



Ashburton District Council

AGENDA

A MEETING of the ASHBURTON DISTRICT COUNCIL
will be held as follows:

Date: Thursday 12 August 2010

Venue: Council Chamber
5 Baring Square West
Ashburton

Time: 1.30 pm

MEMBERS:

His Worship the Mayor, M B O'Malley
Cr R C Beavan
Cr N A Brown
Cr I J Burgess
Cr J A Everest
Cr K L Holmes
Cr R J Kilworth
Cr J A Kingsbury
Cr L J Leadley
Cr K W P Lowe
Cr P W Reveley
Cr J Sparks
Cr B A Tasker

B LESTER
Chief Executive

6 August 2010

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- Service delivery procurement review 7(2)(h) Commercial activities

[Now in open meeting]

- ACL Draft Statement of Intent (20/05/10)
- Ashburton water supply – Kermode Street (20/05/10)
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[Now in open meeting]

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Section 7(2)(i) Conduct of negotiations

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2.45 pm	Afternoon tea

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ASHBURTON DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

FILE NO: 1/3/1
DATE: 12 August 2010
REPORT TO: Council
FROM: Mayor

4.1. MAYOR'S REPORT

4.1.1 CALENDAR

Some of the meetings and functions I have attended since reporting to the last Council meeting on 29 June 2010 ---

- 30 June Met with representative from Kotuku Choir
Attended Advance Ashburton Trust meeting
Attended Rakaia Medical Centre 10 year celebration function
- 1 July Attended Canterbury Mayoral Forum, Christchurch
Attended Lake Hood Trust function
- 2 July Opened N Z Licensing Trusts Association Conference, Ashburton
- 3 July Attended N Z Licensing Trust Association Conference Dinner
- 5 July Met with representatives from Holy Name Catholic Church re pigeon problem
Met with Hon Darren Hughes, Opposition Spokesman for Transport
- 6 July Opened South Island Bowling Greens Seminar, Ashburton
Attended Telecom Presentation at Ashburton Resource Centre
Attended Election Candidates' Workshop, Ashburton
- 7 July Met with representatives from Richardson Group
Attended Election Candidates' Workshop, Methven
- 8 July Met with property developer
Met with residents re Racecourse Road Race closure
Met with representatives from Second Bridge Action Group
- 12 July Attended meeting with local medical practitioners
- 13 July Hosted Ashburton Writers' Group Children's Competition Presentations at ADC
Took part in RDR Telephone Conference Call meeting
- 15 July Met with Trustpower representatives at Highbank
- 16 July Attended ALT Charitable Foundation meeting
Attended CDHB meeting (by invitation), Christchurch
Attended Ashburton Business Association Business Awards
- 19 July Guest speaker at Greypower meeting, Ashburton
Met with RDR representatives and Mayfield farmers
- 20 July Chaired Ashburton Business Estate Project Board meeting
Met with Manager of Grow Mid-Canterbury
Attended CBS AGM
Attended Lynn Museum AGM
- 21 July Attended CWMS Zone Committee Selection Working Group meeting
Attended Advance Ashburton Trust meeting

- 23 July Met with Chair and CEO of CDHB, Christchurch
Attended Launch of Grow Mid-Canterbury's promotion book
- 24-28 July Attended LGNZ Annual Conference in Auckland, including
National Council meeting
- 29 July Attended R D R Directors' meeting
- 30 July – 4 Aug Out of Ashburton District on leave
- 5 Aug Met with YMCA representatives
Met with Ashburton Business Association representatives re Tradewaste
Bylaw
Attended Ashburton Resource Centre meeting
- 6 Aug Met with two Tinwald residents re Second Bridge siting
Attended Ashburton Resource Centre Network meeting
Attended CWMS Zone Committee Selection Working Group meeting
Visited Miss Alison Magson at Princes Court Rest Home on the occasion of
her 101st Birthday.
- 8 Aug Attended Ashburton Art Gallery fund raising event
- 9 Aug Chaired Ashburton Civic Music Council meeting
- 10 Aug Attended Newcomers network function
- 11 Aug Met with property developer
Attended Ashburton Apprentices Graduation Ceremony

4.1.2 LAKE HOOD

This reporting period has seen significant progress in the recreational amenity value to the community due to Council's "purchase" of Lake Hood from the Ashburton Aquatic Park Trust, and the announcement of Council's preferred site for the Ashburton Stadium and Aquatic Centre.

The handover of the Lake and surrounding land not only secures community ownership of what is now an iconic feature in our District, but also confirms Lake Hood Extension Trust's plans to continue development of the Lake. The next stage of development will double the size of the lake area and see Ashburton District self sufficient in its shingle requirements for the foreseeable future.

4.1.3 STADIUM / AQUATIC CENTRE PROJECT

The announcement of the River Terrace Reserve as Council's preferred site for the new Stadium and Aquatic Centre is the culmination of a thoroughly rigorous assessment process and has not only received the unanimous support of the Council and Stadium Trust, but no adverse public reaction. This surely bodes well for the impending community consultation. Assuming community acceptance, Council can then commence to seek whatever resource consents are necessary for the construction and operation of the complex. Council has budgeted \$25 million over the period ending 30/06/2014 and the community is charged with providing a funding provision of \$5 million.

4.1.4 ASHBURTON BUSINESS ESTATE

The Hon Darren Hughes (Opposition Spokesman for Transport) was a very appreciative visitor to the Ashburton Business Estate and expressed concerns about the ongoing debate with Rail. He also visited Lake Hood and received a briefing on the proposed second bridge over the Ashburton River and the traffic congestion issues, north and south of the current bridge.

4.1.5 ASHBURTON HOSPITAL

On 16 July Canterbury District Health Board announced that 24 hour acute general surgery at Ashburton Hospital was no longer practicable. The availability, professional clinical practice and support needs of general surgeons dictate this.

A three month "trial" period commenced on 2 August. The impending retirement of our two local, general surgeons has contributed, in part, to this announcement. Currently, Ashburton Hospital is better placed to handle such changes than in 2005 when the Integrated Model of Care was implemented. Three medical officers at Ashburton are currently working to attain a Diploma in Rural Hospital Medicine and anaesthetists will remain on call and available 24/07 until such time as the medical officers obtain the necessary skills in airway management etc. Whether this will be sufficient to provide the necessary 24/07 is open to debate. The expansion to the range of elective day surgery over the past two years at Ashburton Hospital gives some comfort, but as always with changes driven by medico-political and budgetary reasons, the "devil is in the detail".

4.1.6 ASHBURTON ZONE COMMITTEE – CANTERBURY WATER MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

The selection process for the community representatives on the Ashburton Zone Committee of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy has commenced and the list of 30 applicants has been reduced to 14 who will enter the next stage of the selection process. The selection committee comprising Don Rule, David Horn, Barbara Nicholas (ECan), J Leadley, B O'Malley (Ashburton District Council) and Gwen Bower (Ngai Tahu and Arowhenua) expect to submit the successful applicants for Ashburton District Council and ECan's approval on 26 August. Commissioner David Caygill will represent ECan on the Zone Committee. ECan have confirmed funding of \$4 million in their Annual Plan 2010/11 for the CWMS, including the immediate steps freshwater biodiversity protection/restoration programme.

