

MEETING OF THE CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE

TO THE CHAIRPERSON AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

Cr W E Woods (Chairperson)

Cr R A Budd	Environment Canterbury
Cr T K Burke	Environment Canterbury
Cr K Coe	Selwyn District Council
Ms Y Couch-Lewis	Runanga representative
Cr E H Cunningham	Environment Canterbury
Cr J Leadley	Ashburton District Council
Cr A R McKay	Environment Canterbury

A meeting of the Committee will be held on

Tuesday, 13 March 2007 commencing at 10.00 a.m.

Morning tea will be available from 9.30 a.m. and the meeting will conclude with a light lunch.

VENUE: Rolleston Community Centre
Rolleston Drive
ROLLESTON

BUSINESS: As per Order Paper attached.

Dr Bryan Jenkins
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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COMPLIANCE WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2002 DECISION-MAKING REQUIREMENTS

Except as below, a statement of compliance and a completed decision checklist is required for any agenda item on a council committee or the council recommending that a decision be made. This will be the responsibility of the person signing off the agenda item.

The compliance statement and checklist will not be used for:

- Recommendations that information be received or that the Council make a decision.
- Decisions taken under the Resource Management Act 1991 or the Biosecurity Act 1993 in relation to resource consents, decisions required when following the procedures set out in Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991, other permissions, submissions on plans, or references to the Environment Court.
- Decisions taken to proceed with enforcement procedures under various primary or secondary legislation or regulations, including procedures under the Resource Management Act 1991, the Biosecurity Act 1993, the Local Government Act 2002, and Environment Canterbury Bylaws.
- Administrative and personnel decisions that are entirely internal to Environment Canterbury.
- Other decisions where the procedures to be followed are set out in Legislation.

COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

The council committee (or the council) must formally certify that:

- It is satisfied that it has sufficient information about the options and their benefits and costs, in terms of the region's social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being and the effects on community outcomes, bearing in mind the significance of the decisions.
- It is satisfied that it knows enough about and has given adequate consideration to the views and preferences of affected and interested parties bearing in mind the significance of the decision.

INFORMATION CHECKLIST

(a)	A Statement of the Proposed Decision
(b)	A Statement of the Objective of the Proposed Decision and the Issue or Problem being addressed
(c)	A list of all reasonably practicable options, (including doing nothing).
(d)	For each option in (c): An evaluation of the Benefits and Costs, in terms of the region's social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being.
(e)	For each option in (c): A statement of the extent to which community outcomes would be promoted or achieved in an integrated and efficient manner.
(f)	For each option in (c): A statement of the Impact, if any, on Environment Canterbury's capacity to undertake its statutory responsibilities
(g)	If the Proposed Decision is a significant decision in relation to land or a body of water, a statement of how Maori values have been taken into account
(h)	A Statement of significant inconsistencies, if any, with any Existing Policy, Plan or Legislation arising from the Proposed Decision.
(i)	A statement how the views and preferences of affected or interested persons have been given adequate consideration during the definition of the problem or issue, the objective, the assessment of options and the development of the proposed decision, including the particular contribution of Maori to the decision-making process.

Notes:

The significance of proposals and decisions determines how much time, money and effort is put into exploring and evaluating options and obtaining the views of affected and interested parties. The significance of proposals and decisions is determined through reference to criteria contained in the policy on significance.

The policy on significance together with Section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002 set out the Council's requirements in relation to decisions. Some decisions can only be made through the Long-Term Council Community Plan, or after the Special Consultative Procedures set out in the Act have been used, (refer to the policy on significance and the Act).

All decisions of Environment Canterbury are subject to the decision-making requirements of section 76 of the Act unless inconsistent with specific requirements of other legislation.

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CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
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ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY
CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE THIRTIETH MEETING OF THE CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE HELD ON
TUESDAY 15 MARCH 2005 IN THE ROLLESTON COMMUNITY CENTRE, ROLLESTON
DRIVE, ROLLESTON FROM 10.00 A.M.

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PRESENT

Cr W E Woods (Chairperson), Cr R A Budd, Cr T K Burke, Cr K Coe (from 10:53 am), Ms Y Couch-Lewis, Cr E H Cunningham, Cr A R McKay.

MANAGEMENT AND STAFF PRESENT

B R Jenkins (Chief Executive), W M Falconer (Director External Relations) and L M McDonald (Administration Officer)

1. APOLOGIES

Cr K Macnab, for lateness Cr K Coe.

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting were provided for the information of the Committee. In terms of the Council's Standing Orders (clause 3.18.2) the minutes for the final meeting of the previous term has been confirmed by the Chairperson and Chief Executive.

3. MATTERS ARISING

Hazardous Waste

Cr McKay expressed concern that there was no drop off points for hazardous waste at Ashburton, Timaru or Waimate.

Cr Leadley noted that a regional focus was required for managing hazardous waste and that it is not just a rural problem.

Dr Jenkins advised that issue of disposal of hazardous waste is being looked at the national level by the Ministry for the Environment.

Resolved

That the provision of a hazardous waste drop-off point at Ashburton, Timaru and Waimate be referred to the Environment Canterbury Waste, Hazardous Substances and Contaminated Sites Portfolio Committee.

Cr McKay/Cr Leadley

4. DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS

Nil.

5. CHAIRPERSONS REPORT

Cr Woods explained that he had been a member of this committee during the period 1992/1995. At that time the issues of interest to the committee included rabbits, the Regional Policy Statement, the growth of Rolleston and Darfield, and transport.

