



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL  
HELD AT 9AM ON TUESDAY 16 JULY 2002**

**PRESENT:** The Mayor, Garry Moore (Chairperson).  
Councillors Oscar Alpers, Carole Anderton, Paddy Austin, Erin Baker, Helen Broughton, Sally Buck, Graham Condon, Barry Corbett, David Cox, Anna Crighton, Carole Evans, Megan Evans, Ishwar Ganda, Pat Harrow, Alister James, Lesley Keast, Denis O'Rourke, Gail Sheriff, Barbara Stewart, Ingrid Stonhill, Sue Wells, Chrissie Williams, Norm Withers and Ron Wright.

**APOLOGIES:** Apologies for lateness were received and accepted from Councillors Sally Buck, Denis O'Rourke and Lesley Keast, who arrived at 9.10am, 9.12am and 9.22am respectively.

**1. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

Councillor Carole Evans moved *"That Standing Orders 2.19.7 and 2.19.8 be suspended for the duration of the present Council meeting"*. The motion was seconded by Councillor Sheriff and when put to the meeting was declared **lost** on division no 1 by 11 votes to 12, the voting being as follows:

**Against (12):** Councillors Alpers, Anderton, Austin, Buck, Condon, Crighton, M Evans, Ganda, James, Stonhill, Williams and the Mayor.

**For (11):** Councillors Baker, Broughton, Corbett, Cox, C Evans, Harrow, Sheriff, Stewart, Wells, Withers and Wright.

**2. REPORT OF THE ANNUAL PLAN SUBCOMMITTEE**

Councillor Alister James made the following statement:

*"Mr Mayor and Councillors*

*I am pleased to move the recommendations of the Annual Plan Subcommittee, as set out in the agenda.*

*It has been both interesting and valuable reading all 687 submissions and listening to the many submitters who took the opportunity to address the Subcommittee, and who responded to useful questions from elected members. In addition, the Subcommittee has also considered the Citizens Survey, the results of the City Scene questionnaire, and the outcome of the Focus Group consultation.*

*I am satisfied that the members of the Subcommittee have seriously considered the submissions presented to them and the other forms of consultation.*

*That is not to say that there will be disagreement and debate on some issues, both amongst residents as well as elected members. I want to highlight and comment on some of these issues:*

**(a) Heathcote Valley Park/Tamaki Tours Ltd**

*The City Scene questionnaire showed divided opinion although more responses for than against. It is apparent from the Focus Group feedback that this project, as it relates to the Tamaki Tours development, is misunderstood and perhaps reflects that the Council and media have not better informed residents on the economic advantages to Christchurch of this tourism venture, a success story in its home town of Rotorua. I note that in the Citizens Survey, economic development and job growth continues to be an issue that ranks as a priority with our residents. It is also not well understood that this Council encouraged the Heathcote Valley location for this venture. During the Annual Plan process, members of the Subcommittee became more aware and concerned regarding the issue and costs of landfill restoration which may require greater Council funding in the future.*

(b) **Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament – Seismic Strengthening**

*It is proposed that \$140,000 per annum be provided for five years commencing 2003/04 to continue the Cathedral seismic strengthening programme. This will follow the current funding of a similar strengthening programme for the Christchurch Cathedral, the last year of which is 2002/03. The Subcommittee recognise that the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament is a city icon and that the protection of a significant heritage feature of Christchurch such as this, is well supported amongst residents.*

(c) **Multi-culturalism**

*It is recommended that annual provision of \$50,000 be made from 2002/03 for multi-cultural advocacy and development. The Subcommittee received and heard a compelling submission from Grace Hollander, amongst others, on the need to adequately resource the Multi-cultural City Subcommittee. The Annual Plan Subcommittee acknowledged the importance of recognising the growing cultural diversity within our community and giving practical effect to the multi-cultural city objectives.*

