

**MINUTES OF THE 245TH MEETING OF ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBER, 58 KILMORE STREET, CHRISTCHURCH ON THURSDAY,
24 JUNE 2004 AT 9.30 A.M.**

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PRESENT

Crs R B Johnson (Chairman), R A Budd, T K Burke, V M Campbell, R H M Johnston, R I R Little, A R McKay, A G Neill, M E Oldfield, W S Penno, I A Robertson, D R Shand and N J Wagner.

MANAGEMENT AND STAFF PRESENT

Dr B R Jenkins (Chief Executive), W Falconer (Director External Relations), J D Talbot (Director Policy and Planning), I W Thomas (Director Services and Portfolio Management) and P C Berry (Manager Secretariat).

1. APOLOGIES

Cr Waters (Leave of Absence).

2. MINUTES

Moved Cr Johnston, seconded Cr Budd.

That the minutes of the 243rd meeting held on 27 May 2004 and 244th meeting held on 10 June 2004, be confirmed as true and accurate records.

CARRIED

3. MATTERS ARISING

Nil.

4. DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS

Nil.

5. DRAFT CHRISTCHURCH ROAD SAFETY STRATEGY

Moved Cr Shand, seconded Cr Burke.

That the Council approve the submission on the draft Christchurch Road Safety Strategy.

CARRIED

Cr Campbell arrived at 9.40 a.m.

6. RPS VERSATILE SOILS POLICY

Moved Cr Penno, seconded Cr Budd

That Council proceed with option 2 (a specific policy limited to the issue of hard standing and not small lot subdivision) as a replacement for the existing versatile soils policy in the Regional Policy Statement.

CARRIED

OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION AWARD

An outstanding contribution award was presented to Alan Monk, Foreman at Kainga Depot. The citation noted that Alan had worked for the North Canterbury Catchment Board/Environment Canterbury since January 1966 and was retiring on 25 June 2004. It was noted he had a very wide range of skills built up over 38 years service, but most notable was his total reliability, loyalty and willingness. He was a cheerful, pleasant work mate with a good nature and a vast knowledge of our work.

Morning tea was taken 10.30 a.m. – 10.50 a.m.

7. PROPOSED REGIONAL PEST MANAGEMENT STRATEGY (2003)

Cr Little, Chairman of the Hearing Committee presented his report. He noted the heart of most of the submissions was the need to address weed and pest issues on a local basis. Flexibility had been provided to meet the needs of local communities through the introduction of the Community Initiatives Programmes.

Significant issues addressed by the Committee were:

- **Roadsides.** The Strategy proposal to phase in District/City Council responsibility for roadside weed and pest control over a period was strongly opposed by some Districts. It was decided to leave the proposed changeover, but were mindful of the statutory requirement to review the Strategy in no more than five years time, allowing dialogue to continue with the Districts.
- **Gorse and Broom.** The Committee had found no sound reason to make a rule increasing boundary requirements on Banks Peninsula from 10 to 20 metres to be different than elsewhere in Canterbury.

There were many varying individual situations with gorse and broom throughout the region and acceptance of the provisions in the Act would enable acceptance of management plans suited to individual properties.

- **Nodding Thistle and Ragwort.** A proposal to remove the provision of a 40-metre boundary and water race clearance requirement where the neighbouring property was clean of weeds was rejected.
- **Wallabies.** The existing rules were endorsed and the proposal to form an advisory committee within six months to provide advice on the management of wallabies.
- **New Species.** The Committee received a number of requests to add various new species, and accepted some of these where appropriate, and could consider them under the Community Initiatives Scheme.

Cr Little thanked all submitters, staff input and the other members of the Committee. Matters raised in the discussion included:

- Requirement for the preparation of an Operative Plan.
- Flexibility of options.
- Problems of using hunters to eradicate wallabies.
- Spread of lagorsiphon in high country lakes.

- Limited scope to deal with new issues raised by submitters because wider public do not have the opportunities to make comment.
- Hearing panel had powers of a Board of Enquiry in accordance with the Biosecurity Act 1993.
- Chief Executive would be advising territorial authorities of the applicable dates of the roading authority responsibilities, as detailed in the strategy.

Moved Cr Little, seconded Cr Shand.

