

CHATHAM ISLANDS COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Monthly Meeting of the Chatham Islands Council, held in the Council Chambers, Tuku Road, Waitangi, on Thursday, 17 April 2008, commencing at 1.33 p.m.

PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor, Mr P F Smith, and Councillors P R Christiansen, M Croon, A M Gregory-Hunt, B J Mills, E C Tuck and N J Whaitiri.

IN ATTENDANCE: General Manager, Owen Pickles
Finance Manager, Deborah Goomes
Council Secretary, Lynette Pickles

From Environment Canterbury:
Senior Resource Management Planner, David Gregory
Manager Secretariat, Jude Pani

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from Deputy Mayor Preece and Councillor Ryan.

RESOLVED THAT the apologies from Deputy Mayor Preece and Cr Ryan be received.
A M Gregory-Hunt / E C Tuck CARRIED

MINUTES: **2.1 Ordinary Meeting, 13 March 2008**

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Chatham Islands Council, held on Thursday, 13 March 2008, be confirmed and adopted as a true and correct record.
A M Gregory-Hunt / E C Tuck CARRIED

MATTERS ARISING: Community Trust of Canterbury Funding

His Worship asked if the Trust Manager would be shown any of the projects which had been funded by the Community Trust of Canterbury. The General Manager confirmed that he had written to all organisations that had benefitted from funds, advising that the Trust Manager would be visiting the Island and may want to see where the money had been spent.

Cr Croon asked if a date for the visit had been confirmed. The General Manager advised that he had not received confirmation yet.

FINANCE:

3.1 Draft Annual Plan and Summary

A copy of the audited Draft Annual Plan 2008/09 and Summary was circulated with the Agenda. Audit New Zealand carried out the audit due to there being four significant changes from the adopted Long Term Council Community Plan in the Draft Annual Plan.

The General Manager was of the belief that the process was unnecessary. Each of the four changes was beneficial to the community and the additional funding for them would come from Government sources. There was, however, no alternative but to go through the process in order to comply with the Local Government Act and Council's own Significance Policy.

The Summary of the Draft Annual Plan was to be distributed to the community and others on 24 April 2008.

A copy of Appendix 1 to the Draft Annual Plan was handed out to members as the copy they initially received was incorrect.

RESOLVED THAT the amendments in the Draft Annual Plan, from the Long Term Council Community Plan, be adopted.

N J Whaitiri / M Croon CARRIED

WORKS & SERVICES:

4.1 Downer EDi Works Report, March 2008

RESOLVED THAT the Downer EDi Works Report for March 2008 be received.

M Croon / N J Whaitiri CARRIED

His Worship asked what the lime stabilisation testing programme involved. The General Manager advised that Dave Maitland from Downer EDi Works and Murray Keast from MWH would be holding a Workshop with Council at the conclusion of the meeting. They would be able to answer any questions members had.

His Worship queried the "Asset Management" item and the need for greater resources. The General Manager explained that if Council's bid for extra funding of between \$800k and \$1m was successful, Downer EDi Works might have to call on off-island resources to undertake some of the work.

Cr Croon congratulated Downer EDi Works on the new layout of their monthly report. She said it was easily readable and she could relate it to work being done on the Island. The General Manager asked that the message be passed onto Dave Maitland at the Workshop later in the day.

4.2 Engineer's March 2008 Report

The monthly report for March 2008 from Council's Roothing Engineer was enclosed with the Agenda.

RESOLVED THAT the March 2008 Progress Report from Council's Roothing Engineer be received.

E C Tuck / A M Gregory-Hunt CARRIED

4.3 Traffic Monitoring Strategy

A Traffic Monitoring Strategy prepared by MWH New Zealand Limited was presented to Council. The report stated that the Council would benefit from a traffic monitoring system that could provide accurate and up-to-date information to allow the Council to plan, design and monitor the Chatham Islands' road network.

His Worship queried the statement "... approximately 163.6 km of road network ..." as he believed it to be closer to 180 km. He thought that Pitt Island roads may have been left out of the equation.

His Worship also noted that in Appendix A, the map titled "Count Locations Excluding Waitangi Township", showed Site 18 to be at the south end of Te Matarae Road. He thought that counter would miss the majority of traffic entering Te Matarae Road from the other end, as most of those vehicles would not go all the way round the loop.

RESOLVED THAT the Traffic Monitoring Strategy be adopted.

M Croon / N J Whaitiri CARRIED

4.4 Owenga Township Water Supply

A letter was received from the Owenga Community seeking Council's assistance with the provision of a sustainable water supply in order to alleviate the current water shortages and to provide a water supply for the township that was able to meet future needs.

Cr Tuck declared an interest.

