

FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE [\[Unconfirmed minutes\]](#)

REPORT and **MINUTES** of a meeting of the **FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, 5 Baring Square West, Ashburton, on Thursday 27 July, 2006, commencing at 1.30 pm.

PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor, M B O'Malley; Councillors K L Holmes, (Chair), N A Brown, D N Nelson, R J Kilworth, M J Urquhart, R C Beavan, D Glass and P W Reveley.

Also in attendance Councillors I J Burgess, K W P Lowe and B A Tasker; Chief Executive, Corporate Services Manager, Finance Manager, Property Manager, District Librarian and Committee Secretary.

APOLOGY: Cr L J Leadley

Carried

Confirmation of Minutes

“That the minutes of the Finance and Corporate Services Committee meeting held on 15 June, 2006, be taken as read and confirmed.”

Brown/Urquhart

Carried

Matters Arising

Ashburton District General Revaluation 2006

The Finance Manager reported that a meeting with Council's Valuer has taken place. The purpose of the meeting was to establish a timetable and clarify areas to be audited. Also discussed was the likely impact of rezoning on the district's valuations.

East St Toilets

Options being considered by the Property Manager include the possibility of increasing grit height in the flooring and installing a wet vacuum cleaner.

Albert St Tenders

The Property Manager reported that there has been a good response to the tender notice and the first of the valuations to establish the benchmark price has been received. Tenders close on 1 August 2006.

Carry-Over of Funds from 2005 / 2006 Budget

It was noted that the possibility of relocating the Hinds fire shed was considered, however it has since been agreed not to and the new toilets will be built on the existing site.

A carry-over of \$100,000 for the Tinwald public toilets was also included.

“That the projects identified be completed in the 2006 / 07 financial year, and that the funds identified be carried forward.”

Brown/Nelson

Carried

Activity Reports

“That the reports be received.”

Glass/Brown

Carried

Finance Reports

The financial report for the period ended 31 May 2006, was presented.

Roading – because of the snow event the operating expenditure will receive an additional subsidy of approximately \$190,000; this will offset capital expenditure.

Dividends – the Finance Manager will check the accuracy of the amount shown and report back.

Forestry

It was reported that additional expenditure of approximately \$15,000 has been incurred to re-stand trees after the snow event. The Forester will evaluate the trees in 6-8 month's time and review the future use of this and other forestry blocks on the low lands, prior to replanting.

Library

The District Librarian reported that increased membership and issues occurred in the June period. The trial opening of the Library on Sundays has been well received and public feedback supports continuing this service.

The Committee acknowledged the positive effects and improved customer service that has resulted from implementation of new initiatives at the Library.

“That the Committee endorses the continuation of Sunday opening hours at the Library from 1.00 pm until 4.00 pm.”

Mayor/Kilworth

Carried

The District Librarian left the meeting at 2.04 pm.

Elderly Persons Housing

Three tenders were received for the redecorating of seven units. The successful tender was submitted by JA & GD Trudgeon for \$19,382.

Letters of Thanks

The Committee noted that a number of letters were received thanking Council for the assistance provided with snow clearing. Two further letters were tabled on the same matter, received from the Prime Minister and Trustpower.

Youth Council

The next meeting of the Youth Council has been brought forward to Monday 31 July.

Items taken with the public excluded (2.12 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:
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Glass/Brown

Carried

The Committee resumed in open meeting at 2.53 pm.

Family & Community Services Presentation

Denise Kidd (Regional Manager – Southern) and Noel Doney (Regional Relationship Manager) were welcomed to the meeting at 2.53 pm and invited to present their report on the Local Services Mapping (LSM) project.

They explained that the purpose of LSM is to improve the delivery and funding of social services to families. The process has three phases – developing the community report, agreeing to actions at a community and regional level and developing a central response, to be followed by monitoring and reviewing outcomes of the action plan.

The LSM project has been discussed locally with the Safer Community Council, Strengthening Families, Runanga and Hakatere Marae. A questionnaire has been circulated around stakeholders in the Ashburton, Christchurch and Timaru areas, the results of which have been included in a draft document that will seek further input from the stakeholders, including Council.

Ms Kidd explained that the LSM fits within Council's Community Plan social and well-being activity. It is anticipated that the process will improve services between Government agencies and give communities the opportunity to inform and influence policy as it is developed.

N Doney said that preliminary findings show trends in Ashburton are similar to those in other rural areas.

The FACS representatives were thanked for their presentation and left the meeting at 3.25 pm.

The meeting concluded at 3.25 pm.