COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES of a Meeting of the **ASHBURTON DISTRICT COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber, 5 Baring Square West, Ashburton, on Thursday 10 April 2008, commencing at 1.30 pm.

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

Also in attendance Chief Executive, Manager Democracy & Community Services, Community Planning Manager and Committee Secretary.

Six members of the public attended.

APOLOGIES: Crs I J Burgess (absent on Council business) and N A Brown **Sustained**

The opening prayer was offered by Rev David Jensen.

Extraordinary Business

"That pursuant to Section 7(2)(A) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 the following item be introduced as extraordinary business and considered with the public excluded as item 5.4:

- Water Matter
  Section 7(2)(h) Commercial activities

Kilworth/Holmes **Carried**

Confirmation of Minutes

"That the minutes of the meeting of Ashburton District Council held on 28 February, and the Extraordinary Meeting of Ashburton District Council held on 20 March, 2008, be taken as read and confirmed."

Leadley/Tasker **Carried**

Mayor's Report

"That the report be received."

Tasker/Everest **Carried**

Social Wellbeing Forum

The Mayor reported briefly on the forum held on 26 March, attended by MPs Ruth Dyson and Tim Barnett along with senior representatives of Government agencies, representatives of NGOs and local social agencies. A further meeting will be held in June.

The Deputy Mayor referred to the Mayor's diary report, acknowledging the number of meetings and events he has attended, and on behalf of Council congratulated him on this community involvement.

GP Recruitment

The Mayor and the Manager of Enterprise Ashburton met with Ashburton general practitioners to discuss primary healthcare issues in the district. Cr Kilworth reported that the matter of GP recruitment was the subject of discussion at a recent Health Committee meeting and information on how this process could be assisted by Council was sought. Council heard that the shortage of GPs in the district will need to be addressed by the community and the Mayor will be progressing this.

Chief Executive's Report

"That the report be received."

Leadley/Kingsbury **Carried**

Local Government New Zealand Conference and Annual General Meeting

Clarification was sought on whether the Mayor's costs for attending the conference will be met by LGNZ. The Mayor acknowledged the suggestion that consideration could then be given to funding an additional Councillor's attendance but advised that the only attendee costs met by LGNZ are that of the President and Vice President.

"1. That the Mayor, Chief Executive and Councillor Holmes represent the Ashburton District Council at the Local Government New Zealand Conference in 2008.

2. That the Mayor be the Presiding Delegate to vote on behalf of the Ashburton District Council at the Annual General Meeting.

3. That the Chief Executive be the Alternate Delegate to vote at the Annual General Meeting in the absence of the Presiding Delegate."

Leadley/Tasker **Carried**

Services and Operations Committee – 6 March 2008

It was noted that Cr Kingsbury had recorded apology for lateness.

"That the report and minutes of the Services and Operations Committee meeting held on 6 March, 2008, as amended, be received."

Tasker/Leadley **Carried**

Environmental Services Committee – 20 March 2008

"That the report and minutes of the Environmental Services Committee meeting held on 20 March, 2008, be received."

Kilworth/Beavan **Carried**

District Licensing Agency

Cr Beavan clarified his suggestion that, in the event a Councillor was unable to attend the conference, a member of the Safer Community Council could be offered the opportunity instead.

It was noted that Cr Burgess was representing Council at the ALAC conference.

Finance & Corporate Services Committee – 27 March 2008

"That the report and minutes of the Finance and Corporate Services Committee meeting held on 27 March 2008, be received."

Holmes/Kilworth **Carried**

Regional Economic Development Governance Group

"1. That Council adopts, for the purpose of consultation, the Statement of Proposal to establish a new Council controlled organisation to provide regional economic development governance.

2. That the required consultation be undertaken in conjunction with consultation for Council's Annual Plan 2008/ 09."

Holmes/Kilworth **Carried**

Draft Annual Plan and Fees & Charges For 2008/ 09

The Community Planning Manager reported that the consultation will be undertaken until 16 May and a series of public meetings will be held throughout the district, including an open day in Ashburton at the Masonic Hall on 5 May.