(d) **Kerb and Channel Renewals**

*Many submissions were received from residents seeking greater priority for kerb and channel renewal. A large deputation from Hamilton Street residents was received.*

*It is proposed that increased funding be budgeted from 2005/06 and that a policy framework for prioritising such work be developed with community boards.*

(e) **Rubbish Bags**

*This will no doubt be the most contentious and generate much debate and submissions for our Draft Annual Plan next year.*

*It is proposed to engage in comprehensive public consultation and information in 2003/04. We are being urged as a Council, by both Government through its waste strategy and by residents, to reduce the amount of waste and even to adopt a principle of zero waste to landfill.*

*Many around this table will want to reject the recommendations of the Subcommittee. To do so, is to reject further efforts to reduce our waste stream and also is to reject the opportunity for our residents to be informed and consulted on this issue. Let them have their say and to influence us in future consideration of this issue. To reject the recommendations is to deny public input and I submit would be an "ostrich approach" to an important issue.*

(f) **Public Ramp and Breakwater Facilities at Magazine Bay**

*The Subcommittee supported the draft budget provision of \$3 million and the proposal to reallocate \$1.5 million each in the years 2002/03 and 2003/04. It is feasible for this work to be both commenced and completed in 2003. While many submissions were received against this budget provision, as well as in support, again the City Scene questionnaire showed more for than against and the Focus Group feedback showed a good level of informed support.*

*The Annual Plan, as recommended, provides for responsible and steady progress. In addition to the issues outlined above, the Annual Plan also includes other community initiatives.*

*Rating levels for each of years 1 to 3 are below 4%. In addition I am confident further savings can be achieved having regard to the reviews being undertaken by the Budget Scrutiny and Audit Committee and an Annual Plan Statement that the operational budget will be reduced by at least \$10 million by 2005/06.*

*The Annual Plan process is demanding on both time and resources. I thank all elected members on the Subcommittee for their contributions, and in particular Cr Barbara Stewart for her support as Deputy Chair. I am appreciative of staff input at all levels and, like David Close before me, I pay tribute to Julie Sadler whose efficiency and effective preparation of reports contributed significantly to a smooth running."*

(9.10am Councillor Buck arrived)

(9.12am Councillor O'Rourke arrived)

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Councillor James moved *“That the report and recommendations of the Annual Plan Subcommittee be adopted”*. The motion was seconded by Councillor Condon.

(9.22am Councillor Keast arrived)

#### **REDUCING THE COSTS OF COUNCIL OPERATIONS**

Councillor Harrow moved by way of amendment *“That the figure of \$10 million referred to in the recommendation be increased to \$20 million”*. The amendment was seconded by Councillor Stewart and when put to the meeting was declared **lost** on division no 2 by 10 votes to 15, the voting being as follows:

**Against (15):** Councillors Alpers, Anderton, Baker, Condon, Crighton, C Evans, M Evans, Ganda, James, Keast, O'Rourke, Sheriff, Stonhill, Williams and the Mayor.

**For (10):** Councillors Austin, Broughton, Buck, Corbett, Cox, Harrow, Stewart, Wells, Withers and Wright.

The recommendation made by the Subcommittee was then adopted.

#### **QEII CAPITAL SPENDING REVIEW**

Adopted.

It was **resolved**, further that the QEII Park Manager and Leisure Manager be requested to improve consultation with both the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board and the local community regarding Queen Elizabeth II Park issues.

#### **TAMAKI TOURS LTD**

Adopted. It was noted that the funding of \$346,000 to be provided to Tamaki Tours Ltd would be offset in part by unbudgeted revenue of \$185,000 from the Canterbury Technology Park joint venture in 2001/02, which would be carried forward and assigned to this project.

It was therefore **resolved** that the balance of \$161,000 (\$346,000 less \$185,000) be serviced/recovered by way of an additional charge against Tamaki Tours Ltd over a term of 15 years.

