risk Committee - 23 June 2022.

Cr John Sunckell/Cr Grant Edge
CARRIED

8.3 Council Resolutions Status Report - July 2022

Refer pages 53-71 of the agenda.

Staff provided visibility on the status of resolutions made by Council.

Resolved CNCL/2022/94

Staff recommendations adopted without change.

That the Council:

1. Notes the status of previous resolutions provided in the Status of Council Resolutions report July 2022.

Cr Peter Scott/Cr Claire McKay
CARRIED

8.4 Amendment to 2022 Council and Committee Meeting Schedule

Refer pages 72-76 of the agenda.

Staff presented the report for Council to consider amending the 2022 Council and Committee Meeting Schedule in relation to meetings scheduled in November and December 2022.

Resolved CNCL/2022/95

Staff recommendations adopted without change.

That the Council:

1. Approves the 2022 Council and Committee Meeting Schedule be amended in accordance with Standing Order 8.10 'Meeting Schedules', to
 1. remove:
 - Catchment Sub Committee meeting on 16 November 2022
 - Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development Committee meeting on 17 November 2022
 - Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee meeting on 23 November 2022
 - Audit, Finance and Risk Committee meeting on 24 November 2022
 - Climate Change Action Committee meeting on 30 November 2022
 - Natural Environment Committee meeting on 1 December 2022
 2. retain:
 - Council meeting on 27 October 2022
 - Council meeting on 10 November 2022
 - Civil Defence Emergency Management Joint Committee on 24 November 2022
 - Canterbury Regional Transport Committee meeting on 24 November 2022
 - Chief Executive Performance and Remuneration Committee on 28 November 2022
 - Council meeting on 8 December 2022

Cr Peter Scott/Cr Phil Clearwater
CARRIED

Agenda item 1.2 was taken at this time

1.2 Outstanding Contribution Award - Ian Heslop

The Chair welcomed Ian Heslop and his family to the meeting and presented the following citation in recognition of the outstanding contribution that Ian Heslop made over his long career with Canterbury communities.

"It is my pleasure to make this award in recognition of the outstanding contribution that Ian Heslop has made to Canterbury communities over his long career.

After a 40-year career, nearly half of which has been spent in Canterbury, it's not surprising that he has had an impact on many of us. The biggest feather in his cap has to be the Waimakariri Flood Protection Project (WFPP) which Ian led with excellence through design, consenting, and implementation.

Some have described Ian as someone who gets excited, does the right thing, and is calm under pressure, but this is certainly not an all-inclusive list of his many great attributes.

We all know of his skill and experience when it comes to rivers, and this was recognised through his receiving the Arch Campbell Award a few years ago. Staff remember most fondly the way passion would light up Ian's face with a cheeky laugh when you got him thinking about something he was really excited about.

Ian has always taken his responsibilities very seriously and acted professionally – the embodiment of Pononga/Integrity. Ian is always thinking from the customer's perspective as well as carrying out his Environment Canterbury functions, and he is great at finding the balance between getting things done and ticking all the boxes.

A sincere thank you Ian, for your commitment to the Canterbury communities.”

Ian Heslop thanked the Council and senior staff for their support and vote of appreciation in recognising the benefits of exceptional river engineering, adding that each generation of river engineers added layer upon layer of benefit to the community. Ian also spoke on the characteristics of individual rivers and highlights of his career.

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.39pm and recommenced at 1.17pm.

9. Resolution to go into Public Excluded

Refer pages 77-78 of the agenda.

Cr Vicky Southworth re-joined the meeting in person at 1.17pm.

Resolved CNCL/2022/90

That Directors, Catherine Schache and Catherine McMillan be permitted to remain at the meeting after the public has been excluded because of their knowledge on the topics being discussed and they may remain after the public have been excluded as they have knowledge that is relevant to the items.

That at 1.17pm the resolution to exclude the public set out on pages 77 to 78 of the agenda be adopted.

Chair Jenny Hughey/Cr Peter Scott
CARRIED

The public were re-admitted to the meeting at 2.50pm

As per a resolution made in public excluded the decision on the Living Wage Accreditation recommendation was released to the public:

Living Wage Decision Statement

"I am pleased to announce that the Council has decided that Environment Canterbury will seek to become an accredited Living Wage employer.

Once accreditation is achieved from Living Wage Aotearoa, Environment Canterbury will be the first Regional Council to become an 'Accredited Employer'

Becoming a Living Wage fully 'Accredited Employer' means Environment Canterbury will pay all its employees at least the living wage. It also means that indirectly paid workers employed by contractors, delivering a service to the Council on a regular and on-going basis AND on our premises or on premises we control, are either on the current Living Wage or on milestones agreed as part of the contract.

Living Wage Aotearoa has outlined the benefits of being a Living Wage Employer. They say employers talk about having reduced staff turnover, a more productive work environment and increased business as a direct result of paying a Living Wage.

Workers talk about spending more time with their families, feeling valued, less stressed and consequently being happier and more motivated in their workplaces.

Staff will work with Living Wage Aotearoa, the PSA, and external contract providers on any steps necessary to achieve accreditation."

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 18 August 2022.

11. Mihi/Karakia Whakamutunga - Closing

A karakia was provided by Tumu Taiao Iaeen Cranwell.

The Council meeting concluded at 2.53pm.

CONFIRMED BY COUNCIL ON 18 AUGUST 2022

Chair Jenny Hughey
Councillor, Environment Canterbury