
Christchurch City Council

MINUTES

Date: **Wednesday 24 January 2024**
Time: **9.33 am**
Venue: **Council Chambers, Civic Offices,
53 Hereford Street, Christchurch**

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
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Karakia Tīmatanga: All Councillors

The Mayor acknowledged the recent passing of Norm Dewes and spoke to his many contributions to Ōtautahi Christchurch and the Māori community. The meeting then observed a minute's silence.

The agenda was dealt with in the following order.

1. Apologies Ngā Whakapāha

Council Decision

There were no apologies received.

2. Declarations of Interest Ngā Whakapuaki Aronga

There were no declarations of interest recorded.

3. Public Participation Te Huinga Tūmatanui


3.1 Public Forum Te Huinga Whānui

Councillor Harrison-Hunt joined at the start of the meeting via audio / visual link and arrived in Chambers at 9.43am during consideration of Item 3.1.1.

3.1.1 INaturalistNZ

Dr. Colin Meurk and Jon Sullivan spoke on behalf of INaturalistNZ to introduce the INaturalistNZ app and the City Nature Challenge, demonstrating how easy it is for anyone to become a citizen scientist.

Attachments

A INaturalistNZ - Presentation to Council [⇒](#) 

3.2 Deputations by Appointment Ngā Huinga Whakaritenga

3.2.1 Yaldhurst Rural Residents Association - Michelle Clark

Michelle Clark spoke on behalf of the Yaldhurst Rural Residents Association regarding Item 10 - Yaldhurst Memorial Hall - Future Use Issues and Options.

3.2.2 Mike Mora

Mike Mora spoke regarding Item 10 - Yaldhurst Memorial Hall - Future Use Issues and Options.

3.2.3 Restore Passenger Rail Group – Aurora Garner-Randolph

Aurora Garner-Randolph spoke on behalf of Restore Passenger Rail Group regarding Item 15 – Mayor's Monthly Report.

3.2.4 Canterbury University Climate Action Club - Jonty Coulson

Jonty Coulson spoke on behalf of the Canterbury University Climate Action Club regarding Item 15 – Mayor’s Monthly Report.

4. Presentation of Petitions Ngā Pākikitanga

There was no presentation of petitions.

5. Council Minutes - 6 December 2023

The meeting block resolved Minutes Items 5, 6, 7, 8 and 13.

Council Resolved CNCL/2024/00001

That the Council confirm the Minutes from the Council meeting held 6 December 2023.

AND

That the Council confirm the Minutes from the Public Excluded Council meeting held 6 December 2023.

Councillor MacDonald/Deputy Mayor

Carried

6. Council Minutes - 12 December 2023

Council Resolved CNCL/2024/00002

That the Council confirm the Minutes from the Council meeting held 12 December 2023.

Councillor MacDonald/Deputy Mayor

Carried

7. Health, Safety and Wellbeing Committee Minutes - 15 September 2023

Council Resolved CNCL/2024/00003

That the Council receive the Minutes from the Health, Safety and Wellbeing Committee meeting held 15 September 2023.

Councillor MacDonald/Deputy Mayor

Carried

8. Audit and Risk Management Committee Minutes - 16 October 2023

Council Resolved CNCL/2024/00004

That the Council receive the Minutes from the Audit and Risk Management Committee meeting held 16 October 2023.

Councillor MacDonald/Deputy Mayor

Carried

14. Resolution to Include Supplementary Report

Council Resolved CNCL/2024/00005

That the reports be received and considered at the Council meeting on Wednesday, 24 January 2024.

Open Items

15. Mayor's Monthly Report

Councillor MacDonald/Deputy Mayor

Carried

9. Christchurch Model Yacht Club - Landlord Permission for Building Mural
Council Resolved CNCL/2024/00006

Officer Recommendation accepted without change

That the Council:

1. Approve the request from Christchurch Model Yacht Club Incorporated to paint a mural, as depicted in Attachment A, on their clubhouse building located adjacent to Victoria Lake, Hagley Park to commemorate the 125 year anniversary of the Club.

Mayor/Deputy Mayor

Carried

Councillor Keown left the meeting at 10.08am and returned at 10.09am during consideration of Item 10.
Councillor MacDonald left the meeting at 10.14am and returned at 10.15am during consideration of item 10.

Councillor McLellan left the meeting at 10.15am and returned at 10.17am during consideration of Item 10.

10. Yaldhurst Memorial Hall - Future Use Issues and Options

Council Resolved CNCL/2024/00007

Officer recommendations accepted without change

That the Council:

1. Approve a departure from the Disposal of Council Property Policy 2000 for the Yaldhurst Memorial Hall noting that:
 - a. This policy primarily states that the Council shall publicly tender properties for sale unless there is a clear reason for doing otherwise. This report and resolutions propose a unilateral dealing which is inconsistent and therefore a departure from the policy; and
 - b. The reason for the inconsistency with the Policy requiring the departure is because there are currently no other proposals or effective options, mainly because of the heritage and earthquake prone building status.
 - c. The Council has no intention of changing the Disposal of Council Property Policy 2000 to accommodate this decision.
2. Approve that Council Officers can deal unilaterally with the Yaldhurst Rural Residents Association (YRRA) in respect of the Yaldhurst Memorial Hall at 254 Pound Road.
3. Gift the Yaldhurst Memorial Hall at 524 Pound Road to the YRRA for the sum of \$1, the gift being conditional on:

