

Minutes of the 564th meeting of the Canterbury Regional Council, held at Environment Canterbury, Council Chamber, 200 Tuam Street, Christchurch on Wednesday 19 July 2023 at 10.30am.

Present

Deputy Chair Craig Pauling (Acting Chairperson) and Councillors Greg Byrnes, Joe Davies, David East, Grant Edge, Tutehounuku Korako, Ian Mackenzie, Claire McKay, Genevieve Robinson, Vicky Southworth, John Sunckell, Deon Swiggs, and Nick Ward.

Deputy Chair Pauling welcomed everyone to the meeting and assumed the Chair for the meeting as per Standing Orders 14.1 *“Chairperson’s role at Council meetings ...“If the Chairperson is absent from a meeting or vacates the chair, the deputy Chairperson must act as chairperson.”*

1. Mihi/Karakia Timatanga - Opening

Cr Byrnes opened the meeting with a mihi whakatau, followed by a karakia.

2. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Chair Peter Scott, who was on Council business, and Councillors Iaeen Cranwell and Paul Dietsche.

3. Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest reported.

4. Public Forum, Deputations and Petitions

Refer page 4 of the agenda.

4.1. Public Forum

4.1.1 Public Forum - Dr Doug Rankin

Refer page 4 of the agenda.

Dr Doug Rankin spoke and provided a Powerpoint attachment (Attachment 4.1.1.1) regarding nitrate contamination in groundwater in Canterbury.

The Chair thanked Dr Rankin for his public forum and called for questions from the Councillors, there were a number of questions and answers provided, followed by the resolution being put.

Resolved CNCL/2023/091

Staff recommendations adopted without change.

That the Council:

1. Receives the public forum from Dr Doug Rankin regarding agenda item 4.1 Public Forum.
2. Provides a reply to Dr Doug Rankin as soon as practicable.

Cr Byrnes/Cr Robinson
CARRIED

4.2. Deputations

There were no deputations.

4.3. Petitions

4.3.1 Petitions - Maria Lowe

Refer page 4 of the agenda.

Maria Lowe provided a petition to the Council in regard to 'Stop the Landfill' (Attachment 4.3.1.1), which was received by the Char.

5. Extraordinary and Urgent Business

There was no extraordinary or urgent business.

6. Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

7. Minutes

Refer pages 7-75 of the agenda.

7.1. Unconfirmed Council Minutes - 21 June 2023

Refer pages 7-75 of the agenda.

Resolved CNCL/2023/092

Staff recommendations adopted without change.

That the Council:

1. Confirms the minutes from the Council meeting held on 21 June 2023.

Cr Edge/Cr East
CARRIED

8. Report Items

Refer pages 76-196 of the agenda.

8.1. Council Resolutions Status Report - July 2023

Refer pages 76-89 of the agenda.

Resolved CNCL/2023/093

Staff recommendations adopted without change.

That the Council:

1. Notes the status of previous resolutions provided in the Council Resolutions Status Report - July 2023.

Cr Ward/Cr McKay
CARRIED

8.2. Navigation Safety Bylaw 2016 Amendment

Refer pages 90-147 of the agenda.

Staff provided an updated bylaw based on amendments to the Canterbury Regional Council Navigation Safety Bylaw 2016, for approval and adoption prior to 22 September 2023.

Resolved CNCL/2023/094

Staff recommendations adopted without change.

That the Council:

1. Notes that on 19 April 2023 the Council agreed to publicly consult on minor amendments to the 2016 Bylaw.

2. Approves the proposed amendments (Attachment 8.2.1) to the Canterbury Regional Council Navigation Safety Bylaw 2016 to create the Canterbury Regional Council Navigation Safety Bylaw 2016 (amended) (Attachment 8.2.2).
3. Adopts the Canterbury Regional Council Navigation Safety Bylaw 2016 (amended) (Attachment 8.2.2).
4. Approves publishing the final version of the 2016 Bylaw (amended) on 1 August 2023, thereby making the Bylaw operative, as required by section 106A of the Local Government Act.

Cr Davies/Cr Swiggs
CARRIED

Cr East left the meeting at 11.19am during discussion on item 8.3 and returned at 11.22am before the recommendation.

8.3. Strategic Direction 2023-26

Refer pages 148-152 of the agenda.

Staff presented the Strategic Direction Te Aronga Rautaki 2023-26 for adoption by the Council. The document is a framework to articulate Council's high-level aspirations and priorities to guide Council and staff for decision-making and provides a basis for engagement with partners, stakeholders and community on Council's long-term direction.

Resolved CNCL/2023/095

Staff recommendations adopted without change.

