

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL
HELD AT 3.30PM ON MONDAY 12 JUNE 2006 AND, MEANTIME HAVING BEEN ADJOURNED,
RECONVENED AT 1.45PM ON WEDNESDAY 14 JUNE 2006**

PRESENT: The Mayor, Garry Moore (Chairperson).
Councillors Helen Broughton, Sally Buck, Graham Condon, Barry Corbett, Anna Crighton,
Carole Evans, Pat Harrow, Bob Parker, Bob Shearing, Gail Sheriff and Norm Withers.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors David Cox and Sue Wells.

It was **resolved** that the apologies be accepted.

In the absence of the Mayor the Chair was assumed by the Deputy Mayor (Councillor Carole Evans) at 3.38pm and the meeting adjourned until 4.20pm, when it resumed with the Mayor in the Chair.

2. 2006/16 LTCCP OMNIBUS REPORT

The above report was tabled at the Council meeting and the following recommendations 1, 2(a)-(f), (h), (i), (s), (t), (u) and (ad), were considered.

It was **resolved**:

1. That the Council receive the report.

2. 2(a) Current Financial Position

To note that the updated financial position as a starting point shows rates at 9.2% for 2006/07; 6.58% for 2007/08 and 10.10% for 2008/09.

3. 2(b) Capital Programme Rescheduling

To note that the proposed changes to the capital programme, that are reflected in the updated financial position in particular, incorporate \$34m less spent over 2006/07 and 2007/08, but the equivalent amount more in 2008/09 and 2009/10.

4. 2(c) Kerb and Channel Renewal

To note that the rescheduled kerb and channel programme over the ten years will see 210km delivered over the ten years but only 15, 17 and 19 km over the first three years of the programme.

5. 2(d) Southern Motorway

To note that new projects associated with the Southern Motorway are not in the 2006/16 LTCCP, and that a note to this effect will be put in the final LTCCP indicating such and that details will be known for the 2009/19 LTCCP.

6. 2(e) Bus Exchange

To confirm its original intent to make budget provision to expand the capacity for bus exchange facilities based on the timing and budget restrictions in the draft LTCCP and that the proposed funding mix be highlighted in the final LTCCP document.

7. 2(f) Streets Capital Works Reprogramming

To note the deferred start of the Cashel Mall upgrade and reprogrammed expenditure timing for the Ferrymead Bridge project to the Blenheim Road project in 2006/07 and from Blenheim Road to Ferrymead Bridge in 2007/08.

8. **2(h) Debt Servicing**

To move to the maximum of the loan repayment provisions in the liability policy, i.e. from 20 to 30 years.

9. **2(i) Civic Building Additional Maintenance**

To note that the updated financial position provides for additional maintenance/rental costs for the Tuam Street building and \$4m capex for similar expenditure by Travis Finance Ltd (noting that this capital spend will be determined in the most financially efficient way).

10. **2(s) Rationalise Community Libraries**

That library services remain at the current levels with no new buildings or closures of existing facilities considered until the libraries' 2025 year plan is completed.

11. **2(t) Existing Mobile Library**

That the current level of service for the mobile library be retained and no reduction of service be considered until the libraries' 2025 year plan is completed.

12. **2(u) Financial Implications for (s) and (t)**

To note that the implications of recommendations (s) and (t) above have been incorporated into the updated financial position.

13. **2(ad) Development Contributions Policy**

To adopt the general recommendation and specific wording changes relating to the Development Contributions Policy as circulated to the Council and contained in Volume 9 of the hearing papers covering 6-9 June 2006.

14. In addition it was requested that the General Manager Corporate Services be requested to investigate the timing of the Little River sewer reticulation & STP to align with the proposed water supply upgrade.

(Note: Councillor Helen Broughton requested that her vote against recommendations 2(c) and 2(e) be recorded.)

3. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5.15pm and reconvened at 1.45pm on Wednesday 14 June 2006.

