

CHATHAM ISLANDS COUNCIL

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Chatham Islands Council, held in the Council Chambers, Tuku Road, Waitangi, on Wednesday, 18 March 2009, commencing at 1.35 p.m.

PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor, Mr P F Smith, and Councillors
P R Christiansen, J I Clarke, A M Gregory-Hunt and
N C Ryan.

IN ATTENDANCE: General Manager, Owen Pickles
Finance Manager, Deborah Goomes
MWH Engineer, Murray Keast
MWH Engineer, Andrew McDonald
Council Secretary, Lynette Pickles

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from Deputy Mayor,
A W M Preece and Councillors E C Tuck and
N J Whaitiri.

RESOLVED THAT the apologies from Councillors
Preece, Tuck and Whaitiri be received.
N C Ryan / A M Gregory-Hunt CARRIED

1. Long Term Council Community Plan 2009-2019

Enclosed with the Agenda was a copy of the Draft LTCCP 2009-2019 for Council's consideration and approval. The LTCCP was supported by Activity Management Plans and Strategies and was based on the assumptions adopted by the Council at its February 2009 meeting.

The General Manager stated the document, which had been in the making for the past twelve months, had resulted from a huge effort by everybody associated with the Council. There had been many hours and much expense go into the document which he hoped would meet the community's desires. The document was supported by Activity Management Plans for each activity that Council was involved in. These Plans were sighted at the meeting. MWH had a huge part to play in the infrastructural side of the document with as much effort from Environment Canterbury into the environmental and financial side.

Some small amendments were to be made to the document before it went to the Auditors to check for financial robustness and compliance, and once the Auditor's approval was given, the document would go out for public consultation. Finance Manager, Deborah Goomes, advised that Environment Canterbury would have the document proof read.

Deborah Goomes stated that the name “Vision Chathams” had been selected for the document under the slogan “together we will work towards a sustainable future for our people, our islands and the generations to come”. She said that it had been a challenge to link the community outcomes to a sustainable approach.

His Worship noted that on page 90 of the document, only ‘Maori’ was mentioned, without reference to ‘Moriiori’. Deborah Goomes advised that the wording was taken directly from the Local Government Act 2002.

RESOLVED THAT the Draft LTCCP 2009-2019 and all supporting documentation be approved and put out for public consultation.

J I Clarke / A M Gregory-Hunt CARRIED

Tabled at the meeting was a copy of the Draft Summary of the LTCCP 2009-2019. The General Manager advised that the Council was required to produce a summary of the main document to go out to the public. The full document would be available at the office for anyone who requested a copy.

RESOLVED THAT the Draft Summary of the LTCCP 2009-2019 be approved and put out for public consultation.

N C Ryan / J I Clarke CARRIED

His Worship, on behalf of Council, thanked everyone involved in the production of the document. He stated that, while the Chatham Islands Council was a very small local authority, it was great to be able to show everyone that it was still possible to do things right.

2. Regional Land Transport Programme 2009-2012

The General Manager reported that as part of the amendments to the Land Transport Act, every Regional Council was required to produce a Regional Land Transport Programme. The Regional Land Transport Programme feeds into the Long Term Council Community Plan.

A copy of the draft programme, prepared by Council’s Engineer in consultation with Council’s finance support staff and the Land Transport Authority, was attached to the report.

Tabled at the meeting was a report from Council’s Engineer, Murray Keast, including recommendations for Council to consider. Murray Keast presented a data show which highlighted the process for producing the document, and what was still required to be done by Council before the Regional Land Transport Programme 2009-2012 could be adopted by Council.

Murray Keast advised that a ten-year forecast was required to be produced, with the first three years set. As this was the first time that Regional Councils had been required to produce the document, the Land Transport Agency was prepared to be a little flexible in the setting of the first three years of finance.

The Chatham Islands Council, as a Regional Authority, was responsible for its own region. Because the Council was such a small authority, the full Council would be the Regional Transport Committee, instead of the need to appoint a separate Committee.

The document had been put together in consultation with David Osborne from Environment Canterbury, as consultation would be combined with the Long Term Council Community Plan.

RESOLVED THAT

1. Council approve the prioritisation process used in the Draft RLTP.
2. Council approve the prioritisation order of transport activities in the Draft RLTP.
3. Council approve the Draft RLTP for consultation.
4. Council appoint a hearing panel, consisting of one Council representative, one MWH representative and one New Zealand Transport Agency representative, along with interested Objective representatives, to hear submissions and make decisions on the Draft RLTP.
5. Council approve the timeframe of activities for the hearing.

P F Smith / J I Clarke CARRIED

3. Water and Sanitary Services Assessment

The General Manager reported that under the Local Government Act 2002, Part 7, there is a requirement for the Council to make a broad assessment of the needs of the community for water wastewater and other sanitary services.

A copy of the Draft Assessment, which had been prepared to feed into the Long Term Council Community Plan, was attached to the report.

The General Manager stated that there were some amendments that needed to be made to the document. These included information under Item 6.3.3 and 6.6, the date of the report being incorrect, and the need for a note on the Kaingaroa water supply to be added. His Worship commented that the road maps in the document included paper roads. He asked for the paper roads to be removed as they could confuse people. Cr Christiansen stated that the Census data listed under Item 3.4 was not accurate.

RESOLVED THAT the Water and Sanitary Services Assessment Report be approved for public consultation.

N C Ryan / A M Gregory-Hunt CARRIED

CLOSURE:

Meeting Closure

After consideration of the In Camera Agenda, and there being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 2.55 p.m.

CONFIRMED THIS 30th DAY OF APRIL 2009

MAYOR