
Council Minutes – 15 June 2022

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 15 June 2022, commencing at 1.04pm in the Council Chamber, 137 Havelock Street, Ashburton.

Present

His Worship the Mayor, Neil Brown; Deputy Mayor Liz McMillan; Councillors Leen Braam, Carolyn Cameron, John Falloon, Rodger Letham, Angus McKay, Lynette Lovett, Diane Rawlinson and Stuart Wilson.

In attendance

Hamish Riach (Chief Executive), Toni Durham (Acting GM Business Support), Steve Fabish (GM Community Services), Neil McCann (GM Infrastructure Services), Sarah Mosley (Manager People & Capability), Michael Wong (Acting GM Strategy & Compliance) and Phillipa Clark (Governance Team Leader).

Staff present for the duration of their reports: Erin Register (Finance Manager), Simon Worthington (Economic Development Manager) and Tania Paddock (Legal Counsel).

Presentations

ChristchurchNZ: 1.35pm-1.58pm (via MS Teams)

Tuia i Runga: 3.18pm-3.26pm

1 Apologies

Nil.

2 Extraordinary Business

That pursuant to Section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 the following item be introduced as extraordinary business to be taken with item 9:

- Library & Civic Centre PCG minutes 14/06/22
Section 7(2)(h) Commercial activities

McMillan/Braam

Carried

3 Declarations of Interest

Nil.

4 Confirmation of Minutes – 1/06/22

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 1 June 2022, be taken as read and confirmed.

Cameron/McMillan

Carried

5 Financial Variance Report

The Finance Manager was asked to provide further explanation on

- roading reserve (replenishing)
- disaster insurance fund
- increase shown in 'other debtors'
- stockwater budget overrun
- property reserve
- EANC personnel costs

Updated information will be provided through the activity briefings or in reports to Council.

That Council receives the financial variance report and EA Networks Centre income and expenditure report for the period ending 30 April 2022.

McMillan/McKay

Carried

7 Mayor's Report

That Council receives the Mayor's report.

Mayor/Lovett

Carried

6 ChristchurchNZ Quarterly Report

Kath Low (Head of Tourism), Tracey Wilson (Acting General Manager – Destination) and Bruce Moffat (Mid Canterbury Marketing Manager)

Key points:

- Focus has been returning to engaging with the world in terms of trade and media opportunities.
- NZ will no longer require covid testing to enter the country (anticipated from next week).
- Airline capacity is a concern, particularly trans-Tasman.
- Tourism trade is overwhelmed – there are not enough people to service requirements of visitors wanting to travel. Advertising is in place to attract more staff, but the industry is not appealing for many.
- NZ is competing with other destinations – NZ is not seen as the destination of choice this year for Australian skiers. Booking inquiries are mainly for 2023/24.
- Domestic tourism campaign (with elements to Australia) is running up until September. Mindfood magazine features the region, including Methven.
- ChChNZ are supporting operators who were internationally reliant. A half day planning session is to be held with the advisory group about scene setting for the year ahead.
- Lyttelton will see the return of cruise which is also positive for Mid Canterbury – anticipating 180,000 visitors between October and March.
- Destination management plan process underway. RFP issued in April resulting in a good selection of specialist agencies from around the world pitching for the work. Appointment of the agency will happen quickly and engagement with stakeholders will start in July.
- Concern with high levels of exhaustion with many operators working 24/7. ChChNZ is aware of issues and will continue to monitor and provide support.

That Council receives the ChristchurchNZ quarterly report.

McMillan/Braam

Carried

Business transacted with the public excluded – 1.59pm

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely – the general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48 (1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

Item No	General subject of each matter to be considered:	In accordance with Section 48(1) of the Act, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter:	
8	Council 1/06/22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Property matter [Now in open meeting] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extension of Contract ROAD0145 	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
9	Library & Civic Centre PCG 30/05/22 & 14/06/22	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
10	Land disposal	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities

Wilson/Braam

Carried

Council resumed in open meeting at 3.18pm.

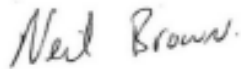
Tuia programme presentation

Council welcomed Shyan Hughes, the Mayor's Tuia representative for 2022.

Shyan spoke about her recent experience in Hamilton last month where approximately 80 rangatahi gathered as part of the Tuia leadership programme. The trip included visiting a Marae, seeing Te ara wai (interactive sight-seeing), and going to Zeal Hamilton (youth networking). The highlight for Shyan was meeting with Matua Marcus who spoke about self-led community contributions and culture. This was a team building session and the next focus for the group will be on individual contributions to communities.

The meeting concluded at 3.26pm.

Confirmed 29 June 2022



MAYOR