

MINUTES of an Ordinary Meeting of the **ASHBURTON DISTRICT COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber, 5 Baring Square West, Ashburton, on Thursday 29 June, 2006, commencing at 1.30 pm.

PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor, Mr M B O'Malley; Councillors R C Beavan, N A Brown, I J Burgess, K L Holmes, R J Kilworth, L J Leadley, K W P Lowe, D N Nelson, B A Tasker, P W Reveley and M J Urquhart.

Also in attendance Chief Executive, Corporate Services Manager, Operations Manager, Community Consultation Manager and Committee Secretary.

APOLOGY: Cr D Glass **Carried**

The opening prayer was offered by Rev Bob Henderson.

Extraordinary Business

“That pursuant to Section 46A (7)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 the following item be introduced as extraordinary business and considered later in the meeting with the public excluded:

- **Ashburton Community Water Trust - Rakaia River Water Take**

Reason Section 7(2)(h) Commercial activity – to meet timeframe

Leadley/Tasker **Carried**

Confirmation of Minutes

Ordinary Meeting 18/05/06

“That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Ashburton District Council held on 18 May, 2006, be taken as read and confirmed.”

Leadley/Kilworth **Carried**

Mayor's Report

“That the report be received.”

Leadley/Urquhart **Carried**

Snow Event

The Mayor reported on the 12 June snow event, acknowledging the work of people in the community who, through their work or in a voluntary capacity, assisted with restoration of services throughout the district.

The Chief Executive advised that an inter-agency de-brief will be undertaken and this will be followed by feedback at community and regional levels. The community forum to discuss costs resulting from the snow event will be hosted in Ashburton next week. Through MAF, a rural community support office is being set up and will be operating within the next 24 hours.

Mr Lester said that the snow event was a Civil Defence emergency that did not require formal declaration because Council received full co-operation in accessing resources with plant, equipment and manpower given voluntarily. It was also apparent that no life threatening situations existed and while offers to evacuate households were made, they were not taken up.

The Mayor also acknowledged the work of the voluntary team coordinated by the Rural Relief Committee, which was set up following the 1992 snow event to provide farmers with animal welfare assistance.

The Government has acknowledged the significance of having such a committee in place and it is likely it will become a benchmark for the future.

The Operations Manager left the meeting at 2.02 pm.

Chief Executive's Report

“That the report be received.”

Burgess/Tasker

Carried

Electricity Ashburton Shareholder Committee

The Chief Executive noted Cr Lowe's concern that the appointment process would not include the full Council. He explained that it is the role of the Executive Committee to seek nominations and meet with nominees, after which time the information will be provided to Council for consideration and decision.

“That the Executive Committee undertake the appointment process with a recommendation to come back to Council.”

Holmes/Nelson

Carried

Cr Lowe opposed the principle of excluding the remaining Councillors and recorded his vote against the motion.

Dog Micro-chipping

The Chief Executive reported on the outcome of the Select Committee review which has resulted in the exemption being extended to dogs kept solely or principally for the herding of stock.

Services and Operations Committee – 1 June 2006

“That the report and minutes of the Services and Operations Committee meeting held on 1 June 2006, be received.”

Tasker/Nelson

Carried

Hakatere Wastewater

The minutes were amended to record that the consultation document tabled related to wastewater at Hakatere. The meeting scheduled for 13 June was postponed and rescheduled for Tuesday 11 July, commencing at 7.30 pm in the Wakanui Hall.

Environmental Services Committee – 8 June 2006

“That the report and minutes of the Environmental Services Committee meeting held on 8 June 2006, be received.”

Kilworth/Beavan

Carried

Finance & Corporate Services Committee – 15 June 2006

“That the report and minutes of the Finance and Corporate Services Committee meeting held on 15 June 2006, be received.”

Holmes/Brown

Carried

Ashburton District Community Plan 2006-2016

A supplementary report and recommendation was tabled along with the Audit Opinion. The Community Consultation Manager reported that Audit has approved changes to the wording of the Community Plan to reflect changes to the micro-chipping requirements.

