

# MEETING OF THE CHRISTCHURCH AREA COMMITTEE

## TO THE CHAIRPERSON AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

### MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

Cr N J Wagner (Chairperson)

Dr N Bennett - Riccarton Wigram Community Board  
Mr P Clearwater - Spreydon Heathcote Community Board  
Mr S Collins - Canterbury Employers Chamber of Commerce  
Mr A Drysdale – Avon-Heathcote Estuary Ihutau Trust  
Mr M Lane  
Ms H Latimer – Tangata Whenua  
Canon D Morrell  
Ms Y Palmer - Shirley Papanui Community Board  
Dr D Penman – Landcare Research  
Mr R Ross – Combined Residents' Association  
Mr D Rowlands - Burwood Pegasus Community Board  
Prof I Spellerberg – Canterbury Tertiary Alliance  
Mr R Taylor  
Mr P Townsend - Canterbury Employers Chamber of Commerce  
Mr M Wall - Fendalton Waimairi Community Board

### **Environment Canterbury**

Cr R A Budd  
Cr T K Burke  
Cr A S Carroll  
Cr E H Cunningham  
Cr R M Kirk  
Cr A Neill  
Cr J Waters

### **Appointment to be Made**

Hagley Ferrymead Community Board

A meeting of the Committee will be held on

**Tuesday 7 March 2006 commencing at 9.30 a.m.**

The meeting will conclude with a light lunch.

**VENUE:** Council Chamber  
First Floor  
Pegasus Building  
58 Kilmore Street  
**CHRISTCHURCH**

**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:

- (a) 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.
- (b) 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.

**ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY**  
**CHRISTCHURCH AREA COMMITTEE**

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8. PASSENGER TRANSPORT (Including Passenger Transport Plan & Strategy Updates)
9. SUSTAINABILITY EDUCATION IN URBAN AREAS – RESOURCE CARE

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**ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY**

**CHRISTCHURCH AREA COMMITTEE**

MINUTES OF THE FIFTH MEETING OF THE CHRISTCHURCH AREA COMMITTEE HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY, 16 MARCH 2005 IN THE WAITAKI ROOM, FIRST FLOOR, PEGASUS  
BUILDING, 58 KILMORE STREET, CHRISTCHURCH FROM 9.30 A.M.

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**PRESENT**

Cr N J Wagner (Chairperson), Dr N Bennett, Cr A S Carroll, Mr P Clearwater (to 11am), Cr E H Cunningham, Mr M Lane, Cr A G Neill, Ms Y Palmer (to 11am), Mr R Ross and Cr J M Waters.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Cr W E Woods

## **MANAGEMENT AND STAFF PRESENT**

W M Falconer (Director External Relations), J Atkinson (Portfolio Manager Public Passenger Transport and Regional Land Transport), L M McDonald (Administration Officer) and for part of the meeting L McCallum (Energy, Transport & the Built Environment Policy Manager) and M Gaudin (Clean Heat Project Manager).

### **1. APOLOGIES**

Cr R A Budd, Cr T K Burke, Mr S Collins, Cr R M Kirk, Ms H Latimer, Mr R Taylor, Mr P Townsend and Mr M Wall.

### **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**

The Park and Ride proposal and the Clean Heat project were raised as matters arising. Both matters were discussed later in the meeting.

### **4. DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS**

Nil.

### **5. CHAIRPERSONS REPORT**

Cr Wagner welcomed everyone to the meeting and tabled notes from her informal survey of past members of the committee as to how the meetings can be most effective. Key points made were:

- The value of receiving information about topics of interest.
- A chance to have some input on Christchurch issues.
- An opportunity to network.
- Discuss initiatives early in the process so that relevant ideas can be included in actions.
- Like to see Christchurch City Council represented on the committee.
- More detail in agendas to enable interested people to attend.
- Information to flow both ways.
- Updates on progress on issues that have been discussed in the past.

Cr Wagner said that she was aware that all the committee members were busy people and she would like to keep the committee meetings useful. She invited comments from the committee:

Neville Bennett said he had found the committee useful as there were many issues in common with the community boards, for example water and good soils. The information provided was interesting, for example the issues around shingle in the Waimakariri River.

Murray Lane said it was important that the committee is proactive and is able to have input in to issues early in the process. He found the networking valuable and agreed it would be good to have representation from the Christchurch City Council.

Ralph Ross also found the committee meetings useful. He identified transport, the airport and residential development on productive land as important issues.

