

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 24 August, 2006, commencing at 1.30 pm.

PRESENT: Mayor M B O'Malley; Councillors B A Tasker (Chair), D N Nelson, N A Brown, I J Burgess, L J Leadley, K W P Lowe and P W Reveley.

Also in attendance – Crs D Glass, R J Kilworth and M J Urquhart; Chief Executive, Operations Manager and Committee Secretary.

APOLOGY: Cr K L Holmes

Sustained

Confirmation of Minutes

“That the minutes of the Services and Operations Committee meeting held on 13 July, 2006, be taken as read and confirmed.”

Nelson/Brown

Carried

Matters Arising

Standby Generators - Winchmore

Consultation with Winchmore and Dromore scheme users has been agreed to and a meeting will be held.

Ashburton Bridge

The Operations Manager advised that no specific discussions have yet been held on the option of using local contractors when the bridge is closed in an emergency.

Lyndhurst Water

The Operations Manager has met with representatives of Lyndhurst. Opus will be engaged to develop options for community consultation. This will be carried out within budget and is supported by the Lyndhurst group.

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The Operations Manager said that CCTV work has identified problems with pipe laying and there are some reinstatement issues. Sicon, Opus and Council will inspect the trench reinstatement and parties have agreed on what is required to bring the work up to standard. Funding is available to complete this.

Cr Beavan attended the meeting at 1.41 pm.

Budget Carry-Over Request To 2006 / 2007

“That the requested carry-overs as detailed in this report be approved.”

Mayor/Nelson

Carried

Activity Reports

“That the reports be received.”

Leadley/Burgess

Carried

Performance Targets

The Operations Manager tabled graphs showing improved customer satisfaction levels. The information will be included within the NRB Survey report which is soon to be circulated.

Performance measures for the civil defence area were tabled, however roading and street services information will be circulated once available.

Snow Event

The Operations Manager reported that a higher than normal level of damage to roads was experienced which is likely to impact on budgets. Results of the larger contracts are awaited to determine whether there are favourable variances.

Parking in CBD

Information was sought on what measures are in place to undertake consultation with affected parties associated with the West Street car park, to meet the 1 December 2006 deadline.

The Chief Executive said that some work is underway including a survey of available spaces in the car park.

It was noted that the yellow lines from the old bus park in Baring Square are still to be removed.

Ashburton Water Supply Upgrade

The preferred site for the new bore is George Glassey Park. The consultant's report is being finalised and the matter will be reported back to the Committee's next meeting.

Wastewater

It was suggested that there is some urgency to provide a method of disposal for effluent and the trade waste bylaws should be progressed now, rather than waiting for the overall Bylaw review.

The Operations Manager reported that the project management contract closed on 21 August and two proposals are being evaluated. An update on the pipeline work will be provided to the Committee later in the meeting.

Stockwater

The Operations Manager acknowledged that there are a number of races without markers at the point where they cross the road. This safety issue will be followed up with the Water Services department.

AgRecovery Foundation

“That use of the Ashburton resource recovery park site as a collection site for the AgRecovery Programme be approved.”

Burgess/Mayor

Carried

Emergency Rural Relief Trust

It was reported that three organisations have been set up, based on the Ashburton model, covering the Waimate, MacKenzie and Timaru districts. The work group under the supervision of the Facilitator, Mr Barry Vessey, is dealing with cleanup on approximately 80 farms in this district.

It was noted that the Civil Defence Emergency Group has resolved to adopt Ashburton's model and it is anticipated this will be adopted New Zealand wide.

Items transacted with the public excluded (2.50 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
Confirmation of Minutes – 13/07/06 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Water monitoring	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
Ashburton Wastewater Upgrade	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities

Nelson/Brown

Carried

The Committee resumed in open meeting and concluded at 3.06 pm.