“That the Ashburton District Community Plan for 2006 – 2016 be adopted by the Council (including the Opinion of the Auditor General tabled at this meeting), and that relevant sections of the Community Plan be revised to reflect changes to micro-chipping requirements included in the Local Government Law Reform Act 2006.”

Holmes/Brown

Carried

Setting of Rates for the 2006 / 07 Financial Year

“That the Ashburton District Council set the following rates under the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 on rating units in the district for the financial year commencing on 1 July 2006 and ending on 30 June 2007.

All section references are to sections in the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002. All amounts are GST inclusive.

- *The definition of connected and serviceable is contained in Council’s Funding Impact Statement and Rating Policy.*
- *The definition for the amenity rating areas is contained within Council’s Funding Impact Statement and Rating Policy.*

Uniform Annual General Charge (UAGC)

A uniform annual general charge of \$91.00 per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit, set under section 15(1)(b).

General Rate

A general rate set under section 13(2)(a) of 0.000458 cents in the dollar of capital value on every rating unit.

Roading Rate

A targeted rate for roading services set under s16(3)(a) and 16(3)(b) of \$0.000848 cents in the dollar of capital value on every rating unit.

Library Rate

A targeted rate for library services, set under s16(3)(a) and 16(4)(a) of \$53.80 on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit (excluding vacant sections).

Water Supply Rates

The following differential targeted rates are set under section 16(3)(b) and 16(4)(b) for each water supply. In each case the differential categories are:

- (1) connected rating units
- (2) serviceable rating units

The targeted rates are set as a fixed amount per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit.

Ashburton	Connected \$254.00	Serviceable \$127.00
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Methven	\$250.00	\$125.00
Rakaia	\$226.00	\$113.00
Fairton	\$435.00	\$217.50
Hakatere	\$741.00	\$370.50
Hinds	\$535.00	\$267.50
Mayfield	\$599.00	\$299.50
Chertsey	\$359.00	\$179.50
Mt Somers	\$449.00	\$224.50
Dromore	\$1,067.00	\$533.50
Winchmore	\$1,354.00	\$677.00
Lake Hood	\$676.00	\$338..00

In addition to the above targeted rates, a targeted rate for water supply, set under section 19, of 45 cents per 1,000 litres of water consumed in excess of 90,000 litres per quarter, to any rating unit defined as a metered supply. Metered supplies are defined as extraordinary connections and non residential connections. This rate is levied on a quarterly basis.

Wastewater Rates

The following differential targeted rates are set under section 16(3)(b) and 16(4)(b) for each wastewater (sewage) disposal. In each case the differential categories are:

- (1) connected rating units
- (2) serviceable rating units

The targeted rates are set as a fixed amount per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit.

	Connected	Serviceable
Ashburton	\$242.00	\$121.00
Methven	\$170.00	\$85.00
Rakaia Maintenance Rate	\$246.00	\$123.00
Rakaia Loan Rate	\$337.00	\$168.50

The following uniform targeted rates set for wastewater pan charges under section 16(3)(b) and 16(4)(a) of a fixed amount on each pan or urinal (after the third) on every rating unit connected to the wastewater scheme:

Ashburton	\$80.70
Methven	\$56.70
Rakaia Maintenance Rate	\$82.00

Waste Collection Rates

The following targeted rates are set under section 16(3)(b) and 16(4)(a) for waste collection as a uniform fixed charge per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit in each area to which the service is provided:

Ashburton Urban	\$32.00
Ashburton Inner Central Business Area	\$64.00
Methven	\$47.00
Rakaia	\$30.00
Hinds	\$40.00
Mayfield	\$80.00
Mt Somers	\$50.00
Lake Clearwater	\$23.00
Rangitata	\$23.00

Ashburton Community Pool Rate

A targeted rate for the Ashburton community pool under section 16(3)(b) and 16(4)(a) of \$7.00 per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit within the Ashburton township area.

Amenity Rates

Targeted rates for amenity services under section 16 (3)(b) and 16(4)(b) are as follows:

Ashburton Urban Amenity Rate

0.000352 cents in the dollar of capital value on every rating unit in the Ashburton township area to meet the costs of stormwater and reserve board funding.