4.1.7 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEW ZEALAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE & AGM

The business of Local Government New Zealand Conference is covered fully in the CEO's report and I acknowledge the contribution of the Deputy Mayor in writing that report, and his assistance during conference. This is my sixth conference as Mayor and third as a National Councillor, and the intangible value in conferences of this nature is the opportunity to network and engage with senior Government employees, Members of Parliament, Ministers of the Crown and representatives from local government throughout New Zealand. I had a number of conversations with Dame Margaret Bazley and Donald Couch (ECan Commissioners, as well as Wayne Donnelly (Ministry of Transport). The CEO and I arranged a meeting with Jim Quinn (CEO of Kiwirail) regarding the issues before us in Ashburton. However the highlight of the conference was the opportunity to meet with the Minister of Local Government (Hon Rodney Hide) for 20 minutes and then the Minister of Transport (Hon Steven Joyce), on matters relevant to Ashburton.

M B O'MALLEY
Mayor

ASHBURTON DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

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DATE: 12 August 2010
REPORT TO: Council
FROM: Chief Executive

4.2 CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

4.2.1 HIGH PRODUCTIVITY MOTOR VEHICLES

Government has increased the weight limits for heavy vehicles on our roads. This is based on a permit system. Each permit has a 12 month period, and specifies the exact route to be taken and the vehicle(s) to be used. This requires assessment to be undertaken on roads and bridges. Assessment undertaken on the Rakaia and South Rangitata bridges will limit weights to 48 tonnes. The Ashburton bridge has been assessed to take the maximum 53 tonnes.

Council has been approached by a number of heavy vehicle operators and other interested parties regarding the new land transport rule and heavy vehicle routes in the district.

A number of staff have been involved in discussions with these operators and the NZTA regarding how to proceed with the assessment of heavy vehicle routes and permitting.

Set out below is a brief outline of how these routes will be assessed and permitted.

- Where state highways will be part of any assessed/approved route, requests received by Council will be referred to NZTA.
- NZTA will coordinate and facilitate the assessment and permitting processes. This will streamline funding, achieve economies of scale, will ensure the local road and state highway interfaces and vehicle compliance are considered. NZTA will fund the assessment of the local roads.

This approach is region wide and is likely to be the most common approach to assessments as it is envisaged most applications will involve state highways.

- Where heavy vehicle routes only involve local roads within the district network, these routes and associated requirements will be assessed by Council following as far as possible the same processes used by NZTA.
(Note: NZTA are still required to permit the vehicle).

A report outlining the above in more detail and routes identified for assessment and progress to date will be prepared for the Operations Committee meeting on Thursday 26 August.

4.2.2 CANTERBURY WATER MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

I chaired a Chief Executives' meeting on 19 July to progress the implementation, and attended a Steering Group meeting on 30 July. Both were constructive meetings, with work focusing on setting up Zone / Regional Committees. My next related meeting is a sub-group focusing on funding and financing options.

4.2.3 POOL / STADIUM PROJECT

The preferred site was publicly announced on 23 July. The initial feedback indicates that this has been well received. The consultation document went out the week of 2 August seeking feedback by 23 August. Open days to be held:

- Ashburton Tuesday 10 August, Ashburton Library
- Rakaia Wednesday 11 August, Rakaia Memorial Hall
- Methven Friday 13 August, Methven Heritage Centre

The open days will be between 3.30 pm and 6.30 pm.

4.2.4 ASHBURTON DISTRICT PROFILE BOOK

This was launched on 23 July with a good attendance. It has been well co-ordinated by Grow Mid-Canterbury, and having a song written by OpShop a real bonus.

4.2.5 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEW ZEALAND – CONFERENCE / AGM

The Conference / AGM was attended by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and myself in Auckland, 25-28 July. This report covers the various workshops, presentations and AGM.

1. Technical Tour – Visit to Eden Park upgrade for Rugby World Cup (RWC) (*John Leadley joined this tour*)

- \$240 million project – currently slightly ahead of time but on budget (Fletcher Construction).
- 50,000 permanent seat main stadium, impressive coaches, media, and catering facilities. Further 10-12,000 temporary seats to be erected beyond existing open stands and near touch lines for RWC.
- As part of resource consent, exterior temporary stand will be replaced by permanent noise barriers after RWC.
- Main new stand visual aspect same “bubble wrap” as Beijing Olympic Arena.
- 9.5 hectare site will include a second International Test Cricket Oval on outer ground at a later date.

Access RWC Legacy Goal 4 – Making public transport a habit for Aucklanders

A clear statement from tour host that RWC and Supercity was a great opportunity to get significant taxpayer dollars for transport upgrading in Auckland from all New Zealanders. A clear reference to the dysfunctional liaison of existing Cities and ARA in addressing the transport issue over a generation with ratepayer funding.

- Significant widening of footpaths, and 5 metre walkways being created – patrons should expect to walk 2-3 kms
- Only 200 car parks on site for 60,000 people
- Street parking banned for considerable radius
- Expensive home rentals being noted for nearby home rentals
- Travelled back to CBD by train via new Newmarket Station (single track, back out)!

It was an interesting three hour tour.

Expecting 65,000 visitors overall to New Zealand. Auckland peak 40,000.

2. Conference Opening – Prime Minister’s Address

Firstly, the Prime Minister acknowledged the hard work and dedication of elected members to their communities, noting that local government accounts for 5% of GDP (2009). *“Local government is crucial to our communities’ wellbeing.”* He referred to the 6 point plan for central government to put New Zealand on a higher growth path –

- review of the tax system
- better public services
- investment infrastructure
- reduce regulation
- improving education and skills
- support for the export sector

With respect to local government, he noted the upcoming review of the RMA, central government support for broad band development, the Local Government Amendment Bill, EPA report due end of this year, and the Land and Water Forum report on freshwater due in the coming months.

The Government is undertaking further work on infrastructure requirements and urban design.

He expressed concern about lower voter turnout last election (46% average) for local government, particularly given the impact we have on our communities’ daily lives.

The Auckland reforms are needed for the nation’s economy, to unlock its potential. He believes other changes in the sector will follow – but these will be community driven rather than central government led.

3. Lord Mayor Campbell Newman (Brisbane City)

Campbell referred to the leading and championing economic development in Brisbane City. The greater Brisbane accommodates 1.9 – 2.0 million people, with the Council having a budget of \$2.8 billion. The city itself has a population of 650,000. There has been a big investment in public transport (they operate 6,000 km of roads), with 800 kms of cycleways.

Through a coherent vision, investment is made in community facilities, support for tourism and economic development. A well established bureaucracy is essential to achieving the vision, cushioning “political speedbumps” along the way. They use consultative panels to bring the community with them (mostly unpaid).

They are the fastest growing city in Australia, causing debate (urban sprawl, hospitals, schools, congestion etc), but has brought huge benefits. Growth needs to be harnessed, and investment in infrastructure manages the problems.

Their high level document (2026 Vision) includes targets around carbon neutrality, natural habitat, active/public transport.

The key message here is emphasizing the fundamental importance of planning and necessary investment in infrastructure looking forward. He noted a key concern in these areas had been the lack of support from Federal and State Government. This was addressed by the State and south east Queensland Mayors coming together to develop a regional plan. State Government run the public transport system, with Council being the service provider.

Operating costs for public transport has increased from \$48 million to \$78 million over the last 10 years. Roading investment is working to move vehicles around the CBD.

One organisation is responsible for 'Brand Queensland'. Overseas relationships are important to 'plug in businesses'. Government opens doors. Education of overseas students creates 'friends for life'.

Focus also on tidy city, with quick graffiti response and development of green spaces.

Mineral exports has been a big benefit for wealth creation, however, focus needs to prepare for the 'new economy'.

Water is a key issue with the State providing bulk water. Cities now focusing on de-salinisation (energy intensive). Consumption is 200 litres/person/day.

4. Peter Biggs – Managing Director, Clemenger BBDO (Melbourne)

Peter Biggs spoke about trends in branding. A reaction to globalism is now back to basic, localism and individualism – keep it simple.