The Mayor and Cr Holmes took the opportunity to acknowledge the work undertaken by Councillors and staff.

"That the draft Annual Plan 2008/ 09 be adopted for public consultation from 16 April until 16 May 2008."

Holmes/Kilworth **Carried**

North East Ashburton – Final Consideration of Change to Ashburton District Plan

"1. That the report be received.

2. That the North East Ashburton Plan Change be approved."

Kilworth/Beavan **Carried**

Construction of New Off-Street Parking Area at 344 Burnett Street – Funding Approval

The Roading and Street Services Manager reported that the conditions have been finalised and the consent will be granted under delegation on 11 April. Tenders for construction will be called with work to be carried out this financial year. Mr Robertson said that the Town Centre Subcommittee is yet to determine the type of parking and whether it will be unrestricted; this will be considered before construction is completed.

"1. That, pending approval of the project's resource consent application, Council approves the construction of the new off-street parking area at 344 Burnett Street.

2. That Council approves that the $53,540 cost of this parking area be met from the separate parking reserve."

Leadley/Tasker **Carried**

Purchase of Second Hand Parking Meters

"1. That Council approves the purchase of 100 second hand operational parking meters for use as replacement parking meters in the Ashburton Town centre.

2. That Council approves that the estimated cost of these parking meters at $11,600 be met from the separate parking reserve."

Holmes/Leadley **Carried**

SPARC Rural Travel Fund

It was noted that the grants will be presented to the successful applicants at an informal ceremony on 17 April.

"That the report of the SPARC Rural Travel Fund Assessment Committee be received."

Lowe/Everest **Carried**

Ashburton Christian School – Development Contributions

Mr David Bayne, on behalf of the Ashburton Christian School Trust, was welcomed to the meeting.

Mr Bayne spoke to his application for Council's consideration of a reduction or postponement of the development contributions. Mr Bayne explained that the applicants have concerns about the costs that have been calculated for this development. The school anticipates beginning with a roll of between 30 and 50 and believes this equates to six household equivalents, rather than the 25 household equivalents assessed by Council. Because the building work is scheduled to begin in April, the Trust has requested that Council give urgent consideration to deviating from its development contribution policy.

Cr Kilworth expressed concern at the process of bringing this application to Council and suggested that the matter would more appropriately be addressed by a Hearing Panel. She noted that development contributions were a condition of the resource consent and the process for objections is set out under the Resource Management Act.

"That the Ashburton Christian School's request for reduction or postponement of the development contributions be delegated to a panel of the Environmental Services Committee."

Kilworth/Tasker **Carried**

Business taken with the public excluded (2.28 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:
5.1.1	Council Meeting – 28/02/08 • CEO appointment process • Performing Arts Theatre Trust • Property Matter • Charles Upham Movie • Barrhill Chertsey Irrigation Ltd [now in open meeting] • Methven Heritage Project • Contracts AM-AE10 & AM-AE11 • Sale of Freehold land • SPARC Committee appointments • NE Ashburton Busines Park • Ashburton Railway Station • Regional Council Functions	Section 7(2)(i) Conduct of negotiations Section 7(2)(h) Commercial activities Section 7(2)(h) Commercial activities Section 7(2)(h) Commercial activities Section 7(2)(h) Commercial activities Section 7(2)(h) Commercial activities
5.1.2	• Extraordinary Council Meeting – 20/03/08 [now in open meeting] • Performing Arts Theatre Statement of Proposal	
5.1.3	Operations Committee – 6/03/08 [now in open meeting] • Contract C537 footpath resurfacing	
5.1.4	Environmental Services Meeting – 20/03/08 • District Plan matter	Section 7(2)(h) Commercial activities

5.1.5	Finance & Community Services Meeting – 27/03/08 • Performing Arts Theatre Trust • Property Matter [now in open meeting] Performing Arts Theatre Statement of Proposal	Section 7(2)(h) Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities Commercial activities
5.2	Ashburton Contracting Ltd	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities

Holmes/Tasker **Carried**

The meeting concluded at 5.15 pm.

Confirmed this 22nd day of May 2008 by _____

MAYOR