2. **2006/16 DRAFT LONG TERM COUNCIL COMMUNITY PLAN - OMNIBUS REPORT (Cont'd)**

Further to its meeting on Monday 12 June 2006, the Council continued its considerations of the above report in relation to recommendations 2(g), 2(j), 2(k), 2(l), 2(m), 2(o), 2(p), 2(q), 2(r), 2(v), 2(w), 2(x), 2(y), 2(z), 2(aa), 2(ab), 2(ac) along with other miscellaneous matters.

The Council **resolved**:

15. **2(g) Parking Charges and Parking Policy**

- (a) To confirm the draft LTCCP increase to parking charges.
- (b) To ask staff to investigate requiring all permanent accounts to be allocated space at the top of parking buildings and be charged at the current market rate.
- (c) To consider convenience parking in the form of:
 - (i) free parking on Saturday afternoons and on Sundays,
 - (ii) parking subsidies by retailers and theatres for their customers (eg swipe card).

- (d) That staff report on:
- (i) a review of the existing Canterbury Employers' Chamber of Commerce contract within the next month,
 - (ii) possible options to charge for suburban car parking,
 - (iii) a review of the 2003 parking strategy.

16. **2(j) Waste Minimisation**

- (a) To pursue the long term and short term solutions regarding waste minimisation as per the staff report on the Waste Minimisation Levy for the 15 June Council meeting.
- (b) To hold a seminar on the Council's relationship with Terra Nova and Meta.
- (c) To meet with the Terra Nova chairman, Andy Pearce, with regard to the potential waste minimisation component of the refuse station fees as soon as possible.

17. **2(k) Burwood Landfill Gas Project**

To increase the capital budget for the Burwood Landfill Gas Project by \$700k to meet additional capital costs to bring the total budget to \$4m; the increased costs to be met from the capital allocation for the biosolids drying facility.

18. **2(l) Tree Renewal and New Trees**

- (a) To confirm \$10 million over 10 years for tree renewal and new trees in the capital programme for 2006/16.
- (b) To instigate a sponsorship programme for new trees with a review of the programme after three years (promote sponsorship monies for tree plaques, artworks and street furniture).
- (c) To ask staff to report on requiring developers to plant larger trees where appropriate.

19. **2(m) Botanic Gardens**

- (a) To address immediate building maintenance issues to meet health and safety requirements by increasing the operating budget in the draft plan by \$100k in 2006/07 and 2007/08.
- (b) To maintain the capital project budget for the Botanic Gardens as the Draft LTCCP.

(Note: Councillor Buck recorded her vote against the adoption of resolution (b) above.)

20. **2(o) Canterbury Museum**

- (a) To maintain the current LTCCP operating budgetary provisions for the Canterbury Museum subject to the museum reporting back on the possibility of other storage options including an off-site storage unit in the Central City.

(Note: The foregoing resolution was declared **carried** on division no 2 by 8 votes to 4, the voting being as follows:

For (8): Councillors Broughton, Condon, Crighton, Evans, Parker, Sheriff, Withers and the Mayor.

Against (4): Councillors Buck, Corbett, Harrow and Shearing.)

- (b) To defer the capital provision for one year.
- (c) To initiate discussions with the Museum Trust Board regarding future funding requirements and Council contributions in the form of capital endowment fund, ex gratia payments and the capital programme.

21. **2(p) Civil Defence Building**

To maintain the current capital provision for the new Civil Defence building and consider that it be co-located with any one of the following:

- (a) the new Civic building,
- (b) Jade Stadium extension,
- (c) new Visitors' Centre at Botanic Gardens,
- (d) or any other appropriate building.

22. **2(q) City Mall Upgrade**

- (a) That the City Mall upgrade be funded from general rates.

(Note: The foregoing resolution was declared **carried** on division no 1 by 8 votes to 4, the voting being as follows:

For (8): Councillors Condon, Crighton, Evans, Harrow, Parker, Sheriff, Withers and the Mayor.