Advertisements are about new ideas and engaging. The audience is no longer passive and dependent on what you offer. Fifteen years ago, people were exposed to 3,000 brand messages, and were only cognisant of 10. Today exposed to 7,000 and still only cognisant of 10.

However great stories endure, there are 12 archetypes that people relate to: Outlaw, Hero/Heroine, Magician, Creator, Caregiver, Explorer, Jester, Ruler, Innocent, Saga, Regular Guy/Girl, Lover. Every archetype has its shadow type that works together. Branding needs to identify these and develop the message consistently.

Using the internet allows people to absorb, add to, and pass on. Further, "our interest is on the dangerous edge of things" – Robert Browning.

Ashburton – Regular guy/girl / creator (?)

5. Workshop – Local Boards – Are they the model for the future?

This was a rather disappointing workshop of 1½ hours with only the last 15 minutes to discuss non-Auckland issues.

- Still much dissent in Auckland over Supercity with recent poll showing 70% still opposed. Current ARA, 4 City Councils, Franklin and Rodney Districts being replaced by a 21 seat Auckland Council and 21 Local Boards. For 1.4 million population.
- Local Board members will receive interim remuneration of \$20-30,000 per annum. Remuneration Authority says it is part-time job.
- Royal Commission proposal for Supercity was ratio of 1 : 18,000 urban and 1 : 9,000 rural population. Government response from 1 November 2010 is ratio across the new Auckland City of 1 : 65,000 population (excluding community boards).

Comparable figures from other countries are interesting:

England	1 : 2,605 population	Denmark	1 : 1,084 population
Germany	1 : 250 population	France	1 : 116 population

- Major concern is that 75% of Supercity annual budget will be spent by appointed Council Controlled Organisations (seen as lack of democracy). Total annual budget is \$3.2 billion.

A brief discussion on Provincial / Rural Community Boards shows Southland District Boards as "best" example, even being given rating powers. Kapiti has had over 100 attendees at some of its Community Board meetings.

6. Workshop - Infrastructure

The workshop was themed 'Future Challenges and Opportunities'

6.1 **Michael Deegan** is the Manager of Infrastructure Australia, set up by the Australian Government to consider the \$300-\$700 billion identified infrastructure investment needed. They have \$7 billion to apply. Cities account for 80% of their population – their focus is on improved productivity, liveable spaces and sustainability. People accept the need for density – with conditions (no congestion /slums).

Key issues:

- Working with Councils (565, 43 in Sydney) to provide better governance and better use of existing infrastructure, including pricing. One bus lane on the Sydney Harbour Bridge (of 8) carries 70% of commuters.'
- Water. Looking to pricing set by independent tribunal based on long range marginal cost (support investment).
- Streamlining planning processes.

The biggest issue is to gain public trust in developing infrastructure.

6.2 **David Taylor** - N Z Infrastructure Unit (Treasury)

The portfolio is overseen by Ministers English and Joyce, designed to complement existing portfolios. They include social development and have a staff of 15. The initial (high level) plan was released in March. The longer term focus will be on transport and funding. (Crown cost of capital 6-7%. Ports / airports seen as okay). The next plan is due early 2011, to include demand forecasts, long term infrastructure needs, capability and financial restraints, the link between investment and growth.

6.3 **Steven Town** (Tauranga / Western Bay of Plenty smartgrow partnership)

Their big challenge is defining "who pays?" Their lessons referred to:

- taking measurable risks
- informing the community on why and how
- obtaining public trust
- sort risks out up front

He referred to their new aquatic / sports facility (\$41 million), which included commercial opportunities resulting in 50% of the funding being 'non-rate sourced'.

7. Hon Rodney Hide, Minister of Local Government

- Admitted learning a lot about local government in the last year, and certainly seems more knowledgeable and collaborative.
- Three big jobs underway all under the theme "Building Prosperous Places"
 - (i) Changes to Auckland governance, 2010 Supercity.
 - (ii) Reforms contained in the Local Government Act 2002 Amendment Bill now underway. Major aim is to improve TLA's ability to set their direction and improve the ability of ratepayers and residents to influence and assess their Councils.
 - (iii) The Minister wants next year to produce a discussion document on the proper constitutional status of local government, how its proper function and structure should be evaluated, and how central and local government can better mesh, both their decision making and work programmes, to improve service delivery.
This work to be completed, called "Smarter Government – Stronger Communities" for implementation post 2011 general election.

Minister Hide stated he is not a fan of amalgamation for amalgamation's sake. Very difficult to say otherwise when the Prime Minister clearly stated that any further TLA amalgamations would be community driven! Rightly states local government needs better units rather than bigger units.

Minister Hide stated *"I have taken the side of ratepayers and residents angry over rate increases, red tape, unacceptable delays and bureaucratic bungling. What I have learned as Minister is that the problem starts with central government. It seems every new Minister's initiative means more cost on local government. New programmes, new initiatives, new rules just rain down from above. It's too much. It's overwhelming. It's costly."*

Hence Smarter Government – Stronger Communities.

So the penny has dropped! Watch this space!

Believes central government can greatly improve its "bang for buck" in communities by working closer with local government.

New Zealand Council will spend \$3.2 billion, Government will spend \$18 billion in Auckland City next year. Minister Hide believes effective collaboration of the two entities could save up to \$1 billion or 5%.

8. Law Commission Review – LGOIMA (1988)

A lunch time session was held on the Law Commission Review currently underway on the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act. The review is due to:

Requester concerns – delay, reasons for withholding

Local authority concerns – difficulties in applications (no guidelines from Ombudsman), large requests, frequent requests.

Since the passing of the Act, the electronic world has created a lot more information (emails), and questions related to whether emails are relevant or irrelevant. Reviews are also being undertaken overseas (Australia, Canada ...)

They are proposing to present an Issues Paper in six weeks (150 pages). The Commission will put their position and seek comment. They will be looking to provide better guidelines. Also look at training – no-one has this responsibility now.

With respect to large requests, they recommend making personal contact with the requester to seek clarification on the requested.

Need to review charging. Also noted was the Cabinet power of veto which has never been used. Also noted Council can decline by resolution, but must give reasons. Who then has the final say is unclear. Council can challenge the recommendation of the Ombudsman to the High Court.

Concern was expressed at the resource impact on smaller councils of large / broad information requests. The Commission will look at reasons for the request, and seek feedback.

9. Combined Rural / Provincial Sector Group meeting

Hon John Carter

- Continued discussion on the LGA Reform Bill currently before Select Committee
- Not intended to make very council the same with communities driving councils to make things happen.
- Councils will have less need to audit changes to LTCCP's.
- Civil Defence should be a localized issue
- Positive ageing needs to be part of the Council strategy
- Rooding congestion in Auckland gets \$2 billion annually. Far North (Carter's electorate) had 2,100 submissions on Annual Plan for better roads, but can't get any subsidy for capital works (sounds familiar).
- Suggests the Bill will result in less consultation, saying councillors are elected to make decisions, if they get it wrong the ballot box will decide.

Hon Maurice Williamson

- Building Act Review drew 314 submissions
- March 2012 all builders employed will have to be licensed (very few exceptions).
- Questioned whether Local Government is the right place for building consents – would like to see a move to “on-line consenting in the future.
- North Shore City already operates an excellent on-line consenting module for Building Accreditation.

Final comment – *“Politicians are like nappies, they need changing regularly and usually for the same reason”* - [Maurice Williamson]

Note: Hon. Paula Bennett was unable to attend due to family death.

9.1 Greg Clark – Economic Geographer (London)

Greg’s areas of expertise are regional and city economic development. His opening remarks were *“Do big things or remain small fry”*. Trends indicate 75% of the world’s population will live in cities by 2025, and 17 of the world’s 25 largest cities will be in coastal Asia.

