

# **Minutes of the 552<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Canterbury Regional Council (under COVID-19 restrictions), held at Environment Canterbury, Council Chamber, 200 Tuam Street, Christchurch, on 22 September 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 audio/visual link

## **1. Mihi/Karakia Timatanga - Opening**

Tumu Taiao Iaeen Cranwell opened the meeting with a mihi whakatau, followed by Councillor Lan Pham with a karakia.

The Chair noted a change of order to the agenda: Agenda item 8.11 Valedictory Speeches would be taken after Agenda item 7.1 Unconfirmed Council Minutes.

One minute's silence was held in honour of the life Queen Elizabeth II.

## **2. Apologies**

Councillors Ian Mackenzie and Elizabeth McKenzie were apologies for early departure.

## **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**

There was no extraordinary or urgent business.

## 6. Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

## 7. Minutes

### 7.1. Unconfirmed Council Minutes - 18 August 2022

Refer pages 7-15 of the agenda

#### **Resolved CNCL/2022/119**

Staff recommendations adopted without change.

That the Council:

1. Confirms the minutes from the Council meeting held on 18 August 2022.

Cr Peter Scott/Cr John Sunckell

CARRIED

*Agenda item 8.11 was taken at this time.*

### 8.11 Valedictory Speeches

Refer pages 106-108 of the agenda

Five outgoing elected members and two Tumu Taiao made valedictory speeches: Councillors Phil Clearwater, Nicole Marshall, Lan Pham, Megan Hands, Chair Jenny Hughey, ngā Tumu Taiao Yvette Couch-Lewis, and Iaeen Cranwell.

*Councillor Ian Mackenzie left the meeting at 11.18am, returning at 11.21am*

*Councillor Tane Apanui left the meeting at 12.13pm, returning at 12.16pm*

#### **Resolved CNCL/2022/130**

That the Council:

1. Acknowledge the current Elected Members, who have not lodged a candidate nomination form for themselves and the Tumu Taiao members and give them an opportunity to deliver a valedictory speech to the Council.

Cr Craig Pauling/Cr Vicky Southworth

CARRIED

*Agenda item 9 was taken at this time*

## 9. Resolution to go into Public Excluded

Refer pages 109-111 of the agenda

### Resolved CNCL/2022/131

That the following people be permitted to remain at this meeting after the public has been excluded as they have knowledge that is relevant to the item/s:

- All items (except agenda item 9.2.5 Chief Executive Performance Review Council Report)
  - Philip Maw, Partner, Wynn Williams (for legal advice)
  - Robyn Fitchett, Acting General Counsel
  - Governance
  - Directors
  - Chief Executive
- Item 9.2.3 Public Transport Matter:
  - Stewart Gibbon, General Manager Public Transport
  - Yogesh Anand, Waka Kotahi (via MS Teams)
  - Charles Ronaldson, Waka Kotahi (via MS Teams)
- Item 9.2.4 Public Transport Contract:
  - Stewart Gibbon, General Manager Public Transport
  - Jeremy Dickson, Manager - Public Transport Business Services and Improvement
- Item 9.2.5 Chief Executive Performance Review Council Report
  - Amanda Douglas, Wynn Williams

That at 12.30pm the resolution to exclude the public set out on pages 109 to 111 of the agenda be adopted.

Chair Jenny Hughey/Cr Phil Clearwater

CARRIED

**The public were re-admitted to the meeting at 2.40pm.**

*The meeting adjourned at 2.43pm and reconvened at 2.53pm*

## 8. Report Items

Refer pages 16-108 of the agenda.

### 8.1 Chief Executive's Report - September 2022

Refer pages 16-18 of the agenda

The Chief Executive informed Council on matters, including the outcome of public forum presentations and petitions.

### Resolved CNCL/2022/120

Staff recommendations adopted without change.