The focus now, in his view, for the Central Area is irrigation, consents, and earthworks. For Banks Peninsula the issues of concern include the effects of the growth in tourism, in particular pollution, water supply and transport.

It would be valuable for the committee to obtain information from the community and be able to help those in the community already doing good work.

Cr Woods invited comments from the committee:

Cr Budd agreed that communication with people representing a range of issues would be valuable.

Cr Burke supported direct linkages with key groups for example Lincoln University.

Cr Leadley said the issue of water was very important for the central area and required a regional focus. Other issues were infrastructure and transport. Field days were very valuable but the challenge is to get more people to attend them.

Cr McKay suggested seminars on topics of interest would be more valuable than committee meetings.

Cr Coe arrived at 10.53 am.

Ms Couch-Lewis agreed that for Banks Peninsula the issues of concern were the infrastructure required to cope with the rapid increase in activity in tourism, land use and subdivision. Regarding obtaining information from the community and also getting information to the community, she commented that many people who are active in the community are volunteers and are already busy responding to a variety of plans and proposals. As a community person on this committee she felt it is important to consider how effective one is in this role. In representing the runanga it is necessary to both get the message out from, and channel information back to, the committee.

MATTER FOR COMMITTEE DECISION

6. ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON

Resolved

That Councillor Richard Budd be elected Deputy Chairperson of the Central Area Committee.

Cr McKay/Cr Burke

MATTER FOR INFORMATION

7. CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

Dr Jenkins spoke on the following issues:

Representation Review

The Local Electoral Act 2001 requires councils to review their representation arrangements. There are a number of key documents available for the committee. The key message is the importance of starting consultation early.

Water

Aqualinc commenced work in July 2004 on Part 2 of the Canterbury Strategic Water Study. This project is being run through the Mayoral Forum, with Mayor McEvedy chairing the steering group.

The Natural Resources Regional Plan (NRRP) has been notified, submissions closed December 2004, and hearings will be held later this year. A technical group has been set up to work through the territorial authorities' concerns regarding sewerage and stormwater systems.

A variation to schedule 9 of the NRRP (Seasonal Irrigation Demand Standards) is being considered as it was based on 1998/99, which was a dry year. Work is being done to recalculate water demand on a location basis, with total demand assessed on use and type of soil, less summer rainfall. Council is trying to create equity for existing and potential water users.

Cr Coe said he was pleased that there will be a variation to schedule 9. It is important to provide certainty for water users.

Cr Leadley agreed with the need for certainty with water and advised that Ashburton was awaiting a study on groundwater.

Land and Water Quality Interaction

Both Christchurch City and Selwyn District Council have indicated that they would prefer Environment Canterbury to develop plan provisions to protect the Christchurch aquifers through land use controls.

A recent dairy farm decision has highlighted the need for a broad co-ordinated approach to management of the Lake Ellesmere catchment. This area is of special significance to Ngai Tahu.

Flood Management

Changes to the Local Government Act allow more flexibility for flood management. The broader outcomes as included in the proposed Lower Waimakariri Regional Park, are an example of this.

Pest Management Strategy

A consent order has been finalised following consultation with territorial authorities for the control of roadside pests. Some councils have undertaken to undertake this control themselves.

The Pest Management Strategy is reviewed every five years.

Varroa Bee Mite

The Varroa Agency has been established and will undertake a surveillance programme this autumn. There has been good co-operation with regional and unitary councils, and the beekeepers. The Agency Board is chaired by Cr Duncan Butcher of Otago Regional Council, with representatives from regional councils and a beekeeper representative.

Nelson City Council has not yet joined the programme and Local Government New Zealand and the Agency Board are contacting that council to encourage it to participate.

Aquaculture Management

Following the legislation change in December 2004 the moratorium on marine farming has been lifted. Aquaculture will only be permitted in Aquaculture Management Areas (AMA) which can be established by a council or privately initiated plan change.

Applications for marine farms received prior to 2001 will be considered under the former legislation.

Old Mans Beard

Cr Leadley raised the issue of Old Mans Beard adjacent or near to the Ashburton River. Some landowners are concerned that action is taken against them yet there appears to be infestations of this weed on Environment Canterbury owned land.

MATTER RECOMMENDED TO THE COUNCIL

8. CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The Committee discussed issues of interest that could be discussed at stakeholder seminars. This would provide the opportunity for those interested in a particular topic to attend and share information and views.

Cr McKay raised the issue of traffic congestion at Hornby. The time delays caused by this congestion has economic implications for transport movement in and out of Christchurch.

Cr Budd added that this issue includes the growth of urban Christchurch and the pressure points created by this growth.

Recommended

That the Central Area Committee arrange four stakeholder meetings on the following topics:

- 1. Transport, including the gridlock at the southern entrance to Christchurch.*
- 2. Presentation on Environment Canterbury's Annual Plan.*
- 3. Catchment management for Lake Ellesmere and Lake Forsyth.*
- 4. Water quality issues, the Chairman to meet with Territorial Authority representatives to finalise the issues to be discussed.*

Cr McKay/Cr Burke

9. QUESTIONS

Nil.

10. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil.

11. NEXT MEETING

February 2006, to be confirmed.

12. CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 12.20pm.

CONFIRMED

DATE _____ CHAIRPERSON _____