Ingredients for local government in 21st Century:

- representation)
- services) - acting on markets
- regulation)
- development and investment - acting within markets

Needs to address constraints, capitalize on opportunities, regional planning and investment in long term infrastructure.

Optimal economic performance requires high level co-ordination between political and economic drivers. Restraints can be political cycles, political money, political actions (short term popular v’s long term economics).

Local government role:

- elected to create a vision / long term plan (only group mandated to do this)
- broker of alliances and coalitions
- provide services and information
- support re-generation’
- local economic development (industrial areas, ports etc)

Larger cities, internationalized cities are more prominent (international linkages). National economies will be more reliant on them. No successful regions or nations without successful cities. They provide:

- global value chains and recognition
- business and technology chains
- attract talent (entrepreneurial)

Require spacial planning to provide necessary infrastructure, focus for investment will avoid duplication. Must develop quickly. Central government needs to provide a co-ordinated / central approach.

For Auckland to be successful, it will require:

- robust / collaborative leadership
- be vision led, implementation orientated
- be able to leverage central government

10. Hon Phil Goff – Leader of the Opposition

His vision recognised the value in local government in meeting community needs, being closer to communities. Sees a partnership with central government, noting previously viewed as master / servant.

Supports streamlining decision making needs, but does not support restricting local government roles - up to local communities to decide, not central government.

Critical of the Canterbury Regional Council response – “chopping democracy at the knees”.

Supports local government bond concept.

He also acknowledged the work of elected members in the community and their commitment.

11. Annual General Meeting

This was held on Wednesday morning – 28 July. The President’s Report will be circulated separately. This was one of the shorter AGM’s attended in recent years.

Only one remit was brought forward from members. This related to freedom camping controls put forward by Zones 5 and 6. This was passed unanimously.

There were two constitutional rule changes related to the Auckland City changes. Firstly a temporary change to the time for nominations for Zone q and Metro-sector representatives to the National Council acknowledging the restructuring / amalgamation process. The second related to voting rights for the merged Council. This had previously been discussed and supported. The new Council will have 31 votes (total 247).

An update on remits from last year’s meeting was provided.

National Policy Statement on Wind farms – this is being worked on by Government. LGNZ is also working with other interested parties.

Infringement fees for Illegal Dumping – no action from central government, LGNZ continuing to push.

Dog Attacks – power of officers / police – DIA have advised that a “first principle’s review” will commence – July 2010.

The next AGM will be in Wellington on 13 July 2011.

12. Summary

As can be seen by the report, much was focused on cities, along the theme of “Building Prosperous Places”. The key messages were:

- Have your vision (Strategic Plan)
- Develop your plan (Development Plan)
- Invest early in infrastructure, including social, cultural, and economic development
- Sustainability
- Importance of global connections

Ashburton can tick most of these boxes.

Debate at the AGM was limited. Only one remit. Previously there was good debate between the Auckland Councils.

Once again, the opportunity to attend is appreciated. The networking is always important.

B LESTER
Chief Executive

ASHBURTON DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

FILE NO: 0720-24-02
DATE: 12 August 2010
REPORT TO: Council
FROM: Operations Manager
SUBJECT: Rakaia Resource Recovery Park

4.6 RAKAIA RESOURCE RECOVERY PARK – PURCHASE OF A MOBILE SCREEN AND RESOURCE CONSENT APPLICATION

4.6.1 SUMMARY

In the 2009/2010 financial year budget provision was made to contribute towards the purchase (with the Rakaia Community Association) of a mobile screen for the Rakaia resource recovery park to assist in composting activities.

The purchase price for the screen was higher than estimated and beyond the Council's budget provision and the contribution from the Rakaia Community Association (RCA). To facilitate the purchase of this piece of equipment, a financial loan arrangement was made with the RCA Chairperson. This arrangement was outside the officer's delegated authority.

In addition we have been advised that a resource consent is required for composting and construction and demolition material activities to be carried out on the site, this is being investigated.

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval of the financial loan arrangement made with the RCA.

4.6.2 RECOMMENDATION

"That Council approves formalising the loan arrangement made between Council and the Rakaia Community Association in the sum of \$9,555.56 for the purchase of a mobile shredder."

4.6.3 BACKGROUND

The Rakaia Community Association (RCA) requested through the 2009/2010 Annual Plan process that Council assist them in the purchase of a mobile screen to improve the quality of the composted material processed on site. The mobile screen removes stones and larger pieces of material from the compost prior to it being sold.

The proposal was that the RCA would fund approximately 50% of the estimated purchase cost of \$10,000 and the balance would be funded by Council. Based on this request from the RCA, \$5,000 was budgeted by Council in the 2009/2010 financial year.

The RCA located a machine suitable for the work. Unfortunately the cost of the mobile screen was \$19,000 plus GST, not the \$10,000 originally estimated and budgeted for by both the RCA and Council.

As a consequence, the RCA advised Council that they had insufficient funds to complete the total purchase. Based on this, it was agreed at Council officer level that Council would assist the RCA to purchase the screen by funding the shortfall of \$9,555.56 in the 2009/2010 financial year and that the shortfall would be paid back to Council over the next two years, 2010/2011 and 2011/2012.

The \$9,555.56 payment has been made.

There is no formal agreement to pay back this sum however the RCA have agreed to pay back the sum over the next two years as follows, 2010/2011 \$6,000 and \$3,555.56 in 2011/2012. An invoice for these amounts will be generated and forwarded to the RCA for payment in each of the financial years.

The above arrangements were outside the delegated authority of the officer concerned.

The following is proposed:

- Seeking Council's ratification of the arrangements already made and as outlined above.
- Forwarding a formal and binding agreement for signing by the RCA.

4.6.4 OPTIONS

The following options are available to Council.

1. Approving and formalising the loan arrangements

Option 1: Council funds the outstanding amount

Council could fund the remaining \$9,555.56 from a reserve account. This option would result in additional unbudgeted cost to Council but would negate the need for a formal agreement. Refunding the \$5,000 contribution in addition to the above would also mean ownership of the mobile shredder would be with Council.

Option 2: To formalise the loan arrangements through an agreement between Council and the Rakaia Community Association

This option will formalise the informal agreement arranged between Council and the Rakaia Community Association.

The recommended option for formalising the loan arrangements is Option 2: To formalise the loan arrangements through an agreement between Council and the Rakaia Community Association.

4.6.5 STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

Issues around resource consent requirements are being investigated.

4.6.6 CONSULTATION

The following has been discussed with the RCA Chairperson:

- Formalising the loan arrangements between the RCA and Council
- Resource consenting for composting and construction and demolition material activities

The development of an agreement formalising the loan agreement and loan funding options have been discussed with the Finance Manager.

The content of this report has not been the subject of consultation with the wider community.

4.6.7 STRATEGIC LINKS

Approving the recommendation in this report is consistent with the strategic objectives in the 2009/2019 LTCCP.

Outcome 1: A thriving and diverse local economy that provides the foundation for a quality lifestyle.

Strategic objective: our community has access to quality infrastructure (roading, footpaths, wastewater and stormwater) that is efficient and reliable.

4.6.8 FINANCIAL

Mobile screen

Agreed purchase price of the mobile screen	\$19,000.00
Payment made by RCA (\$5,000 including GST)	<u>\$ 4,444.44</u>
Balance paid by Council (\$5,000 budgeted and \$9,555.56 unbudgeted)	\$14,555.56 excluding GST

The funding which is the subject of the formal agreement is \$9,555.56 excluding GST.

The agreement has been prepared and subject to Council approval will be forwarded to the Rakaia Community Association. The agreement includes the following:

\$9,555.56 total payment

\$6,000 excluding GST to be paid by 30 September 2010

\$3,555.56 excluding GST to be paid by 30 September 2011.

