



MINUTES

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL HELD AT 2PM ON THURSDAY 22 JUNE 2000

PRESENT: The Mayor, Garry Moore (Chairperson).
Councillors Carole Anderton, Paddy Austin, Erin Baker, Robin Booth, Sally Buck, David Buist, David Close, Graham Condon, Barry Corbett, Anna Crighton, Carole Evans, Ishwar Ganda, Ian Howell, Alister James, Lesley Keast, Charles Manning, Denis O'Rourke, Gail Sheriff, Barbara Stewart, Ingrid Stonhill, Sally Thompson, Sue Wells and Ron Wright.

APOLOGIES: An apology for absence was received and accepted from Councillor Pat Harrow.
Apologies for lateness were received and accepted from Councillors Paddy Austin, David Close, Alister James, Lesley Keast and Charles Manning.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF 25 MAY 2000

Resolved: That the minutes of the ordinary Council meeting held on Thursday 25 May 2000 with the public present be confirmed subject to the amendment of page 3 to record that the Council had adopted clause 1 of Councillor Booth's motion ie *"that the Council ask Christchurch City Holdings Ltd to appoint a Councillor as a director of Orion Group Ltd"*.

2. SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS

The Mayor referred to the following supplementary items which had been separately circulated after the agenda had been sent out:

- Document incorporating revised draft Statement of Corporate Intent for Central City Board and suggesting a framework for interaction between the Council, the Mayoral forum and the Central City Board.
- Schedule setting out key changes made to draft Statement of Corporate Intent and Mayoral forum terms of reference.
- Open and public excluded reports by the Chairman of the Strategy and Resources Committee on Lyttelton Marina.
- Report by Chairman of Resource Management Committee on consent order delegations.

The Mayor advised these items had not been included in the main agenda for the reason that the required information was not available at that time, but that in each case it was necessary for the items concerned to be dealt with at the present meeting, rather than being deferred to a subsequent meeting.

It was **resolved** that the foregoing items be received and considered at the present Council meeting.

3. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

Nil.

4. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

Councillor Wright tabled a petition organised by the Merivale Precinct Society, calling on the Council to urgently accelerate the undergrounding of all existing power services, and requiring any future telecommunication providers such as Saturn to underground their services.

It was **resolved** that the petition be referred to the appropriate Council committees.

(2.09pm Councillors Close and Keast arrived)

5. QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS

The Council noted that Councillor Close had been awarded a QSO and Councillor Lesley Keast a QSM in the Queen's Birthday Honours List, and recorded its congratulations to both Councillors.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

7. REPORT OF THE STRATEGY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE OF 12 JUNE 2000

Moved: That the Committee's report be adopted.

(2) Remission of Rates - Canterbury Bowling Club, 109 Salisbury Street

The Chairman moved by way of amendment:

- “1. That, in view of the action taken by the club to avoid further losses, the Council grant a 75% rate remission for two years.*
- 2. That Council staff continue to liaise with the Canterbury Bowling Club and other clubs on viable amalgamation options.*
- 3. That the Financial Services Unit, Leisure Unit and Parks Unit set up a team to work through the issues relating to the rating of sports clubs and to prepare a policy for Council consideration.”*

The amendment was seconded by Councillor Keast and when put to the meeting was declared **carried** as the substantive motion, in substitution for the recommendation made by the Committee.

(2.11pm Councillor Austin arrived)

(7) Central City Board – Provisional Statement of Corporate Intent

This clause was held over to a later stage in the meeting.

(2.14pm Councillor James arrived)

Report adopted, with the exception of clause 7.

**8. REPORT OF THE CITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
OF 6 JUNE 2000**

Moved: That the Committee’s report be adopted.

