

SERVICES AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

REPORT and **MINUTES** of a meeting of the **SERVICES AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, 5 Baring Square West, Ashburton, on Thursday 1 June, 2006, commencing at 1.30 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors B A Tasker (Chair), D N Nelson, N A Brown, I J Burgess, K L Holmes, L J Leadley and P W Reveley.

Also in attendance – Crs R C Beavan and D Glass; Chief Executive, Operations Manager and Committee Secretary.

APOLOGIES: Mayor M B O'Malley, Crs K W P Lowe, R J Kilworth and M J Urquhart **Sustained**

Confirmation of Minutes

“That the minutes of the Services and Operations Committee meeting held on 20 April, 2006, be taken as read and confirmed.”

Burgess/Brown **Carried**

Town Centre Subcommittee

West Street Car Park

Charge for Parking

“That public consultation be undertaken within the next three months with a view to implementing the following proposals:

1. That current restricting parking times for the West Street car park be rescinded.
2. That ‘pay and display’ machines be installed at the three entrances to the West Street car park.
3. That parking fees for the West Street car park be set at 50c per hour, up to a maximum of \$4 for all day parking.
4. That additional staff be appointed to carry out parking enforcement in this area and assist current parking warden staff to enforce restricted parking areas in the district.

Leadley/Holmes **Carried**

Change to Parking Budget

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL'S LTCCP MEETING – 7 JUNE 2006

“That the parking budget and wording in the draft LTCCP 2006-2016 be amended to reflect the changes proposed for the West Street car park.”

Tasker/Holmes **Carried**

Save the Children Committee

“That the request from the Save the Children Association for two car parks to be allocated in the West Street car park be declined.”

Leadley/Nelson **Carried**

St John Ambulance Association – Disabled Persons Parking

“That in accordance with clause 1304 of the Ashburton District Council Bylaws, the Committee approves the following area be restricted to 30 minute parking between the hours of 8.00 am and 6.00 pm, Monday to Saturday:

1. The car parking on the north east side of Tancred Street, Ashburton, in front of 215 Tancred Street (one car park) and 241 Tancred Street (two car parks).”

Holmes/Burgess

Carried

Baring Sq East & Havelock Street – Ratification of Restricted Parking

“That in accordance with clause 1304 of the Ashburton District Council Bylaws, the Committee approves the following areas be restricted to 60 minute parking between the hours of 8.00 am and 6.00 pm, Monday to Saturday:

1. The south west side of Havelock Street, commencing at the right-of-way opposite Baring Square East and ending 24 metres to the south east, to have the bus stop designation lifted and the area designated as metered parking zone, with a time limit of 60 minutes.
2. The south east side of East Street, between Havelock Street and Cameron Street, the 5 minute parking zone, the taxi zone, and the bus stop zone are to be rescinded and replaced with a 60 minute parking zone.
3. The existing bus stop on the south west side of Baring Square East is to be shortened to cover the first 20 metres of Baring Square East from the south west, and the remainder of the bus stop is to become a car park area with a 60 minute time restriction.
4. That the existing parking meters on the west side of East Street, between Havelock Street and Cameron Street, be removed.”

Nelson/Leadley

Carried

Activity Reports

“That the reports be received.”

Holmes/Nelson

Carried

Financial Reports

The over-expenditure on signs is due to vandalism. The Operations Manager will advise whether the work is capital or cyclic renewal.

The over-expenditure for operating costs in the Ashburton solid waste area relates primarily to the purchase of new bags, therefore revenue will be offset by sales.

Customer Service Requests

Further detail was sought on the outstanding requests for service – ie whether there is significant cost involved and whether work can be attended to in the short term.

Transportation Study

The Operations Manager advised that the Consultants will be invited to meet with the Committee and provide an update on the study.

Drinking Water Standards

The Committee requested an update from the consultants on requirements of the new drinking water standards. It was suggested that the update could coincide with an official opening of the Bridge Street water plant on the morning of 13 July, if possible.

Contract 491 Utility Pipeline Renewals

An audit undertaken of all sites last week has shown some work is below standard. The contractor has agreed to carry out remedial work. Practical completion of the work is due on 15 June, after which time a further audit will be carried out. The Operations Manager confirmed that the completion certificate won't be issued until requirements of the contract have been met.

Rakaia Water Supply

Following a recent water shutdown in Rakaia, it was suggested that a leaflet drop to all affected households be used in the future to advise of planned maintenance work.

The Operations Manager agreed to forward a copy of the Issues & Options Report to the Rakaia Ward members. This report will become the basis of a consultation document, a copy of which will be circulated to all councillors.

Hakaterere Wastewater

A copy of the consultation document was tabled. A public meeting will be held at the Wakanui Hall on 13 June 2006.

Stockwater

The Operations Manager agreed that radio advertising will be undertaken to remind farmers of the need to keep their stockwater races clear, particularly at this time when dairy cattle are being moved throughout the district.

Kate Valley

The Chief Executive briefly updated the Committee on the Bond that is required as a condition of the landfill consent in the event of damage resulting from seismic activity. Environment Canterbury and Hurunui District Council have suggested a higher bond (\$70m), however the Joint Committee support the lower amount proposed by Transwaste. The Environment Court has upheld Transwaste's methodology.

Items transacted with the public excluded (2.38 pm)

"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:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Grounds under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
Contracts C496 & C497 [now in open meeting]	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
Ashburton Wastewater Upgrade	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities

Holmes/Nelson

Carried

The meeting concluded at 3.07 pm.