

MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL
HELD AT 1PM ON MONDAY 30 JANUARY 2012

PRESENT: The Mayor, Bob Parker (Chairperson).
Councillors 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.

5. RESOLUTION TO BE PASSED - SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

It was **resolved** on the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Button, that a supplementary report be received and considered at the meeting of the Council on 30 January 2012.

6. CROWN OBSERVER

Councillor Keown moved:

That the Council accept an invitation from the Minister of Local Government to appoint a Crown Observer as per the attached role description to assist the Christchurch City Council address its governance issues and help ensure it is functioning well so as to support Christchurch's earthquake recovery.

Councillor Gough seconded the motion.

Councillor Broughton moved by way of amendment:

That the Council accept an invitation from the Minister of Local Government to appoint a Crown Observer as per the attached role description to assist the Christchurch City Council to address its governance/management issues and help ensure it is functioning well so as to support Christchurch's earthquake recovery.

Councillor Johanson seconded the amendment which on being put to the meeting was declared **carried**.

2. COMMUNICATIONS REVIEW/AUDIT

Councillor Johanson moved that the Council:

- (a) *note that the next step in the Communications Audit and Review process is a report to the Communications Sub-Committee to consider the terms of reference and make appropriate recommendations to Council*
- (b) *request the Council's legal staff to advise what steps the Council would need to take to terminate the contract, if it was of a mind to do so, and what compensation might be payable to the contractor.*

Councillor Buck seconded the motion, which was then put to the meeting and declared **carried** on electronic vote No.1 by 9 votes to 4, the voting being as follows:

For (9): Councillors Buck, Carter, Chen, Gough, Johanson, Livingstone, Reid, Corbett, Wells.

Against (4): Councillors Broughton, Button, Keown and the Mayor.

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3 & 4. GOVERNANCE/MANAGEMENT INTERACTION AND 10 POINT PLAN FOR A WAY FORWARD

The Mayor moved, seconded by Councillor Button, that:

- (a) *the 10 point plan (revised by Councillor Johanson, dated January 30th 2012) be tabled*
- (b) *the meeting place aside the remaining items on the agenda and the meeting close.*

Councillor Buck moved by way of amendment to clause (b), seconded by Councillor Gough, that:

- (b)(i) *the meeting be adjourned and any resolutions arising from item 3 be addressed in an open Council meeting at a later date*
- (b)(ii) *the meeting be adjourned and item 4 be addressed in an open Council meeting at a later date.*

Amended clause (b)(i) was put to the meeting and declared **carried** on electronic vote No.2 by 12 votes to 1, the voting being as follows:

For (12): Councillors Broughton, Buck, Button, Carter, Corbett, Gough, Johanson, Keown, Livingstone, Reid, Wells and the Mayor.

Against (1): Councillor Chen.

Amended clause (b)(ii) was put to the meeting and declared **carried** on electronic vote No.3 by 12 votes to 1, the voting being as follows:

For (12): Councillors Broughton, Buck, Button, Carter, Corbett, Gough, Johanson, Keown, Livingstone, Reid, Wells and the Mayor.

Against (1): Councillor Chen.

The amended motion was put to the meeting as the substantive motion:

- (a) *the 10 point plan (revised by Councillor Johanson, dated January 30th 2012) be tabled*
- (b) *the meeting be adjourned and any resolutions arising from item 3 be addressed in an open Council meeting at a later date*
- (c) *the meeting be adjourned and item 4 be addressed in an open Council meeting at a later date.*

The motion was put to the meeting on a clause by clause basis.

Clause (a) was declared **carried** unanimously on electronic vote No.4.

Clause (b) was declared **carried** on electronic vote No.5 by 12 votes to 1, the voting being as follows:

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

Against (1): Councillor Keown

Clause (c) was declared **carried** on electronic vote No.6 by 12 votes to 1, the voting being as follows:

For (12): Councillors Broughton, Buck, Button, Carter, Corbett, Gough, Johanson, Keown, Livingstone, Reid, Wells and the Mayor.

Against (1): Councillor Chen.

CONCLUSION

The meeting concluded at 2.00pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 23 DAY OF FEBRUARY 2012

MAYOR

Summary of Crown Observer role

1. The Government, on the invitation of the Council, will appoint a Crown Observer to assist the Christchurch City Council address its governance issues and help ensure it is functioning well so as to support Christchurch's earthquake recovery.
2. The Crown Observer:
 - a. may attend any meeting of the Council or committee of the Council;
 - b. may meet with, and offer advice and assistance to, the elected Council or Council committees, the Mayor, and other elected members or groups of elected members;
 - c. may facilitate meetings of the Mayor, Councillors, and staff on improving the systems and processes of Council governance;
 - d. may assist the Council to develop its proposal for a charter to help define roles, responsibilities and expectations of relations between the Mayor, councillors and council officers;
 - e. may report to the Minister of Local Government on any matter raised or discussed that he or she attends as a Crown Observer;
 - f. must at all times maintain confidentiality with respect to the council affairs except as regards to 2(e) above; and
 - g. will not vote on any matter or exercise any of the powers or perform any of the functions or duties of the Council.
3. The costs of the Crown Observer will be met by the Government on terms agreed between the Department of Internal Affairs and the Observer consistent with State Services Commission guidelines. The Council will provide the Crown Observer with the documentation and administrative support needed to fulfil the role.
4. The Crown Observer role will continue until 1 July 2012, unless terminated earlier by agreement between the Council and the Government. The Minister, on the suggestion of the Christchurch City Council, agrees to meet at the end of March 2012 with the Council and the Crown Observer to review progress.