

EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING – 20/03/08

MINUTES of an Extraordinary Meeting of the **ASHBURTON DISTRICT COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber, 5 Baring Square West, Ashburton, on Thursday 20 March 2008, commencing at 11.35 am.

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

Also in attendance Chief Executive, Finance Manager, Property Manager and Committee Secretary.

Items taken with the public excluded (11.35 am)

“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:
3	Art Gallery & Museum Proposal	Section 7(2)(h) Commercial activities

Kilworth/Brown

Carried

The Manager Democracy & Community Services attended the meeting at 12 noon.

Council adjourned the meeting at 12.45 pm and resumed at 1.30 pm.

Elected Members' Remuneration

The Manager Democracy & Community Services reported on the indicative remuneration pool for Ashburton District Councillors to apply from 1 July 2008. Mr Rollinson advised Council that the pool is fixed by statute and there is no option available to them apart from the recommendation. Mr Rollinson also explained that the 9.17% increase to the pool reflects changes made to the calculation, increased expenditure as a result of an increasing population in the district, and includes the 3% increase applied nationally.

In supporting the increase Councillors recorded that the role of an elected member demands many hours of voluntary community service and the need to recognise loss of opportunity in private business.

“1. That the recommended remuneration for Councillors for the year 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009, for consideration by the Remuneration Authority be on a salary only basis as outlined in Model 1 and listed below:

Position	Annual Salary	No.	Total Annual Salaries
Deputy Mayor	\$25,766	1	\$25,766
Committee Chair	\$25,766	3	\$77,298
Councillor	\$17,028	8	\$136,224
Total Salaries			\$239,288

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2. That Council adopts the remuneration basis determined by the Remuneration Authority, for the Mayor, for the year 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009 – \$71,067.
3. That the recommended salaries for the Chair and members of the Methven Community Board for the year 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009, for consideration by the Remuneration Authority be as outlined in Model 1 and listed below:

Position	Annual Salary	No.	Total Annual Salaries
Community Board Chair	\$3,136	1	\$3,136
Community Board Member	\$896	4	\$3,584
Total Salaries			*\$6,720

*NB The total salaries figure is half of the remuneration of community board members. The other half is excluded from the indicative pool.

4. That the applicable rules of the Ashburton District Council for the recovery of expenses by elected members and community board members, as approved by the Remuneration Authority on 11 December 2007, be re-confirmed.”

Leadley/Holmes

Carried

Business transacted with the public excluded now in open meeting

Proposed New Art Gallery / Museum Building

- “1. That the Council adopts the Statement of Proposal to amend the Ashburton District Community Plan 2006-2016 with respect to:
 - the sale of the existing Art Gallery / Museum building
 - the construction of the new Art Gallery / Museum building
2. That the Mayor and CEO be authorised to sign the agreement with the Ashburton Trust on the basis of the draft attached.
3. That Council requests that the resource consent for the new Art Gallery and Museum building be publicly notified and considered by an Independent Commissioner.”

Kilworth/Sparks

Carried

The meeting concluded at 1.40 pm.

Confirmed this 10th day of April 2008 by

MAYOR