

CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
**JOINT CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL/
CANTERBURY REGIONAL COUNCIL COMMITTEE**

Held on Friday 10 July 1998
in the No 2 Committee Room, Civic Offices,
163 Tuam Street, Christchurch
at 9.40 am

PRESENT: Councillor Carole Evans (Chairperson)

CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL
Councillors Anna Crighton and Pat Harrow.

CANTERBURY REGIONAL COUNCIL
Councillors Richard Budd, Neil Cherry, Sir Hamish Hay,
Richard Johnson and Diana Shand.

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillors David Buist and Gail Sheriff,
Mark Oldfield.

1. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received and accepted from Councillor Margaret Murray.

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting of 8 May 1998, as circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

3. MATTERS ARISING

(i) CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Councillor Harrow commented that it was essential that representatives from both Councils sit down together and talk through matters before any legal proceedings are instituted against one or the other Council.

It was suggested that in this regard it could be appropriate to call a special meeting of the Joint Committee should time preclude other appropriate consultation.

(ii) CCC/CRC JOINT COMMITTEE – TERMS OF REFERENCE

Consideration was given to the terms of reference, which had been held over from the previous meeting, until City Council staff had had the chance to comment.

In view of the earlier discussion on the need to jointly address issues before the recourse to legal action was taken, it was suggested that this could be embodied in the terms of reference.

It was suggested that clause 4 Objectives (a) be reworded to – issues of concern to both Councils are discussed at an early stage and a special meeting called when necessary, to enable clarification of roles and responsibilities.

After reviewing the terms of reference it was agreed that the wording was sufficiently broad to enable discussion of a wide range of issues.

Councillor Cherry suggested that the terms of reference for the individual Councils perhaps needed to be looked at in respect of their delegated powers.

Membership – It was agreed that six members from each Council could be appropriate in the new term and in respect of the City Council, four to be from the Environmental Committee.

(iii) **RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**

Brian Mairs, Consents Hearing Manager, referred to the matter in his report related to joint decisions being made rather than joint considerations. He saw a problem if one set of representatives outvoted the other, which could lead to potential conflict. It should be more a matter of it being a joint process, with all having an input into the decision process, but that it be left to the relative consenting authority to finally determine. The City Council officers concurred with the views expressed in Mr Mairs' report.

4. **DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS**

Nil.

5. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Nil.

6. **STOCK TRUCK EFFLUENT**

Councillor David Buist and Mike Mora of the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board addressed the meeting on the stock truck effluent agenda item.

They referred to the location of the Canterbury Saleyards in their area and drew attention to the five recommendations of their Community Board as contained within the report. There was need to look at the problem on both the regional and national level.

In as far as the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board was concerned it was trying to be proactive, the effluent on the road presented a real problem in terms of both smell and deterioration to the road surface. They commented that there were 27 schools in the area and children should not be exposed to the problem, it was time for action.

Richard Ball, Energy and Transport Planner, CRC, responded by advising that there are various groups working on the problem and that a report had gone to the Regional Land Transport Committee a matter of two weeks ago.

There was need to persuade the industry as a whole to take responsibility, not just the stock trucking firms. Further research was being taken utilising Lincoln University, but in addition to the money allocated so far, additional funds may be required.

A short video had been produced showing where matters were at and this could be made available to interested parties. Mr R Odams and/or Professor C Kissling could assist with any needs for presentation by the regional working group.

In response to the use of the Litter Act to prosecute offenders, it was reported that it is a problem of enforcement. Questions were also raised in respect of whether or not the new Saleyards had the appropriate effluent disposal facilities.

Councillor Johnson suggested that there were three issues involved, that of:

- The farmers.
- Stock truck operators.
- Dump sites.

In respect of these three issues it was seen that:

1. **Farmers**

- Federated Farmers was well aware of the situation and was trying to educate its members.

2. **Stock Truck Operators**

- The City Council needed to look at the provisions of the Litter Act and see if any changes were needed.
- A stock truck route map tabled did not provide for the route used to the Alliance Sockburn works.