Against (4): Councillors Broughton, Buck, Corbett and Shearing.)

- (b) To strongly encourage City Mall retailers to buy into a collective marketing and hours of business policy.
- (c) To consider renaming the City Mall to "Remembrance Boulevard".

23. **2(r) Civic Offices Fit Out**

To maintain the current funding provision of \$4.3m for fit out of the new civic offices.

(Note: Councillors Broughton and Buck recorded their votes against the adoption of the foregoing resolution.)

24. **2(v) Aquatic Facility Plan and Swimming Pools**

To approve a defined transition phase with regard to the implementation of the Aquatic Facility Plan as detailed below:

- (a) Construct an indoor pool and sports hall at Papanui High School as already provided for in the draft budget.
- (b) Support schools in keeping pools open and widening their pools appeal. Budget impact nil, capacity exists within the current budget. Specific projects include:
 - (i) Assistance to Sumner School at existing levels.
 - (ii) Assistance to St Albans School in heating their pool so that it is available for extended community use.
 - (iii) Assistance to Canterbury Christian College in heating their existing indoor pool in the Aidanfield area for schools and public use.
 - (iv) Investigate options to co operate with Akaroa school.
- (c) Continue to operate Templeton Pool. Maximise community and school involvement to support lifeguards. Review Templeton Pool in 2011 in conjunction with the first five yearly review of the Aquatic Facility Plan. Budget impact, additional \$30,000 in operating costs, ongoing. Investigate volunteers collecting an entry fee and the proceeds going to community pool initiatives.
- (d) Continue to operate Belfast Pool until the Papanui Pool is complete. Maximise community and school involvement to support lifeguards. Budget impact, additional \$30,000 in operating costs for 2006/07 and 2007/08. Investigate volunteers collecting an entry fee and the proceeds going to community pool initiatives.

- (e) Continue to operate Woolston Pool as a schools only pool in conjunction with Woolston School until the pool fails. Budget impact nil, can be met from existing resources.
- (f) Close Edgeware pool noting:
 - (i) Structural faults that cannot be repaired.
 - (ii) Budget impact (over and above savings already declared):
 - (iii) Will avoid Council having to fund between \$360,000 and \$1,600,000 of capital expenditure depending on the extent to which Council wants to replace the pool.
 - (iv) Pool drains need replacing
 - (v) The pool tank will not keep water out or in.
- (g) Close the Sockburn Recreation Centre
- (h) Close Sockburn Pool due to very poor user numbers, high cost of operating and the availability of alternatives at low cost near by and noting:
 - (i) Budget impact (over and above savings already declared):
 - (ii) Will avoid Council having to spend \$203,500 on essential capital works which is not budgeted.
 - (iii) Will also allow Council to off-set up to \$418,500 on the operating costs of new facilities at Papanui and Jellie Park, this has been allowed for in ongoing budgets.
- (i) Sell the land occupied by closed pools at Papanui and Edgeware. Budget impact: \$400K revenue in the budget.

(Note: Councillors Broughton and Shearing recorded their votes against the adoption of resolution (h) above.)

25. **2(w) NZPGA Golf Championship**

To fund the NZPGA Golf Championship to a maximum of \$400k per annum from the economic development activity for the 2007/2009 events, such funding conditional upon:

- (a) The event continuing to be co-sanctioned by the US PGA.
- (b) The status and profile of the event be at least maintained by continuing to provide free entry for Christchurch citizens.
- (c) The organisers securing a title sponsor to at least the same level as for the 2006 event and to at least the value of the Council contribution.
- (d) Should the event change significantly from that proposed, Council reserves the right to reconsider its support and withdraw from the event at any time.

Councillor Crighton moved by way of amendment "*That we recognise a third year of the three year commitment of \$300k for the NZPGA Golf Championship*". The amendment was seconded by Councillor Buck and when put to the meeting was declared **lost** on division no 3 by 5 votes to 7, the voting being as follows:

Against (7): Councillors Broughton, Condon, Evans, Parker, Sheriff, Shearing and the Mayor.

