
Policy and Planning Committee

OPEN MINUTES

Date: Wednesday 11 March 2026
Time: 9:30 am
Venue: Camellia Chambers, Civic Offices,
53 Hereford Street, Christchurch

Present

Chairperson Councillor Tyrone Fields
Members Mayor Phil Mauger
Councillor Kelly Barber
Councillor David Cartwright
Councillor Melanie Coker
Councillor Pauline Cotter
Councillor Celeste Donovan
Councillor Tyla Harrison-Hunt
Councillor Nathaniel Herz Jardine
Councillor Yani Johanson
Councillor Aaron Keown
Councillor Andrei Moore
Councillor Mark Peters
Councillor Tim Scandrett

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- Part A** Matters Requiring a Council Decision
Part B Reports for Information
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Karakia Tīmatanga

The agenda was dealt with in the following order. Where no voting record is shown, the item was carried unanimously by those present.

1. Apologies Ngā Whakapāha

Part C

Committee Resolved PAPCC/2026/00004

That the apologies from Deputy Mayor Henstock and Councillors MacDonald and McLellan for absence and from Mayor Mauger for potential early departure be accepted.

Councillor Peters/Councillor Cotter

Carried

2. Declarations of Interest Ngā Whakapuaki Aronga

Part B

There were no declarations of interest recorded.

3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes Te Whakaāe o te hui o mua

Part C

Committee Resolved PAPCC/2026/00005

That the minutes of the Policy and Planning Committee meeting held on Wednesday, 11 February 2026 be confirmed.

Mayor/Councillor Cartwright

Carried

4. Public Forum Te Huinga Whānui

Part B

4.1 Zeta

Zeta Pringle, joined by Raymond Sim, Phil Leslie, and Richard Girling, spoke regarding short-term rental accommodation in New Zealand and the research conducted by Anthony Brien, Associate Professor at Lincoln University.

Attachments

- A Item 4.1 - Public Forum - Research of Anthony Brien presented by Zeta Pringle to Policy and Planning Committee [↗](#) 

5. Deputations by Appointment Ngā Huinga Whakaritenga

Part B

There were no deputations by appointment.

6. Presentation of Petitions Ngā Pākikitanga

Part B

There was no presentation of petitions.

7. Approval for Utilities Easement over Reserve - Hagley Oval Committee Resolved PAPCC/2026/00006

Officer Recommendations accepted without change

Part C

That the Policy and Planning Committee:

1. Receives the information in the Approval for Utilities Easement over Reserve - Hagley Oval Report.
2. Notes that the decision in this report is assessed as low significance based on the Christchurch City Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.
3. Approves, pursuant to Section 48(1) of the Reserves Act 1977, the granting of easements for electrical utilities, both existing and future, to exclusively service the buildings and outside lighting within the Hagley Oval area of the Reserve. The area is described as Rural Section 41181, comprised in CB30A/95, known as South Hagley Park, which Hagley Oval is part of.
4. Recommends that the Chief Executive exercise the powers of the Minister of Conservation referred to in the Reserves Act 1977 and further referenced in the Schedule attached to the Instrument of Delegation for Territorial Authorities dated 12 June 2013 pursuant to Section 48(1) of the Reserves Act 1977 and, in exercising those powers, consent to the granting of the easements noted in Recommendation 3 above.

Mayor/Councillor Peters

Carried

For 14 Councillor Barber, Councillor Cartwright, Councillor Coker, Councillor Cotter, Councillor Donovan, Councillor Fields, Councillor Harrison-Hunt, Councillor Herz Jardine, Councillor Johanson, Councillor Keown, Councillor Moore, Councillor Peters, Councillor Scandrett, Mayor Mauger

Against 0

Abstain 0

TOTAL 14

Absent 3 Councillor MacDonald, Councillor McLellan, Deputy Mayor Henstock

8. Approval for Utilities Easement for Orion for an upgraded substation located in part of North Hagley Park

Committee Resolved PAPCC/2026/00007

Officer Recommendations accepted without change

Part C

That the Policy and Planning Committee:

1. Receives the information in the Approval for Utilities Easement for Orion for an upgraded substation located in part of North Hagley Park Report.
2. Notes that the decision in this report is assessed as low significance based on the Christchurch City Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.
3. Approves, pursuant to Section 48(1) of the Reserves Act 1977, the granting of easements for electrical utilities, to exclusively service events within the Hagley Park North area of the Reserve. The area is described as Section 6 SO 467852 (Recreation Reserve), comprised in Certificate of Title 657423 known as Hagley Park North.
4. Recommends the Chief Executive exercise the powers of the Minister of Conservation referred to in the Reserves Act 1977 and further referenced in the Schedule attached to the Instrument of Delegation for Territorial Authorities dated 12 June 2013 pursuant to Section 48(1) of the Reserves Act 1977, and in exercising those powers consent to the granting of the easement noted in Recommendation 3 above.

