

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL
HELD AT 9.30AM ON TUESDAY 10 AND WEDNESDAY 11 APRIL 2012**

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

1. APOLOGIES

Nil.

2. DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2012/13

Major Community Facilities Rebuild (Appendix 4)

This item was taken at this stage of the meeting.

The Council noted that the insurance proceeds for each of the facilities are subject to finalisation with the Council's insurance company, and **requested** that this be expressed in the Draft Annual Plan, along with a statement noting the uncertainties surrounding insurance negotiations and cover, the Central City Plan, land costs, and future seismic activity in the region.

2.1. Town Hall

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

- (a) Adopt Option 1 (repair existing facility to 100 per cent of the New Building Standard) as its preferred option.
- (b) Include an Option 4 in the Statement of Proposal, being a partial rebuild of the Town Hall, exploring the possibility of removing the Cambridge/Boaters section and enhancing Papawai Otakaro.

2.2 Convention Centre

It was **resolved** on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Button, that the Council adopt Option 3 (new facility on a new site 21,000 square metres) as its preferred option.

2.3 Christchurch Art Gallery

It was **resolved** on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Button, that the Council adopt Option 2 (repair to 100 per cent of the New Building Standard and base isolate using neighbouring strip of land) as its preferred option.

2.4 AMI Stadium

The Mayor moved that:

Option 5 (new rectangular stadium, 35,000 capacity, with playing surface uncovered) be adopted as the preferred option, noting that this cost and design does not preclude the later addition of a roof structure to make the ground fully covered.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Button.

Councillor Wells moved by way of amendment that:

An option be included in the Statement of Proposal incorporating purchase of land in the CBD at an estimated cost of \$100 million for a seven hectare site.

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The amendment was seconded by Councillor Keown.

When put to the meeting the amendment was declared **carried** on electronic vote number 1 by 10 votes to 4, the voting being as follows:

For (10): The Mayor and Councillors Button, Carter, Chen, Corbett, Gough, Keown, Johanson, Reid and Wells.

Against (4): Councillors Beck, Broughton, Buck and Livingstone.

Councillor Broughton moved by way of amendment that:

The decision regarding the replacement of AMI Stadium be deferred to the Long Term Plan 2013/14.

Councillor Johanson seconded the motion.

When put to the meeting the amendment was declared **lost** on electronic vote number 2 by 6 votes to 8, the voting being as follows:

For (6): Councillors Broughton, Chen, Carter, Johanson, Keown and Livingstone.

Against (8): The Mayor and Councillors Button, Beck, Buck, Corbett, Gough, Reid and Wells.

Councillor Buck moved by way of amendment that:

Option 3 be the Council's preferred option (new rectangular stadium, 30,000 capacity, with playing surface uncovered).

The amendment was seconded by Councillor Chen.

When put to the meeting the amendment was declared **lost** on electronic vote number 3 by 6 votes to 8, the voting being as follows:

For (6): Councillors Beck, Broughton, Buck, Chen, Johanson and Livingstone.

Against (8): The Mayor and Councillors Button, Carter, Corbett, Gough, Keown, Reid and Wells.

It was resolved on the motion of Councillor Wells, seconded by Councillor Button, that Standing Orders 3.9.9 and 3.9.10 be suspended for the duration of the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10.50am and resumed at 11.30am.

Councillor Keown moved by way of amendment that:

An additional Option 7 be added to the Statement of Proposal: A new rectangular stadium with an embankment as part of the design creating a 35,000 – 50,000 capacity.

The amendment was seconded by Councillor Button.

When put to the meeting the amendment was declared **lost** on a tied vote on electronic vote number 4, the voting being as follows:

For (7): Councillors Broughton, Button, Keown, Carter, Corbett, Johanson and Wells.

Against (7): The Mayor and Councillors Beck, Buck, Chen, Gough, Livingstone and Reid.

The original motion, as amended, was then put to the meeting and declared **carried** on electronic vote number 5 by 8 votes to 6, the voting being as follows:

For (8): The Mayor and Councillors Broughton, Button, Carter, Corbett, Gough, Reid and Wells.

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Against (6): Councillors Beck, Buck, Chen, Johanson, Keown and Livingstone.

2.5 QEII and Centennial Pool

2.5.1 The Mayor moved that

- *Option 1a (aquatic centre only 14,010 square metres facility and 300 car spaces on grade) on the Red Bus site with Option 1b (indoor facility 14,400 square metres facility and 500 car park building) to be considered in the Long Term Plan 2013/14*
- *a recreation and sport facility at QEII or agreed alternate location*
- *athletic track replacement*

be adopted as the Council's preferred options.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Button.

