

**MINUTES OF 306<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY HELD IN THE  
COUNCIL CHAMBER, ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY, 58 KILMORE STREET,  
CHRISTCHURCH ON WEDNESDAY, 24 OCTOBER 2007 AT 10.00 A.M.**

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**PRESENT**

Crs T K Burke, J T Demeter, C J Evans, P C R Harrow, J M Kane, R M Kirk, R I R Little, A R McKay, B S Murray, A G Neill, M E Oldfield, E M Sage, D P Sutherland and R M G Tindall.

**MANAGEMENT AND OFFICERS PRESENT**

B R Jenkins (Chief Executive) and J C Pani (Manager Secretariat).

Dr Jenkins welcomed everyone to the meeting and chaired the meeting until the Chairperson was elected.

**1. APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies.

**2. MEMBERS STATUTORY DECLARATIONS**

The fourteen members made their oral declarations and then attested Certificates of Declaration, witnessed by the Chief Executive, as required by Clause 14, Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002.

**3. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON**

Dr Jenkins explained the voting process for the election of the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson, including the two voting options as described in the report attached to the agenda. Also set out in the report, and agreed to by Councillors, was a suggested election process and groundrules.

**Resolved**

- (a) ***That the voting procedure to be adopted for the election of the Council Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson be System A.***
- (b) ***That in the event of a tie between the highest polling candidates, the names of the candidates receiving an equal number of votes be placed in a container and the candidate drawn out, by an independent person, is deemed to be elected.***
- (c) ***That in the event of a tie between the lowest polling candidates, the names of the candidates receiving an equal number of votes be placed in a container and the candidate drawn out, by an independent person, is deemed to be excluded from the next round of voting.***

Cr Oldfield/Cr Evans

Dr Jenkins called for nominations for the position of Council Chairperson. The following nominations were received:

Cr Burke – nominated Cr Kirk, seconded Cr Tindall  
Cr Neill – nominated Cr Little, seconded Cr Evans  
Cr Kane – nominated Cr Kane. This nomination lapsed due to lack of a seconder.

Crs Kirk and Little took the opportunity to speak in favour of their nominations.

As agreed earlier in the meeting as part of the election process, the two nominees spoke for 10 minutes in support of their nomination.

Dr Jenkins called for votes for the two nominees and on a show of hands the vote was a tie with 7 votes for Cr Burke and 7 votes for Cr Neill.

Prior to resolution of the tie vote by lot, the meeting adjourned to consider the issue of voting further with a request for a Division vote to take place following the adjournment.

**Resolved**

***That the meeting adjourn to consider further the matter of the election of the Council Chairperson and then a division vote be called.***

Cr Kane/Cr Evans

The meeting adjourned at 10.50 a.m. and resumed at 11.22 a.m.

A Division was called for the election of the Council Chairperson with the result as follows:

**Cr Burke (8 votes)**

Cr Kirk  
Cr Tindall  
Cr Kane  
Cr Demeter  
Cr Murray  
Cr Burke  
Cr Sutherland  
Cr Sage

**Cr Neill (6 votes)**

Cr Oldfield  
Cr Evans  
Cr McKay  
Cr Neill  
Cr Harrow  
Cr Little

Cr Burke was declared elected Council Chairperson. He made a declaration as Chairperson as required under clause 14 of Schedule 7 of the LGA and assumed the chair.

The Chairman then called for nominations for the position of Deputy Chair. The following nominations were received:

Cr Oldfield – nominated Cr Kane, seconded Cr Murray. Cr Oldfield declined the nomination.

Cr Neill – nominated Cr Harrow. Cr Neill declined the nomination.

Cr Kane – nominated Cr Evans, seconded Cr Oldfield

Cr Demeter – nominated Cr Sage, seconded Cr Sutherland

Crs Evans and Sage took the opportunity to speak in favour of their nominations.

The two nominees were granted time to speak in support of their nomination.

The vote for the position of Deputy Chairperson was then put with Cr Kane declared elected by 7 votes to 3 on a show of hands.

#### **4. RELEVANT LEGISLATION**

Dr Jenkins spoke to the report attached to the agenda which provided a general explanation of some of the legislation that Councillors need to be aware of.

Jude Pani confirmed that declarations of interest should be declared at the commencement of the relevant meeting. She also advised that Councillors will have the opportunity to review the Code of Conduct, which had been adopted by the previous Council.

***Resolved***

***That the general explanation of certain laws affecting members be received.***

Cr Kirk/Cr Oldfield

**5. FIXING DATE AND TIME OF FIRST COUNCIL MEETING**

Jude Pani tabled a draft meeting schedule for October to December 2007 that included Local Government New Zealand and Resource Management Act training dates.

Councillors were advised of a series of State of the Water meetings to be held around the region in November.

***Resolved***

- (a) That the first meeting of the Council be held on Wednesday 7 November 2007 commencing at 8.30 a.m.***
- (b) That the schedule of meetings for the remainder of 2007, as tabled, be adopted.***

Cr McKay/Cr Demeter

**6. CLOSURE**

The meeting closed at 12.02 p.m.

CONFIRMED

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