Cr Tuck advised that many people from the Owenga Community were on holiday or not at home when the petition was circulated, but that all were in support of something being done to alleviate the water shortages.

The General Manager advised that a full assessment of the problem would need to be undertaken before any decisions could be made.

Cr Christiansen stated that he was in full support of a feasibility study being undertaken.

Cr Tuck stated that there were a number of springs and bores around the community, but they were not deep enough and were drying up.

RESOLVED THAT the General Manager report to Council on the feasibility of providing a public water supply for the Owenga Community.

A M Gregory-Hunt / P R Christiansen CARRIED

**COMMUNITY
SERVICES:**

5.1 Community Vegetable Garden

A letter was received from Maori Community Health seeking Council's permission to establish a community vegetable garden on Council land. It is intended that the community garden would operate for one gardening season in order to assist community members to learn skills in the cultivation of a garden.

His Worship noted that the block of land was being considered as a site for the Housing Trust to build some homes on. The General Manager advised that the land would only be required for one gardening season, therefore would not interfere with any housing proposals.

RESOLVED THAT the Hihet Place recreation reserve, or a part of it, be made available rent free to Maori Community Health to establish a community vegetable garden for the up-coming growing season.

P R Christiansen / E C Tuck CARRIED

REGULATORY:

6.1 Owenga Wharf Resource Consent

A resource consent application for the Owenga Wharf project was lodged by MWH Limited, on behalf of the Council, and is being processed by Council's RMA Consultant, Paul Whyte. As the Council was the applicant, an independent Commissioner would need to hear the application and make a decision.

RESOLVED THAT the General Manager engage and appoint an independent Commissioner to hear and make a decision on the resource consent application for the Owenga Wharf.

A M Gregory-Hunt / M Croon CARRIED

6.2 Update from Environment Canterbury

The report for March 2008 from Environment Canterbury was presented, covering the progress of the various activities being undertaken on behalf of the Chatham Islands Council.

RESOLVED THAT the March 2008 report on the various activities undertaken by Environment Canterbury be received.

B J Mills / E C Tuck CARRIED

6.3 Proposed New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement

A report was presented by staff from Environment Canterbury outlining the implications for the Chatham Islands Resource Management Document of the Proposed New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement (PNZCPS) and to provide an outline of a submission to the Board of Inquiry on the PNZCPS.

David Gregory, Senior Resource Management Planner with Environment Canterbury, was present at the meeting to seek Council's views before producing a submission on behalf of Council.

David Gregory advised that a representative from Council should appear before the Board of Inquiry to present a submission seeking a final New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement that was as clear and as useful as possible without overburdening the Council with requirements that did not represent the real issues facing the Islands.

He worked through the Coastal Policy Statement with Council via a power point presentation, offering suggestions where it was deemed that work would be required by the Council to give effect to the NZCPS. He considered that the Proposed New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement as it currently stood would require the current Chatham Islands Resource Management Document to be largely re-written.

RESOLVED THAT the report be received and that a Special Council Meeting be held prior to 7 May 2008 to consider a submission on the Proposed New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement.

P F Smith / N J Whaitiri CARRIED

His Worship thanked David Gregory for his presentation.

GOVERNMENT:

8.1 Minutes from Joint LGNZ Rural and Provincial Sectors Meeting

The unconfirmed Minutes from the joint Local Government New Zealand Rural and Provincial Sectors Meeting held in Wellington on 21 and 22 February 2008.

RESOLVED THAT the unconfirmed Minutes of the Joint Local Government New Zealand Rural and Provincial Sectors Meeting be received.

M Croon / A M Gregory-Hunt CARRIED

GENERAL MANAGER:

10.1 Outwards Correspondence Schedule

RESOLVED THAT the outwards correspondence schedule for March 2008 be received.

M Croon / N J Whaitiri CARRIED

10.2 Outwards Email Schedule

RESOLVED THAT the outwards emails schedule for March 2008 be received.

M Croon / E C Tuck CARRIED

MAYORAL:

11.1 Inwards and Outwards Correspondence

RESOLVED THAT the outwards Mayoral correspondence schedule for March 2008 be received.
N J Whaitiri / E C Tuck CARRIED

David Gregory and Jude Pani departed from the meeting.

IN CAMERA AGENDA: 1. Minutes from In Camera Meeting 13 March 2008

RESOLVED THAT the public be excluded from this part of the meeting.
P F Smith / A M Gregory-Hunt CARRIED

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the In Camera Meeting of the Chatham Islands Council, held on Thursday, 13 March 2008, be confirmed and adopted as a true and correct record.
M Croon / N J Whaitiri CARRIED

CLOSURE:

Meeting Closure

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 3.29 p.m.

CONFIRMED THIS 29th DAY OF MAY 2008

MAYOR