Councillor Johanson moved by way of amendment that:

The decisions on the future locations and types of aquatic/metro sports facilities be made as part of the aquatic facilities/metro sports strategy reviews that include community consultation with an additional budgetary amount of approximately \$151.1 million being the equivalent to the staff recommendation.

The amendment was seconded by Councillor Carter.

When put to the meeting the amendment was declared **lost** on electronic vote number 6 by 6 votes to 8, the voting being as follows:

For (6): Councillors Broughton, Carter, Chen, Johanson, Keown and Livingstone.

Against (8): The Mayor and Councillors Beck, Buck, Button, Corbett, Gough, Reid and Wells.

Councillor Beck moved by way of amendment that:

An additional option be included in the Statement of Proposal; for Option 1 and also a multi-sport complex with similar and upgraded facilities similar to those provided at QEII being built on the QEII site or other suitable venue in the east.

The amendment was seconded by Councillor Livingstone.

When put to the meeting the amendment was declared **lost** on electronic vote number 7 by 6 votes to 7 with 1 abstention, the voting being as follows:

For (6): Councillors Beck, Carter, Chen, Gough, Livingstone and Johanson.

Against (7): The Mayor and Councillors Broughton, Buck, Button, Corbett, Reid and Wells.

Abstention (1): Councillor Keown.

2.5.2 Councillor Johanson moved by way of amendment that:

The Draft Annual Plan be amended to include an option in the Statement of Proposal to reinstate Centennial Pool Complex at its present location.

The amendment was seconded by Councillor Carter.

When put to the meeting the amendment was declared **carried** on electronic vote number 8 by 10 votes to 4, the voting being as follows:

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For (10): Councillors Beck, Broughton, Buck, Carter, Chen, Corbett, Gough, Johanson, Keown and Livingstone.

Against (4): The Mayor and Councillors Button, Reid and Wells.

The original motion, as amended, was then put to the meeting as the substantive motion. The clauses were taken separately.

When put to the meeting clause 2.5.1 was declared **carried** on electronic vote number 9 by 10 votes to 3 with 1 abstention, the voting being as follows:

For (10): The Mayor and Councillors Buck, Button, Carter, Chen, Corbett, Gough, Keown, Reid and Wells.

Against (3): Councillors Beck, Johanson and Livingstone.

Abstention (1): Councillor Broughton.

When put to the meeting clause 2.5.2 was declared **carried** on electronic vote number 10 by 12 votes to 2, the voting being as follows:

For (12): The Mayor and Councillors Keown, Buck, Gough, Livingstone, Beck, Chen, Broughton, Johanson, Carter, Reid and Corbett.

Against (2): Councillors Button and Wells.

The meeting adjourned at 1.09pm and resumed at 2.04pm.

2.6 Central Library

It was **resolved** on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Button, that Option 1 (repair existing facility to 100 per cent of the New Building Standard) be adopted as the Council's preferred option.

2.7 Lichfield St and Manchester St Carpark Buildings

It was **resolved** on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Button, that Options 1 and 2 (repair both carparks to 100 per cent of the New Building Standard) be adopted as the Council's preferred option.

Councillor Johanson wished to have his vote against this motion recorded.

2.8 Sockburn Service Centre

It was **resolved** on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Button, that Option 3 (new multiuse Service Centre/Library on new site) be adopted as the Council's preferred option, noting that the intention is to maintain the existing Sockburn Service Centre site for a legitimate alternate public purpose.

3. EARTHQUAKE RELATED RATES RELIEF

Councillor Button moved that the Council:

- (a) Resolve that it is just and equitable to remit 2011/12 and 2012/13 rates for earthquake-affected properties as set out below:

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- (i) 40 per cent rates remission for residential and non-rateable properties that are unable to be occupied.
 - (ii) 30 per cent rates remissions for business properties located within the central city cordon as at 1 July 2012 and for the period they remain within the cordon.
 - (iii) 30 per cent rates remission for businesses outside the Central City Cordon for the period that the buildings are unable to be occupied due to dangerous adjacent buildings.
 - (iv) 100 per cent rates remission for residential and non-rateable properties that are considered by the Council to be at risk of rock-fall, cliff collapse, unsafe access or retaining wall issues, and where the occupant has been instructed by the Council to vacate the property and issued with a notice under section 124(1)(b) of the Building Act 2004. Qualifying properties are eligible for the remission from the date on which the section 124(1)(b) notice was issued until the earlier of 30 June 2013 or the date on which the notice is withdrawn.
 - (v) 100 per cent rates remission for properties rated as Residential within the CBD cordon at an additional cost of \$0.106 million in 2011/12 and \$0.075 million in 2012/13.
- (b) Resolve to adopt a Rates Postponement Policy, for land in the Red Zone that was vacant and residential properties under construction at 22 February 2011 in the Red Zone, which postpones rates until 30 June 2013 or the Crown makes a decision on the fate of these titles.