Mayor/Councillor Peters

Carried

For 14 Councillor Barber, Councillor Cartwright, Councillor Coker, Councillor Cotter, Councillor Donovan, Councillor Fields, Councillor Harrison-Hunt, Councillor Herz Jardine, Councillor Johanson, Councillor Keown, Councillor Moore, Councillor Peters, Councillor Scandrett, Mayor Mauger

Against	0
Abstain	0
TOTAL	14

Absent 3 Councillor MacDonald, Councillor McLellan, Deputy Mayor Henstock

9. Derelict Buildings Trial – New Brighton: Report Back

Committee Comment

1. Council Officers Mark Stevenson and Ben Rhodes joined the table to present Item 9 and answer questions from elected members.
2. Councillor Donovan Moved the Officer recommendations with the addition of a further recommendation regarding a register of vacant commercial buildings (refer Resolution 4)

and an introductory clause to Recommendation 3 (refer underlined text). This was Seconded by Councillor Herz Jardine and became the Motion.

3. At the conclusion of debate, the Motion was put to the vote and declared carried.

Officer Recommendations Ngā Tūtohu

That the Policy and Planning Committee:

1. Receives the information in this Derelict Buildings 'trial' – New Brighton: Report Back.
2. Notes that the decision in this report is assessed as low significance based on the Christchurch City Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.
3. Agrees that the Council's current approach to responding to derelict buildings is the most effective and efficient option as it aligns with the existing regulatory framework and responds to derelict buildings where statutory thresholds are met.

Committee Resolved PAPCC/2026/00008

Committee Decisions under Delegation

Part C

That the Policy and Planning Committee:

1. Receives the information in this Derelict Buildings 'trial' – New Brighton: Report Back.
2. Notes that the decision in this report is assessed as low significance based on the Christchurch City Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.
3. Aside from Recommendation 4 below, agrees that the Council's current approach to responding to derelict buildings is the most effective and efficient option as it aligns with the existing regulatory framework and responds to derelict buildings where statutory thresholds are met.
4. Requests that staff develop a register of commercial buildings vacant for a prolonged period (to be defined) within the New Brighton focus area (bounded by Hawke Street and Beresford Street, east of the former school and Hardy Street), noting the purpose of the register would be to identify and monitor the progress of vacant commercial buildings in this area (including maintenance, redevelopment, tenancing, etc.).

Councillor Donovan/Councillor Herz Jardine

Carried

For 14 Councillor Barber, Councillor Cartwright, Councillor Coker, Councillor Cotter, Councillor Donovan, Councillor Fields, Councillor Harrison-Hunt, Councillor Herz Jardine, Councillor Johanson, Councillor Keown, Councillor Moore, Councillor Peters, Councillor Scandrett, Mayor Mauger

Against	0
Abstain	0

TOTAL 14

Absent 3 Councillor MacDonald, Councillor McLellan, Deputy Mayor Henstock

Councillor Scandrett left the meeting at 10.09 am and returned at 10.11 am during consideration of Item 10.

Councillor Barber left the meeting at 10.25 am and returned at 10.28 am during consideration of Item 10.

Councillor Cotter left the meeting at 10.48 am and returned at 10.50 am during consideration of Item 10.

10. Planning and Consents Unit update

Committee Resolved PAPCC/2026/00009

Officer Recommendation accepted without change

Part C

That the Policy and Planning Committee:

1. Receives the information in the Planning and Consents Unit update Report.

Councillor Cotter/Councillor Scandrett

Carried

For 14 Councillor Barber, Councillor Cartwright, Councillor Coker, Councillor Cotter, Councillor Donovan, Councillor Fields, Councillor Harrison-Hunt, Councillor Herz Jardine, Councillor Johanson, Councillor Keown, Councillor Moore, Councillor Peters, Councillor Scandrett, Mayor Mauger

Against	0
Abstain	0
TOTAL	14

Absent 3 Councillor MacDonald, Councillor McLellan, Deputy Mayor Henstock

Councillor Keown left the meeting at 11.04 am and returned at 11.07 am during consideration of Item 11.

11. Local Area Planning Biannual Report (Suburban) - January to December 2025

Committee Resolved PAPCC/2026/00010

Officer Recommendation accepted without change

Part C

That the Policy and Planning Committee:

1. Receives the information in the Local Area Planning Biannual Report (Suburban) - January to December 2025 Report.

Councillor Barber/Councillor Cartwright

Carried

For 14 Councillor Barber, Councillor Cartwright, Councillor Coker, Councillor Cotter, Councillor Donovan, Councillor Fields, Councillor Harrison-Hunt, Councillor Herz Jardine, Councillor Johanson, Councillor Keown, Councillor Moore, Councillor Peters, Councillor Scandrett, Mayor Mauger

Against	0
Abstain	0
TOTAL	14

Absent 3 Councillor MacDonald, Councillor McLellan, Deputy Mayor Henstock

Karakia Whakamutunga

Meeting concluded at 11.13 am.

CONFIRMED THIS 8th DAY OF APRIL 2026

DEPUTY MAYOR VICTORIA HENSTOCK
CHAIRPERSON