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Operations Manager

Approved by:

B LESTER
Chief Executive

ASHBURTON DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

FILE NO: 0500-07-07
DATE: 12 August 2010
REPORT TO: Council
FROM: Water Subcommittee
SUBJECT: Unconfirmed Minutes of Water Subcommittee Meeting – 23/7/10

4.7 WATER SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

PRESENT: Councillors J Leadley (Chair); J Everest, K Lowe, N Brown, P Reveley and B Tasker
In attendance Councillor K Holmes; Water Services Manager, Administration Officer and Senior Water Ranger.

Confirmation of Minutes – 10/6/10

"That the minutes of the Water Subcommittee meeting held on Thursday 10 June 2010, be taken as read and confirmed."

Tasker/Brown

Carried

Matters Arising

Winchmore Water Supply

Meeting was held in Council offices on Friday, 16 July 2010. Representatives from six properties attended. Happy to explore alternatives. R Curd going to gather information from each property and report back to Council. Letter to be sent with information and minutes of meeting.

Tinwald Bore

Good bore, producing 70-80 litres per second.

Hinds Domain Water Meter

Water Services Manager had nothing further to report at this stage. Cr Reveley wants the Hinds Domain meter/usage issues sorted out. Water Services Manager reported that this is a Reserve Board/Property Department concern to establish where the water leak is coming from. Water Services can organise new meters to be installed, but not necessarily find leaks. Cr Reveley stated that it should not be 'lay people' working on pipe work trying to establish where a leak is, especially by a public toilet, managed by Council. Cr Holmes will speak to the Property Manager.

Supplementary Information: The water services department is now investigating this issue. Staff have been on site with a Domain Board representative to determine where leakage is likely to be.

SK-AR Racecourse Road Stockwater Race Closure

Property owners affected from this race closure have been to Council and had a meeting with the Mayor. The Operations Manager has sought a legal opinion to clarify Council position if required. The option confirms that the Council decisions will withstand scrutiny.

Mayfield Water Supply

Meeting was held in Mayfield on Tuesday 20 July 2010, with Mayor, Chief Executive and the private bore owner. The bore owner has agreed to the additional testing.

Stockwater Race Closure Guidelines Policy

This will be reviewed but no time for this today. Legal opinion for the Racecourse Road Closure has come up with some good suggestions that will be able to help with revision of the guidelines.

SK-AP Barrhill/Rakaia Stockwater Race Closure

Site visit at 9.30am this morning by Subcommittee members and Council staff, to Barrhill area and Rakaia Settlement area. No easy solution but does need a solution today. Water Services Manager has done an investigation into a possible solution regarding extending the Rakaia Water Supply into the Rakaia Settlement area. These are 'ball-park' figures only and have not been complied by Opus Consultants.

The race closure area in the Rakaia Settlement area is approximately 350 hectares.

190 parcels able to be developed

147 rateable entities

77 properties have improvements over \$10,000

Allowed for 150 – 190 connections, with a vision of the area being of slow growth

25% of source costs would go to the Rakaia ratepayers

Zoning is Rural A

Would be a restricted supply (2000 litres per day) from town water supply

Existing bore is not able to supply settlement area as well, therefore second bore would need to be drilled, with a booster pump. Fire-fighting supply would not be supplied. Would be a 50 mm pipe network, 16 kilometres long.

Cost would be approximately 1.1 million

Cr Lowe - Barrhill area farmers who want the race closed, may be able to fund this? This is a big expense for small holders to find. Cr Leadley replied that it is not in Local Government Guidelines for farmers to pay for a water scheme.

Cr Tasker – Is it possible to have a partial scheme? Water Services Manager replied that probably not as properties to be serviced are scattered throughout the Settlement.

Cr Tasker mentioned that in the site visit they had measured from Wolseley Road to Martins Road, where the water line goes to, was a distance of 2.4 kilometres. Water Services Manager replied by both showing on map and explaining, that the gradient is steep and uphill and is not as easy or as cost effective as initially thought.

Cr Brown – Suggested could put a bore at Hardys Road, then the water would be going downhill. Water Services Manager replied that it could be option to put a bore in on the corner of Hardys Road/Wolseley Road, as there is Council land there. This is also in the ECan red zone.

Settlement could decide to put in a community supply/bore.

Cr Lowe – Could Rakaia Settlement water supply be pumped at night when usage is low and put into storage tanks? It could but would not be that effective or feasible.

Cr Leadley asked if the general consensus was that a water supply was required in the Settlement area to work towards closing the stockwater race? Not necessarily as properties in the Settlement do not have water for periods of up to 6 months anyway.

Cr Reveley – Storage tanks must be an option. Property owners who have been out of water for 22 weeks must have an alternative for that time.

Cr Brown commented that the supply of stockwater has been worse over the last few years.

Proceeded through the 'Submissions' one by one, to look at each property (particularly the Settlement area) to see if they had an alternative supply or not.

Break for lunch at 12.25pm.

Barrhill Settlement – Discussion about property that has a pump supply coming off race – suggestion they could pipe from the stockwater race on the other side of Rakaia Barrhill Methven Road. Potential problems with where to put pump and would require a power supply. It was also pointed out that need to be looking at the bigger picture, and if this alternative race comes up for closure in the future we are back at square one.

Council have earlier undertaken investigations to organise a private water supply for Barrhill Village, after an offer to supply water from Mr C Maw – this would have then been paid for by village residents. This needs to be looked at again.

Looking at connecting into Lyndhurst water scheme, a distance of approximately 7 kilometres away.

Creese Water Scheme (private supply) – Village residents may be able to connect to this scheme.

General opinion was the Barrhill Village has enough alternative options and will be able to sort out their own supply.

Final outcome after going through submissions was that there were nine properties without an alternative supply.

Cr Holmes suggested the race be closed from the junction in the Campion property, down to Rakaia. This would mean the new section of race would not need to be cut by the Cairns property.

Cr Lowe feels the whole race should be shut.

Need to maintain supply into the existing stockwater race where junction is, as is required for both stockwater and a house supply further down the scheme in the Overdale area. General discussion about needing to be more pro-active and look at the big picture. Also be looking at options of larger storage for house supplies and getting owners to be more realistic.

Water Services Manager stated that Councillors are in the middle of a Statutory Procedure and that this meeting is about this particular race and this race only. Need to make a decision, either yes or no. May generate further information after decision is made, whether for closure or not.

Cr Holmes – Cut a new race from Accommodation Road, by the fence line on the Campion property, and shut the race from the junction down. The new race would be 25 litres per second, rather than the 50 litres per second it is running at now. Aware that this does not help the property owners in the Settlement area.

Cr Reveley – Could put up a 2 bay hayshed roof only, with a storage tank for rainwater for under \$10,000 threshold – this solves the problems for the Settlement.

General discussion over 30 litre saving of water if race is closed, and asking if water can be sold? Resource Consent is for stockwater only, and all surplus water must be returned to the rivers.

New race to be cut will be at Campion's cost, as he was the original applicant.

Cr Kilworth arrived 2.30 pm.

Water Services Manager noted that Councillors need to be aware that by adopting the proposal, they are deviating from the Council Stockwater Race Closure Policy & Guidelines, when aware that there are properties that do not have an alternative supply for stockwater for under the \$10,000 threshold.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL [Refer report 4.7.1]

“That Council approves the closure of the stockwater race commencing from a junction near Accommodation Road on Lot 1 DP 23885, running parallel to Rakaia Barrhill Methven Road, and terminating below Baker Road on Lot 14 DP 1017.