Cr Woods explained that he was not a member of this committee but was attending as chair of the Central Area Committee and would be able to contribute to cross-boundary issues.

Cr Neill said it was important that the meetings produce outcomes. He had found meeting with the Fendalton-Waimairi Community Board in January very useful. There are many issues to be addressed including energy efficiency, waste, the airport, Waimakariri River and pest liaison. A positive co-operative approach will allow a two-way flow of information.

Phil Clearwater found it useful to hear about regional issues as aspects of his community board's work dovetailed into Environment Canterbury work on aspects like the Port Hills and the Heathcote River.

Yvonne Palmer explained that she was the zone 5 community board representative. She supported meetings between the community boards and Environment Canterbury councillors.

Cr Waters commented that the strength of the committee was the community representation.

Cr Carroll explained that she was a new Environment Canterbury councillor with a background as a member of the Shirley Papanui Community Board.

Cr Wagner referred the committee to the terms of reference which described the committee's channels of communications.

It was agreed that it is valuable to invite key people from the community to meetings or workshops arranged by the committee. The Christchurch Branch of the School Trustees group was suggested.

The committee's terms of reference were endorsed, with an amendment recommended to delete the wording that restricted appointees from key stakeholder groups to "up to four each".

### **Recommendation**

*That the Terms of Reference for the Christchurch Area Committee be endorsed and the membership amended to:*

*The Christchurch Area Committee shall be a Standing Committee of the Council and comprise the eight Christchurch constituency councillors, two Christchurch City Council councillors, one representative from each of the Community Boards in the city, at least one representative of Tangata Whenua and appointees from key stakeholder groups, and individual opinion leaders.*

Cr Neill/Dr Bennett

## **MATTER FOR COMMUNITY DECISION**

### **6. ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON**

#### ***Resolved***

*That Councillor Alec Neill be elected Deputy Chairperson of the Christchurch Area Committee.*

Cr Cunningham/Mr Lane

## MATTER FOR INFORMATION

### 7. CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

Wilma Falconer, Director External Relations, was in attendance for the Chief Executive and introduced the following items:

#### Regional Land Transport

Jill Atkinson explained that \$25million per year had been budgeted for regional "R" funding for the next 10 years. Recommendations for allocation of this funding are made to central government through the Regional Land Transport Committee. A major point of progress is that Transit New Zealand have confirmed that the funding is not just for roads but also for alternatives.

Yvonne Palmer said that the Shirley Papanui Community Board had made a submission to Transit NZ, concerned that their funding did not include footpaths. Cycle paths were also an issue, with the growth of tourists cycling around New Zealand, a cycleway at the Northern Motorway has been suggested.

Neville Bennett added that narrow bridges over the Waimakariri and Bealey Rivers created a dangerous situation for cyclists. Many entrants to the Coast-to-Coast event train in this area.

Jill Atkinson undertook to pass these comments to Transit.

#### Public Passenger Transport

Jill Atkinson provided information on bus patronage and changes to services. Patronage of the Orbitor continues to increase and the patronage of the new Metrostar service is tracking at a similar rate as the Orbitor at the same stage.

Challenges that the services are facing include:

- Travel time reliability
- Driver shortages
- Maintaining patronage growth

Yvonne Palmer advised that the Shirley Papanui Community Board had met with the secondary schools near Papanui Road to discuss the traffic and parking problems caused by the number of students driving cars to school.

Jill Atkinson advised that Christchurch City Council is working on the provision of bus priority corridors in Papanui Road, Colombo Street south and New Brighton Road by June 2006, Riccarton Road and other routes will then be looked at.

Other infrastructure work being planned by Christchurch City Council included suburban interchanges and expansion of the Bus Exchange. Yvonne Palmer said it was important to emphasise that the Bus Exchange is a safe place.

In response to a question regarding the 'Park and Ride' idea, discussed at the previous meeting, Jill Atkinson advised that overseas experience showed barriers rather than distance determined the success of such schemes. For Christchurch Rangiora would be possibly be a good 'Park and Ride' point as once commuters got closer to Christchurch City they may find little advantage in parking their vehicles and waiting for a bus when relatively close to their destination. Frequency of bus services was an issue for park and ride.

It was noted that there was evidence that many West Melton commuters parked in the Bush Inn area of Riccarton.

The 'Park and Ride' idea has been referred to the Urban Development Strategy and the Central City Group.

Phil Clearwater commented that both councils had worked well to deal with Bowendale residents' concerns regarding the new bus route and location of bus stops. He suggested that a pathway to deal with new bus routes and bus stops would be helpful for the future.

