

Minutes of the Transport, Urban Development, and Air Quality Committee held at Environment Canterbury, Council Chamber, 200 Tuam Street, Christchurch, on Wednesday, 6 December 2023 at 10.30am

Present

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

1. Karakia/Mihi Timatanga - Opening

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

2. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Deon Swiggs, who was on Council Business, and Councillor Ian Mackenzie.

3. Conflicts of Interest

At this point of the meeting, no conflicts of interest were declared.

However, conflicts of interest were declared later in the meeting, during the following agenda items:

- Cr McKay: Agenda Item 4.1.1 – Public Forum, Peter Langlands.
- Cr Edge: Agenda Item 6.0 Notices of Motion.
- Cr Southworth: Agenda Item 6.0 Notices of Motion

4. Public Forum, Deputations, and Petitions

4.1 Public Forum

4.1.1 Public Forum – Peter Langlands

Cr McKay declared a conflict of interest and did not take part in the discussion or decision making of this item.

Peter Langlands spoke on four-wheel drive disturbance to braided river birds.

Resolved TUDAQC/2023/35

That the Transport, Urban Development and Air Quality Committee:

1. Receives the public forum from Peter Langlands regarding agenda item 4.1.1 Four-wheel drive disturbance to braided river birds.
2. Provides a reply to Peter Langlands as soon as practicable.

Cr Korako left the meeting at 10.54am and returned at 10.56am during the presentation on agenda item 4.1.2.

4.1.2 Public Forum – Nick Stoneman

Nick Stoneman spoke on dogs on buses in Christchurch.

Resolved TUDAQC/2023/36

That the Transport, Urban Development, and Air Quality Committee:

1. Receives the public forum from Nick Stoneman regarding agenda item 4.1.2 Dogs on Buses in Christchurch.
2. Provides a reply to Nick Stoneman as soon as practicable.

Cr Davies/Cr Robinson
CARRIED

4.2 Deputations and Petitions

There were no requests for deputations, or petitions.

Cr Korako left the meeting at 11.02am during agenda item 5.

5. Extraordinary and Urgent Business

There was a request for an item of extraordinary business from members to acknowledge the passing of Benita Wakefield:

- (a) The reason this report was not on the agenda was that the event occurred after the agenda was prepared.
- (b) The reason why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting is due to Benita's significant contribution to the work of Environment Canterbury and the importance of acknowledging her passing.

This item was taken after agenda item 8.5.

Cr Cranwell and Cr Byrnes left the meeting at 11.12am prior to agenda item 7.

6. Notices of Motion

Refer to page 8 of the agenda

Cr Edge declared a conflict of interest and did not take part in the discussion or decision making of this item.

Cr Southworth declared a conflict of interest and did not take part in the discussion or decision making of this item.

The Committee considered the notice of motion submitted by Cr Davies, seconded by Cr Pauling.

Resolved TUDAQC/2023/37

That the Transport, Urban Development and Air Quality Committee:

1. Requests that staff and the Greater Christchurch Partnership include a policy regarding 'pets on buses' and specifically 'dogs on buses' in the draft Regional Public Transport Plan (RPTP).
2. That these policies will be consulted on with the public through the RPTP and Greater Christchurch Partnership led hearings processes.

Cr Davies/Cr Pauling
CARRIED

7. Minutes

Refer to pages 9 to 14 of the agenda.

Cr Byrnes returned to the meeting at 11.13am during the vote on agenda item 7.1.

7.1 Unconfirmed Minutes - Transport, Urban Development and Air Quality Committee - 11 October 2023

Refer to pages 9 to 14 of the agenda.

Resolved TUDAQC/2023/38

That the Transport, Urban Development and Air Quality Committee:

1. Confirms the minutes from the Transport, Urban Development and Air Quality Committee meeting held on 11 October 2023.

Cr Dietsche/Cr Ward
CARRIED

8. Report Items

Refer to pages 15 to 159 of the agenda.

8.1 Transport, Urban Development, and Air Quality Committee Resolutions Status Report - December 2023

Refer to pages 15 to 18 of the agenda.

Staff provided an update on the status of previous resolutions made by the Transport, Urban Development, and Air Quality Committee.

Resolved TUDAQC/2023/39

Staff recommendations adopted without change.

That the Transport, Urban Development and Air Quality Committee:

1. Notes the status of previous resolutions provided in the Transport, Urban Development and Air Quality Committee Resolutions Status Report December 2023.