Lowe/Tasker

Carried

“That Council approves the new stockwater race to be cut alongside Rakaia Barrhill Methven Road, either:

- a) On road reserve subject to roading department approval, or
- b) On property from Lot 1 DP 23885 to connect to existing stockwater race on Lot 2 DP 3698 subject to land owner approval”

Lowe/Tasker

Carried

“That the Water Subcommittee acknowledges that this recommendation is a departure from the Council Stockwater Race Closures – Issues & Options and Closure Guidelines document, when aware that there are properties who do not have an alternative stockwater supply for under the \$10,000 threshold.”

Tasker/Leadley

Carried

Cr Reveley voted against recommendation as can erect a 2-bay hayshed roof and install a storage tank to collect rainwater for under \$10,000.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

“That Council explore options for an alternative water source in the Rakaia Settlement area affected by stockwater race closure, within the boundary of Hardys Road, Wolseley Road, Ulundi Road and Baker Road.”

Lowe/Brown

Carried

SK-AN Buttericks Road Stockwater Race Closure

Cr Leadley declared an interest and withdrew from Chair. Cr Tasker took chair.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL [Refer report 4.7.2]

“That Council approves the closure of the stockwater race running from a junction at Lot 2 DP 8442 to where it ceases at the coastline on Lot 26 DP 289”

Brown/Everest

Carried

“That the portion of stockwater race identified as an Environment Canterbury drain, remain open to enable it to continue to be used as a drain”

Tasker/Lowe

Carried

The meeting concluded at 2.45 pm.

ASHBURTON DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

FILE NO: SK-AP 02
DATE: 12 August 2010
REPORT TO: Council [ITEM 4.7.1 Water Subcommittee]
FROM: Water Subcommittee
SUBJECT: Closure of Stockwater Race – Barrhill Rakaia Area

4.7.1 CLOSURE OF STOCKWATER RACE – BARRHILL RAKAIA AREA

4.7.1.1 SUMMARY

A section of stockwater race commencing from a junction near Accommodation Road on Lot 1 DP 23885, running parallel to Rakaia Barrhill Methven Road, and terminating below Baker Road on Lot 14 DP 1017 – a distance of approximately 22.2 kilometres, has been investigated for closure.

The special consultation procedure has been completed with the Water Subcommittee having considered submissions on 9 July 2010.

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval of the Subcommittee's recommendation.

4.7.1.2 RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

- “1. That Council approves the closure of the stockwater race commencing from a junction near Accommodation Road on Lot 1 DP 23885, running parallel to Rakaia Barrhill Methven Road, and terminating below Baker Road on Lot 14 DP 1017.
2. That Council approves the new stockwater race to be cut alongside Rakaia Barrhill Methven Road, either:
 - c) On road reserve subject to roading department approval
 - d) On property from Lot 1 DP 23885 to connect to existing stockwater race on Lot 2 DP 3698 subject to land owner approval.”

4.7.1.3 BACKGROUND

This race was nominated for closure by a group of property owners presently serviced by the subject race.

In June 2009 a standard letter and survey form was forwarded to all concerned property owners for an indication of support for closure of this race. The results of this survey and further investigations are detailed in the consultation section of this report and the summarised version was reported to the water sub-committee meeting on 13 April 2010. A plan showing the location of the race is appended to this report.

Preliminary investigations indicate that not all property owners opposed to the closure have 'cost effective' alternatives to the open stockwater race. On 20 May 2010, Council accepted the following recommendation:

“That the special consultative procedure be commenced to close the stockwater race commencing from a junction near Accommodation Road on Lot 1 DP 23885, running parallel to Rakaia Barrhill Methven Road, and terminating below Baker Road on Lot 14 DP 1017.”

The special consultative procedure was commenced with letter, map, summary of the statement of proposal and submission form sent to affected parties. The proposal was publicly notified and submissions closed on Wednesday, 30 June 2010.

Twenty nine submissions were received, with eleven submitters wishing to be heard. The hearings were held on 9 July 2010. Deliberation on the proposal took place on 23 July 2010.

4.7.1.4 STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Act 2002

If race closure was to be progressed, the mechanism will be in accordance with the Special Consultative Procedure as outlined in Section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002.

4.7.1.5 OPTIONS AND RISKS CONSIDERED

The Council has two options.

Option 1 – Retain the Status Quo

Race is retained. Council will be obligated to maintain a service on this system. Property owners will continue to be required to maintain the races traversing their properties.

Risks

None identified

Option 2 – Race Closure

Race is closed in accordance with proposal as consulted on through special consultative procedure.

Risks

- This may lead to criticism for not following Council adopted policies

4.7.1.6 STRATEGIC LINKS

The recommendations contained in this report are consistent with Outcomes and Strategic Objectives outlined in the LTTCP. In particular;

Outcome 1: A thriving and diverse local economy that provides the foundation for a quality lifestyle.

Strategic Objective – Our community has access to quality infrastructure (roading, water, footpaths, wastewater, and storm water) that is efficient and reliable (Priority Objective).

Outcome 2: Natural and developed environments are sustained for the enjoyment of current and future generations.

Strategic Objective – Water, land and air are managed sustainably (Priority Objective).

4.7.1.7 CONSULTATION

A survey was carried out to establish whether this stockwater race was required for stockwater purposes. The covering letter and survey forms were sent out to all property owners on the affected race section in June 2009. The final results of the consultation process are set out in the table below.

	Total	Percentage
Properties affected	52	
Surveys returned	49	94%
Supporting for Closure	21	43%
Opposition to Closure	28	57%

The high return rate of 94% provides confidence that the survey process represents the current views of users on this race system. At the request of the Water Sub-Committee meeting held 18 March 2010 further onsite investigations were performed by Stockwater ranger staff to confirm the initial survey results for all opposing properties.

A summary of responses from opposing properties to the survey and on-site investigation is set out below:-

2009 Survey (mailed into office)			2010 Investigation (by water ranger)			
Bore	Irrigation	Troughs	Bore	Irrigation	Troughs	Area (Ha)
No	No	No	No	No	No	2
Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	5
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	260
---	---	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	8
---	No	No	No	No	No	2
No	No	No	No	No	No	2
No	No	No	No	No	No	2
No	No	No	No	No	No	2
No	No	No	No	No	No	2
No	No	No	No	No	No	2
Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	345.0
No	No	---	No	No	Yes	2.5
Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	82
No	No	No	No	No	No	2
Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	25
No	No	No	No	No	No	2
Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	6
Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	2
Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	2
No	No	No	No	No	Yes	2
No	No	No	No	No	Yes	2
Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	2
No	No	No	<i>Refused To Participate</i>			2.5
No	No	No	No	No	Yes	11

No	No	No	No	No	No	2.5
Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	215
Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	10
Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	4
Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	4

It is considered that an alternative supply of stockwater cannot be provided to a number of the property owners to each of their respective properties for less than \$10,000.

On 20 May 2010, Council accepted a recommendation to commence the special consultative procedure to close this section of race. The special consultative procedure was commenced with letter, map, summary of the statement of proposal and submission form sent to affected property owners. The proposal was publicly notified and submissions closed on Wednesday, 30 June 2010.

Twenty nine submissions were received with eleven wishing to be heard. Eight submissions were in support, eighteen opposed to closure and three were in support of closure but concerned about new portion of race proposed to be outside their properties. Some of the reasons given for opposing the race closure were:

Stock use
Domestic
Fire fighting
Aesthetic values

The hearing before the Water Subcommittee was held on 9 July 2010, and deliberations took place on 23 July 2010. After consideration of the submissions received, the Water Subcommittee passed the following recommendation:

“That Council approves the closure of the stockwater race commencing from a junction near Accommodation Road on Lot 1 DP 23885, running parallel to Rakaia Barrhill Methven Road, and terminating below Baker Road on Lot 14 DP 1017.

