

Minutes of the 561st meeting of the Canterbury Regional Council, held at Environment Canterbury, Council Chamber, 200 Tuam Street, Christchurch on Wednesday 17 May 2023 at 10.31am.

Present

Chair Councillor Peter Scott, Deputy Chair Councillor Craig Pauling and Councillors Greg Byrnes, Iaeen Cranwell, Joe Davies, Paul Dietsche, David East, Grant Edge, Tutehounuku Korako, Ian Mackenzie, Claire McKay, Genevieve Robinson, Vicky Southworth, John Sunckell, Deon Swiggs, and Nick Ward.

1. Mihi/Karakia Timatanga - Opening

Cr Robinson opened the meeting with a mihi whakatau, followed Cr Korako with a karakia.

Cr Cranwell joined the meeting at 10.33am during the karakia.

Chair Scott noted that items 8.5 and 8.7 may be taken after item 8.7 and an adjournment may be taken to enable staff to arrive to talk to these items.

2. Apologies

There were no apologies.

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 one item of extraordinary business. Cr Davies withdrew and apologised for a comment made in the previous Council meeting during the public forum section.

6. Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

7. Minutes

Refer pages 6-163 of the agenda.

7.1 Unconfirmed Council Minutes - 19 April 2023

Refer pages 6-163 of the agenda.

Resolved CNCL/2023/047

Staff recommendations adopted without change.

That the Council:

1. Confirms the minutes from the Council meeting held on 19 April 2023.

Cr East/Cr Pauling

CARRIED

8. Report Items

Refer pages 164-208 of the agenda.

8.1 Chief Executive's Report - May 2023

Refer pages 164-166 of the agenda.

The Chief Executive provided the report to inform Council of the responses to public forum presentations.

Resolved CNCL/2023/048

Staff recommendations adopted without change.

That the Council:

1. Receives the Chief Executive's report for 17 May 2023.
2. Notes that the Chair has responded to the five public forum presentations given to the Council on 19 April 2023.

Cr Ward/Cr Swiggs

CARRIED

8.2 Previous Committee Activities and Minutes

Refer pages 167-174 of the agenda.

Staff provided the unconfirmed minutes of the Audit, Finance and Risk Committee of 26 April 2023 noting that these will be confirmed at their respective meetings.

Resolved CNCL/2023/049

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 - 26 April 2023.

Cr Robinson/Cr Edge

CARRIED

8.3 Council Resolutions Status Report - May 2023

Refer pages 175-184 of the agenda.

The Committee noted the good news around the status of driver shortages, that it was decreasing and by the start of June there will be no shortages.

Resolved CNCL/2023/050

Staff recommendations adopted without change.

That the Council:

1. Notes the status of previous resolutions provided in the Status of Council Resolutions report May 2023.

Cr Swiggs/Cr McKay

CARRIED

8.4 Local Government New Zealand Conference Attendance 2023

Refer pages 185-187 of the agenda.

The Committee noted that Councillors Cranwell and Swiggs are also attending the Te Maruata Rōpū Whakahaere pre-conference hui and Councillors Davies and Swiggs were attending the Young Elected Members (YEM) Hui pre-conference.

Resolved CNCL/2023/051

Updated Staff recommendations adopted without change.

That the Council:

1. Appoints Chair Peter Scott, Councillor Craig Pauling, Councillor John Sunckell, Councillor Deon Swiggs and Councillor Tutehounuku Korako as Environment Canterbury's delegates to the 2023 Local Government New Zealand Conference.
2. Appoints Chair Peter Scott as Environment Canterbury's delegate to the 2023 Local Government New Zealand Annual General Meeting.
3. Appoints Chair Peter Scott as the authorised person to vote on remits on Environment Canterbury's behalf.
4. Agrees that Environment Canterbury will not provide its own remits this year.
5. Notes staff will provide advice on other councils' remits, and this will be presented to the Councillors for discussion with the councillor authorised to vote prior to the AGM.

Cr McKay/Cr Cranwell
CARRIED

8.7 Report from the Chair

Refer pages 206-208 of the agenda.

The Chair's report noted matters of current interest, including essential freshwater, freshwater farm plans and progress on the draft Annual Plan 2023-24.

Staff advised that Cr Ward had now withdrawn his Leave of Absence, noting that he could put in an apology for any meeting he could not attend, therefore recommendation 2. was removed from the staff recommendation.

The Committee requested that a report be prepared, with urgency, to provide options on how we can target alternative changes or planning, in lieu of NPS delays.

Resolved CNCL/2023/052

Updated staff recommendation adopted without change.