(2) Passenger Transport Real Time Information

Councillor O’Rourke moved by way of amendment *“That recommendation 2 be amended to provide that future funding for stage 2, Connexionz Bid B of \$1,632,528, be considered for inclusion in the 2000/01 and 2001/02 financial years by the Annual Plan Working Party”*. The amendment was seconded by Councillor Keast and when put to the meeting was declared **carried** on division no 1 by 17 votes to 5, the voting being as follows:

For (17): Councillors Anderton, Austin, Baker, Buck, Close, Condon, Evans, Howell, James, Keast, Manning, O’Rourke, Sheriff, Stewart, Stonhill, Thompson and the Mayor.

Against (5): Councillors Booth, Buist, Corbett, Wells and Wright.

Abstain: Councillor Crighton.

The recommendations made by the Committee were then adopted, subject to the amendment of recommendation 2 to reflect the foregoing amendment.

(Note: 1. Councillor Ganda retired from this clause, and took no part in the discussion thereon.

2. Councillors Stewart and Wells recorded their votes against the adoption of recommendation 3.)

(3) Wairakei Road Traffic Management Plan and Pedestrian Island

Adopted.

(Note: Councillor Stewart recorded her vote against the adoption of the recommendation contained in this clause.)

(11) Attlee Crescent Street Trees

Received, subject to resolution 3 being corrected to:

“The affected footpaths, berms and carriageway in Attlee Crescent be swept on a one weekly cycle during the fruiting season.”

(18) Safe Roads Conference: Melbourne 20-21 July 2000

This item was transferred from Part C to Part A of the Committee’s report, as the Committee did not have delegated power to deal with this issue.

The Council then **resolved** to approve the attendance of Councillor Sally Thompson and Ingrid Stonhill at this conference, and to approve payment of the associated travel and other costs, reported to be in the vicinity of \$3,600.

In reply to a question, Councillor Close advised that because of the pressure of other work the Subcommittee previously appointed to address the issue of Councillor travel had not yet met, but that he would arrange for it to meet and formulate recommendations prior to the next Council meeting.

Report adopted as amended.

**9. REPORT OF THE PROJECTS AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE
OF 9 JUNE 2000**

Resolved: That the Committee’s report be adopted.

**10. REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
OF 6 JUNE 2000**

Resolved: That the Committee’s report be adopted.

**11. REPORT OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
OF 7 JUNE 2000**

Moved: That the Committee's report be adopted.

(1) Funding of Multi-Cultural Festival and Festival of Japan

Councillor Wright moved by way of amendment "*That this clause be referred back to the Committee for further consideration*". The amendment was seconded by Councillor Buist and when put to the meeting was declared **lost**.

It was then **resolved** that the recommendation made by the Committee be adopted, subject to recommendation 1 being amended to provide:

"That the Council discontinue separate funding for the Festival of Japan, and that the Festival Organising Committee be invited to participate in future city-wide multi-cultural events for which the Council has agreed to provide funding of \$10,000."

(Note: Councillor James retired from consideration of this clause, and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.)

Report adopted as amended.

**12. REPORT OF THE JOINT CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL/
ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY COMMITTEE OF 17 MAY 2000**

Resolved: That the Committee's report be received.

**13. REPORT OF THE CANTERBURY WASTE SUBCOMMITTEE
OF 12 JUNE 2000**

Resolved: That the Subcommittee's report be adopted.

**14. REPORT OF THE CANTERBURY JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
OF 12 JUNE 2000**

Resolved: That the Committee's report be received.

**15. CENTRAL CITY BOARD: PROVISIONAL STATEMENT OF CORPORATE
INTENT**

Consideration was given to:

- Clause 7 of the report of the Strategy and Resources Committee's meeting of 12 June 2000.

- Tabled document incorporating a revised draft Statement of Corporate Intent for the Central City Board, and suggesting a framework for interaction between the Council, the Mayoral forum and the Central City Board.
- Paper setting out key changes for the report on the Central City Board Statement of Corporate Intent and the Mayoral forum terms of reference.