For (5): Councillors Buck, Corbett, Crighton, Harrow and Withers.

Councillor Broughton then moved by way of further amendment "*That the funding for the NZPGA Golf Championship be deferred pending a report from officers on the Economic Development Fund and any other initiatives*". The further amendment was seconded by Councillor Condon and when put to the meeting was declared **lost**.

The original motion as a whole including clauses (a), (b), (c) and (d) only was put to the meeting and declared **carried** on division no 4 by 7 votes to 4 with 1 abstention, the voting being as follows:

For (7): Councillors Broughton, Condon, Corbett, Evans, Parker, Withers, and the Mayor.

Against (4): Councillors Crighton, Harrow, Shearing and Sheriff.

Abstain (1): Councillor Buck.

26. **2(x) Community Grants**

- (a) To maintain Community Grant funding at current levels until the outcomes of the Community Development Strategy and the Community Grants Review are known.
- (b) That the existing community grants scheme be capped at \$8.2m.

27. **2(y) City Scene**

To accept the budget reduction of \$22k relating to the City Scene but not specify a particular number of issues, noting that the number of issues of City Scene will be reviewed as part of an integrated approach to Council communication.

Councillor Broughton moved by way of amendment "*That there be six publications per year of the City Scene with a consequent saving of \$88k*". The amendment was seconded by Councillor Buck and when put to the meeting was declared **lost** on division no 5 by 3 votes to 9, the voting being as follows:

Against (9): Councillors Condon, Corbett, Evans, Harrow, Parker, Shearing, Sheriff, Withers and the Mayor.

For (3): Councillors Broughton, Buck and Crighton.

28. **2(z) Use of New Zealand Post and
2(aa) Closure of Hornby and Riccarton Sub-agencies**

- (a) To approve the use of New Zealand Post for all Council financial transactions, thereby saving \$423k per annum.

(Note: The foregoing resolution was declared **carried** on a division no 6 by 7 votes to 5, the voting being as follows:

For (7): Councillors Broughton, Buck, Condon, Crighton, Evans, Harrow and Sheriff.

Against (5): Councillors Corbett, Parker, Shearing, Withers and the Mayor.)

- (b) To accept the closure of the Hornby and Riccarton sub-agencies saving \$77k.
- (c) To maintain the current level of service at the Tuam Street Civic Offices.
- (d) To maintain the current level of service at the Banks Peninsula service centres.
- (e) That general information services be maintained at service centres.

29. **2(ab) Metropolitan Christchurch Transport Scheme (MCTS)**

To confirm the financial provision of \$160 million in the draft LTCCP relating to the MCTS.

30. **2(ac) Christchurch Cathedral Foundation**

- (a) To request a report from the Christchurch Cathedral Foundation on the current condition of the Cathedral and a long-term asset management plan (incorporating a business plan that recognises the value of the building) to allow the Council to investigate a more formal business arrangement whereby the Council provides compensation for:
- (i) use of Cathedral land,
 - (ii) intellectual property rights for use of the Cathedral logo and other similar items,
 - (iii) hosting civic events.
- (b) To recommend that this application for a grant be considered by the Council outside the LTCCP process, as to whether funds of \$1.2m could be sourced from the emergency capital fund.

At the seminars on 13 June and morning of 14 June, the Council had generally agreed on the following draft resolutions.

The Council **resolved**:

31. **Community Board Planning Report**

To direct staff to produce a Community Board Planning Report the year after the LTCCP to be funded out of the Community Board budget.

32. **Akaroa Museum**

- (a) To reinstate the funding for the Akaroa Museum storage facility, currently in the 2012/13 financial year to the 2008/09 year, and the Council note that the gross amount of \$500,000 includes approximately 50% from external funding sources.
- (b) To provide financial support for the Lyttelton Harbour Basin Green Waste Programme of \$5,000 per year to be provided out of operational expenses for waste minimisation.

