

**Christchurch City Council**  
**MINUTES**

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**Date:** Wednesday 15 February 2023  
**Time:** 9.33am  
**Venue:** Council Chambers, Civic Offices,  
53 Hereford Street, Christchurch

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**Present**

Chairperson	Mayor Phil Mauer
Deputy Chairperson	Deputy Mayor Pauline Cotter
Members	Councillor Kelly Barber
	Councillor Melanie Coker
	Councillor Celeste Donovan
	Councillor Tyrone Fields
	Councillor James Gough – via audio/visual link
	Councillor Tyla Harrison-Hunt
	Councillor Victoria Henstock
	Councillor Yani Johanson
	Councillor Aaron Keown
	Councillor Sam MacDonald
	Councillor Jake McLellan
	Councillor Andrei Moore
	Councillor Mark Peters
	Councillor Tim Scandrett
	Councillor Sara Templeton

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**Karakia Tīmatanga:** Given by all Councillors.

## External Recognition for Council Services

The Mayor, on behalf of the Council, acknowledged the following external awards for Council services:

- The Council's Christchurch Art Gallery publication of *Te Puna Waiora: The Distinguished Weavers of Te Kāhui Whiritoi* won Best Medium Exhibition Catalogue and Best Art Writing by Aotearoa Māori or Pasifika at the Art Association of Australia and New Zealand Art Writing and Publishing Awards.

The agenda was dealt with in the following order.

### 1. Apologies Ngā Whakapāha

There were no apologies received.

### 2. Declarations of Interest Ngā Whakapuaki Aronga

Councillors Coker and Fields declared an interest in item 9.

### 3. Public Participation Te Huinga Tūmatanui

#### 3.1 Public Forum Te Huinga Whānui

##### 3.1.1 Jo Davidson – regarding excess water charges

This public forum did not take place.

##### 3.1.2 Co-signatories of the 'Informed Leaders - Tarras Airport Letter' dated 24 January 2023

Professors James Higham, Ilan Noy (via audio/visual link) and Bronwyn Hayward spoke regarding the 'Informed Leaders - Tarras Airport Letter' dated 24 January 2023. The following attachments were provided:

- Attachment A – PowerPoint Presentation
- Attachment B – 'Informed Leaders - Tarras Airport Letter' dated 24 January 2023
- Attachment C – Speaking Notes

#### Attachments

- A [Informed Leaders - Presentation to Council](#) ⇨
- B [Informed Leaders - Tarras Airport Letter](#) ⇨
- C [Informed Leaders - Speaking Notes](#) ⇨

### 3.1.3 Gap Filler, The Green Lab and Life in Vacant Spaces

The following groups spoke and provided presentations to update the Council on the work they have accomplished as recipients of Council Funding:

- Gap Filler - Kate Finnerty (Attachment A)
- Life in Vacant Spaces - Lydia Thomas and Paul Lonsdale (Attachment B)
- The Green Lab - Khye Hitchcock (Attachment C)

#### Attachments

- A Gap Filler - Presentation to Council [⇒](#)
- B Life in Vacant Spaces - Presentation to Council [⇒](#)
- C The Green Lab - Presentation to Council [⇒](#)

### 3.1.4 Mark Gerrard

Mark Gerrard spoke to compliment the Council on the recently completed interpretation / cultural markers project in the Central City (refer to Attachment A).

#### Attachments

- A Mark Gerrard/Historic Places Canterbury - Letter to Council [⇒](#)

## 3.2 Deputations by Appointment Ngā Huinga Whakaritenga

There were no deputations by appointment.

## 4. Presentation of Petitions Ngā Pākikitanga

There was no presentation of petitions.

## 5. Draft submission on Inquiry into the 2022 Local Elections

### Council Resolved CNCL/2023/00017

#### Officer Recommendation accepted without change

That the Council:

1. Delegate to the Mayor to approve the final Council submission on the Inquiry into the 2022 Local Elections (**Attachment A Under Separate Cover**).