Councillor Close moved:

- “1. *That the Council form a LATE to be known as the Central City Board.*
2. *That the Council adopt the provisional Statement of Corporate Intent.*
3. *That the Director of Finance report to the Strategy and Resources Committee on the appropriate structure for the company and the process for establishing it, including:*
 - (i) *The procedures for selecting and appointing the Board.*
 - (ii) *The issue of commonality of Board membership of the Board and the Forum.*
 - (iii) *The process of finalising the Statement of Corporate Intent.*
4. *That the Board submit a business plan and revised Statement of Corporate Intent to the Strategy and Resources Committee for approval.*
5. *That a report on initial funding for the Board and funding for the Mayoral Forum be brought to the Annual Plan Working Party.*
6. *That the Council:*
 - (i) *Adopt the terms of reference for the Central City Mayoral Forum.*
 - (ii) *Review its membership at the commencement of each Council term.*
7. *That additional members of the Forum be recommended to the Council by the Strategy and Resources Committee after consultation with the chairs of the Environment and Community Services Committees and the Hagley/Ferryhead Community Board.”*

The motion was seconded by Councillor O'Rourke and when put to the meeting was declared **carried** on division no 2 by 18 votes to 5, the voting being as follows:

For (18): Councillors Anderton, Austin, Baker, Buck, Buist, Close, Condon, Corbett, Crighton, Ganda, Howell, James, Keast, Manning, O'Rourke, Stewart, Thompson and the Mayor.

Against (5): Councillors Booth, Evans, Sheriff, Wells and Wright.

(Note: Councillor Stonhill retired from consideration of this clause, and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.)

16. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

It was then **resolved** that members of the public be temporarily excluded from the meeting for the purpose of considering a supplementary report by the Chairman of the Strategy and Resources Committee regarding the Lyttelton Marina, such report to be considered with the public excluded pursuant to section 7(2)(c)(i) (Protection of Source of Information) and section 7(2)(i) (Conduct of Negotiations) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

It was further **resolved** that Mr David Stock and Mr Bruce Irvine be permitted to remain at the meeting following the exclusion of the public, to allow them to acquaint the Council with the legal and financial implications of the proposal contained in the Chairman's supplementary report.

Members of the public were then temporarily excluded from the meeting at 5.50pm, and readmitted at 7.30pm.

(Note: Councillors Baker and James retired from the meeting while this item was under consideration with the public excluded.)

(7.30pm Councillor Stewart retired)

17. SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE STRATEGY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE ON LYTTTELTON MARINA

The Council considered the open meeting report on this issue by the Chairman of the Strategy and Resources Committee.

Councillor Close moved:

- "1. That, subject to the participation of the Banks Peninsula District Council and Lyttelton Port Company, the Council authorise Christchurch City Holdings Ltd to make an investment of up to \$500,000 in a new local government-controlled structure to own and complete Lyttelton Marina, subject to Christchurch City Holdings Ltd investigating the project in detail and satisfying itself that the investment proposal is sound.*
- 2. That any necessary modification be made to the Statement of Corporate Intent of Christchurch City Holdings Ltd to facilitate this investment."*

The motion was seconded by Councillor Anderton and when put to the meeting was declared **lost** on division no 3 by 7 votes to 13, the voting being as follows:

Against (13): Councillors Booth, Buck, Buist, Condon, Corbett, Crighton, Evans, Keast, O'Rourke, Sheriff, Stonhill, Thompson and Wright.

For (7): Councillors Anderton, Austin, Close, Ganda, Manning, Wells and the Mayor.

- (Note: 1. Councillors Baker and James retired during the public excluded part of the meeting, prior to consideration of this clause.
2. Councillors Howell and Stewart retired from the meeting for consideration of this item, and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.)

(8.12pm Councillor Crighton retired)

18. SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ON CONSENT ORDER DELEGATIONS

Resolved: That the 4 November 1998 resolution of Council be altered by revoking resolution 2 and substituting the following new resolution:

“The power to:

- (a) Consider and resolve any consent orders requested in respect of any proceedings before the Environment Court;*
- (b) To authorise counsel and Council witnesses to call evidence in support of a compromise position or positions in the alternative for the purpose of endeavouring to agree with the parties in terms of a consent order;*
- in respect of any proceedings before the Environment Court arising out of the Council’s decisions on the City Plan.”*

19. REPORT OF THE BURWOOD/PEGASUS COMMUNITY BOARD OF 29 MAY 2000

Resolved: That the Board’s report be adopted.

