

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL
HELD AT 9AM ON FRIDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2006**

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

1. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received and accepted from Councillor Bob Shearing for the period 12 noon to 2.40pm.

An apology for lateness was received and accepted from Councillor Anna Crighton (from 1.15pm).

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

2. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

Nil.

3. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

Nil.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

5. REVENUE AND FINANCING POLICY ISSUES

Resolved: That the report by the Funds & Financial Policy Manager on Revenue and Financing Policy Issues as amended be received.

6. INFLATION ADJUSTORS, OPERATING EXPENDITURE & CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Resolved: That the inflation adjustors be extracted from the information derived from BERL as presented in Tables 1 & 2 below:

**Table 1:
Inflation adjustors, OPEX**

Year ending	Road	Property	Water	Energy	Staff	Other
Jun 07	2.4	2.8	4.1	3.9	2.4	3.0
Jun 08	2.6	2.9	4.2	4.1	2.5	3.1
Jun 09	2.4	2.7	4.0	3.8	2.4	2.9
Jun 10	2.2	2.5	3.7	3.6	2.2	2.7
Jun 11	2.0	2.3	3.4	3.3	2.0	2.5
Jun 12	1.9	2.1	3.1	3.0	1.8	2.3
Jun 13	1.7	1.9	2.8	2.8	1.7	2.1
Jun 14	1.5	1.7	2.6	2.5	1.5	1.9
Jun 15	1.3	1.5	2.3	2.2	1.3	1.6
Jun 16	1.3	1.5	2.3	2.2	1.3	1.6
Jun 17	1.3	1.5	2.3	2.2	1.3	1.9

11. BOTANIC GARDENS

Resolved: That the Botanic Gardens be included in the capital programme in the amount of \$5 million for year 3 (2008-2009) and \$5 million for year 4 (2009-2010) to achieve completion prior to the 2014 anniversary celebrations.

The foregoing resolution was declared **carried** on division no 1 by 7 votes to 5, the voting being as follows:

For (7): The Mayor, Councillors Condon, Corbett, Evans, Harrow, Sheriff and Withers.

Against (5): Councillors Broughton, Buck, Cox, Shearing and Wells.

12. BANKS PENINSULA DISTRICT COUNCIL LIST OF CAPITAL PROJECTS

Resolved: That the capital projects of the Banks Peninsula District Council be adopted with the exception of \$1.125 million for projects identified by the Banks Peninsula community boards.

13. WASTE MINIMISATION

Councillor Broughton moved *“That the amount budgeted for waste minimisation be reduced by \$20 million”*. The motion was seconded by Councillor Harrow and when put to the meeting was declared **lost** on division no 2 by 9 votes to 2, the voting being as follows:

Against (9): The Mayor, Councillors Buck, Condon, Corbett, Cox, Evans, Sheriff, Wells and Withers.

For (2): Councillors Broughton and Harrow.

14. CAPITAL BUDGET

Resolved: That the capital budget as presented by staff be adopted.

The foregoing resolution was declared **carried** on division no 3 by 10 votes to 1, the voting being as follows:

For (10): The Mayor, Councillors Buck, Condon, Corbett, Cox, Evans, Harrow, Sheriff, Wells and Withers.

Against (1): Councillor Broughton.

- Note: 1. There is no budgetary provision to allow the Council to remain in the current Tuam Street building if it is decided not to move.
2. It remains to be resolved whether the City Mall revitalisation is to be financed via a targeted rate. Staff are to report back.

15. CHANGES IN LEVELS OF SERVICE

It was **resolved:**

1. That the current level of funding for character house grants be maintained.

The foregoing resolution was declared **carried** on division no 4 by 7 votes to 6, the voting being as follows:

For (7): The Mayor, Councillors Condon, Corbett, Crighton, Evans, and Harrow, and the Chairperson’s casting vote

Against (6): Councillors Broughton, Buck, Cox, Sheriff, Wells and Withers

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2. That the current level of community hall provision be reduced by 20%, providing operating expenditure savings of up to \$397,000.
3. That the current level of funding for community grants be maintained but that metropolitan funding be reviewed in order to identify the groups that are most successful in the delivery of services, and to encourage cooperation and amalgamation. The Draft LTCCP should signal that in year 4 (2009-2010) the review may result in less funding.

