

# **Minutes of the Catchment Resilience Committee, held at Environment Canterbury, Council Chamber, 200 Tuam Street, Christchurch, on Wednesday, 2 August 2023 at 1.00pm.**

## **Present**

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

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

Cr East joined the meeting at 1.00pm during the commencement of the opening session.

The Committee Chair Ian Mackenzie opened the meeting. The karakia was provided earlier in the day.

Cr East and Cr Pauling left the meeting at 1.01pm.

Cr East and Cr Pauling rejoined the meeting at 1.01pm during consideration of apologies.

## **2. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Paul Dietsche and Councillor Genevieve Robinson.

## **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, or petitions.

Cr Iaeen Cranwell joined the meeting at 1.01pm while the session was in progress, during the discussion of Extraordinary and Urgent Business.

## **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 Minutes - Catchment Resilience Committee - 8 March 2023**

Refer pages 9 - 14 of the agenda.

#### **Resolved CRC/2023/06**

Staff recommendation adopted without change.

That the Catchment Resilience Committee:

1. Confirms the minutes from the Catchment Resilience Committee meeting held on 8 March 2023.

Cr Scott/Cr Pauling  
CARRIED

Cr Korako left the meeting at 1.02pm prior to item 8.

## **8. Report Items**

Refer pages 15 – 57 of the agenda.

### **8.1 Catchment Resilience Committee Resolutions Status Report - August 2023**

Refer pages 15 - 17 of the agenda.

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

#### **Resolved CRC/2023/07**

Staff recommendation adopted without change.

That the Catchment Resilience Committee:

1. Notes the status of previous resolutions provided in the Catchment Resilience Committee Resolutions Status Report – August 2023.

Cr Pauling/Cr Swiggs  
CARRIED

Cr Southworth joined the meeting at 1.05pm during the questioning session for agenda item 8.2.

Cr Korako rejoined the meeting at 1.05pm during the questioning session for agenda item 8.2.

### **8.2 Catchment Resilience Committee Quarterly Work Programme Update**

Refer pages 18 - 24 of the agenda.

Staff updated the Committee on the progress of the Braided River Revival/Whakahaumanu Ngā Awa ā Pākihi programme in the Biodiversity and Biosecurity portfolio and the Leading Flood and River Resilience programme in the Climate Change and Community Resilience portfolio.

#### **Resolved CRC/2023/08**

Staff recommendation adopted without change.

That the Catchment Resilience Committee:

1. Receives the work programme report for quarter four 2022/23 for the Braided River Revival/Whakahaumanu Ngā Awa ā Pākihi programme in the Biodiversity and Biosecurity portfolio and the Leading Flood and River Resilience programme in the Climate Change and Community Resilience portfolio.

Cr East/Cr Byrnes  
CARRIED

### **8.3 Lifting the Resilience of New Zealand's Critical Infrastructure**

Refer pages 25 - 40 of the agenda.

The Committee Chair noted this report was being presented to this Committee rather than Council due to timing issues.

Staff sought the approval of the Committee for the Canterbury Regional Council (Environment Canterbury) submission on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's (DPMC) Critical Infrastructure Phase 1 Consultation - *Strengthening the Resilience of Aotearoa New Zealand's Critical Infrastructure System*.

The Consultation was primarily aimed at soliciting the views of critical infrastructure owners and operators who would be affected by changes in the regulatory environment of infrastructure to inform further options in 2024. This consultation presented Environment Canterbury, as an infrastructure owner and regional leader, with an opportunity to guide future options to be fit-for-purpose for Canterbury.

#### **Resolved CRC/2023/09**

Staff recommendations adopted without change.

That the Catchment Resilience Committee:

1. Approves the Canterbury Regional Council submission (attachment 8.3.1) on the *Strengthening the resilience of Aotearoa New Zealand's Critical Infrastructure System* consultation.
2. Delegates to the Chief Executive the authority to make any minor amendment to the submission, prior to submitting to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

Cr Southworth/Cr Edge  
CARRIED

The Committee Chair and Deputy Committee Chair expressed their intent to structure the Committee's deliberations with a primary focus on the potential changes sought in the Long-Term-Plan:

- Establish funding mechanisms.
- Implement protective measures for infrastructure.
- Transition towards a comprehensive catchment approach.
- Facilitate the necessary work to be accomplished.
- Define resource requirements: Additional resources and staffing for the Long-Term-Plan work programme.

Cr Davies left the meeting at 1.48pm and rejoined at 1.50pm during the questioning session of agenda item 8.4.

Cr Cranwell left the meeting at 1.50pm and rejoined at 1.55pm during the questioning session of agenda item 8.4.

Cr Swiggs left the meeting at 1.52pm and rejoined at 1.54pm during the questioning session of agenda item 8.4.

## 8.4 Work Programme Overview

Refer pages 41 - 57 of the agenda.

Staff provided the Committee with an overview of the key rivers work programmes undertaken by Environment Canterbury.

The work programmes and budgets were contained in programmes in two portfolios - the Leading Flood and River Resilience programme in the Climate Change & Community Resilience Portfolio and the Braided River Revival/Whakahaumanu Ngā Awa ā Pākihi Programme in the Biodiversity and Biosecurity Portfolio.

### Resolved CRC/2023/10

Staff recommendation adopted without change.

That the Catchment Resilience Committee:

1. Notes the overview of the key rivers works programmes.

Cr Pauling/Cr Ward  
CARRIED

## 9. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 8 November 2023.

## **10. Karakia/Whakamutunga - Closing**

The meeting concluded at 2.21pm with a karakia from Cr Davies.

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Committee Chair Ian Mackenzie  
Councillor, Environment Canterbury