Councillor Templeton/Councillor Keown

**Carried**

## 11. Mayor's Monthly Report - January 2023

The Council accepted recommendations 1-2, including a correction to recommendation 1a. Recommendation 3 was not considered.

### Mayor's Recommendations

That the Council:

1. Receive the information in this Report.
2. Note the following appointments of elected members:
  - a. Councillor Cotter to the Three Waters Constitution Working Group for Water Services Entity D;
  - b. Councillors Moore and Peters to the Creative Communities Scheme Assessment Committee;
  - c. Community Board Member Lee Sampson to the Port Hills Park Trust Board; and
  - d. Councillor Barber to the Christchurch NZ Aeronautical Advisory Group.
3. Note that Councillor Moore will assume the Youth Portfolio (as agreed with Councillor Harrison-Hunt).

### Council Resolved CNCL/2023/00018

That the Council:

1. Receive the information in this Report.
2. Note the following appointments of elected members:
  - a. Councillor Coker to the Three Waters Constitution Working Group for Water Services Entity D;
  - b. Councillors Moore and Peters to the Creative Communities Scheme Assessment Committee;
  - c. Community Board Member Lee Sampson to the Port Hills Park Trust Board; and
  - d. Councillor Barber to the Christchurch NZ Aeronautical Advisory Group.

Councillor Scandrett/Deputy Mayor

**Carried**

Councillor McLellan left the meeting at 10.40am and returned at 10.41am during consideration of item 6.

## 6. Draft submissions on Water Services Reform Bills

- 1.1 Council Officers joined the table and provided a PowerPoint presentation (refer to Attachment A).
- 1.2 The Council accepted the Officer Recommendations, including changes to the Water Services Legislation Bill submission as detailed in resolutions 1a and 1b.

### Officer Recommendations

That the Council:

1. Approve the submission on the Water Services Legislation Bill (**Attachment A** *under separate cover*), to be submitted to the Select Committee by Friday 17 February 2023.
2. Approve the submission on the Water Services Economic Efficiency and Consumer Protection Bill (**Attachment B** *under separate cover*), to be submitted to the Select Committee by Friday 17 February 2023.

### Council Resolved CNCL/2023/00019

That the Council:

1. Approve the submission on the Water Services Legislation Bill (**Attachment A** *under separate cover*), to be submitted to the Select Committee by Friday 17 February 2023, including the following changes:
  - a. That sentence 2 in paragraph 26 is removed and replaced with wording that reflects the lack of guaranteed Christchurch City representation on the governance groups.
  - b. To include in the summary that the Council opposes the current proposal, reference to local government reforms, and reference to safer drinking water without chlorine.
2. Approve the submission on the Water Services Economic Efficiency and Consumer Protection Bill (**Attachment B** *under separate cover*), to be submitted to the Select Committee by Friday 17 February 2023.

Councillor Coker/Councillor MacDonald

**Carried**

Councillor Fields abstained from voting on resolutions 1, 1a and 1b.

### Attachments

- A Water Services Reform Bills - Staff Presentation to Council [⇒](#)

The meeting adjourned at 11.18am and reconvened at 11.36am. Councillors Fields and Henstock were not present at this time.

## **7. Rate Remissions: City Vacant Differential Rating**

The Council accepted the Officer Recommendations, including an update to recommendation 2 to specify the property addresses and grant rates remission approved (as detailed in section 7.3 of the Officer report).