#### **CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: SEISMIC STRENGTHENING**

Councillor Baker moved by way of amendment *“That recommendation 1 be amended to provide that a sum of \$70,000 per annum be provided for a five year period in 2003/04 to continue the Cathedral seismic strengthening programme”*. The amendment was seconded by Councillor Carole Evans and when put to the meeting was declared **lost**.

The recommendations made by the Subcommittee were then adopted without amendment.

#### **ACCOMMODATION FOR BURWOOD/PEGASUS COMMUNITY BOARD**

Councillor Sheriff moved by way of amendment *“That provision of \$50,000 be made in 2002/03 for new accommodation for the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board and the Advocacy Team”*. The amendment was seconded by Councillor Carole Evans and when put to the meeting was declared **lost**.

The recommendation made by the Subcommittee was then adopted without amendment.

#### **RUBBISH BAGS**

Councillor Corbett moved by way of amendment:

*“(a) That the Council carry out comprehensive public consultation and information regarding the possibility of a waster-pays system for rubbish bags with effect from 2004/04.*

*(b) That an amount of \$50,000 be budgeted for this.”*

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The amendment was seconded by Councillor Sheriff and when put to the meeting was declared **lost** on division no 3 by 11 votes to 14, the voting being as follows:

**Against (14):** Councillors Alpers, Anderton, Austin, Buck, Condon, Crighton, M Evans, Ganda, James, Keast, O'Rourke, Stonhill, Williams and the Mayor.

**For (11):** Councillors Baker, Broughton, Corbett, Cox, C Evans, Harrow, Sheriff, Stewart, Wells, Withers and Wright.

Councillor Crighton moved by way of further amendment "*That recommendation 4 be amended to provide 'That a line item be provided in the budget for the provision of rubbish bags and/or stickers in cases of hardship, commencing in 2004/05'*". The amendment was seconded by Councillor Williams and when put to the meeting was declared **carried**.

Recommendations 1 to 5 inclusive were then put to the meeting and declared **carried**, subject to the amendment of recommendation 4 to reflect the amendment moved by Councillor Crighton and seconded by Councillor Williams.

On being put to the meeting recommendation 6 dealing with recycling systems for those living in apartment blocks was declared **carried** on division no 4 by 15 votes to 6, the voting being as follows:

**Against (15):** Councillors Alpers, Anderton, Austin, Buck, Condon, Crighton, M Evans, Ganda, James, Keast, O'Rourke, Stonhill, Williams, Wright and the Mayor.

**For (6):** Councillors Baker, Broughton, Cox, Sheriff, Wells and Withers.

**Abstain:** Councillors Corbett, C Evans, Harrow and Stewart.

#### TREES FOR CANTERBURY

The recommendation made by the Subcommittee was adopted, subject to the deletion of the word "*commercial*" in recommendation 1.

(12.10pm Councillor Cox retired)

#### GRANTS

The recommendations made by the Subcommittee were adopted, subject to:

- (a) The amendment of recommendation 2 to provide "*that the grant to the Mayor's Welfare Fund be partially reinstated to \$200,000*".
- (b) The amendment of recommendation 6 to refer to "*a full day Council seminar meeting*" rather than "*a full day workshop*".

It was **resolved**, further that Councillors James and Anderton report back to the Strategy and Finance Committee on funding, structural and staffing issues relating to the Nga Hau E Wha Marae.

#### PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS

##### Innesmay Residents' Group

It was **resolved** that recommendation (b) be deleted.

It was **resolved**, instead that the City Streets Manager report to the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee on the possible reprioritising of this work, bearing in mind the decision reached earlier in the meeting to increase the budget provision for kerb and channel renewal, and to develop a policy framework for prioritising kerb and channel renewals for the Council's approval.

