

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL
HELD AT 9.30AM ON THURSDAY 19 APRIL 2012**

PRESENT: The Mayor, Bob Parker (Chairperson).
Councillors Peter Beck, Helen Broughton, Sally Buck, Ngaire Button, Tim Carter, Jimmy Chen, Barry Corbett, Aaron Keown, Glenn Livingstone, Yani Johanson, Claudia Reid and Sue Wells.

1. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Gough.

It was **resolved** on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Button, that the apology be accepted.

2. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT/PUBLIC FORUM

- 2.1 The Victoria Streetscape Project, represented by Wendy Gilchrist and Graham Russell, addressed the Council on progress since the group last spoke to the Council in December 2011. The group spoke about their vision for Victoria Street and the collaborative work undertaken thus far with Council staff, Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority, local businesses and other stakeholders. The group sought the Council's general support for the project, as well as support for its proposal for flags and banners for Victoria Street (as outlined in the group's presentation to councillors).
- 2.2 Louise Wedlake addressed the Council about the future of Queen Elizabeth II Park. Ms Wedlake sought the Council's support to rebuild a sports hub facility in the Burwood/Pegasus ward and to rebuild Centennial Pool in the city. Ms Wedlake argued that establishing a metro sports facility on land at Queen Elizabeth II Park is a superior option to establishing one in the city centre.
- 2.3 Rates Relief Christchurch, represented by Nigel Salsbury, Judit Tardi, and Kerry Brown, addressed the Council regarding rates relief for people living in uninhabitable homes. The group sought 100 percent rates relief for such homeowners and asked that the rates relief be backdated from the date the house became uninhabitable.
- 2.4 Warwick Isaacs, Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority, addressed the Council to provide the regular monthly update to councillors in place of Roger Sutton. Mr Isaacs updated the Council on the sale and purchase of red zone properties, demolitions being undertaken in the central business district and in the suburbs and the receipt by stakeholders and residents of the Christchurch Central Development Unit announced yesterday by the Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery.

The meeting adjourned at 10.30am and resumed at 10.45am.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

COUNCIL MEETING OF 5 APRIL 2012

It was **resolved** on the motion of Councillor Button, seconded by Councillor Carter, that the minutes of the Council meeting held on Thursday 5 April 2012 be confirmed.

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4. REQUESTS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS PUBLIC FORUM

It was **resolved** on the motion of Councillor Wells, seconded by Councillor Button, that the Council note the information contained in **attachment one** of the report on responses to issues that have been raised during the public forum agenda item of the 15 March and 5 April 2012 Council meetings.

The Chief Executive was asked to consider how the Council could best respond to the issues raised in the deputation received during the public forum regarding rates relief.

5. REPORT BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE HAGLEY/FERRYMEAD COMMUNITY BOARD – 4 APRIL 2012

This report was withdrawn.

6. CITY HOUSING RENT REVIEW – 2012/2013

Councillor Livingstone moved that the Council:

- (a) *Forego the planned 2012/13 increase of 3.9 percent; and*
- (b) *Reconfirm that, as in its resolution of 23 April 2009, the Council increase rents for all existing housing tenants (except Whakahoa Village tenants) by:*
 - (i) *2.8 percent plus CGPI from the beginning of the first rental period in July 2013 and for all new tenancies (except Whakahoa Village tenancies) beginning on or after 1 May 2013;*
 - (ii) *2.8 percent plus CGPI from the beginning of the first rental period in July 2014 and for all new tenancies (except Whakahoa Village tenancies) beginning on or after 1 May 2014; and*
- (c) *Increase rents for all existing housing tenants (except Whakahoa Village tenants) by 2.8 percent plus CGPI from the beginning of the first rental period in July 2015 and for all new tenancies (except Whakahoa Village tenancies) beginning on or after 1 May 2015.*

The motion was seconded by Councillor Buck.

When put to the meeting the motion was declared **carried** on electronic vote number 1 by 11 votes to 2, the voting being as follows:

For (11): The Mayor and Councillors Beck, Broughton, Buck, Carter, Chen, Corbett, Johanson, Livingstone, Reid and Wells.

Against (2): Councillors Button and Keown.

7. BUILDING/INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT ALLOWANCE TO 31 MARCH 2012

It was **resolved** on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Button, that the Council receive the report.

8. INFRASTRUCTURE REBUILD MONTHLY REPORT

It was **resolved** on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Button, that the Council receive the Infrastructure Rebuild Monthly Report for April 2012.

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9. CONCLUSION

The meeting concluded at 11am.

CONFIRMED THIS 3RD DAY OF MAY 2012

MAYOR