

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

REPORT and **MINUTES** of a meeting of the **ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, 5 Baring Square West, Ashburton, on Thursday 7 February, 2008, commencing at 1.33 pm.

PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor, M B O'Malley; Councillors R J Kilworth (Chair), R C Beavan, L J Leadley, I J Burgess, J A Kingsbury, P W Reveley, J Sparks and B A Tasker.

Also in attendance Crs N A Brown, K L Holmes, K W P Lowe and J A Everest; Environmental Services Manager, Senior District Planner, Regulatory Manager and Committee Secretary;

Mr M Nordqvist (Methven Community Board) and one member of the public.

Confirmation of Minutes

“That the minutes of the Environmental Services Committee meeting held on 6 December, 2007, be taken as read and confirmed.”

Beavan/Burgess

Carried

Application LUC 07/0121 – Lochhead Charitable Trust

The Committee agreed to include as a condition of consent the information contained in the report's advice note. It was noted that the intent of the application is to construct units for occupation by people aged 60 or over, however there may in the future be times when such terms of reference are not included in the Trust's documents. The Environmental Services Manager confirmed that the conditions of consent will remain with the title holder and it will be their responsibility to ensure the age condition is complied with.

Clause 2 of the recommendation was amended to show that the units in stage 5-6 shall only be occupied by a person aged 60 years or more.

“That application LUC 07/0121, being consent to erecting two remaining elderly persons housing units to complete the six units as part of Stage 1 of the Camrose Retirement Village development, be granted subject to the following conditions:

1. The consent is to proceed in general accordance with the plans and details included with the application and drawn by Connell Wagner Drawing SU 02 A Project 23018-001.
2. That each of the units 5– 6 in Stage One shall only be occupied by a person aged 60 years or more. If there is more than one person at least one such person shall be aged 60 years or more. The applicant shall prepare a covenant pursuant to Section 108 of the Resource Management Act in respect of this condition and pursuant to Section 109 of the Resource Management Act shall register the covenant against the titles of each proposed unit. The preparation and registration of this covenant shall be at the expense of the applicant.
3. That the Ashburton District Council may, within 20 working days following each anniversary of the granting of this consent, serve notice of its intention to -
 - a. Review the condition of this consent for the purposes of dealing with any adverse effects on the environment that may arise from the exercise of this consent in regard to effects on the surrounding environment from the frequency and duration of the activity for which consent has been granted. The actual and reasonable costs of conducting such a review shall be payable by the consent holder.

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- b. Carry out monitoring of the activity for the purposes of assessing compliance with the resource consent and/or dealing with any adverse effects on the environment that may arise from the exercise of this consent in regard to effects on the surrounding environment from the conduct of the activity for which consent has been granted. The actual and reasonable costs of conducting such a monitoring shall be payable by the consent holder and shall be in accordance with fees adopted by the Council from time to time.”

Tasker/Burgess

Carried

Activity Reports

“That the reports be received.”

Leadley/Tasker

Carried

Building Consents

The Environmental Services Manager reported that in December 2007, 61% consents were issued within the 20 day timeframe, however 100% processing was achieved within 24 days. Mr McKenzie explained that consent applications are dealt with in the order received, however some priority is given to solid fuel fires which are able to be processed separately and in minimal time.

District Plan Review

The Environmental Services Manager reported that a number of District Plan related urban issues will be considered by the Review Subcommittee following a tour of the district arranged as part of the review process. A separate tour of the district will take place at a later date to look at a wider range of Council activities.

It was suggested that representatives from the Historic Places Trust be included on the tour. Mr McKenzie confirmed that the District Plan review tour was to function as a workshop and that the NZ Historic Places Trust tour would be more appropriate as a separate tour.

Methven Trotting Club Plan Change

The Methven Trotting Club has accepted a late submission from an adjoining landowner which will see the hearing of submissions take place in late March. Consideration will be given to holding the hearing in Methven.

Electricity Ashburton Consent

The Environmental Services Manager reported on Electricity Ashburton’s consent application to take water and operate hydro generation on the Rakaia River. The Hearing has been adjourned to allow the parties to negotiate following Trustpower’s request for the application to be either declined, or that a range of conditions be imposed if consent is granted.

Public Health

Issues relating to stock trucks being parked in town and the nuisance caused by feral cats were discussed and will be further considered as part of the Bylaw review.

The Regulatory Manager responded to a request for clarification on ECan’s clean air policy, specifically the interpretation of incinerator burning and when that activity can be carried out. Mr Humphries agreed there needs to be better public awareness and this is also being addressed through the Bylaw review process.

The Regulatory Manager reported that Council is required to inspect public swimming pools to ensure they meet the NZ standard for cleaning and training. Mr Humphries is working with Council's Property Manager to identify what funding is available to assist some of the smaller community pools to assist with their training and operation costs.

Methven Community Board

Cr Lowe reported that the Methven Community Board has identified three issues for Council's consideration during the Bylaw review –

- Amend the township's liquor ban to correspond with the Ashburton CBD liquor ban.
- Ban skateboarding on the paved and tiled areas of Methven which are being damaged by this activity
- Investigate rainwater storage systems that can become a condition of consent for new buildings

"That the liquor ban, skateboard ban and provisions for storing of rain water be referred to the Bylaw Subcommittee for consideration."

Beavan/Tasker

Carried

Consents granted under delegation

The Committee requested that future reports include more detailed information on the non-complying consent applications.

Town Centre Subcommittee

Minutes of the Town Centre Subcommittee meeting held on 31 January 2008, were received by the Committee.

Performing Arts Centre

The Performing Arts Centre Management Committee will be provided with information on the proposed upgrade of the Wills Street frontage. It was noted that a draft plan will be considered by staff and Councillors before referring to Boffa Miskell for sign-off.

NE Ashburton

The Environmental Services Manager advised that he is not aware of any appeals to the Plan Change and Notice of Requirement for NE Ashburton, however a late appeal is possible. Mr McKenzie will follow up and report back on the status of the appeal process.

Taxi Stand

The Subcommittee's recommendation was amended to record that the fee referred to is imposed on each taxi, rather than each taxi stand.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

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| <p>"1. That the \$150 fee per taxi be rescinded and the fee of \$75 be reinstated; and</p> <p>2. That the \$75 fee per taxi be reviewed when the central Ashburton parking study has been completed."</p> |
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Mayor/Kilworth

Carried

The meeting concluded at 2.32 pm.