

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL
HELD AT 4PM ON WEDNESDAY 24 OCTOBER 2007**

PRESENT: The Mayor, Bob Parker (Chairperson).
Councillors Helen Broughton, Sally Buck, Ngaire Button, Barry Corbett, David Cox,
Yani Johanson, Claudia Reid, Bob Shearing, Gail Sheriff, Mike Wall, Sue Wells,
Chrissie Williams and Norm Withers.

APOLOGIES: Nil.

The meeting commenced with a Mihi from Mr Bill Karaitiana, Ngai Tū Ahuriri and a blessing from the Very Reverend Peter Beck, Dean of Christchurch.

1. DECLARATION BY THE MAYOR DULY ATTESTED

The Chief Executive assumed the chair and declared the inaugural meeting open. The Mayor then made the statutory declaration required of him under the provisions of the Local Government Act 2002.

The Mayor's declaration was signed in the presence of the Council and witnessed by the Chief Executive.

2. INSTALLATION OF THE MAYOR

The Mayor then assumed the Chair.

3. DECLARATION BY COUNCILLORS, ATTESTED IN THE PRESENCE OF THE MAYOR AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE

All Councillors then declared that they would faithfully and impartially, and according to the best of their skill and judgment, execute and perform, in the best interests of the City of Christchurch, the powers, authorities, and duties vested in or imposed upon them as a member of the Christchurch City Council by virtue of the Local Government Act 2002, the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, or any other Act.

The Councillors' declarations were signed in the presence of the Council and witnessed by the Mayor and Chief Executive.

4. ADDRESS BY THE MAYOR

The Mayor then gave the following address:

Ladies and gentlemen, councillors, family members, friends, Joanna ...

I would like to make the following quote from Marcus Aurelius:

"If you do the job in a principled way, with diligence, energy and patience, if you keep yourself free of distractions, and keep the spirit inside you undamaged, as if you might have to give it back at any moment –

If you can embrace this without fear or expectation – can find fulfilment in what you're doing now, as Nature intended, and in superhuman truthfulness – then your life will be happy.

No one can prevent that."

Politics is about perception, pragmatism, and passion.

It should also be about principles.

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And at our Council table in the coming three years I hope that we recognise that there are 14 distinctive voices around this table that have a right to be heard.

Each person at the Council table has earned the right to be here through a trial by democracy, and each represents not just those who voted for us personally, but all of the Citizens of Christchurch.

Each of us has just sworn to exercise our collective skills and judgement for the best interests of the City of Christchurch.

This City was founded on a simple set of spiritual and political goals:

To build a place where families and enterprise could together flourish in harmony with our environment.

Today we call that sustainability, in 1850 they had another word for it: they called it Christchurch.

Our forebears were reformers who had the courage to invest in a better future.

Now that challenge passes to us. We must never forget as we uphold the laws of the land and honour the founding document, the Treaty of Waitangi, that:

It is our duty to protect and sustain the institutions that underwrite our way of life, our universities, schools, our museums and libraries, our gardens etc. and our sense of community

It is our duty to create a safe and sustainable environment – for everyone, but especially our children and our elders.

And it is our duty to find innovative ways to meet the challenges of our times and turn them into opportunities.

If we do these things well, then we honour our ancestors, but most importantly we honour our sacred duty to those yet to arrive: our children, and their children, and their children's children.

I am really looking forward to this next three years of working with all of you.

Thank you."

5. REPORT OF THE ELECTORAL OFFICER

It was **resolved** that the report be received.

6. REPORT OF THE LEGAL SERVICES MANAGER - EXPLANATION OF STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

The Legal Services Manager presented his report giving a general explanation of the key provisions of the following Acts:

- (a) The Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987
- (b) Local Authorities (Members' Interests) Act 1968
- (c) Sections 99, 105 and 105A of the Crimes Act 1961
- (d) Secret Commissions Act 1910

It was **resolved** that the report be received.

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7. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

It was **resolved**:

1. That the open method of voting, with one vote for each member, be adopted for the election of the Deputy Mayor.
2. That Councillor Norm Withers be elected as Deputy Mayor.

Following his election, the Deputy Mayor then took the opportunity to address the meeting.

8. APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLORS AS MEMBERS OF COMMUNITY BOARDS

It was **resolved** that the Council appoint to the respective Community Boards the two Councillors from the wards which are situated in each of the Burwood/Pegasus, Hagley/Ferrymead, Fendalton/Waimairi, Riccarton/Wigram, Shirley/Papanui and Spreydon/Heathcote communities, and the Councillor from the Banks Peninsula Ward to the Akaroa/Wairewa and Lyttelton/Mt Herbert Community Boards.

9. ADOPTION OF DATE OF FIRST ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

It was **resolved** pursuant to clause 21(5)(d) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002 that the first ordinary meeting of the Council be held on Wednesday 7 November 2007 at 9.30am.

10. CONCLUSION

The meeting concluded at 4.57pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 7TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2007

MAYOR