Cr Edge/Cr Robinson
CARRIED

Cr Byrnes left the meeting at 11.37am during discussion on the motion for agenda item 8.2.

8.2 Draft Canterbury Regional Land Transport Plan 2024-34

Refer to pages 19 to 123 of the agenda.

Staff provided the Committee with an update on the progress of the Canterbury Regional Land Transport Plan mid-term review.

Resolved TUDAQC/2023/40

Staff recommendations adopted without change.

That the Transport, Urban Development and Air Quality Committee:

1. Notes that the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee approved the draft Canterbury Regional Land Transport Plan 2024-34 for public consultation at its meeting on 27 November 2023.
2. Notes that the public consultation dates of Friday 26 January to Monday 26 February was also approved by the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee at this meeting.
3. Notes that the Canterbury Regional Council has responsibility for adopting the final plan in May 2024 ahead of it being submitted to Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency in June 2024.

Cr Edge/Cr McKay
CARRIED

Cr Dietsche left the meeting at 11.40am during questions of clarification on agenda item 8.3 returning at 11.42am during the voting process and did not participate in voting for agenda item 8.3.

8.3 Quarter One Work Programme Update

Refer to pages 124 to 137 of the agenda.

Staff provided the Committee with an update on the progress of the Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development portfolio.

Resolved TUDAQC/2023/41

Staff recommendations adopted without change.

That the Transport, Urban Development and Air Quality Committee:

1. Receives the work programme report for quarter one 2023/24 for the Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development portfolio.

Cr Edge/Cr Southworth
CARRIED

8.4 Fare Trial - Early Insights

Refer to pages 138 to 153 of the agenda.

Staff provided an update on some early insights from the Public Transport Fare Trial, which commenced on 1 July 2023, and the October Public Transport Dashboard.

Resolved TUDAQC/2023/42

Staff recommendation adopted without change.

That the Transport, Urban Development and Air Quality Committee:

1. Notes the Early Insights from the public transport Fare Trial which commenced in July 2023.
2. Notes the contents of the Public Transport dashboard for October 2023.

Cr Southworth/Cr Sunckell
CARRIED

8.5 Report from the Chair

Refer to pages 154 to 159 of the agenda.

The Chair raised matters of current interest and emerging issues in regard to the Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development portfolio, particularly for the Transforming Public Transport programme.

Resolved TUDAQC/2023/43

Staff recommendation adopted without change.

That the Transport, Urban Development and Air Quality Committee:

1. Receives the report from the Chair for the Air Quality, Transport and Urban Development portfolio.

Chair Scott/Cr McKay
CARRIED

Cr Sunckell left the meeting at 12.10pm during discussion on agenda item 5.

Cr Cranwell returned to the meeting at 12.13pm during discussion on agenda item 5.

Cr Sunckell returned to the meeting at 12.14pm during discussion on agenda item 5.

5. Extraordinary and Urgent Business (cont.)

Resolved TUDAQC/2023/44

That the Transport, Urban Development and Air Quality Committee:

1. Resolves to accept the extraordinary business regarding the passing of Benita Wakefield.

Cr McKay/Cr Pauling
CARRIED

A number of Councillors spoke on the passing of Benita Wakefield and acknowledged the significant contribution she had made in her roles within the Canterbury Water Management Strategy, specifically her advocacy for mana whenua.

Resolved TUDAQC/2023/45

That the Transport, Urban Development and Air Quality Committee:

1. Delegates to the Chair of Environment Canterbury responsibility for sending a letter to the whanau of Benita Wakefield, expressing the condolences of the Council.

Cr Cranwell/Cr Pauling
CARRIED

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 TUDAQC/2023/46

That the Transport, Urban Development and Air Quality Committee:

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

Cr Sunckell/Cr Pauling
CARRIED

9. Resolution to go into Public Excluded

Resolved TUDAQC/2023/47

That Jeremy Dickson, Project Lead - NTS and Jesse Burgess, Senior Strategy Manager, be permitted to remain at this meeting after the public have been excluded, because they have knowledge relevant to the matters under consideration.

AND

That at 12.22pm the resolution to exclude the public set out on pages 160 to 161 of the agenda be adopted.

Cr Pauling/Cr Sunckell
CARRIED

The public were re-admitted to the meeting at 12.47pm.

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on 28 February 2023.

11. Karakia Whakamutunga - Closing

Cr Byrnes closed the meeting with a karakia.

The meeting concluded at 12.50pm.

CONFIRMED 28 FEBRUARY 2024

Chair Peter Scott
Chair, Environment Canterbury