That the Council:

1. Adopts the attached Strategic Direction Te Aronga Rautaki 2023-26 (Attachment 8.3.1).
2. Notes that the Strategic Direction Te Aronga Rautaki 2023-26 will be used to guide the Council and staff in their work.
3. Notes that the Strategic Direction Te Aronga Rautaki 2023-26 will be shared with our partner, stakeholders and community.

Cr Byrnes/Cr Swiggs
CARRIED

Cr Sunckell left the meeting at 11.27am and returned at 11.30am during discussion on item 8.4.

Cr Byrnes left the meeting at 11.37am and returned at 11.39am during discussion on item 8.4.

8.4. Councillors' Allowances and Expense Reimbursements Policy

Refer pages 153-188 of the agenda.

Staff provided the Councillors' Allowances and Expense Reimbursement Policy and Guidelines and Procedures with the recommended changes in accordance with the Local Government Members (2023/24) Determination 2023, for adoption by the Council.

Deputy Chair Pauling moved that a third recommendation be added and took the original recommendation and the new '3.' Recommendation separately.

That the Council:

1. Adopts the Environment Canterbury Councillors' Allowances and Expense Reimbursements Policy, and Guidelines and Procedures as attached at Attachment 8.4.1 (with track changes accepted).
2. Delegates to the Chief Executive the ability to correct any minor errors or to make changes of minor effect to the final version of the Environment Canterbury Councillors' Allowances and Expense Reimbursements Policy, and Guidelines and Procedures.

Cr Ward/Cr East
CARRIED

That the Council:

3. Directs the Chief Executive to work with the Chair to draft and send a letter to the Remuneration Authority concerning the following topics:
 - The distance travelled due to the size of the Canterbury region.
 - Encouraging low emissions travel.
 - Review other regions policies.

Cr Robinson/Cr Edge
CARRIED

Councillors Davies and Swiggs requested that their votes against the above resolution be noted.

Councillors Byrnes, McKay, Mackenzie and Sunckell abstained from voting on the above resolution.

Recommendation three was added to the substantive resolution.

Resolved CNCL/2023/096

That the Council:

1. Adopts the Environment Canterbury Councillors' Allowances and Expense Reimbursements Policy, and Guidelines and Procedures as attached at Attachment 8.4.1 (with track changes accepted).
2. Delegates to the Chief Executive the ability to correct any minor errors or to make changes of minor effect to the final version of the Environment Canterbury Councillors' Allowances and Expense Reimbursements Policy, and Guidelines and Procedures.
3. Directs the Chief Executive to work with the Chair to draft and send a letter to the Remuneration Authority concerning the following topics:
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 - Encouraging low emissions travel.
 - Review other regions policies.

Cr Robinson/Cr Edge
CARRIED

The meeting started discussion on Item 8.5.

8.5. Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan

Refer pages 189-192 of the agenda.

Staff provided this report to invite the Council to endorse the Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan's strategic framework, developed under the Canterbury Mayoral Forum to provide visibility of this project before approval by the Mayoral Forum.

12. Extension in Meeting Time Before Break

Pursuant to Standing Orders 4.2 'No meeting can sit for more than two hours continuously without a break of at least ten minutes unless the meeting resolves to extend the time before a break.'

Resolved CNCL/2023/097

That the Council:

1. Resolve to extend the time required before a break of at least ten minutes, for 30 minutes unless the meeting is almost completed.

Cr Sunckell/Cr Swiggs
CARRIED

The meeting returned to item 8.5.

8.5. Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan (Continued)

Refer pages 189-192 of the agenda.

Resolved CNCL/2023/098

Staff recommendations adopted without change.

That the Council:

1. Endorse the strategic framework of the Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan for approval by the Mayoral Forum (see Attachment 8.5.1).

Deputy Chair Pauling/Cr Davies

CARRIED

Councillors Edge and Korako requested that their votes against the resolution be noted and Councillors East and Swiggs abstained from voting on the above resolution.

8.6. Report from the Chair

Refer pages 193-196 of the agenda.

The Deputy Chair introduced this report which raised matters of current interest to the Council and to note any emerging issues.

Resolved CNCL/2023/099

Staff recommendations adopted without change.

That the Council:

1. Receives the Chair's report.

Cr Byrnes/Cr Swiggs

CARRIED

9. Resolution to go into Public Excluded

Refer pages 197-198 of the agenda.

Resolved CNCL/2023/100

That at 12.55pm the resolution to exclude the public set out on pages 197 to 198 of the agenda be adopted.

Cr Sunckell/Cr Korako

CARRIED

The public were re-admitted to the meeting at 12.59pm.

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 16 August 2023 at 10.30am.

11. Karakia/Whakamutunga - Closing

A karakia was provided by Deputy Chair Pauling.

Meeting concluded at 1.01pm.

CONFIRMED 16 AUGUST 2023

Chair Peter Scott
Councillor, Environment Canterbury