That the Council adopt:

- (a) *The report by the Principal Officer on the Strategy (Section 79B(1)(a)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993);*
- (b) *The report on Section 79B(1)(b and c) of the Biosecurity Act 1993;*
- (c) *The report of the hearing committee into submissions on the Proposed Regional Pest Management Strategy (2003); and*
- (d) *The Regional Pest Management Strategy with the amendments recommended by the hearing committee into submissions on the Proposed Regional Pest Management Strategy (2003) and the proposed review of the Regional Pest Management Strategy – Biodiversity Pests.*

CARRIED

8. CLEAN HEAT PROJECT POLICY REVIEW

Discussion on this item mainly centred on matters related to insulation, in particular, its relationship with the partial assistance programme. It was noted that the partial assistance programme was available to all, irrespective of the property ownership.

Moved Cr Budd, seconded Cr Campbell.

That the Council amend the Clean Heat Project Policy Document as follows:

- (a) *That details of implementation be allowed by the Policy Document to be determined through an operational plan which will cover matters such as household eligibility, energy efficiency measures required, appliance type/size, application of the subsidy (e.g. vouchers), targeting high emitting burners first.*
- (b) *Extend the policy of providing a service to organise/co-ordinate home efficiency measures to the partial assistance programme.*
- (c) *Amend the subsidies for energy efficiency measures as set out in the Review Document to allow the programme managers flexibility to respond to technological improvements, changes in the building code, and tailor solutions to individual households.*
- (d) *Make the policy of applying only one subsidy scheme to the household explicit in the policy document.*

- (e) *Make the policy explicit in the policy document that for joint or multiple ownership, it should not be capable for only one or some of the owners to qualify if one or more of the other owners is earning income that would otherwise disqualify them.*
- (f) *Remove the policy requiring a phase down of the incentives in the partial assistance programme by 10 percent per annum for the next three years of the project.*
- (g) *Have a policy that the project will only promote technology that is consistent with Environment Canterbury's environmental objectives.*

CARRIED

Lunch was taken 12.40 p.m. – 1.35 p.m.

Crs Oldfield and Wagner left at 1.35 p.m.

9. THE FORESHORE AND SEABED OF NEW ZEALAND: GOVERNMENT PROPOSALS FOR CONSULTATION

Moved Cr Campbell, seconded Cr Penno.

That the submission of Environment Canterbury to the Governments Consultation on "The Foreshore and Seabed of New Zealand, be approved.

CARRIED

10. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH QE II TRUST

Moved Cr Johnston, seconded Cr Campbell.

That Council approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Queen Elizabeth The Second National Trust.

CARRIED

11. PAREORA RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

Moved Cr Penno, seconded Cr Little.

That Council adopts the Pareora River Floodplain Management Strategy.

CARRIED

12. GREENSTREET CREEK RATING DISTRICT

Moved Cr McKay, seconded Cr Robertson.

That the Council approve the following proportions of rating for the Greenstreet Creek Rating District for the 2004/05 and subsequent rating years:

<i>Pekanga o Te Awa Farms Ltd</i>	<i>75%</i>
<i>Bramble Hills Ltd</i>	<i>25%</i>

CARRIED

13. TARGET PEST ENTERPRISES LIMITED – STATEMENT OF INTENT

Moved Cr Budd, seconded Cr Campbell.

That the Council, as the shareholder in Target Pest Enterprises Limited, agree to the final statement of intent covering the period 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2007.

CARRIED

14. WARRANTING ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

Moved Cr Little, seconded Cr Budd.

That under Section 650B of the Local Government Act 1974 (not repealed by the Local Government Act 2002), the Council appoint the persons named below as honorary enforcement officers with those powers listed below, as specified in section 650C (1), (3) (a) and 650E (1) (a) and (b) of the Local Government Act 1974

*Arthur John Heenan
Hendricus Willy John De Boer*

- *To enter and remain on any ship within waters of the Canterbury region for the purpose of carrying out his duty;*
- *To give directions to regulate within waters of the Canterbury region:*
 - (a) the time and manner in which any ship may enter into, depart from, lie or navigate; and*
 - (b) the position, mooring, unmooring, placing, removing, securing or unsecuring of any ship*
- *On the instruction of the Regional Harbourmaster:*
 - (a) to require the person appearing to be in charge of any ship or seaplane to stop, and to give his or her name and address; and*
 - (b) to require any person found committing an offence against the Council's navigation bylaws to give his or her name and address*

CARRIED

15. APPOINTMENT: ACTING CHAIRPERSON

That Cr Penno be appointed to act as Council Chairman in the period 1 – 10 July 2004.

CARRIED

16. DELEGATION: INSTIGATION OF HIGH COURT PROCEEDINGS

Agreed to withdraw this item and refer back with further information on whether all matters under this provision should be delegated to the Chief Executive.