##### Cathedral Square Consultative Group

It was **resolved** that the Subcommittee's recommendations be adopted, subject to the amendment of recommendation (b) to provide:

*"That staff report to a seminar meeting of the Council on the "Athfield" proposal for Cathedral Square including costs, and also on feature, safety and tree lighting, with a further report on the outcome of the seminar meeting then to be submitted to the Strategy and Finance Committee."*

**Transpower New Zealand Ltd: Telco Asset Management Ltd**

It was **resolved** that the Subcommittee's recommendation be adopted.

(Note: Councillor Wells retired from the discussion and voting on this item.)

**Yaldhurst Rural Residents Association (Incorporated)  
Yaldhurst & Districts Rural Ratepayers Associations  
Federated Farmers of New Zealand (Inc)  
Rural Ratepayers**

Councillor Harrow moved by way of amendment "*That, for the next three years, the rural rate increase be no more than the residential rate increase*". The amendment was seconded by Councillor Buck and when put to the meeting was declared **lost**.

The recommendation made by the Subcommittee was then adopted without amendment.

**Halswell Residents' Association and J M Anderson**

It was **resolved** that the report referred to in this clause be submitted to the Regulatory and Consents Committee, as well as the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board and the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee.

(1.40pm Councillor Cox returned)

**Environment Canterbury**

It was **resolved** that the Subcommittee's recommendation be adopted, subject to recommendation (a) being amended to provide "*That the Council review its future participation in Future Path Canterbury and that a report on this issue be submitted to the Strategy and Finance Committee*".

(1.42pm Councillor Condon retired)

**Banks Peninsula District Council  
Canterbury Yachting Association Incorporated  
Lyttelton Sailing School  
Naval Point Club Lyttelton (and related submissions)**

These clauses were considered together.

Councillor Broughton moved by way of amendment "*That the budget provision for public ramp facilities and a breakwater in Magazine Bay be confirmed at \$3 million, to be allocated in the years shown in clause 44, subject however to a satisfactory agreement being reached with the Banks Peninsula District Council regarding land matters*". The amendment was seconded by Councillor Withers and when put to the meeting was declared **lost**.

The recommendations contained in clauses 25.22 and 25.44 were then adopted without amendment.

**Christchurch International Rowing Centre Charitable Trust**

It was **resolved** that the Subcommittee's recommendations be adopted.

(Note: 1. Councillor Wright abstained from the discussion and voting on this item.  
2. Councillor Sheriff recorded her vote against the adoption of the Subcommittee's recommendations.)

**New Zealand Academy of Sport**

Councillor Ganda moved by way of amendment "*That provision of \$10,000 per annum for three years starting in 2002/03 be approved for the New Zealand Academy of Sport at Queen Elizabeth II Park*". The amendment was seconded by Councillor O'Rourke and when put to the meeting was declared **lost**.

The recommendation made by the Subcommittee was then adopted without amendment.

### **OSCAR Network in Christchurch (Inc)**

Councillor Austin moved by way of amendment "*That the funding for the OSCAR Network be maintained at \$40,000*". The amendment was seconded by Councillor James and when put to the meeting was declared **carried** on division no 5 by 14 votes to 7, the voting being as follows:

**For (14):** Councillors Alpers, Anderton, Austin, Baker, C Evans, M Evans, Ganda, James, Keast, O'Rourke, Sheriff, Stonhill, Williams and the Mayor.

**Against (7):** Councillors Corbett, Cox, Harrow, Stewart, Wells, Withers and Wright.

**Abstain:** Councillor Broughton.

### **Tui Street Residents Group: Undergrounding of Overhead Reticulation**

It was **resolved** that recommendation (a) made by the Subcommittee be adopted without amendment.

On being put to the meeting recommendation (b) was adopted on division no 6 by 17 votes to 6, the voting being as follows:

**For (17):** Councillors Alpers, Anderton, Austin, Baker, Broughton, Buck, Corbett, Cox, Crighton, C Evans, Harrow, James, Sheriff, Stewart, Withers, Wright and the Mayor.