### **Council Resolved CNCL/2023/00020**

That the Council:

1. Notes the construction work that has commenced and is continuing at:
  - a. 33 Cathedral Square
  - b. 93 Cashel Street
  - c. 207 St Asaph Street
2. Approves grant rates remissions totalling \$79,518.05 including GST under Remission 10 (Other remissions deemed fair and equitable) of Council's *Rates Remission Policy* for the following three properties (as detailed in section 7.3 of the Officer report):
  - a. 93 Cashel Street – \$26,654.92 grant rates remission (including GST)
  - b. 33 Cathedral Square – \$41,397.04 grant rates remission (including GST)
  - c. 207 St Asaph Street - \$11,466.09 grant rates remission (including GST)
3. Notes the remissions reduce the net rates for those properties to the level that would have applied if the Business differential (rather than the City Vacant differential) had been applied on the value-based general rate for the 2022/23 financial year.

Councillor MacDonald/Councillor McLellan

**Carried**

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Councillor Fields returned to the meeting at 11.37am during consideration of item 8.  
Councillor Henstock returned to the meeting at 11.40am during consideration of item 8.

## **8. Central City Biannual Report: July to December 2022**

Council Officers joined the table and provided a PowerPoint presentation (refer to Attachment A).

### **Council Resolved CNCL/2023/00021**

#### **Officer Recommendations accepted without change**

That the Council:

1. Receive the information in the Central City Biannual Report.

Councillor Scandrett/Councillor Peters

**Carried**

**Secretarial Note:** The Council also requested for a Memo relating to social impact of cruise ships within the central city.

#### **Attachments**

- A Central City Biannual Report - Staff Presentation to Council [⇒](#)

## 9. Biodiversity Fund applications to protect and enhance indigenous biodiversity on private land

The Council accepted the Officer Recommendations, including an update to recommendation 2 to specify the projects and funding amounts approved (as detailed in section 5.6 of the Officer report).

### Council Resolved CNCL/2023/00022

That the Council:

1. Receive the information in the report on applications that meet the criteria to qualify for biodiversity funding.
2. Approve full funding from the Christchurch Biodiversity Fund 2021/22 for the nine projects as outlined below:
  - a. Coastal Forest Protection and Enhancement - Foggy Gully Covenant - \$41,000
  - b. Matai Forest Protection and Enhancement - Kapūa Covenant - \$25,000
  - c. Forest Protection - Head of the Harbour New Covenant - \$59,850
  - d. Coastal Forest Protection Tikao Bay New Covenant - \$52,840
  - e. High Bare Peak - New Covenant Protection and Enhancement - \$58,250
  - f. Rare Ecosystem Protection, Summit Road Society Reserves - \$5000
  - g. Rare Ecosystem Protection, Mt Evans/ Purau Catchment - \$11,500
  - h. Penguin Conservation, Flea Bay - \$32,110
  - i. Ecosystem protection and enhancement, Wairewa and Te Waihora Catchments, Pig control (Phase 2) - \$60,000

Councillor Templeton/Councillor Donovan

**Carried**

Councillor Fields declared an interest in 9e and did not take part in the discussion or vote for this resolution.

Councillor Coker declared an interest in 9f and did not take part in the discussion or vote for this resolution.



The meeting adjourned at 11.59am and reconvened at 12.03pm during consideration of item 10.

Councillor Donovan left the meeting at 12.05pm and returned to the meeting at 12.06pm during the debate of item 10.

## **10. Triennial Agreement between Local Authorities in the Canterbury Region**

The Council accepted the Officer Recommendations with the inclusion of resolution 3.

### **Council Resolved CNCL/2023/00023**

That the Council:

1. Approve entering the Canterbury Local Authorities' Triennial Agreement 2022-2025; and
2. Approve the Mayor signing the Canterbury Local Authorities' Triennial Agreement 2022-2025 on behalf of the Council.
3. Requests the Chief Executive to provide advice on how the Mayoral Forum may be used to progress funding priorities for Te Kaha.

Mayor/Councillor Peters

**Carried**

Councillor Johanson requested for his vote against resolutions 1 and 2 be recorded.

**Karakia Whakamutunga:** Given by all Councillors.

**Meeting concluded at 12.08pm.**

**CONFIRMED THIS 1<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2023.**

**MAYOR PHIL MAUGER**  
**CHAIRPERSON**