Note: The budgeted amounts for community grants are not adjusted for inflation.

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

For (7): The Mayor, Councillors Condon, Corbett, Crighton, Evans, Wells and Withers.

Against (6): Councillors Broughton, Buck, Cox, Harrow, Shearing and Sheriff.

4. That the library bindery services be outsourced, to provide operating expenditure savings of up to \$50,000.
5. That the number of libraries throughout the city be rationalised, to achieve operating expenditure savings of up to \$450,000.

The foregoing resolution was declared **carried** on division no 6 by 8 votes to 5, the voting being as follows:

For (8): The Mayor, Councillors Corbett, Cox, Crighton, Evans, Shearing, Sheriff and Wells.

Against (5): Councillors Broughton, Buck, Condon, Harrow, and Withers.

6. That the Riccarton and Hornby sub-agencies be closed, to achieve operating expenditure savings of up to \$77,000.

The foregoing resolution was declared **carried** on division no 7 by 10 votes to 3, the voting being as follows:

For (10): The Mayor, Councillors Buck, Condon, Corbett, Cox, Crighton, Evans, Harrow, Sheriff and Withers.

Against (3): Councillors Broughton, Shearing and Wells.

7. That NZ Post shops be used for all Council customer financial transactions, to achieve operating expenditure savings of up to \$300,000.

The foregoing resolution was declared **carried** on division no 8 by 9 votes to 3, the voting being as follows:

For (9): The Mayor, Councillors Buck, Condon, Corbett, Cox, Evans, Harrow, Sheriff and Withers.

Against (3): Councillors Crighton, Shearing and Wells.

Abstain : Councillor Broughton.

8. That the Sockburn pool be closed, to achieve operating expenditure savings of up to \$130,000.

The foregoing resolution was declared **carried** on division no 9 by 7 votes to 6 the voting being as follows:

For (7): The Mayor, Councillors Buck, Corbett, Cox, Evans, Harrow, and Sheriff.

Against (6): Councillors Broughton, Condon, Crighton, Shearing, Wells and Withers.

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9. That the Sockburn Recreational Centre be closed or leased, to achieve operating expenditure savings of up to \$70,000.

The foregoing resolution was declared **carried** on division no 10 by 11 votes to 2, the voting being as follows:

For (11): The Mayor, Councillors Buck, Corbett, Cox, Crighton, Evans, Harrow, Shearing, Sheriff, Wells and Withers.

Against (2): Councillors Broughton and Condon.

10. That the outdoor pool facilities be rationalised, involving the possible closure of the Edgeware, Belfast, Templeton and Woolston outdoor pools, to achieve operating expenditure savings of up to \$130,000.

11. That the land on which the decommissioned Papanui pool is located be sold, to achieve capital revenue of up to \$400,000.

12. That the current summer season for pools be maintained.

13. That off-street parking fees be increased by 10% to \$2.20 per hour, to achieve operating revenue of up to \$800,000.

The foregoing resolution was declared **carried** on division no 11 by 7 votes to 6, the voting being as follows:

For (7): Councillors Condon, Corbett, Cox, Shearing, Sheriff, Wells and Withers.

Against (6): The Mayor, Councillors Broughton, Buck, Crighton, Evans, Harrow.

14. That on-street parking fees be increased to \$2.50 per hour, to achieve operating revenue of up to \$750,000.

The foregoing resolution was declared **carried** on division no 12 by 8 votes to 5, the voting being as follows:

For (8): Councillors Broughton, Buck, Condon, Corbett, Cox, Shearing, Sheriff and Wells.

Against (5): The Mayor, Councillors Crighton, Evans, Harrow and Withers.

15. That the current policy of providing free parking for the first hour at four Council off-street parking facilities be maintained, regardless of how long the car is parked.

The foregoing resolution was declared **carried** on division no 13 by 9 votes to 4, the voting being as follows:

For (9): The Mayor, Councillors Broughton, Buck, Corbett, Crighton, Evans, Shearing, Wells and Withers.

Against (4): Councillors Condon, Cox, Harrow, and Sheriff.

16. That the mobile library service be discontinued.

The foregoing resolution was declared **carried** on division no 14 by 10 votes to 3, the voting being as follows:

For (10): The Mayor, Councillors Condon, Corbett, Cox, Crighton, Evans, Harrow, Shearing, Sheriff and Wells.

