

**MINUTES OF 443RD MEETING OF THE CANTERBURY REGIONAL COUNCIL
AND 88TH MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS HELD IN THE
TUTAEPATU ROOM, MATTHEW FRASER HOUSE,
5 SIR WILLIAM PICKERING DRIVE, CHRISTCHURCH
ON THURSDAY, 28 MAY 2015 AT 10.08 A.M.**

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PRESENT

Commissioners Dame Margaret Bazley (Chair), David Caygill, David Bedford, Tom Lambie and Rex Williams

MANAGEMENT AND OFFICERS PRESENT

Bill Bayfield (Chief Executive), Jill Atkinson (Director Strategy and Programmes), Miles McConway (Director Finance and Corporate Services), Don Chittock (Programme Manager), Steve Gibling (Programme Manager), Mark Vermeeren (Chief Financial Officer), Kristine Bouw (Principal Strategy Advisor), Wendy Gainford (Accountant), Angela Harden (Media Advisor), Mike Roesler (Project Manager LTP), Felicity Price (Lead Advisor Communications) and Louise McDonald (Senior Administration Officer)

WELCOME

Dame Margaret Bazley welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. APOLOGY

Peter Skelton

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were declared.

3. DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS

None

4. MINUTES OF MEETING

14 May 2015

Refer pages 4 to 8 of the agenda.

Resolved

That the Council confirms as a true and correct record and adopts the minutes of the meeting held on 14 May 2015.

David Caygill/David Bedford

14 May 2015 – Public Excluded

Refer page 9 of the agenda.

Resolved

That the Council confirms as a true and correct record and adopts the minutes of part of the meeting held, with the public excluded, on 14 May 2015.

Tom Lambie/David Caygill

5. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

6.1 LAND USE RECOVERY PLAN ACTION 46 – APPROVAL OF BURWOOD LANDFILL CHANGES

Refer pages 10 to 19 of the agenda.

David Caygill presented this report.

Resolved

Approval of Burwood Landfill Changes

That the Council:

- 1. Receive the letter dated 10 December 2014 from the Office of the Hon Gerry Brownlee, Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery.***
- 2. Resolves to amend the policies and methods in the proposed Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan as set out in Attachment 2 in accordance with Action 46 of the Land Use Recovery Plan and sections 24(1)(c) and 24(3) of the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Act 2011 and make***

consequential amendments to the numbering of those provisions for insertion into those plans to take legal effect from 12 June 2015.

3. *Resolves to publicly notify on 6 June 2015 the decision to amend the proposed Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan as set out in Attachment 2 and the commencement date of the amendments.*

Rex Williams/David Caygill

6.2. LAND USE RECOVERY PLAN ACTION 46 – APPROVAL OF HIGH HAZARD AND COASTAL HAZARD CHANGES

Refer pages 20 to 46 of the agenda and amended maps - provided separately.

David Caygill presented this report.

Resolved

Management of development within high hazard area in the Canterbury Regional Policy Statement

That the Council:

1. *Receive the letter dated 18 November 2014 from the Office of Hon Gerry Brownlee, Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery.*
2. *Resolves to amend the policies and methods in the Canterbury Regional Policy Statement as set out in Attachment 3 in accordance with Action 46 of the Land Use Recovery Plan and sections 24(1)(c) and 24(3) of the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Act 2011, and make consequential amendments to the numbering of those provisions for insertion into those plans to take legal effect from 12 June 2015.*
3. *Resolves to publicly notify on 6 June 2015 the decision to amend the Canterbury Regional Policy Statement 2013 as set out in Attachment 3 and the commencement date of the amendments.*

