

CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
CANTERBURY REGIONAL LANDFILL JOINT COMMITTEE**

**Held in the No 3 Committee Room, Civic Offices
on Monday 16 April 2007 at 9.30am**

PRESENT: Councillor Sally Buck (Chairperson),
Councillor Robbie Brine (Waimakariri District Council),
Councillor Lindsay Philps (Selwyn District Council),
Councillor Bob Shearing (Christchurch City Council),
Councillor Sue Wells (Christchurch City Council) and
Councillor Bev Tasker (Ashburton District Council).

IN ATTENDANCE: Mark Christison (Christchurch City Council),
Zefanja Potgieter (Christchurch City Council),
Simon Collin (Christchurch City Council),
Jane Parfitt (Christchurch City Council),
Sally Cracknell (Hurunui District Council),
Dave Hock (Hurunui District Council),
Gill Cox (Chairman, Transwaste Canterbury Limited),
Gerry Clemens (Director, Transwaste Canterbury Limited)
and Gareth James (Manager, Canterbury Waste Services).

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received and accepted from
Mayor Garry Jackson (Hurunui District Council), and
Councillor Winton Dalley (Hurunui District Council).

1. MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF 12 FEBRUARY AND 12 MARCH 2007

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the Canterbury Regional Landfill Joint Committee meetings of 12 February and 12 March 2007 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

2. MATTERS ARISING

Nil.

**4. CONSTITUTING AGREEMENT PROVISION RELATING TO THE
APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES**

This clause is taken at this stage of the meeting and the Committee considered the report was previously provided to Canterbury Waste Joint Committee (CWJC) on the inclusion within the Joint Committee Constitution Agreements the provision for alternates.

The legal opinion considered by the CWJC on 12 February 2007 had indicated that the Local Government Act 2002 did not authorise a conditional mode of appointment of members to a committee and that the use of alternates is not allowed within the Act.

The Committee **resolved** to support Option 3, as also supported by the CWJC:

1. *“That action to amend the constituting agreement be delayed until the next review/amendment of the Agreement is to occur, because the Councils cannot act on this provision of the Agreement in any event and any current “alternates” cannot continue to act.” Joint Committee members should report direct to the Councils about this in the meantime. In this option delays in respect of preparing an amendment until such time as this would be incurred anyway.*

The Committee also **resolved** that this matter be referred to a Zone 5 Local Government New Zealand meeting for consideration as to whether a change to the Local Government Act 2002 should be initiated to allow for the appointment of alternates.

3. **ORAL PRESENTATION – TRANSWASTE CANTERBURY LIMITED – COAST FARM**

Mr Gill Cox, Chairman, Transwaste Canterbury Limited (TCL), Mr Gerry Clemens, Director (TCL) and Mr Gareth James, General Manager, Canterbury Waste Services, attended and spoke to this item. They advised that in accordance with the company’s intentions a divestment of surplus land was now being initiated and as part of this proposal the Board wished to take the opportunity of presenting to the shareholder Councils the opportunity of consider purchase of the portion of Tiromoana Station known as the “Coast Farm”.

At present sale of the West Farm area site and the Coast Farm was intended to be initiated in October 2007 and the company wished to have a firm decision in principle by August 2007 from the shareholder Councils in respect to the disposal or otherwise of the Coast Farm portion.

Mr Cox advised that the area involved had high landscape and recreational values and was outside the area currently retained for Tiromoana Bush.

Mr Gerry Clemens spoke regarding the details of the farm property and the financial information relating to the area in question and Mr James spoke regarding possible conservation and educational uses for this area together with ownership options.

The future process in respect to disposal of this area was then outlined and it was noted that a firm decision was required by TCL by 3 August 2007. Today’s presentation also coincided with issue of formal letters of proposal to the shareholder Councils and was the first step in the process with a site visit intended to be made in May or June 2007.

The opportunity to take questions followed the presentation and these related to:

- The option of leasing the farm in association with the West Farm sale.
- Possible valuations – it was noted that a previous offer had been received for this area of the property.
- The issue of public access – it was noted that regardless of any decision in respect for the Coast Farm area beach access for the public would still be possible but purchase of the farm area may allow for public access from the Mount Cass Road.

- Any possible impact on the landfill – it was noted that the area did not impact on future development for the landfill.
- Jane Parfitt, General Manager City Environment, confirmed that there would be process issues with the Council in respect to timing and the LTCCP process.
- Whether the Department of Conservation was likely to be a possible partner in any relationship. (It was indicated this was unlikely.)

At the conclusion of the presentation a courtesy copy of the formal letter from Transwaste Canterbury to the shareholder Councils was distributed for information.

The opportunity was also taken for a short briefing from Mr James in respect to current significant issues in respect to TCL and Mr James spoke regarding the oil prospecting being undertaken by Greengate Limited and advised that they expected to start drilling in the Kate Ridge in June. He also spoke regarding the possible establishment of wind turbines on Mount Cass and the hotel/spa development being constructed at the Main Road/Mount Cass Road intersection by the Latitude Group.

The meeting concluded at 10.30am.