Noting that no changes are proposed to White Zone vacant sections in this rates remissions policy as it is expected that issues related to these properties will be resolved by 30 June 2012. If the issues are not resolved by this date the Council will reconsider its position.

- (c) Note that its request for an Order in Council that would allow the Council to reassess rates within a rating year is currently being considered by the Minister of Local Government.

The motion was seconded by the Mayor.

Councillor Keown moved by way of amendment that clause (a) (v) be amended to read:

- (v) *40 per cent rates remission for properties rated as Residential within the CBD cordon.*

The amendment was seconded by Councillor Broughton.

When put to the meeting the amendment was declared **carried** on electronic vote number 11 by 9 votes to 5 , the voting being as follows:

For (9): The Mayor and Councillors Broughton, Button, Carter, Chen, Corbett, Keown, Reid and Wells.

Against (5): Councillors Beck, Buck, Gough, Johanson and Livingstone.

Clause (a)(v) in the original motion therefore ceased to exist from that point on as it is the same in substance as (a)(i).

Councillor Livingstone moved by way of amendment that:

100 percent rates remission for uninhabitable residential properties, until 30 June 2013, be included as an option for consultation.

The amendment was seconded by Councillor Beck.

When put to the meeting the amendment was declared **lost** on electronic vote number 12 by 4 votes to 10, the voting being as follows:

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For (4): Councillors Beck, Carter, Johanson and Livingstone.

Against (10): The Mayor and Councillors Broughton, Buck, Button, Chen, Corbett, Gough, Keown, Reid, and Wells.

The original motion, as amended with the removal of clause (a)(v), was then put to the meeting.

Clauses (a), (b) and (c) were taken separately.

Clause (a) was declared **carried** on electronic vote number 13 by 13 votes to 1, the voting being as follows:

For (13): The Mayor and Councillors Beck, Broughton Buck, Button, Carter, Chen, Corbett, Gough, Johanson, Livingstone, Reid and Wells.

Against (1): Councillor Keown.

Clause (b) was declared **carried** on electronic vote number 14 by 12 votes to 2, the voting being as follows:

For (12): The Mayor and Councillors Beck, Buck, Button, Carter, Chen, Corbett, Gough, Johanson, Livingstone, Reid and Wells.

Against (2): Councillors Broughton and Keown.

Clause (c) was declared **carried**.

The meeting adjourned at 3.22pm and resumed at 9.30am on Wednesday 11 April.

3. DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2012/13 (continued)

The Mayor moved that the Council:

- (a) Approve the rate requirement of \$308,311,774 (net of GST) for the year 2012/13.
- (b) Approve the Draft Annual Plan 2012/13.
- (c) Approve for distribution and consultation
 - (i) The Statement of Proposal for the Draft Annual Plan 2012/13.
 - (ii) The Statement of Proposal for the Major Community Facilities Rebuild.
- (d) Adopt the following timetable for consultation
 - (i) Public notification ("The Star", "The Press" and the Council's website) by Friday 20 April 2012
 - (ii) Closing date for submissions - 5.00 pm on Monday, 21 May 2012
 - (iii) Hearing of submissions – 31 May, 5, 6 and 8 June 2012
 - (iv) Council meeting to formally adopt the Annual Plan 2012/13 and make a decision with regard to the Statements of Proposal - 25, 26, 27 June 2012.
- (e) Authorise the General Manager Corporate Services to make any necessary amendments to the documents referred to in this resolution.

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- (f) Agree that staff should continue work on the Botanic Garden Entry Pavilion project including tendering the construction contract to ensure the construction is completed in time (December 2013) to coincide with the Botanic Gardens' 150 year anniversary.
- (g) Note that as a result of recommendation (f), this project would be contractually committed and would not be part of the Draft Annual Plan consultation procedure.
- (h) Thank the staff for their work in preparing the recommended Annual Plan for Council consideration.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Button.

The appendices to the recommended Draft Annual Plan, excepting Appendix 4 which was considered on 10 April, were then considered by the Council, as set out below.