20. REPORT OF THE FENDALTON/WAIMAIRI COMMUNITY BOARD OF 30 MAY 2000

Resolved: That the Board’s report be received.

**21. REPORTS OF THE HAGLEY/FERRYMEAD COMMUNITY BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING OF 11 MAY 2000**

Resolved: That the Board’s report be received.

MEETING OF 31 MAY 2000

Resolved: That the Board’s report be adopted.

22. REPORTS OF THE RICCARTON/WIGRAM COMMUNITY BOARD

SPECIAL MEETING OF 30 MAY 2000

Resolved: That the Board's report be received.

MEETING OF 31 MAY 2000

Resolved: That the Board's report be received.

**23. REPORT OF THE SHIRLEY/PAPANUI COMMUNITY BOARD
OF 31 MAY 2000**

Resolved: That the Board's report be received.

**24. REPORT OF THE SPREYDON/HEATHCOTE COMMUNITY BOARD
OF 30 MAY 2000**

Resolved: That the Board's report be adopted.

25. NOTICES OF MOTION

**(1) Confirmation of Special Order Proceedings to make the Christchurch City
Traffic and Parking Alteration Bylaw 2000**

Adopted.

(Note: Councillors Corbett and Wells recorded their votes against the adoption of the resolution shown in this clause.)

**(2) Confirmation of Special Order Proceedings to make the Christchurch City
Council Trade Wastes Bylaw 2000**

Adopted.

(Note: Councillor Booth retired from this clause, and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.)

**(3) Confirmation of Special Order Proceedings Providing for the Adoption of a
Revised Schedule of Trade Waste Fees and Charges with Effect from 1 July
2000**

Adopted.

(Note: Councillor Booth retired from this clause, and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.)

26. QUESTIONS

Councillor Wells asked the following question of the Director of Finance:

“A Councillor has suggested that the return from Enero, which he refers to as a windfall, should be returned to the citizens of Christchurch by way of a payment of up to \$3,000 to each ratepayer. In the interests of true democracy, what are the implications of that?”

In reply, the Director of Finance advised:

“As Councillors will be aware there are many issues which require significant amount of analysis before a definitive answer can be given to this question. However I have done a simple analysis based on the best information I currently have available.

There are approximately 120,000 residential ratepayers and 10,700 commercial and rural ratepayers of the city. If \$3,000 was to be paid back to each ratepayer this would require the Council to receive \$392 million tax free. It is most unlikely that this amount could be paid out without substantial tax being paid and this cannot be accurately calculated at this time. However, it would be reasonable to assume that amounts available to the Council in excess of \$150 million would incur a tax cost of 33 cents in the \$. On this basis payments received by the Council before tax would need to be of the order of \$513 million.

If Orion paid \$513 million to this Council it would have to pay out a total of \$585 million as other shareholders are entitled to their proportionate share.

The impact of a payment of this amount of capital would be a reduction of Council income of approximately \$19.9 million per annum.

The impact on Council rates would be an increase of approximately 15.5%. For the average residential ratepayer this would translate into an increase of \$132 per annum permanently or for a commercial ratepayer with a value of \$500,000 it would be \$580 per annum.

If only the profit of \$220M on the gas networks sale was paid to Council the figures would be as follows:

<i>CCC share</i>	<i>\$192 million</i>
<i>Amount per ratepayer</i>	<i>\$1360</i>
<i>Reduction in Council Income</i>	<i>\$8.1 million p.a.</i>
<i>Average rate increase</i>	<i>6.2%”</i>

(8.28pm it was **resolved** that the present meeting continue until its conclusion)

27. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

It was **resolved** that the resolution to exclude the public set out on pages 285-287 inclusive of the agenda be adopted.

CONFIRMED THIS 27TH DAY OF JULY 2000

MAYOR