Ashburton Inner CBD Street Cleaning Rate

0.000757 cents in the dollar of capital value on every business rating unit within the Ashburton inner central business district (CBD) **as defined by Council maps**, for the provision of additional street cleaning.

Ashburton CBD (Expanded) Conveniences Rate

0.000331 cents in the dollar of capital value on every business rating unit within the Ashburton expanded central business district (CBD) **as defined by Council maps**, for the provision of public conveniences.

Ashburton Business Amenity Rate

0.002706 cents in the dollar of capital value on every business rating unit within the Ashburton township, for the provision of the following services:

- Parks and Open Spaces
- District Promotion & Visitor Industry
- Transportation - Footpaths
- Solid Waste Collection

Ashburton Residential Amenity Rate

0.000697 cents in the dollar of capital value on every non business rating unit within the Ashburton township, for the provision of the following services:

- Parks and Open Spaces
- Transportation - Footpaths

Methven Business Amenity Rate

0.003662 cents in the dollar of capital value on every business rating unit within the Methven township rating area (as defined by Council Maps), for the provision of the following services

- Parks and Open Spaces
- Transportation - Footpaths
- Public Conveniences
- Solid Waste Collection
- District Promotion & Visitor Industry

Methven Amenity Rate

0.000458 cents in the dollar of capital value on every rating unit in the Methven township area to meet the costs of stormwater services, and reserve board funding.

Methven Residential Amenity Rate

0.001604 cents in the dollar of capital value on every non business rating unit within the Methven township, for the provision of the following services:

- Parks and Open Spaces
- Transportation - Footpaths

Rakaia Residential Amenities Rate

0.000460 cents in the dollar of capital value on every non business rating unit in the Rakaia township area for the provision of the following services:

- Parks and Open Spaces

Rakaia Business Amenity Rate

0.002368 cents in the dollar of capital value on every business rating unit within the Rakaia township rating area (as defined by Council Maps), for the provision of the following services

- Parks and Open Spaces
- Solid Waste Collection
- Public Conveniences
- District Promotion & Visitor Industry

Rakaia Amenity Rate

0.001975 cents in the dollar of capital value on every rating unit in the Rakaia township area for the provision of the following services

- Stormwater
- Transportation - Footpaths
- Reserve Board Funding

Rural Amenity Rate

0.000092 cents in the dollar of capital value on every rating unit in the rural area, excluding the townships of Methven and Rakaia, for the provision of the following services:

- Parks & Open Spaces
- Transportation - Footpaths
- Emergency management

Hinds Stormwater Rate

0.000190 cents in the dollar of capital value on every rating unit in the Hinds township area for the provision of stormwater services.

Methven Community Board Rate

A targeted rate for the Methven community board under section 16(3)(b) and 16(4)(a) of 0.000187 cents in the dollar of capital value of all rating units within the Methven township area.

Methven Community Pool Rate

A targeted rate for the Methven community pool under section 16(3)(b) and 16(4)(a) of \$12.60 per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit within the Methven township area.

Montalto Stockwater Rate.

A targeted rate under section 16(3)(b) and 16(4)(a) of \$382.50 per rating unit within or connected to the Montalto stockwater scheme, and \$12.40 per hectare of land within or connected to the Montalto stockwater scheme.

Methven/Springfield Rate

A targeted rate under section 16(3)(b) and 16(4)(a) of \$395.90 on all rating units connected to the Methven/Springfield stockwater scheme.

A targeted rate under section 19 of \$33.00 per 1,000 litres of water supplied in excess of 12,000 litres to any rating unit within the Methven/Springfield stockwater scheme.

General Stockwater Rate

A targeted rate under section 16(3)(b) and 16(4)(a) on all rating units within the general stockwater scheme in accordance with the following factors:

- a) \$32.90 in respect of any race, aqueduct or water channel not exceeding one hundred and sixty one metres in length, and
- b) in respect of any race, aqueduct or water channel exceeding one hundred and sixty one metres in length the sum of 20.0 cents per metre for every metre where the same passes through, along or adjacent to or abuts the land of such occupier or owner, and
- c) the sum of \$40.90 for each pond service, pipe service, ram service, pump service, water wheel or windmill, and
- d) the sum of \$20.40 for each dip service or extension pump service using water from the Council's water race system.