Financial Strategy (Appendix 1)

Councillor Broughton moved by way of amendment that:

1. *A set levy option be included to meet the costs of rebuilding community facilities*
2. *From information provided it would be set at \$38.13 dollars (including GST) per household for the 2012/2013 year with percentage adjustment equivalent to the overall rates increase.*
3. *This would be a timeframe of 30 years.*

The amendment was seconded by Councillor Keown.

When put to the meeting the amendment was declared **lost** on electronic vote 1 by 3 votes to 11, the voting being as follows:

For (3): Councillors Broughton, Gough and Keown.

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

The meeting adjourned at 10.46am and resumed at 11.16am.

Financial Overview (Appendix 2)

The Council sought advice on whether it would be appropriate for councillors with board directorships to stand back from the debate and vote on funding for those boards. Council staff referred the Council to the Auditor-General's guidelines on managing conflicts of interest and advised that it would not be inappropriate for directors to take part in debate to provide information, but would be to promote an argument during debate and/or vote on the relevant matters.

Councillor Johanson moved by way of amendment that:

1. (a) *That the Christchurch and Canterbury Tourism grant be reduced by \$150,000.*
(b) *That the Canterbury Development Corporation grant be reduced by \$150,000.*
2. (a) *That the \$150,000 grant to the Central City Business Association be transferred to the Strengthening Communities fund.*
(b) *That the Central City Business Association be invited to apply to the contestable grants funding process and that the Council accept a late application.*

Councillor Buck seconded the amendment.

Clauses 1(a) and 1(b) were taken separately; clauses 2 (a) and (b) were taken together.

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When put to the meeting clause 1(a) was declared **lost** on electronic vote number 2 by 3 votes to 9, the voting being as follows:

For (3): Councillors Buck, Johanson and Livingstone.

Against (9): The Mayor and Councillors Beck, Button, Carter, Chen, Corbett, Keown, Gough and Wells.

When put to the meeting clause 1(b) was declared **lost** on electronic vote number 3 by 1 vote to 11, the voting being as follows:

For (1): Councillor Johanson.

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

Councillors Reid and Broughton took no part in voting on clause 1(a).

Councillors Button and Keown took no part in voting on clause 1(b).

When put to the meeting clauses 2 (a) and (b) were declared **lost** on electronic vote number 4 by 3 votes to 11, the voting being as follows:

For (3): Councillors Buck, Chen and Johanson.

Against (11): The Mayor and Councillors Beck, Broughton, Button, Carter, Corbett, Gough, Keown, Livingstone, Reid and Wells.

Capital Programme Changes (Appendix 3)

Councillor Johanson moved by way of amendment that:

The Draft Annual Plan be amended to include funding of up to \$800,000 for the completion of the final stage of the Washington Way Skate Park in the 2012/13 financial year.

The amendment was seconded by Councillor Gough.

When put to the meeting the amendment was declared **carried** on electronic vote number 5 by 13 votes to 1, the voting being as follows:

For (13): The Mayor and Councillors Beck, Broughton, Buck, Carter, Chen, Corbett, Gough, Keown, Johanson, Livingstone, Reid and Wells.

Against (1): Councillor Button.

Councillor Reid moved by way of amendment that:

The Council increase its budget for strategic land purchases by \$2 million this year to support the suburban master planning programme.

The amendment was seconded by Councillor Wells.

Councillor Buck left the Chamber at 12.26pm and was absent for the consideration and vote on this amendment.

When put to the meeting the amendment was declared **carried** on electronic vote number 6 by 12 votes to 1, the voting being as follows:

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For (12): The Mayor and Councillors Beck, Broughton, Button, Chen, Corbett, Gough, Johanson, Keown, Livingstone, Reid and Wells.

Against (1): Councillor Carter.

The meeting adjourned at 12.39pm and resumed at 1.15pm.

Changes to Fees and Charges (Appendix 5)

Councillor Keown moved by way of amendment that:

- (a) *Library non-book stock (audio and visual material) prices be raised by \$1 to \$2 for singles and to \$4 from \$2 for doubles.*
- (b) *That the hire be for a one week period.*

The amendment was seconded by Councillor Gough.

The clauses were taken separately.

When put to the meeting clause (a) was declared **lost** on electronic vote number 7 by 6 votes to 8, the voting being as follows:

For (6): Councillors Broughton, Button, Carter, Corbett, Gough and Keown.

Against (8): The Mayor and Councillors Beck, Buck, Chen, Johanson, Livingstone, Reid and Wells.

When put to the meeting clause (b) was declared **lost** on a tied vote on electronic vote number 8, the voting being as follows:

For (7): Councillors Beck, Buck, Carter, Chen, Corbett, Gough and Keown.