Lowe/Tasker

Carried

“That Council approves the new stockwater race to be cut alongside Rakaia Barrhill Methven Road, either:

- a) On road reserve subject to roading department approval, or*
- b) On property from Lot 1 DP 23885 to connect to existing stockwater race on Lot 2 DP 3698 subject to land owner approval”*

Lowe/Tasker

Carried

4.7.1.8 FINANCIAL

There are no financial implications for Council arising from the recommendation contained in this report.

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Approved by:

RS ROUSE
Operations Manager

ASHBURTON DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

FILE NO: SK-AN02
DATE: 12 August 2010
REPORT TO: Council [ITEM 4.7.2 Water Subcommittee]
FROM: Water Subcommittee
SUBJECT: Closure of Stockwater Race – Buttericks Road

4.7.2 CLOSURE OF STOCKWATER RACE – BUTTERICKS ROAD

4.7.2.1 SUMMARY

The Council initiated the special consultative procedure in May 2010, to proceed with the closure of the stockwater race running from a junction at Stanley Road, along Buttericks Road and Inverrose Road, continuing to the coastline - a distance of approximately 11.9 kilometres.

The special consultative procedure has been completed with the Water Subcommittee having considered submissions on 9 July 2010.

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval of the Subcommittee's recommendations.

4.7.2.2 RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. That Council approves the closure of the stockwater race running from a junction at Lot 2 DP 8442 to where it ceases at the coastline on Lot 26 DP 289.2. That the portion of stockwater race identified as an Environment Canterbury drain, remain open to enable it to continue to be used as a drain." |
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4.7.2.3 BACKGROUND

This race was nominated for closure by a property owner presently serviced by the subject race.

In April 2009 a standard letter and survey form was forwarded to all concerned property owners for an indication of support for closure of this race. The results of this survey and consultation are summarised in the consultation section of this report. A plan showing the location of the race is appended to this report.

Preliminary investigations indicate that all property owners opposed to the closure have 'cost effective' alternatives to the open stockwater race. On 20 May 2010, Council accepted the following recommendation:

"That the special consultative procedure be commenced to close the stockwater race running from a junction at CT 295368 to where it ceases at the coastline on LOT 26 DP 289."

The special consultative procedure was commenced with letter, map, a summary of the statement of proposal and submission form sent to affected parties. The proposal was publicly notified and submissions closed on Wednesday, 30 June 2010.

Two submissions were received, with neither submitter wishing to be heard. Deliberation on the proposal took place on 23 July 2010.

4.7.2.4 STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Act 2002

If race closure was to be progressed, the mechanism will be in accordance with the Special Consultative Procedure as outlined in Section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002.

4.7.2.5 OPTIONS AND RISKS CONSIDERED

The Council has two options.

Option 1 – Retain the Status Quo

Race is retained. Council will be obligated to maintain a service on this system. Property owners will continue to be required to maintain the races traversing their properties.

Risks

None identified

Option 2 – Race Closure

Race is closed in accordance with proposal consulted on through special consultation procedure.

Risks

None identified

4.7.2.6 STRATEGIC LINKS

The recommendations contained in this report are consistent with Outcomes and Strategic Objectives outlined in the LTTCP. In particular;

Outcome 1: A thriving and diverse local economy that provides the foundation for a quality lifestyle.

Strategic Objective – Our community has access to quality infrastructure (roading, water, footpaths, wastewater, and storm water) that is efficient and reliable (Priority Objective).

Outcome 2: Natural and developed environments are sustained for the enjoyment of current and future generations.

Strategic Objective – Water, land and air are managed sustainably (Priority Objective).

4.7.2.7 CONSULTATION

A survey was carried out to establish whether this stockwater race was still required for stockwater purposes. The covering letter and survey forms were sent out to all property owners on the affected race section in April 2009.

The final results of the consultation process are set out in the table below:

	Total	Percentage
Properties affected	13	
Surveys returned	13	100%
Supporting for Closure	9	70%
Opposition to Closure	4	30%

The high return rate of 100% provides confidence that the survey process represents the views of users on this race system.

It is considered that an alternative supply of stockwater can be provided by the property owners to each of their respective properties for less than \$10,000.

On 20 May 2010, Council accepted a recommendation to commence the special consultative procedure to close this section of race.

The special consultative procedure was commenced with letter, map, a summary of the statement of proposal and submission form sent to affected property owners. The proposal was publicly notified and submissions closed on Wednesday, 30 June 2010.

Two submissions were received with neither wishing to be heard. Both submissions were in support of the closure, with one stating that a 3.7 kilometre portion of the race must remain open as is an Environment Canterbury drain.

The submissions were given to the Water Subcommittee on 9 July 2010 and deliberations took place on 23 July 2010. After consideration of the submissions received, the Water Subcommittee passed the following recommendations:

“That Council approves the closure of the stockwater race running from a junction at Lot 2 DP 8442 to where it ceases at the coastline on Lot 26 DP 289”

Brown/Everest

Carried

“That the portion of stockwater race identified as an Environment Canterbury drain, remain open to enable it to continue to be used as a drain”

Tasker/Lowe

Carried

4.7.2.8 FINANCIAL

There are no financial implications arising from the recommendation contained in this report.

Prepared By:

Approved by:

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Administration Officer

RS ROUSE
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ASHBURTON DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

FILE NO:
DATE: 12 August 2010
REPORT TO: Council
FROM: Community Planning Manager
SUBJECT: Canterbury Water Management Strategy – Zone Committee Representation

4.8 CANTERBURY WATER MANAGEMENT STRATEGY – ZONE COMMITTEE REPRESENTATION

4.8.1 SUMMARY

As part of the process of establishing the Ashburton Water Management Zone Committee Council needs to appoint one representative to the Zone Committee.

4.8.2 RECOMMENDATION

- “1. That Council appoints Cr _____ as its representative on the Ashburton Zone Water Management Committee.
2. That this appointment be reviewed by the Council at the first meeting of the new Council on 21 October 2010.”

4.8.3 BACKGROUND

The Canterbury Water Management Strategy is moving to its implementation phase with the establishment of Zone Water Management Committees which will develop implementation plans for the ten water management zones in Canterbury.

As part of the process of establishing the Ashburton Water Management Zone Committee Council needs to appoint one representative to the Zone Committee as provided for in the terms of reference for that committee.

With triennial elections to be held in October this appointment would be an interim one with the appointment reviewed by the incoming council at its first meeting. Once confirmed, following the election, the appointment will be for three years.

As the Zone Committee is a Subcommittee of Council the elected member appointed to the Zone Committee will not be eligible to receive an honorarium as stated in the terms of reference.

4.8.4 STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

4.8.5 OPTIONS AND RISKS CONSIDERED

Not applicable.

4.8.6 STRATEGIC LINKS

The work of the Ashburton Zone Water Management Committee is expected to contribute to achieving the following strategic goals of Council:

Ashburton District Community Outcomes

Outcome 1: A thriving and diverse local economy that provides the foundation for a quality lifestyle

- a. A growing population enjoying a high quality of life
- b. A prosperous and diverse local economy, and a skilled workforce
- c. A community with access to quality infrastructure (roading, water, footpaths, wastewater and storm water) that is efficient and reliable **(Priority Objective)**
- d. We recognise the importance of access to sustainable water sources for our economy and work together to make a water storage facility a reality **(Priority Objective)**

Outcome 2: Natural and developed environments are sustained for the enjoyment of current and future generations

- a. Water, land and air are managed sustainably **(Priority Objective)**
- b. Towns and rural areas are developed in a way which enhances the local environment and meets the needs of the community **(Priority Objective)**
- c. Our community understands the need to protect our natural environment and acts to do so

Outcome 7: A community that contributes to improving our quality of life through democratic participation

- a. The community is provided with opportunities to participate in local decision-making
- c. Advocacy by Community leaders for identified local concerns and issues at a local, regional and national level **(Priority Objective)**

Canterbury Water Management Strategy

The principles, vision and targets of the strategy

4.8.6 CONSULTATION

Not applicable at this stage.

