

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 20 March, 2008, commencing at 1.45 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;

Confirmation of Minutes

"That the minutes of the Environmental Services Committee meeting held on 7 February 2008, be taken as read and confirmed."

Burgess/Beavan

Carried

Matters Arising

Methven Trotting Club Plan Change

The Hearing is scheduled for 23 April and will be held in Methven at the Mt Hutt Memorial Hall.

Naming of Roads – J Millichamp & Sons Ltd – Carters Tce

The applicant's request for the use of 'Lane' was declined on the basis of Council policy which reserves that term for rights of way. It was suggested that 'Place' be used instead.

"That the new roads off Carters Terrace and Thomson Street within the subdivision of J Millichamp & Sons Limited, being consent 060067, be named Wisteria **Place** (Stage 1) and Elmwood Grove (Stage 2)."

Tasker/Burgess

Carried

Water Storage Structures and the Building Act 2004

The Environmental Services Manager advised that a legal opinion from Council's solicitor confirms that on farm water storage structures, including reservoirs, now require a building consent to comply with the Building Act. Mr McKenzie explained that structures which are more than 3m deep or have the capacity for 20m³ of water are considered to be dams and these will become the responsibility of the regional council to consent.

Issues such as potential effects on neighbouring properties will be considered as part of the District Plan review. Under the utility section, irrigation works are a permitted activity in the District Plan and controls only exist in floodable areas.

Applications will be looked at on a case by case basis and staff will follow up on any structures which have been built without consent.

1. That the report be received.
2. That a media release be made and public awareness raised on requirements for water storage structures set out in the Building Act 2004."

Tasker/Reveley

Carried

Activity Reports

“That the reports be received.”

Beavan/Kingsbury

Carried

Building Consent Authority

It was reported that representatives of International Accreditation New Zealand (IANZ) will be carrying out site assessments in Ashburton between 1-7 April. An independent assessor from the Department of Building and Housing will visit Council next week to carry out evaluations.

Reference was made to the activity graphs showing the number of building consents issued and it was suggested that this information be made available to Council’s roading department to make them aware of the areas where increased development and demand for services is occurring.

District Plan Review

As part of the review process the bus tour of parts of the district will take place on 25 March. The itinerary includes coverage of key urban issues of concern as well as a visit to Hakatere.

It was noted that a tour of the heritage areas in the district, arranged by the local Historic Places Trust, will take place on 7 April. Councillors and Planning staff have been invited to take part.

Methven Skatepark

The Methven skatepark was identified as a dangerous and insanitary building and the owner served with a notice to fix. The Regulatory Manager reported that the property owner has made application for a building consent for a change of use. Once the owner has provided the required information an inspection will be carried out and, providing it meets the requirements, a consent will be issued.

Liquor Licensing Conference

It was agreed that a representative from the DLA will be asked to attend the Conference in Nelson on 10-11 April. It was suggested that Cr Burgess be given the opportunity and if unavailable, the place be offered to a Councillor representative on the Safer Community Council.

Leaky Building

The Environmental Services Manager referred to previous reports on the claim against the Council. The matter has been referred to Council’s insurer (Riskpool) and the legal advisors of Local Government New Zealand.

Heritage Grants

A meeting of the Heritage Subcommittee was held on 29 February, and two applications for heritage grants were considered, being Longbeach Estate and the Menorlue building at Ashburton College.

It was reported that a late application from the Ashburton Plunkett Society was received today and this will be given consideration at a later date.

- “1. That the report be received.
2. That a further Heritage Grant of \$3,128 be allocated to Ashburton College Menorlue Community Learning Centre for the completion of the new flooring project in the main office and MacMillan Room, located at 27 Walnut Avenue, Ashburton, bringing the total allocated in the 2007/2008 financial year to \$4,628.

3. That the pending application from Longbeach Estate be activated and that a Heritage Grant of \$5,000 be allocated, to be used in repairing the roof area of the Flourmill building by the waterwheel and making the area over the machinery watertight.
4. That the balance of the unallocated funding of \$25,881 be carried over.”

Tasker/Sparks

Carried

District Licensing Agency

A meeting of the Agency was held on 28 February.

Reference was made to reported concerns about some of the district’s licensed premises and it was agreed that providing Council and the Agency with evidence and documentation is important so that problems can be addressed.

The Street Party will be the subject of a report to the Finance and Community Services Committee and a recommendation has been made that a working group be set up to review the process for future street parties.

Business transacted with the public excluded (2.40 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:	
10	District Plan (Plan Change) matter	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities

Beavan/Burgess

Carried

The meeting concluded at 2.51 pm.