

ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY

**CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL / ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY
JOINT COMMITTEE**

MINUTES OF THE FOURTH MEETING OF THE CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL /
ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY JOINT COMMITTEE HELD ON
MONDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2006 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, GROUND FLOOR,
CIVIC OFFICES, 163 TUAM STREET, CHRISTCHURCH FROM 3.30PM.

1. APOLOGIES
2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 28 FEBRUARY 2006
3. MATTERS ARISING
4. PUBLIC PASSENGER TRANSPORT: REVIEW OF JURISDICTIONAL ROLES
5. PASSENGER TRANSPORT PROGRESS UPDATE
6. REGIONAL POLICY STATEMENT REVIEW

PRESENT

Christchurch City Council

Councillor Carole Evans, Deputy Mayor (Chairman), Crs Pat Harrow and Norm Withers.

Environment Canterbury

Crs Kerry Burke, Richard Budd, Anne Carroll, Alec Neill, Robert Johnston, Judy Waters and Bill Woods.

Waimakariri District Council

Mayor Jim Gerard.

MANAGEMENT AND OFFICERS PRESENT

Christchurch City Council

Jane Parfitt (General Manager City Environment), Stuart Woods (Principal Transport Planner), Richard West (Project Manager) and Max Robertson (Council Secretary)

Environment Canterbury

Bryan Jenkins (Chief Executive), Jill Atkinson (Portfolio Manager Transport) and Ken Lawn (Director, Operations)

Selwyn District Council

Andrew Mazey (Asset Manager, Transportation)

1. APOLOGIES

Christchurch City Council

The Mayor (Garry Moore) and Crs Helen Broughton, Sally Buck, Barry Corbett, Graham Condon, Anna Crighton, Bob Shearing and Gail Sheriff

Environment Canterbury

Crs Elizabeth Cunningham, Bob Kirk and Nicky Wagner

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 28 February 2006 were taken as read and confirmed, subject to it being noted that Mayor Garry Moore had arrived at 3.25pm, rather than the recorded time of 2.25pm.

3. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

4. PUBLIC PASSENGER TRANSPORT: REVIEW OF JURISDICTIONAL ROLES

Jane Parfitt spoke to a report which she had previously submitted to the City Council at its meeting on 16 November 2006, when the City Council had resolved to discuss the report and the associated jurisdictional issues with ECan Councillors at the present joint meeting. Jane also referred to the associated conclusions reached by Ian McChesney, an independent energy and transport consultant.

Ken Lawn advised that he had previously made seminar presentations on this topic to both Councils, and had concluded that there was no great desire for change. He also noted that any changes would need to be made via either each Council's LTCCP, or using the special consultative process.

Councillor Neill noted that a recent review by the Ministry of Transport had concluded that the Christchurch passenger transport system was the best in Australasia, and advised that ECan was not seeking any changes in the respective responsibilities of either ECan or the City Council.

Councillor Evans expressed regret that those City Councillors who had first raised this issue were not present at the meeting.

Councillor Budd stated that the passenger transport infrastructure should remain with the City Council as the responsible roading authority, and that the Council could not delegate its responsibilities in this area to any other party.

Councillors Harrow and Withers expressed the opinion that there should be no change in the respective roles of the City Council and ECan, bearing in mind the conclusions of the McChesney report, and the May 2006 Ministry of Transport Review.

Mayor Gerard expressed the opinion that any changes in jurisdiction would need to be carried out within the framework of the Urban Strategy Development, but that in his opinion there was no need or desire for change, when the present passenger transport system was working so effectively.

In conclusion, it was **resolved**:

- (a) that no changes be made at the present time to the respective roles of the City Council and ECan in the provision of public passenger transport, bearing in mind the excellent ongoing relationship at staff level, and the extremely high standard of the present service.
- (b) that those City Councillors who had first raised a possible reallocation of responsibilities be invited to reexamine the conclusions reached in the report by Ian McChesney, and to attend the next joint meeting for the purpose of clarifying their views on the subject.

5. PASSENGER TRANSPORT PROGRESS UPDATE

Jill Atkinson spoke to a presentation (copies of which were circulated at the meeting) "Metro Update – November 2006" and invited discussion and feedback from the meeting.

The key points made in the presentation were that a review carried out by the Ministry of Transport in May 2006, which compared Christchurch to other cities in New Zealand and Australia, had concluded that Christchurch had the:

- greatest relative increase in the number of bus boardings
- significant increases in bus boardings per head of population
- the greatest relative increase in bus service vehicle kilometers
- low average bus fares
- the most competitive market
- the lowest public bus funding per boarding
- the lowest average fleet age of buses
- the highest percentage of wheelchair accessible buses

and was also the only city to achieve integrated planning, integrated ticketing and real time information.

Ms Atkinson also gave details of the recent bio-diesel fuel trial, and showed a recent television advertisement aimed at encouraging people to use buses rather than cars. She concluded by advising that the present challenges to successful service delivery were bus exchange capacity, and travel time reliability.

Richard West (City Council Project Manager) then gave a presentation on the current bus priority project, aimed at improving travel time and reliability.

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

6. REGIONAL POLICY STATEMENT REVIEW

Cr Budd updated Councillors regarding the Regional Policy Statement (RPS). He advised that the changes for settlement and related infrastructure outside the Urban Development Strategy (UDS) area would not be notified at the same time as the UDS but would be incorporated into the wider RPS review.

CONCLUSION

The meeting concluded at 5pm.

NEXT MEETING

To be held at ECan, on a date to be advised.

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DATE _____ CHAIRPERSON _____