17. CEO PERFORMANCE AND REMUNERATION REVIEW

Moved Cr Budd, seconded Cr Shand.

- (a) *That a Subcommittee be appointed to carry out the CEO Performance and Remuneration review.*
- (b) *That the members of the Subcommittee be Crs Johnson, Budd, Burke, Campbell, Johnston, Penno and Wagner with a quorum of four.*

CARRIED

18. INFORMATION ITEMS

Moved Cr Little, seconded Cr Budd.

That the information items be received.

CARRIED

19. FINANCIAL REPORTS ON COUNCIL PORTFOLIO ACTIVITIES

Moved Cr Little, seconded Cr Burke.

That the information on the financial reports for the period ending 31 May 2004 be received.

CARRIED

20. REPORT OF REGIONAL LAND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

Moved Cr Penno, seconded Cr Shand.

The Committee Chairperson will move that the report of the Regional Land Transport Committee held on 9 June 2004 be received and that the matters for Council decision be approved.

CARRIED

20.1 DRAFT 2005-2015 CANTERBURY REGIONAL LAND TRANSPORT STRATEGY FOR CONSULTATION

Resolved

That the Regional Land Transport Committee receives the report "Draft 2005 – 2015 Regional Land Transport Strategy for Consultation" and approves, as amended, the draft Canterbury Regional Land Transport Strategy 2005 – 2015 for the purpose of public consultation.

MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

20.2 SECRETARY OF TRANSPORT PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

EXTRAORDINARY AND URGENT BUSINESS

20.3 TRANSFUND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE RATES

Resolved

That this meeting supports the Zone 5 and 6 submission to Local Government New Zealand and Transfund.

21. REPORT OF CANTERBURY MAYORAL FORUM

Moved Cr Budd, seconded Cr McKay.

That the report of the Canterbury Mayoral Forum meeting of 14 June 2004, be received.

CARRIED

22. REPORT OF CIVIL DEFENCE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

Moved Cr McKay, seconded Cr Campbell.

That the Civil Defence Emergency Subcommittee minutes of 21 June 2004, be received.

CARRIED

23. COUNCILLOR REPORTS OTHER COMMITTEES/CONFERENCES/SEMINARS

Councillors reported as follows:

- Cr Oldfield – tabled Chairman's address to the South Island High Country Conference, 11 June 2004.
- Cr Johnston – outline of his recent visits to New South Wales and Tasmania.
- Cr Shand on the EEA Workshop on 17 June 2004 also attended by Cr Oldfield.
- Cr Campbell attendance at recent meeting of the Total Mobility Committee.
- Cr Shand and Neill – attendance at Urban Development Strategy Group on 22 June 2004.

24. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil.

25. QUESTIONS

Nil.

26. EXTRAORDINARY AND URGENT BUSINESS

Nil.

Afternoon tea was taken 3.10 p.m. – 3.25 p.m.

Cr Little left at 3.25 p.m.

27. MEETING WITH PUBLIC EXCLUDED

Moved Cr Johnson, seconded Cr Budd.

That the public be excluded from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

- (a) *Clearwater Draft Variation to the Proposed Christchurch City District Plan*
- (b) *Public Excluded Minutes, 27 May and 10 June 2004*
- (c) *Clean Heat Project*

The general subject of the matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
(a) <i>Consideration of Draft Variation</i>	<i>That good reason exists for not discussing the matter with the public present and is not outweighed by the public interest.</i>	Section 48(1)(a)
(b) <i>Adoption of Public Excluded Minutes.</i>	<i>That good reason exists for not discussing the matter with the public present and is not outweighed by the public interest.</i>	Section 48(1)(a)
(c) <i>Consideration of Alternate Programme</i>	<i>That good reason exists for not discussing the matter with the public present and is not outweighed by the public interest.</i>	Section 48(1)(a)

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interests protected by Section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

- (a) *Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations. (Section 7(2)(b)(i)).*
- (b) *Protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information. (Section 7(2)(b)(ii)).*

Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage commercial activities. (Section 7(2)(h)).

(c) *Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations. (Section 7(2)(b)(i)).*

CARRIED

IN OPEN MEETING

Moved Cr Budd, seconded Cr Johnson.

That the meeting resume in Open Meeting.

CARRIED

28. NEXT MEETING – 29 JULY 2004

Cr Robertson was granted Leave of Absence, 28 June to 11 July 2004.

29. CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 4.00 p.m.

CONFIRMED

DATE _____ CHAIRPERSON _____