That the Council:

1. Receives the Chief Executive's report.
2. Notes that a response to the public forum at the Council meeting of 16 June 2022 regarding the Kakahu River was provided on 26 August 2022.
3. Notes that staff are currently preparing a letter to update Brooklands/Spencerville residents regarding their petition presented at the Council meeting of 18 August 2022 in relation of the Brooklands/Spencerville completion of the Waimakariri River stopbank system from Stewarts Gully around the Brooklands Lagoon to Spencer Park Beach.
4. Notes that a response to the public forum presentation from Mr Rollo Wenlock, Chief Executive Officer of Miro Rail at the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee meeting of 25 August 2022 was provided on 12 September 2022.
5. Notes that staff will ensure Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust and QEII National Trust are aware of the funding opportunities that are available to them for biodiversity initiatives on Banks Peninsula.

Cr Jenny Hughey/Cr Phil Clearwater  
CARRIED

## 8.2 Previous Committee Activities and Minutes

Refer pages 19-54 of the agenda

### **Resolved CNCL/2022/121**

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 - 25 August 2022
  - Confirmed minutes from the Canterbury Civil Defence Emergency Management Joint Committee - 25 August 2022
  - Confirmed minutes from the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee - 25 August 2022

Cr John Sunckell/Cr Peter Scott  
CARRIED

### 8.3 Council Resolutions Status Report - September 2022

Refer pages 55-62 of the agenda

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

#### **Resolved CNCL/2022/122**

Staff recommendations adopted without change.

That the Council:

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

Cr Elizabeth McKenzie/Cr Grant Edge  
CARRIED

### 8.4 End of Triennium - Outstanding Committee Resolutions

Refer pages 63-66 of the agenda

Staff provided visibility on the resolutions from various Committees that were outstanding as of the end of this triennium.

#### **Resolved CNCL/2022/123**

Staff recommendations adopted without change.

That the Council:

1. Notes the resolutions of the Council committees that are outstanding at the End of Triennium:
  - (a) Audit, Finance & Risk Committee
  - (b) Regional and Strategic Leadership Committee

Cr Claire McKay/Cr Grant Edge  
CARRIED

### 8.5 Chair's Report - Urban Waterways and Estuaries Joint Working Group

Refer pages 67-71 of the agenda

The Chair, in collaboration with the Deputy Mayor of the Christchurch City Council, provided a report to Council about the benefit of the Urban Waterways and Estuaries Joint Working Group during the current term of Council.

#### **Resolved CNCL/2022/124**

Chair's recommendations adopted without change.

That the Council:

1. Receives the Chairperson's and Christchurch City Council's Deputy Mayor's report on the 2019-2022 term Urban Waterways and Estuaries Joint Working Group.
2. Refers this report to a meeting of the new Council for consideration as part of the establishment of governance arrangements for the 2022-2025 term.

Chair Jenny Hughey/Cr Phil Clearwater  
CARRIED

## **8.6 Natural Environment Committee Report - Request for Overspend for July 2022 Flood Event Impacts**

Refer pages 72-76 of the agenda

Staff presented the report seeking Council approval for recommendations from the Catchment Sub-Committee meeting on 10 August 2022 meeting, via the Natural Environment Committee meeting on 24 August 2022.

### **Resolved CNCL/2022/125**

Staff recommendations adopted without change.

That the Council:

1. Approves an overspend by up to \$150,000 in general rate funded 'out of scheme' goods and services budget, to support the July 2022 flood event impacts.

Cr John Sunckell/Cr Megan Hands  
CARRIED  
Abstained: Cr Grant Edge

2. Recommends that staff work with Waimakariri, Selwyn, and other District Councils to consider alternative river rating options (such as whole of catchment) for consideration as part of the 2024-2034 Long Term Plan.