Due dates for payment of rates

That all rates will be payable in six equal instalments due on:

20 August 2006
20 October 2006
20 December 2006
20 February 2007
20 April 2007
20 June 2007

Where the 20th of a month in which rates are due does not fall on a working day, rate payments will be accepted without penalty up to and including the first working day after the 20th of that month.

Penalties

That the Council delegates to the Finance Manager to apply the following penalties on unpaid rates.

Under section 58(1)(a), a penalty of 10% on any instalment or part thereof that has been assessed after 1 July 2006 and which is unpaid after the due date.

Under section 58(1)(b), a further penalty of 10% on any unpaid rates and penalties to unpaid rates owed owing as at 30 June 2006, if unpaid as at 31st August 2006."

Holmes/Kilworth

Carried

Draft Dangerous, Earthquake-Prone and Insanitary Buildings Policy

- “1. That the report be received.
2. That Council accepts the recommendation of the Environmental Services Committee Hearings Panel and adopts the draft Dangerous, Earthquake-Prone and Insanitary Buildings Policy.”

Kilworth/Beavan

Carried

Consultation on Fluoridation of Water Supplies

The Chief Executive reported that it is proposed to seek community feedback before undertaking the formal consultation process and then Council could choose to carry out both the preliminary and statutory consultations together. It was considered that the recent snow event would have a continued effect within the community over the next few weeks and for this reason Council agreed to commence the preliminary consultation in mid September, a month later than initially proposed. After discussion the timetable was amended with the intention that the survey would be completed in mid October and the results reported back to Council in November 2006. The proposal and formal consultation would follow as originally timetabled.

There was discussion on the possibility of a referendum. The Chief Executive said that a referendum may not attract a meaningful portion of the vote and could be inconclusive. The Corporate Services Manager advised that a referendum of the urban area would cost approximately \$15,000 based on costing of \$1.45 per voter. He said the survey method is recognised as the best way of establishing opinion in the community. A poll of 400 people would give a range of opinions within +/- 6%.

- “1. That Council commences consultation in mid September 2006, as outlined in the Consultation Timetable and Programme included in this report, to establish whether fluoride should be included in each of the respective Council maintained water supplies in the district (excluding the Methven supply).
2. That, if following preliminary consultation on the issue of fluoridation, there is sufficient support for a proposal to be developed, that this be developed and included in the 2007 / 2008 draft Annual Plan for public consultation.”

Holmes/Lowe

Carried

Later in the meeting the Corporate Services Manager clarified that the cost of a random telephone survey of Rakaia households would be similar to Ashburton’s (\$6,500–\$7,000) and is not as described in the report. It is therefore proposed to carry out a door to door survey of Rakaia residents at a cost of approximately \$500. Households connected to Council controlled schemes outside the Ashburton, Rakaia and Methven areas will be surveyed by mail.

Mr Rollinson confirmed that the survey will still be within the \$10,000 budget.

Council adjourned for afternoon tea at 2.58 pm and resumed at 3.17 pm.

Items taken with the public excluded (3.17 pm)

“That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting:

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:
5.1.1	Council 18/05/06 • Property Matters	Section 7(2)(h) Commercial activities
5.1.2	Services & Operations 1/06/06 • Ashburton Wastewater Upgrade	Section 7(2)(h) Commercial activities
5.3.3	Finance & Corporate Services 15/06/06 • Property Matters	Section 7(2)(h) Commercial activities
5.2	Contract C477 – Water Services Provision of Professional Services	Section 7(2)(h) Commercial activities
5.3	Extraordinary Business – Rakaia River Water Take	Section 7(2)(h) Commercial activities

Holmes/Tasker

Carried

Business taken with the public excluded now in open meeting

Sale of Industrial Property – 5 Range Street

- “1. That approval be given for the sale by tender of the industrial property at 5 Range Street, Ashburton.
2. That tenders for the sale of the property be called and referred to Council for decision.”

Holmes/Leadley

Carried

Confirmed this 10th day of August 2006 by _____
MAYOR