Against (7): The Mayor and Councillors Broughton, Button, Johanson, Livingstone, Reid and Wells.

Councillor Button moved by way of amendment that:

Abandoned vehicle recovery be charged at full cost recovery including administration costs.

The amendment was seconded by Councillor Keown.

When put to the meeting the amendment was declared **carried** on electronic vote number 9 by 13 votes to 1, the voting being as follows:

For (13): The Mayor and Councillors Beck, Buck, Broughton, Button, Carter, Chen, Corbett, Gough, Keown, Livingstone, Reid and Wells.

Against (1): Councillor Johanson.

Councillor Keown moved by way of amendment that:

Hospital carparking:

- (a) *Building – first two hours free.*
- (b) *Main site – first two hours free.*

The amendment was seconded by Councillor Johanson.

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Clauses (a) and (b) were taken separately.

When put to the meeting clause (a) was declared **lost** on electronic vote number 10 by 3 votes to 11, the voting being as follows:

For (3): Councillors Buck, Johanson and Keown.

Against (11): The Mayor and Councillors Beck, Broughton, Button, Carter, Chen, Corbett, Gough, Livingstone, Reid, and Wells.

When put to the meeting clause (b) was declared **lost** on electronic vote number 11 by 2 votes to 12, the voting being as follows:

For (2): Councillors Johanson and Keown.

Against (12): The Mayor and Councillors Beck, Broughton, Buck, Button, Carter, Chen, Corbett, Gough, Livingstone, Reid and Wells.

Councillor Keown left the Chamber at 1.58pm and was absent for the remainder of the meeting.

Staff **agreed** to add into the Draft Annual Plan the Council's policy and charges relating to Official Information Act requests.

Changes to Levels of Service (Appendix 8)

Staff **agreed** to correct an error in Appendix 8 relating to the target for *District Plan 1.3.3 (LTCCP)*.

Councillor Reid moved by way of amendment that:

There be no charge for the first half an hour of pre-application advice for regulatory services. This would be for a 12 month trial period and will be reviewed during the Long Term Plan process.

The amendment was seconded by Councillor Gough.

When put to the meeting the amendment was declared **carried** on electronic vote 12 by 11 votes to 2, the voting being as follows:

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

Against (2): Councillors Broughton and Buck.

The meeting adjourned at 2.37pm and resumed at 2.47pm.

The amendments to the appendices to the report that were carried as part of this item then formed part of the original motion, as set out below:

(a) *Approve the rate requirement of \$308,311,774 (net of GST) for the year 2012/13.*

(b) *Approve the Draft Annual Plan 2012/13.*

(c) *Approve for distribution and consultation*

(i) *The Statement of Proposal for the Draft Annual Plan 2012/13.*

(ii) *The Statement of Proposal for the Major Community Facilities Rebuild.*

(d) *Adopt the following timetable for consultation*

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- (i) *Public notification ("The Star", "The Press" and the Council's website) by Friday 20 April 2012*
- (ii) *Closing date for submissions - 5.00 pm on Monday, 21 May 2012*
- (iii) *Hearing of submissions – 31 May, 5, 6 and 8 June 2012*
- (iv) *Council meeting to formally adopt the Annual Plan 2012/13 and make a decision with regard to the Statements of Proposal - 25, 26, 27 June 2012.*
- (e) *Authorise the General Manager Corporate Services to make any necessary amendments to the documents referred to in this resolution.*
- (f) *Agree that staff should continue work on the Botanic Garden Entry Pavilion project including tendering the construction contract to ensure the construction is completed in time (December 2013) to coincide with the Botanic Gardens' 150 year anniversary.*
- (g) *Note that as a result of recommendation (f), this project would be contractually committed and would not be part of the Draft Annual Plan consultation procedure.*

Capital Programme Changes (Appendix 3)

The Draft Annual Plan be amended to include funding of up to \$800,000 for the completion of the final stage of the Washington Way Skate Park in the 2012/13 financial year.

The Council increase its budget for strategic land purchases by \$2 million this year to support the suburban master planning programme.

Changes to Fees and Charges (Appendix 5)

Abandoned vehicle recovery be charged at full cost recovery including administration costs.

Changes to Levels of Service (Appendix 8)

There be no charge for the first half an hour of pre-application advice for regulatory services. This would be for a 12 month trial period and will be reviewed during the Long Term Plan process.

When put to the meeting the motion was declared **carried** unanimously.

It was **resolved** on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Button, that the Standing Orders suspended for the duration of the meeting be reinstated.

4. CONCLUSION

The meeting concluded at 3.30pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 26TH DAY OF APRIL 2012

MAYOR