Cr Craig Pauling/Cr Claire McKay  
CARRIED

## **8.7 Treasury Policy Update**

Refer pages 77-90 of the agenda

Staff presented to Council the final version of Environment Canterbury's revised Treasury Policy. Noting the amendments to the policy were presented to and endorsed by the Audit, Finance and Risk Committee on 26 May 2022.

**Resolved CNCL/2022/126**

Staff recommendations adopted without change.

That the Council:

1. Approves the revised Treasury Policy as presented to and endorsed by Audit, Finance and Risk Committee on 26 May 2022.

Cr John Sunckell/Cr Claire McKay

CARRIED

*Councillor Elizabeth McKenzie left the meeting at 3.31pm*

## **8.8 Tangata Whenua Involvement in Freshwater Management**

Refer pages 91-95 of the agenda

Staff presented to Council documenting and confirming arrangements made with Tangata Whenua in relation to Tangata Whenua involvement in the development of a freshwater plan framework.

**Resolved CNCL/2022/127**

Staff recommendations adopted without change.

That the Council:

1. Resolves that:
  - 1.1. In discussion with ngā Papatipu Rūnanga, Council has considered the available mechanisms under the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) to involve tangata whenua in the development of a regional freshwater plan framework; and
  - 1.2. Council has agreed with Ngā Papatipu Rūnanga to involve tangata whenua in the development of a planning framework by way of a Protocol under the Tuia Agreement to provide joint strategic direction.
2. Notes that decisions made on the recommendations of this report do not impact the ability of Council, in discussion with tangata whenua, to adopt any mechanism under the RMA at any time in the future.

Cr Nicole Marshall/Cr Lan Pham

CARRIED

## **8.9 Climate Emergency Update**

Refer pages 95-99 of the agenda

Staff provided Council with an update on Environment Canterbury's climate change resilience and response work; advising Environment Canterbury was continuing

work on climate change under the Long-Term Plan 2021-2031 by progressing the Climate Change Resilience programme, integrating climate change initiatives, and improving recognition of climate change co-benefits across all portfolios.

**Resolved CNCL/2022/128**

Staff recommendations adopted without change.

That the Council:

1. Receives the Climate Emergency Update on Environment Canterbury's climate change related work over the last triennium.

Cr Vicky Southworth/Cr Nicole Marshall

CARRIED

## **8.10 End of Triennium Matters**

Refer pages 100-105 of the agenda

Staff informed the Council of matters relating to the end of the current triennium seeking a decision on emergency arrangements for the interregnum.

**Resolved CNCL/2022/129**

Staff recommendations adopted without change.

That the Council:

1. Resolves to authorise the Chief Executive (or in her absence or the appearance of conflict, the Director Strategy and Planning) to act on any urgent matters in consultation with the appropriate Director(s) from the time the present Council members leave office until the members of the new Council make their declarations.
2. Instructs the Chief Executive (or in her absence or the appearance of conflict, the Director Strategy and Planning) to report any such matters to the incoming Council at the first appropriate opportunity.
3. Notes that the Canterbury Civil Defence Emergency Management Group and any subcommittee established by that group shall not be deemed to be discharged on the coming into office of the members elected at the 2022 triennial local election.

Cr Peter Scott/Cr John Sunckell

CARRIED

## **10. Next Meeting**

This was the last meeting of this triennium. The inaugural meeting of the 2022-2025 term of Council was scheduled for Thursday, 27 October 2022.



## 11. Mihi/Karakia Whakamutunga - Closing

The Chair thanked everyone for their participation and presented Environment Canterbury with a framed photo of woman voting in 1893, the year they received suffrage, taken outside the Tuam Street Hall.

A karakia was provided by Councillor Craig Pauling.

The meeting concluded at 3.52pm

IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER 28.4 THE CHAIRPERSON AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL PRIOR TO THE NEXT ELECTION OF COUNCIL.

CONFIRMED:

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Chair Jenny Hughey  
Environment Canterbury

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Date

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Chief Executive Stefanie Rixecker  
Environment Canterbury

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Date