

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

**Held on Friday 6 March 1998**  
**in the No 3 Committee Room, Civic Offices**  
**at 9.40 am**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Diana Shand (Chairperson) (from 9.55 am)

**CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL**  
Councillors Anna Crighton and Pat Harrow (from 9.52 am)

**CANTERBURY REGIONAL COUNCIL**  
Councillors Richard Budd, Neil Cherry (until 10.45 am),  
Sir Hamish Hay and Richard Johnson.

(Note: The meeting was delayed for 10 minutes in order that a quorum of two Councillors from each Council could be achieved. At that point the meeting proceeded with agreement that a resolution to confirm any decisions taken while the Committee did not have a quorum be confirmed with the agreement of members joining the meeting later.)

1. **CHAIRPERSON**

In the absence of either of the Joint Committee's Chairpersons, Councillor Anna Crighton was appointed as Chairperson until Councillor Shand's arrival at 9.55 am.

2. **APOLOGIES**

An apology for absence was received and accepted from Councillor Carole Evans.

3. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 19 December 1997, as circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

4. **MATTERS ARISING**

Nil.

5. **DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS**

Nil.

## 6. CANTERBURY GRASSLANDS PARK PROPOSAL

Mike Freeman in introducing the report advised that it was of an information type item to acquaint City Council representatives with the stage the Regional Council had reached with the proposal.

From the Regional Council's perspective the important point to note was that of its operational staff's involvement in ensuring that adequate protection was in place within the existing management to maintain the area in the event that the proposal proceeds.

A three hour visit to the site was proposed, on 31 March and City Councillors were invited to join the tour.

Councillor Crighton suggested that the project could form part of the year 2000 projects, as it might attract sponsorship.

As a year 2000 project a kiosk could be built and an information pack prepared.

In response John Dryden explained the process the proposal would have to pass through including:

- The City Plan hearings process.
- The proposal had yet to be adopted by the City Council and there was no budgetary provision.
- It was likely to be programmed for the 1999/2000 and 2000/2001 years.

### **Recommendation**

1. That the report be received.
2. That the Committee undertake a three hour visit to the area prior to the April meetings (suggested dates 2.00 pm Tuesday 31 March, 9.00 am or 1.30 pm Thursday 2 April 1998).
3. That the concept of including the project as a joint year 2000 project be investigated.

At this point in the meeting Councillor Diana Shand assumed the chair.

## 7. AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Mike Freeman advised that while the Regional Council's Resource Planning Committee had reaffirmed its support for the timetable and initiatives, the legal issues that had arisen may make it difficult for the timeframe to be maintained.

A formal change to the Transitional Regional Plan might be required and the next stage of the process would be seeking priority for a declaration from the Environment Court.

He suggested that it was desirable but not essential that the City Council's incentive proposal be supported by a statutory Regional Council instrument.

The Committee noted the importance of Regional Council decisions supporting the City Council's incentives programme as much as practicable and that the recommendations being considered by the Regional Council on 13 March should be helpful.

Councillors debated the pros and cons of the current programme being followed for the ban of domestic coal burning and the phasing out of open fires. It was noted that the proposed coal ban was a separate but integrated process of the Air Plan framework.

Some Councillors were concerned that people had been told that there would be further opportunity to make formal submissions at the draft Plan stage and it was important that the public did not see the process as being fast tracked.

On the other hand the Council had also received submissions that it should move faster. The coal ban process included provision for a complying coal burner to be incorporated, subject to certification.

Councillor Johnson reiterated the steps the programme was following and the policy directions that were being signalled. There was no reason why people could not take advantage of the information that would be available to them and commence changing over their heating appliances, even if there was difficulty with the planning process.

The report was received.

## 8. **PASSENGER TRANSPORT UPDATE**

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Mark Bachels summarised his report in respect of the "Two Futures - One Choice" discussion document that had been distributed, feedback sought and public meetings held.

Stephanie Styles tabled a summary of the public meetings held and the many points that had been raised. At all meetings the responses to questions concerning traffic growth and improving public transport had been positive.

Mark Bachels advised that from the nearly 800 submissions received 85.70% preferred a significantly improved public transport service while 96% were concerned about traffic growth and its effect.

Other statistics were provided in respect of:

- The proportion of respondents who use the bus service.
- The age of the survey respondents.
- The gender of the survey respondents.

John Dryden suggested that some of the obligation for improved services should be put back on the bus companies, rather than require these as part of the tender process. In support of this Mark Bachels spoke of the initiatives bus companies in Wellington and Auckland have taken in respect of the introduction of super low floor buses, the use of ring road routes and link services.

The question of a proposed public meeting and the strategies that need to be developed for it was discussed.

### **Recommendation**

1. That the holding of a public meeting involving the Joint Committee and Advisory Group be referred back to the sub-committee for further consideration.
2. That the development of a strategy identifying the key next steps in public transport in Christchurch be referred to the sub-committee for evaluation.

It was noted that members were in favour of a public meeting.

### **TENDER RESULTS**

Mark Bachels reported on the results achieved including the point that 23 more super low floor buses rather than the 12 proposed were to be introduced to the routes.

### **CENTRAL CITY BUS TERMINUS**

Regional Council members were invited to attend the City Council's seminar on central city bus terminuses on 12 March 1998.

Mark Bachels drew attention to the fact that if changes were made to bus terminal locations this would have an effect on the operations of buses themselves.

## **9. CATHEDRAL SQUARE BUS SHELTERS**

John Dryden explained the problems experienced in trying to obtain consent for some of the bus shelters to be sited in the north-west corner of Cathedral Square, while Square redevelopment works were being carried out.

Councillor Shand expressed concern at the delays, from the point of view the effect any non-provision of shelters would have on the image of trying to improve the bus service and of people having to stand without shelter in winter weather conditions.

Janet Dovey tabled a plan showing the location of the bus shelters and drew attention to the ones in contention.

It was commented that if the shelters could not be provided, then the Regional Council might have to consider whether or not bus operations were shifted from their present bus stop locations.

The reports were received.

**10. PROGRESS REPORT ON CCC/CRC FUNCTIONAL RELATIONSHIPS**

Mike Freeman outlined the areas that staff were working on which included regulatory implementation of existing and possible future rules in statutory plans. He suggested that there may be scope for officers from both Councils to work together to co-ordinate inspection activities for premises with minor air discharges.

Matters like jet ski control, where one Council had no expertise in noise management, could by arrangement be contracted out or transferred to the other Council for the required work to be carried out.

There was also the identification of some matters related to excavations on the Port Hills which may be slipping through the between responsibilities of each Council.

Councillor Crighton suggested some joint discussions on the issue of how joint resource consent hearings should be managed.

Mike Freeman suggested that legal advice could be obtained on this later issue for the Committee's consideration given that the Councils had received differing legal opinions in the past.

The report was received.

**11. BONESEED UPDATE**

At present an assessment is being undertaken of the status of Boneseed and a report will be made to the Regional Council April resource planning meetings.

The report was received.

**12. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Joint Committee is to be held on Friday 8 May 1998 at the Canterbury Regional Council office commencing at 9.30 am.

The meeting concluded at 11.55 am