It was suggested that for new subdivisions the bus stop locations be identified at the design stage.

Ms Palmer and Mr Clearwater left the meeting at 11am.

### Greater Christchurch Urban Development Strategy

Laurie McCallum tabled a booklet "Greater Christchurch Urban Development Strategy – Introduction to Issues, February 2005". He explained that the draft strategy has been developed by Christchurch City, Waimakariri, Selwyn and Banks Peninsula District Councils, with Environment Canterbury and other government and business organisations. The draft strategy will be open for public comment from April to June 2005.

Issues addressed in the strategy include: land use, transport, traffic congestion, water quality, and sense of place. There is an awareness that business as usual will not result in the current high level of amenity enjoyed by Christchurch residents and visitors.

Ralph Ross added that the development of 10-acre lifestyle blocks on productive soils and development around the airport are important issues.

Murray Lane drew the committee's attention to an article in "The Press" newspaper on 19 February that described climate change concerns. More intense rainfall events were predicted which, combined with smaller sections and more hard surfaces, would have implications for the city's stormwater infrastructure.

Cr Neill said that everyone will have different views as to how Christchurch should develop and he encouraged the committee members to participate in the Urban Development Strategy consultation.

### Clean Heat

Mike Gaudin presented an update on the Clean Heat project. Currently registrations are at the rate of approximately 15 per day. Of the three programmes there has been good uptake of the full assistance programme, but less for the partial assistance programme. Reasons given for the slow uptake of the partial assistance scheme include:

- People don't have to change yet.
- The level of subsidy is not enough.
- The scheme is too complicated.
- The requirement for insulation.
- Concern regarding electricity prices.
- Limited range of low emission burners.
- Retailers have not participated.

Ralph Ross said that people are concerned about the price of electricity. Another advantage of woodburners was the wetback feature to heat hot water.

Mike Gaudin noted other initiatives:

- The loan scheme suggested by Mayor Garry Moore.
- The Warm Homes project (Ministry for the Environment and EECA).
- A social marketing campaign that explains what council is trying to achieve rather than just the scheme itself.

#### National Environmental Standard – Air Quality

Wilma Falconer explained that the National Environmental Standards for air quality developed by the Ministry for the Environment would allow only one exceedance per year of the PM<sub>10</sub> level (50µ/m<sup>3</sup> 24 hour average) by the year 2013.

This standard will be gradually introduced from 1 September 2005 and therefore as the years track to 2013 there will have to be less exceedances each year. While Council accepts that level of air quality by 2013, there will be some difficulty meeting the new standard for the period up to 2013, as measures to achieve the standard by 2013 (for example the Clean Heat project) will still be underway.

This has serious implications for Christchurch, as Environment Canterbury will not be able to issue resource consents for emissions to air if the PM<sub>10</sub> levels have already been exceeded. This could catch applications that require a resource consent, for example hospital and school boilers for heating, which would be disadvantaged against the unconsented activity of home heating. This matter has been raised with the Ministry.

It was noted that the weather is an important factor in achieving (or not achieving) the required air quality standard.

#### Civil Defence/Emergency Management

Wilma Falconer advised that the Civil Defence Emergency Management Plan had been prepared. Submissions were heard last week and the finalised plan will be forwarded to the Minister.

#### Energy

Environment Canterbury will be arranging seminars to explore energy issues.

#### Aquaculture

With the passing of the aquaculture bill the moratorium on aquaculture has been lifted. Aquaculture Management Areas (AMAs) can be set by regional councils. More information on this is available from the Ministry for the Environment's website.

### **MATTER RECOMMENDED TO THE COUNCIL**

#### **8. CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

It was agreed that one meeting be held at the beginning of each year to set the scene and plan workshops on specific issues. A separate briefing on Environment Canterbury's Annual Plan will be arranged for April.

#### **Recommendation**

*That the Christchurch Area Committee arrange the following workshops:*

- 12 July 2005 - on groundwater, stormwater, drinking water, and Heathcote and Avon Rivers water quality issues.
- 23 November 2005 – topic to be decided at the July workshop.

Cr Neill/Dr Bennett

**9. QUESTIONS**

Nil.

**10. NOTICES OF MOTION**

Nil.

**11. NEXT MEETING**

February 2006, to be confirmed.

**12. CLOSURE**

The meeting closed at 12.28pm.

CONFIRMED

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ CHAIRPERSON