Identification and management of Coastal Hazard areas

That the Council

4. *Receive the letter dated 10 December 2014 from the Office of Hon Gerry Brownlee, Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery.*
5. *Resolves to amend the policies and methods in the Canterbury Regional Policy Statement and the Regional Coastal Environment Plan for the Canterbury Region as set out in Attachment 3 and Attachment 4 in accordance with Action 46 of the Land Use Recovery Plan and sections 24(1)(c) and 24(3) of the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Act 2011 and make consequential amendments to the numbering of those provisions for insertion into those plans to take legal effect from 12 June 2015.*
6. *Resolves to publicly notify on 6 June 2015 the decision to amend the Canterbury Regional Policy Statement and the Regional Coastal Environment Plan for the Canterbury Region as set out in Attachments 3 and 4 and the commencement date of the amendments.*

David Caygill/David Bedford

7. LONG TERM PLAN 2015-25 – GUIDANCE FOR DELIBERATIONS

Refer page 20 of the agenda, the supplementary information emailed on 26 May 2015, and the notes from the hearings held 18 to 20 May 2015.

David Bedford introduced this item and summarised the process so far the included publicly notifying the draft Long Term Plan 2015-25 (LTP); receiving and hearing submissions.

Miles McConway took the meeting through the supplementary information report to assist consideration of the submission points and officers' advice by portfolio.

Better Water Management

The following recommendations were supported:

- Kaiapoi River rehabilitation: working with Waimakariri District Council to investigate and scope work.
- Funding policy for Canterbury Water Management Strategy (CWMS): no change to existing policy (capital value).
- Urban water way initiatives: carryover of \$30,000 for the Paeroa Reserve Project (Christchurch West Melton Zone Committee).
- Regional water infrastructure: include provision for \$200,000 of grant funding for infrastructure work in the Orari-Opihi- Pareora zone.

Natural Habitats – biodiversity

Consideration of the submissions relating to funding of Tb control was deferred until later in the meeting.

The following recommendations were supported:

- Broom and lupin control: refer to the upcoming Regional Pest Management Plan and National Policy Direction.
- Wilding pine control: continue funding of \$15,000.
- Banks Peninsula goat control: support reinstatement of goat control in full (\$20,000) or cost share with the zone committee (\$10,000) if they choose.
- "Old Man's Beard" control: contribute up to \$7,500 additional funds and work with the Rakaia Community Association to find further funding.
- Biodiversity Strategy project grants: carry forward \$276,000 allocated to specific projects.
- Pest Liaison Committees' requests: support adjustments to rating and use of reserves.

It was noted that there is confusion in the community regarding biosecurity and biodiversity responsibilities in the community. A clear strategy that included roles and responsibilities was requested.

Public and land transport, and Greater Christchurch rebuild

Bill Bayfield advised that staff were looking at the issue of bus fares for students travelling across zones.

The following recommendations were supported:

- Passenger transport marketing: reduce funding for marketing campaign by \$150,000.
- Light rail: no change to the LTP.
- Pets on buses: staff to follow up operationally.
- Lyttelton Port: amend LTP to include commitment to a jointly-funded integrated management plan.
- Vehicle Trusts: targeted rating areas defined for Darfield, Cheviot and Pleasant Point.
- Regional Leadership and transport: support inclusion of \$120,000 to support Mayoral Forum work programme.

It was noted that there is a separate process for the public to input into the public transport process through the Regional Public Transport Plan.

Cleaner air – air quality

David Bedford advised that some of the submissions on air issues were more appropriate to the Air Plan. No changes to the LTP were recommended.

Keeping us safe from natural hazards

The following recommendations were supported:

- Lower Waitaki heavy flood protection works: include \$80,000 in the budget and continue working with the Otago Regional Council.
- Little River Wairewa flood protection working group: establish a river rating area for Little River, excluding Birdlings Flat.
- Wainono area drainage scheme: transfer \$100,000 from general reserve.
- Ranger service with Waimakariri District Council: review existing resource allocation.
- Tekapo Regional Park: look at funding split during the next review of the financing and funding policy.
- Prime Port: create a new regional funding arrangement for managing travel expenses - no change to LTP required.
- Saltwater Creek weir: staff to look at options to manage water levels.
- Regional Park: staff to look at opportunities for facilities for horse riding within the scope of the LTP.
- Civil Defence Emergency Management Joint Committee: \$36,000 for Group Welfare Manager/Planner, plus wording changes to clarify roles and responsibilities.
- Catchment Liaison Committees: expenditure adjustment of \$5,000 by reducing the use of reserves, and increased targeted and general rate.
- NZ Rural Waste Minimisation Project: confirm grant funding of \$250,000.
- River engineering operations: increase forecast expenditure of \$51,000 (funded by user pays).
- Change to accounting policy (depreciation and revaluation) for groynes.
- Residential Red Zone household hazardous waste project: confirm that funding of \$79,000 has been approved by the Ministry for the Environment.
- Ashley Capital works: carry forward capital cost \$790,000 to 2015/16.

Setting the rules – planning, consents and compliance

No changes to the LTP were requested.

It was requested that copies of the latest compliance report be sent to the seven submitters who expressed concern regarding performance.

Regional leadership and Council priorities

The following recommendations were supported:

- Youth engagement: continue to explore ways of engaging with youth in policy.
- Chatham Islands Council: use of \$150,000 reserve for biosecurity.
- Ratepayer Servicing: use reserves up to value of \$95,000.

Finance and funding policy

The following recommendations were supported:

- Navigation Safety Revenue and Financing Policy: removal of redundant policy 5.9
- CWMS new targeted rates for Ashburton and Selwyn Districts.
- Liver River Wairewa targeted rate to fund flood protection.
- Gravel extraction fees: include in schedule the variable charge of \$0.13 per cubic meeting.

Local Government Funding Authority
No change to the LTP was recommended.

The meeting adjourned between 11.50 am and 12.02 pm.

Tb Free

Bill Bayfield advised that following the strong submissions regarding the funding for the control of bovine Tb, the matter of interim funding had been investigated.

Due to the delay in OSPRI New Zealand (Operational Solutions for Primary Industries) establishing a funding mechanism, other regional council had to put funding back in for the 2015/16 year. Mr Bayfield recommended that the Council consider adding \$462,000 to the budget for 2015/16, comprised of 10% general rate, 90% targeted rural rate.

The Commissioners agreed to this proposal, requesting that the reason for this addition to the budget (OSPRI still not having a funding mechanism in placed) be made clear in the responses to submissions.

Funding and Expenditure

Bill Bayfield advised that the figures provided on page 2 of the supplementary report would be adjusted to reflect the changes made following the consideration of submissions.

Commissioners made the following requests:

- A breakdown of the rates spilt between rural and urban.
- A clear explanation of the move to targeted rates, for example for CWMS will be done zone by zone.
- Avoid referring to 'average' rate as this is not useful.

Resolved

That the Council:

1. ***Notes that many submissions were received after the 13 April 5pm cut-off and that staff have not been able to include a small number of these due to process time constraints.***
2. ***Receives the public submissions to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 as provided in the pre-circulated 'Submission Folders'.***
3. ***Receives the report 'Summary of Submissions and staff recommendations' as pre-circulated in the "Submission Folder".***
4. ***Notes the support paper titled 'Supplementary Information – LTP 2015 – 25 Deliberations' relating to the public submissions and better information (staff advice).***
5. ***Directs staff on changes required to the Long Term Plan 2015-25 proposal.***
6. ***Approves the recommendations in the 'Summary of Submissions and staff recommendations' report subject to recommendation 5 above.***
7. ***Directs the Chief Executive to complete the Long Term Plan 2015-25 for final Council approval on 25 June 2015.***

David Bedford/Rex Williams

Dame Margaret Bazley thanked the staff for their work on the Long Term Plan.

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no notices of motion.

10. QUESTIONS

There were no questions.

11. EXTRAORDINARY AND URGENT BUSINESS

There was no urgent business.

NEXT MEETING – 11 June 2015

CLOSURE - The meeting closed at 12.14 pm

CONFIRMED

DATE

25/6/15



CHAIRPERSON