4.8.8 FINANCIAL

Not applicable.

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Approved By
B LESTER
Chief Executive

ASHBURTON DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

FILE NO:
DATE: 12 August 2010
REPORT TO: Council
FROM: Youth Council
SUBJECT: Youth Council minutes (unconfirmed) – 3/08/10

4.9 YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING



MINUTES of a meeting of the **ASHBURTON YOUTH COUNCIL** held on Tuesday, 3 August 2010, in Council Chambers, Ashburton District Council, commencing at 5.38 pm.

PRESENT: Luke Howden (Chair), Nick Evans, Izzy Ferguson, Tara Jopson, Jazzlyn Leonard, Kate Moses, Olivia Quinn, Sam Ruck, Stacey Smith, Blair Stevenson, Caitlin Warwood.

Also in attendance Cr Robin Kilworth, Community Services Officer - Jo Naylor (minutes)

APOLOGIES: George McDonald, Shama Putaranui, Henrietta Read, Cr Jac Sparks.

Sustained

Minutes

“That the minutes of the Ashburton Youth Council meeting held on Tuesday 1 June 2010, be taken as read and confirmed.”

Kate/Sam

Carried

“That the minutes of the Ashburton Youth Council meeting held on Tuesday 13 July 2010, be taken as read and confirmed.”

Izzy/Tara

Carried

Luke Howden welcomed Georgia Robertson to the meeting and introduced her to new members. Georgia spoke to the meeting of her experience at the Youth Parliament in Wellington in July 2010. She was there as Jo Goodhew’s guest, representing the Rangitata electorate.

Georgia described the Powhiri, adhering to standing orders ie speaking through the Speaker and participating in a select committee forum. Georgia was part of the Drug and Alcohol services select committee which made recommendations to Government including:

- Increasing taxes to curb alcohol consumption
- Prohibiting sale of alcohol in supermarkets

She also explained her experience of attending a mock caucus – ie National caucus to discuss tactics for voting etc, adhering to party line.

Tara left the meeting at 5:44pm to attend another meeting.

Matters Arising

Meeting procedure

Sam suggested that the Youth Council may benefit from a training session to learn proper meeting protocol ie speaking through the chair, asking questions at end of presentation through chair.

Cr Kilworth advised the meeting of the difference between presentations and debate.

“That the Youth Council invites Mr Rollinson to present information about standing orders and meeting protocol to the Youth Council,”

Sam/Caitlin

Carried

Post meeting information:

Mr Rollinson will attend the next Youth Council meeting on 7 September 2010.

Youth Page

Caitlin has written a report for the Ashburton Guardian Youth Page to appear on Saturday 7 August. Jo will forward this to Amanda Durry, reporter at the Guardian.

Wearable Arts promotion

Promotion at lunch time went well. Awareness has increased. Posters are prominent. Have some entries already. Jo has sent out letters, entry forms and posters to various youth related groups in Ashburton including Aoraki Polytechnic, Presbyterian Support, Mount Hutt College, YMCA, Salvation Army Employment Plus, Ashburton Art Gallery and Jub Jub Club and Disability Action. It was suggested that Jo also send applications to HYPE.

Matters for Discussion

Wearable Arts

- As mentioned, the promotion went well. It has sparked a lot of interest. An article has been written to go in the Ashburton Guardian Youth Page on Saturday 7 August.
- Judges: it was suggested that 3 judges would be ideal; an art judge, a fashion judge and a sustainability judge.
 - Cr Kilworth suggested that it would not be ideal to use an art teacher from school as a judge as there could be a perception of bias. The meeting agreed and thought it would be good to ask Mrs Robertshaw to MC the event or speak.
 - Sam will approach Mrs Julie Brawley as a fashion judge.
 - Jo will approach Sheryl Stivens as a sustainability judge.
 - Awaiting response from Cr Sparks' friend as an art judge.

It was suggested we could perhaps approach the owner of Depeche PMode or another fashion store for judging/sponsorship.

Cr Kilworth left the meeting at 6:42pm.

Budget

“That the Youth Council allow up to \$700 for prizes and a total of \$1500 for funding the entire event”

Kate/Jazz

Carried

It is hoped that much of the expense can be recouped in ticket sales (price yet to be set) and by gaining donations of prizes, food etc.

Stacey and Kate will investigate supreme prize options and report to the next meeting.

Olivia and Izzy to investigate category prizes and runner up prizes for the next meeting.

Scholarship

Jo presented criteria to the Youth Councillors for two different community awards. It would be beneficial to use this information to develop Youth Council's own specific criteria.

There was some discussion on the benefits of recommending to Council that they take over the reins to develop criteria however there were concerns that it may not be as Youth Council intended. Jo informed the Youth Councillors that it is not currently Council policy to fund individuals with grants or scholarships and the recommendation may not be adopted, however it was definitely a beneficial process for the Youth Councillors to work through. Izzy, Nick and Sam will work on criteria and present this at the next meeting.

Youth Forum

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

<p>"That the Ashburton Youth Council appoints Luke Howden and Caitlin Warwood to represent the Ashburton District Council at the National Youth Forum in Christchurch from 21 – 23 August 2010."</p>
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Sam/Stacey

Carried

"Council Sitting"

Discussion was held to organize the Council sitting. Suggested topics included the second bridge, railway station, stadium/pool and issues facing youth including drinking in CBD, lack of lighting in CBD, alcohol and drug education availability etc. It was difficult to select a time to suit everybody, and the final preference was to hold the discussion on Sunday, 12 September at Council Chambers, starting at 10am. The final selected topic was the second bridge.

Post meeting information:

Some difficulties have arisen with the above:

- Difficulty to access staff etc on a Sunday,
- Some concern that discussion on the second bridge may be premature at this time with information on several options still being collated,
- Would be more appropriate to hold such a forum after the election although there could be other concepts which involve candidates being questioned by youth representatives,
- Council sittings are not genuine debates, they are a forum for the representation of views and opinions. Is this to be a debate or a representation of views?

Izzy left the meeting at 7:36pm.

Ashburton College Student Executive letter

The Democracy and Community Services Manager has read the letter from the Ashburton College Student Executive and made the following comments:

- *"Nice concept. Unfortunately as you will appreciate the Youth Council budget is not great and has no provision for grants or sponsorship;*
- *The Council itself doesn't enter into sponsorship arrangements with any group and would be in danger of setting a precedent which other schools would seek to follow;*
- *It would also be unlikely to attract a Council grant in the annual grant process because it is on Education land and Council's policy is that such facilities should be funded by central government unless they provide a recreational facility that the whole community can use - such as a rural school play area".*

Jo has drafted a letter in response and will email and post this letter to Jessie Cross, Head Girl at Ashburton College.

General Business

Second Bridge Reference Group

Sam reported to the meeting that he is the student representative for the Second Bridge Reference Group. He explained who was involved and the purpose of the group. He explained that there were currently seven options for the site. Part of Sam's role is to relay the youth voice to the reference group, so if you have comments/ concerns/ feedback please forward them to Sam.

Stacey left the meeting at 7:43pm.

Upcoming Base Activities

Junior Ball

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Ashburton Youth Council will be held on Tuesday 7 September 2010, in Council Chambers.

The meeting closed at 7:53pm.