Councillor Broughton moved by way of amendment "*That the funding of \$50,000 per annum for the Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust be moved to metropolitan grants funding or any other source*". The amendment was seconded by Councillor Crighton and when put to the meeting was declared **lost** on division no 7 by 7 votes to 5, the voting being as follows:

Against (7): Councillors Condon, Corbett, Evans, Parker, Shearing, Sheriff and the Mayor.

For (5): Councillors Broughton, Buck, Crighton, Harrow and Withers.

It was then **resolved**:

- (c) To review the funding of \$50,000 per annum for the Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust in three years.

(Note: Councillor Helen Broughton requested that her vote against resolution (c) above be recorded.)

- (d) To continue the current Akaroa Museum admission charges.

33. **Undergrounding and Garden City Image**

- (a) To signal its intention to rescind the December 2005 decision to maintain the current level of expenditure on undergrounding of overhead wiring.

- (b) To consider a report on the following:
 - (i) Taking \$1m out of operating budget for undergrounding for local roads;
 - (ii) If and when the Council receives an extra dividend *from CCHL*, budget the first \$1 million for undergrounding;
 - (iii) That enough money remain in the budget to address the previously committed half share of the Thornycroft Street undergrounding;
 - (iv) That the Council resolve to provide \$500,000 per year over the next three years to enhance the Garden City image.
- (c) To request the working party led by the Environmental Diversity Portfolio Group to work with groups in the city to put forward to Council proposals for these funds.

34. **Capital Emergency Fund**

- (a) To note that the Capital Emergency Fund is at \$6.423m and above the minimum level set by the Council at \$5m.
- (b) To note that interest earned on this fund has added to the fund.
- (c) To direct staff to
 - (i) Report back on the need for such a fund.
 - (ii) Use the interest earned from the fund for general rate purposes

35. **Capital Endowment Fund**

Councillor Helen Broughton moved *“That the Council resolve to explore a 50% repatriation of the Capital Endowment Fund and that a report be compiled for possible repatriation for 2007/08”*. The motion lapsed for lack of a seconder.

(Councillor Parker retired at 4.30 pm)

36. **Water Charges**

Councillor Shearing moved *“That the Council ask staff for a report on charging for water, in particular the charging for excess water useage”*. The motion was seconded by Councillor Condon and when put to the meeting was declared **lost** on division no 8 by 9 votes to 2, the voting being as follows:

Against (9): Councillors Broughton, Buck, Corbett, Crighton, Evans, Harrow, Sheriff, Withers and the Mayor.

For (2): Councillors Condon and Shearing.

37. **Fireworks**

To reduce investigate the potential saving of approximately \$100,000 by reducing the number of fireworks display, or possibly merging two festivals in to one.

38. Councillor Broughton then raised the following issues, which were agreed by consensus:

- (a) That the provision of City Housing be listed as a separate item in the LTCCP.
- (b) That, depending on a legal opinion, the Museum Trust investigate applying for a resource consent.
- (c) That the Policy on Determining Significance be deferred until the 22 June Council meeting.

39. **\$10 million Surplus**

To request the General Manager Corporate Services to use the forecast \$10m surplus for 2005/06 to spread the impact of rate increases in future years (2008/09 onwards) and to report back to a future meeting of the Council.

40. **Styx Mill Vision**

To investigate extending the Styx Mill Vision from the current 40 years and report back to the Environmental Diversity Portfolio Group on the budgetary and other implications.

4. **THANKS AND APPRECIATION**

Councillor Withers applauded the process, apart from the short notice for some submitters, and lack of officer comments.

Councillor Evans expressed thanks to the Mayor for his chairing of the process and to staff for their efforts.

5. **CONCLUSION**

The meeting concluded at 4.55pm on Wednesday 14 June 2006.

CONFIRMED THIS 30TH DAY OF JUNE 2006

MAYOR