Against (3): Councillors Broughton, Buck and Withers.

17. That the South Christchurch Learning Centre be retained.

18. That the current schedule of library hours be retained.

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19. That cemetery charges be increased by 10%, for operating expenditure savings of up to \$63,000.
20. That the current level of service for biodiversity in regional parks through weed and pest control, planting, and re-vegetation be maintained.
21. That the current charges for urban park sports grounds be maintained.
22. That the current level of service of urban park maintenance (mowing, irrigation and facilities) be maintained.
23. That the current level of service for out of school programmes be maintained.
24. That the current level of funding for external events and festivals be maintained.
25. That the current level of funding for Council-managed events and festivals be maintained.
26. That the current level of funding for community recreation programmes be maintained.
27. That the free Central City Shuttle be retained.

Staff are requested to report back on the feasibility of a gold coin option starting in year 4 in light of contractual obligations and profitability.

(4.25pm it was unanimously **resolved** to extend the meeting to 5pm.)

28. That the current implementation schedule of the Upper Styx Harewood Area Plan be maintained.

(Note: Councillor Harrow did not participate in the voting and discussion on this item.)

29. That the current strategy production schedule with a request to the appropriate Portfolio Group/s to give a high priority to water consumption and conservation be maintained.

Councillor Wells was requested to work with the General Managers on a report to Council on water consumption and conservation.

30. That publication of the City Scene be reduced by one issue per year, to achieve operating expenditure savings of up to \$22,000.

The foregoing resolution was declared **carried** on division no 15 by 10 votes to 3, the voting being as follows:

For (10): Councillors Broughton, Buck, Condon, Corbett, Cox, Crighton, Harrow, Shearing, Sheriff and Withers.

Against (3): The Mayor, Councillors Evans and Wells.

31. That the current level of service for tree renewals and replacements be maintained.
32. That the current plan and schedule for drain naturalisation be maintained.

Staff are requested to report back on drain renewals on private land, on the waterways and wetlands budget, and how the drain renewal process might be slowed down or extended to spread out total project costs over a longer period.

The foregoing resolution was declared **carried** on division no 16 by 12 votes to 1, the voting being as follows:

For (12): The Mayor, Councillors Buck, Condon, Corbett, Cox, Crighton, Evans, Harrow, Shearing, Sheriff, Wells and Withers.

Against (1): Councillor Broughton.

33. That the footpath resurfacing lifespan be extended from 20 years to 23 years, to achieve operating expenditure savings of up to \$205,000 and capital expenditure savings of up to \$375,000.

The foregoing resolution was declared **carried** on division no 17 by 7 votes to 6, the voting being as follows:

For (7): The Mayor, Councillors Condon, Corbett, Cox, Crighton, Evans and Wells.

Against (6): Councillors Broughton, Buck, Harrow, Shearing, Sheriff and Withers.

34. That the current standards of cleaning for city streets and transport be maintained.
35. That the current standards of maintenance and safety for city streets and transport be maintained.
36. That the current schedule of hours for street lighting be maintained.
37. That current ownership and responsibility for sewer lateral maintenance be retained.

(5pm it was unanimously **resolved** to extend the meeting to 5.15pm.)

The General Manager Corporate Services advised that by Tuesday 21 February, or at the latest Wednesday 22 February, staff would report back to the Council on the impact of the level of service decisions made.

16. SURPLUS ISSUES

Resolved: That the impact of the \$19 million reserve be spread over three years.

It was **agreed** that there would be a public excluded seminar on development contributions on Monday 20 February 2006 from 11.45am–1.45pm in the No 3 Committee Room.

It was **agreed** that there would be a seminar with a presentation by the Canterbury Museum Board and possibly the CDC on Tuesday 21 February 2006 from 1pm in the Council Chamber.

(5.15pm it was unanimously **resolved** to extend the meeting to 5.30pm.)

17. APPRECIATION

Councillors thanked the staff for their work, and expressed satisfaction and appreciation for the manner in which they had presented the information, and provided advice on complex subjects.

18. CONCLUSION

The meeting concluded at 5.30pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 9TH DAY OF MARCH 2006

MAYOR