**Against (6):** Councillors M Evans, Ganda, Keast, O'Rourke, Stonhill and Williams.

(Note: Councillor Wells retired from the discussion and voting on this clause.)

### **Wai-iti Terrace (West) Residents: Undergrounding of Overhead Reticulation**

It was **resolved** that recommendation (a) made by the Subcommittee be adopted.

On being put to the meeting recommendation (b) was declared **carried** on division no 7 by 17 votes to 6, the voting being as follows:

**For (17):** Councillors Alpers, Anderton, Austin, Baker, Broughton, Buck, Corbett, Cox, Crighton, C Evans, Harrow, James, Sheriff, Stewart, Withers, Wright and the Mayor.

**Against (6):** Councillors M Evans, Ganda, Keast, O'Rourke, Stonhill and Williams.

(Note: Councillor Wells retired from the discussion and voting on this clause.)

### **Community Board Submissions**

#### *Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board*

It was **resolved** that recommendations (a) and (c) made by the Subcommittee be adopted.

It was further **resolved** that recommendation (b) be amended to provide:

*"That the current provision for undergrounding not be increased for 2002/03, but that the matter of environmentally improved power reticulation generally be the subject of a review by the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee within the next 12 months and to involve Orion New Zealand Limited."*

### **Undergrounding of Services - Policy on Cost Sharing**

Arising from consideration of the recommendations in clauses 25.37 and 25.38 regarding the undergrounding of overhead reticulation in Tui Street and Wai-iti Terrace, it was **resolved** that the officers report to the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee on a possible review of the Council's existing policy adopted on 23 November 2000 regarding the cost sharing arrangements where services were placed underground at the request of residents, on the basis that such cost sharing arrangements should provide for the apportionment of the actual tendered cost rather than the estimated cost of such work.

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(Note: Councillor O'Rourke recorded his vote against the adoption of the foregoing resolution.)

The recommendations of the Subcommittee in respect of clause 26 were then adopted, subject to the inclusion of the foregoing amendments.

### **Bottle Lake Land Sale Revenue Provision**

Arising from a question raised by Councillor Carole Evans it was **resolved** that the Director of Finance report to the Strategy and Finance Committee on the provision for Bottle Lake land sale revenue included in the five year capital expenditure programme.

### **Schedule of Changes**

It was **resolved** that the remaining changes recommended by the Annual Plan Subcommittee as detailed in Appendices II and III be approved.

### **Impact on Rating Sectors**

The Director of Finance advised that the changes made at the present meeting slightly modified the forecast rate increase for each of the four sectors listed in clause 28 of the Subcommittee's report, to the extent that the forecast increases for the commercial/industrial and rural sectors would reduce to 1.92% and 11.76% respectively, while the increase for the two remaining sectors would remain as forecast.

The Director of Finance also advised that despite these two minor adjustments to two sectors, the overall rate increase proposed remained at 3.70%.

It was **resolved** that subject to the foregoing amendments, the proposed amendments to the transitional modifier set out in column 3 of the table set out in clause 28 of the Subcommittee's report be approved.

It was **resolved**:

1. That the Council adopt a 3.70% overall rate increase.
2. That the Christchurch City Council Financial Plan and Programme: 2003 Edition, as amended, be adopted.
3. That the Christchurch City Council Corporate Plan: 2003 Edition, as amended, be adopted.
4. That authority be delegated to the Director of Finance to make any necessary corrections to the Corporate Plan or Financial Plan and Programme.
5. That public notice be given that at its meeting on Monday 23 September 2002 the Council will consider a resolution to make and levy rates in accordance with the approved Christchurch City Council Financial Plan and Programme: 2003 Edition.

## **3. NOTICES OF MOTION**

### **(1) Differential Rating Resolution 2002/03**

Adopted.

## **4. CONCLUSION**

The meeting concluded at 2.50pm.

**CONFIRMED THIS 22ND DAY OF AUGUST 2002**

**MAYOR**