- a. The Council undertaking a special consultative procedure via the 2024-2034 Long Term Plan consultation;
 - b. The Council confirming the decision on the gifting the Yaldhurst Memorial Hall at 524 Pound Road to the YRRA upon adopting the 2024-2034 Long Term Plan.
 - c. Upon satisfaction of the above conditions, that there is a requirement on the transfer of the building that:
 - i. it be strengthened and repaired to a minimum of 34% NBS (so it can be removed from the national earthquake prone register of buildings), and
 - ii. it be code compliant standard, ready for occupation (the scope and standard of works to be determined and approved with, and at, Council's discretion) within 5 years from the date of transferring ownership from the Council to the YRRA.
 - d. The repair and subsequent operation and maintenance of the building being at no cost to the Council (including the cost of securing any necessary consents);
 - e. The Council having a first right of refusal option to take the building back if the YRRA fail to perform the condition (3)(c) above.
4. To give effect to the transfer of the building, agree to lease the land at 524 Pound Road to the YRRA at a peppercorn rent (for a term of years to terminate if and when the YRRA return the building to Council ownership, or the building no longer exists).
 5. Authorise the Manager Property Consultancy to negotiate and conclude all of the agreements necessary to facilitate the above resolutions on terms and conditions acceptable to him, and in doing so make any decisions necessary to give effect to resolutions 1 to 4 above.

Councillor Peters/Councillor Henstock

Carried

Councillor Barber left the meeting at 10.34am and returned at 10.37am during consideration of Item 15. Councillor Harrison-Hunt left the meeting at 11.22am and returned at 11.24am during consideration of Item 15.

The meeting adjourned at 11.26am and reconvened at 11.49am.

15. Mayor's Monthly Report

The Mayor's recommendations were Moved by the Mayor and Seconded by Councillor MacDonald. Councillor Johanson put forward an amendment (refer resolutions 4(a) – (c) below). With the agreement of the Mover and Secunder this amendment was incorporated into the Motion.

Further amendments were put forward (refer resolution 2(c) and the italicised text of resolution 3 below), which were also incorporated into the Motion with the agreement of the Mover and Secunder.

At the conclusion of debate the meeting voted on resolution 3 separately by division, which was declared carried. The meeting then voted on resolutions 1, 2, and 4, which were declared carried.

Mayor's Recommendations

That the Council:

1. Receive the information in this report.

2. Note that the Mayor will write to the following councils to ask if they would be willing to receive and consider a proposed funding model for making a regional contribution to the ongoing operation costs of Te Kaha once the full costs and revenue are confirmed:
 - a. Selwyn District Council; and
 - b. Waimakariri District Council
3. Request Council staff and ChristchurchNZ staff provide advice to the Council in August 2024 on the viability of Christchurch making a bid for the 2030 Commonwealth Games.

Council Decision

That the Council:

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 - a. Selwyn District Council
 - b. Waimakariri District Council; and
 - c. Environment Canterbury
3. Request Council staff and ChristchurchNZ provide staff advice to Council in August 2024 on the viability of Christchurch *working with the Olympic Committee to make a bid, or partial bid, for a future New Zealand Commonwealth games.*
4. Request that staff provide Council with an update in March on progress or work planned for:
 - a. Applying to additional funding sources like the Rata Foundation or other philanthropic funders;
 - b. Applying a levy on ticket sales to contribute towards the capital and operational expenses of the stadium; and
 - c. Fulfilling the 2018 Canterbury Mayoral Forum resolution to present a case for regional funding options for Te Kaha (known then as the Canterbury Multi-Use Arena).

Mayor/Councillor MacDonald

Moved/Seconded

Council Resolved CNCL/2024/00008

That the Council:

3. Request Council staff and ChristchurchNZ provide staff advice to Council in August 2024 on the viability of Christchurch working with the Olympic Committee to make a bid, or partial bid, for a future New Zealand Commonwealth games.

*The division was declared **carried** by 10 votes to 7 votes the voting being as follows:*

For: Mayor Mauger, Deputy Mayor Cotter, Councillor Barber, Councillor Gough, Councillor Henstock, Councillor Keown, Councillor MacDonald, Councillor McLellan, Councillor Peters and Councillor Scandrett

Against: Councillor Coker, Councillor Donovan, Councillor Fields, Councillor Harrison-Hunt, Councillor Johanson, Councillor Moore and Councillor Templeton

Mayor/Councillor MacDonald

Carried

Council Resolved CNCL/2024/00009

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Mayor/Councillor MacDonald

Carried

11. Resolution to Exclude the Public Te whakataunga kaupare hunga tūmatanui

Council Resolved CNCL/2024/00010

That at 11.54am the resolution to exclude the public set out on pages 68 to 69 of the agenda be adopted.

Councillor MacDonald/Mayor

Carried

The public were re-admitted to the meeting at 12.05pm.

Karakia Whakamutunga: All Councillors

Meeting concluded at 12.06pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 7th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2024.

MAYOR PHIL MAUGER
CHAIRPERSON