That the Council:

1. Receives the Chair's report.

Chair Scott/Cr Pauling
CARRIED

Cr Sunckell left the meeting at 11.20am

The meeting adjourned at 11.20am and reconvened at 11.29am

Cr Sunckell returned to the meeting at 11.32am during discussion on item 8.5.

8.5 Draft Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan for Public Consultation

Refer pages 188-199 of the agenda.

11. Suspension of Standing Order's

During item 8.5, the Committee suspended those Standing Orders as stated, to allow for Councillors to ask questions and make statements in regards to items 8.5 and 8.6.

Resolved CNCL/2023/053

Updated staff recommendation adopted without change.

That the Council:

1. Suspend Standing Orders 21.2 - 21.8 relating to questions and discussion for agenda items 8.5 and 8.6 in order to facilitate a robust discussion.

Cr Sunckell/Cr Edge
CARRIED

8.5 Draft Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan for Public Consultation (Continued)

Refer pages 188-199 of the agenda.

Staff provided a report for the Council to endorse the draft Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan for the purposes of public consultation.

Ben Rhodes, Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan Lead, Richard Osborne, Waka Kotahi Mass Rapid Transit Indicative Business Case and Arnaud Deutsch, Waka Kotahi Mass Rapid Transit Indicative Business Case spoke to this item.

Resolved CNCL/2023/054

Staff recommendations adopted without change.

That the Council:

1. Notes the Whakawhanake Kāinga Komiti resolutions 12 May 2023 to be circulated under (Attachment A, separately circulated).
2. Endorses the consultation occurring on the draft Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan (Attachment B, separately circulated).
3. Receives the Greater Christchurch Housing Development Capacity Assessment March 2023 (Attachment C, separately circulated).
4. Receives the Greater Christchurch Business Development Capacity Assessment April 2023 (Attachment D, separately circulated).
5. Receives the Huihui Mai Community Engagement Report (Attachment E, separately circulated).
6. Notes that the consultation submission period for the draft Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan will be held between mid-June and end of July 2023.
7. Notes the consultation process and associated supporting documents as set out in the report.
8. Agrees to recommend to the Whakawhanake Kāinga Komiti Independent Chair to appoint Councillor Grant Edge as the Canterbury Regional Council's member of the Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan Hearings Panel.
9. Notes that following the consideration of submissions, hearing from submitters and receiving of an officers' report, the Hearings Panel will make recommendations to the Whakawhanake Kāinga Komiti on responses to submissions and changes to the draft Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan as a result of the public consultation process.
10. Notes that the Whakawhanake Kāinga Komiti will consider endorsement of the Hearings Panel recommendations and recommendation to Partner Governance to adopt the Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan in December 2023.

Cr Sunckell/Cr Swiggs
CARRIED

8.6 Greater Christchurch Public Transport Futures Mass Rapid Transit Indicative Business Case

Refer pages 200-205 of the agenda.

Staff provided the report for the Council to endorse the Greater Christchurch Public Transport Futures Mass Rapid Transit Indicative Business Case.

Ben Rhodes, Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan Lead, Richard Osborne, Waka Kotahi Mass Rapid Transit Indicative Business Case and Arnaud Deutsch, Waka Kotahi Mass Rapid Transit Indicative Business Case spoke to this item.

Resolved CNCL/2023/055

Staff recommendations adopted without change.

That the Council:

1. Endorses the Greater Christchurch Public Transport Futures Mass Rapid Transit Indicative Business Case.
2. Notes that, subject to funding approval, Detailed Business Case investigations will be undertaken in FY2023/24 to enable the scoping and preparation of procurement documents, and to ensure integration and alignment of Mass Rapid Transit with the remainder of the Public Transport Futures programme and the Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan.

Cr Ward/Cr Edge
CARRIED

9. Resolution to go into Public Excluded

Refer pages 209-210 of the agenda.

Resolved CNCL/2023/056

That James Thompson, Regional Manager/Group Controller – Regional Emergency Management remain at this meeting after the public has been excluded for item 9.2.3 of the public excluded agenda as he has knowledge that is relevant to that item and will assist the Council.

AND/OR

That at 12.20am the resolution to exclude the public set out on pages 209 to 210 of the agenda be adopted.

Cr Sunckell/Cr McKay
CARRIED

The public were re-admitted to the meeting at 12.26pm.

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Council is scheduled to be held on 24 May 2023 at 10.30am (for Annual Plan deliberations). The next ordinary meeting of Council will be held on 21 June 2023 at 10.30am.

11. Mihi/Karakia Whakamutunga - Closing

A karakia was provided by Cr Robinson.

Meeting concluded at 12.26pm.

CONFIRMED 21 JUNE 2023

Chair Peter Scott
Councillor, Environment Canterbury