3. **Dump Sites**

- Part of the current study by Lincoln University was to look at the number of sites both within and outside of Christchurch.
- The CCC Waste Management Unit needed to be approached in respect of dump sites and putting effluent into the sewerage system.

7. **NRRP PART A – AIR UPDATE**

In speaking to her report Marian Yoder, Resource Management Planner, CRC, tabled the new brochure titled “We’ve Got a Plan to Clean Up the Air”, which summarises the main draft plan.

Several thousand copies of the brochure have been mailed, with comments closing on the draft plan on 28 August 1998. A number of regular meetings were being held in order to solve various problems arising, such as persons unable to take advantage of the City Council's incentive plan.

In the discussion that followed questions were asked in relation to:

- The monitoring of firewood being sold.
- The actioning of any complaint to the Regional Council as to sale of wet firewood.
- The City Council's policy on the clean air proposals given conflicting statements in the newspaper by individuals.
- The extent of confusion being created by statements from various experts, both for and against the proposed clean air policy.
- Whether the process could be hurried up in any way.

Moved Councillor Crighton/seconded Councillor Evans *"That a joint press release as a statement of support from the Joint Committee be made endorsing the plan to clean up the air and encouraging the community to forward comment on the draft Natural Resources Regional Plan Part A: Air"*. **Carried**

(At this point in the meeting Councillor Evans retired from the meeting and her place in the chair was taken by Councillor Shand.)

8. **REVIEW OF THE REGIONAL LAND TRANSPORT STRATEGY**

Richard Ball, Energy and Transport Planner, CRC, in addressing his report drew attention to the development of the RLTS review process components of:

- Stakeholder participation and ownership of the outcomes – The need for both Councils to co-operate with each other.
- Robust analysis – The feasibility of developing appropriate modelling and information systems was being assessed.

Councillor Shand referred to the tighter legislative process and Councillor Crighton sought a more visual report for the next meeting.

Stewart Woods, Transport Planner, CCC, in concluding the discussion pointed to the issues of the available resources to carry out the work and the lack of funding. There was need to be proactive in order to take advantage of opportunities, but there were dangers to be faced as well.

Moved Councillor Shand/seconded Councillor Harrow *"That the CCC/CRC Joint Committee endorse the joint strategy development process"*. **Carried**

9. **WATERWAYS AND WETLANDS MANAGEMENT STRATEGY**

Bob Watts, Water Services Planning Manager, tabled a brochure entitled "Being Involved – The Sustainable Management of Christchurch's Waterways and Wetlands".

He advised that systems had been managed in the past with a single focus towards drainage, but there are five other values apart from drainage being:

- Ecology
- Landscape
- Culture
- Heritage
- Recreation

Because of the diversity of the six values it was seen as desirable to get the key stakeholders together, so that the values could be worked in an integrated manner.

It had been suggested that the management strategy launch take place in the morning of the Joint Committee's next meeting on 21 August 1998. In the afternoon the stakeholders would be met with, leaving the Joint Committee to meet separately.

It was agreed that staff arrange the programme for the day, taking into account the commitments of some members on the day.

10. EXTRAORDINARY AND URGENT BUSINESS

SAVANNAH GRASSLANDS

Councillor Crighton referred to the need to keep the matter before the Joint Committee and the question of funding.

Councillor Shand advised that the matter was proceeding in that staff had held a meeting with some of the lease holders and dialogue was continuing.

It was agreed that a report on the matter be brought to the next or following meeting of the Committee.

MEMBERSHIP OF REGIONAL LAND TRANSPORT

In response to a comment from Councillor Cherry, as to the research needed to be carried out, Councillor Shand suggested that the matter of membership could be discussed in the new Council term.

AIR QUALITY PLAN

It was proposed that a joint seminar be held in the new term of both Councils on the Air Quality Plan, so as all Councillors could be familiarised with the various aspects and a joint understanding reached. Councillor Crighton suggested that a bus trip be included with the seminar meeting.

11. NEXT MEETING

21 August 1998

The meeting concluded at 11.25 am