

COUNCIL MEETING – 22 May 2008

MINUTES of a Meeting of the **ASHBURTON DISTRICT COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber, 5 Baring Square West, Ashburton, on Thursday 22 May 2008, commencing at 1.30 pm.

PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor, Mr M B O'Malley; Councillors R C Beavan, N A Brown, I J Burgess, 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.

One member of the public, Mr M Nordqvist.

APOLOGY: Cr Sparks (for early departure) **Carried**

The opening prayer was offered by Pastor Rob Davison.

Confirmation of Minutes

“That the minutes of the meeting of Ashburton District Council held on 10 April, 2008, be taken as read and confirmed.”

Leadley/Kilworth **Carried**

“That the minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of Ashburton District Council held on 17 April, 2008, be taken as read and confirmed.”

Tasker/Burgess **Carried**

“That the minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of Ashburton District Council held on 15 May, 2008, be taken as read and confirmed.”

Holmes/Sparks **Carried**

Matters Arising

GP Recruitment

The Mayor reported that this matter was a topic for discussion at a recent meeting with the CDHB's Chief Executive and Chair. Discussion also took place on the Ashburton Hospital Model of Care document.

Mayor's Report

“That the report be received.”

Tasker/Leadley **Carried**

The Mayor spoke about the positive reports that have been received on the Ashburton Trust Events Centre since it opened on 9 May, and he recorded his appreciation of the work undertaken by Council's Manager of Democracy & Community Services on behalf of the Theatre Management Committee.

Following Council's meeting with representatives of the Ministers Association on 15 May, the Mayor has undertaken to meet again on a six monthly basis. A report on the meeting will be provided to the Finance and Community Services Committee.

Chief Executive's Report

“That the report be received.”

Holmes/Lowe **Carried**

Deputy Secretaries Meeting

The Chief Executive reported on his attendance at the CEO's Deputy Secretaries Meeting held in Christchurch on 15 April. Mr Lester explained that this is the beginning of a longer term process giving recognition to the need for early input into policy development by local authorities. He said that central government is now understanding the need to develop tools to deliver services.

The Property Manager attended the meeting at 1.47 pm.

The Chief Executive attended the Mayoral Forum on 19 May, where a presentation was made by Transpower and Southpower. The national strategy which focuses on lessening the demand for power does not appear to be addressing economic growth, clean heat programmes etc, and the need for a more cohesive strategy has been raised through the Forum.

Services and Operations Committee – 17 April 2008

“That the report and minutes of the Services and Operations Committee meeting held on 17 April, 2008, as amended, be received.”

Tasker/Leadley

Carried

SH1 – Hinds

The Operations Manager reported that Transit will consult further with the affected landowners and have advised that trees will be trimmed or removed depending on what is required to complete the work. Because of funding restraints, most of the physical work will be deferred until later in the year.

Environmental Services Committee – 6 May 2008

“That the report and minutes of the Environmental Services Committee meeting held on 6 May, 2008, be received.”

Kilworth/Beavan

Carried

Christian School Development Contribution

It was reported that the Hearing Panel reconvened on 19 May. The decision was made to decline the application for reduced development contributions.

Finance & Corporate Services Committee – 15 May 2008

“That the report and minutes of the Finance and Corporate Services Committee meeting held on 15 May 2008, be received.”

Holmes/Brown

Carried

Proposed Unformed Road Stopping - Waterton

- “1. That the unformed roads in Waterton Township, shown as sections 1, 2, 3 and 4 on Plan SO374614, be declared stopped;
2. That the land contained in the stopped road be disposed of to the adjoining owners at valuation; and
3. That the costs associated with the stopping be borne by the applicants.”

Holmes/Brown

AMENDMENT

- “1. That the unformed roads in Waterton Township, shown as sections 1, 2, 3 and 4 on Plan SO374614, be declared stopped;
2. That the land contained in the stopped road be disposed of to the adjoining owners at valuation;
3. That the costs associated with the stopping be borne by the applicants; and
4. That the land released by the stoppage of the roads be amalgamated into existing titles.”

Beavan/Tasker

The Amendment became the substantive motion

Carried

ASHCOSS Healthy Homes

It was noted that Cr Kingsbury is also a member of the ASHCOSS Project Steering Committee.

Proposed Rakaia Medical Centre Addition

The resolution to approve acceptance of the quote was moved by Cr Holmes and seconded by Cr Brown.

Fluoridation of Methven Water Supply

A recommendation from the Methven Community Board, moved Wilson / seconded Lowe, sought Council’s agreement to conduct a referendum to determine whether or not fluoride should continue to be added to the Methven water supply.

- “1. That the Ashburton District Council conduct a referendum of eligible electors in the Methven urban water supply area electoral district to determine whether or not fluoride should be an additive to the Methven water supply.
2. That the result of such referendum shall be binding.”

Lowe/Tasker

Carried

Rangitata Terrace Proposed Road Stopping

“That Council refers the proposed stopping of part of the Rangitata Terrace Road to the Environment Court, pursuant to clause 5 of the 10th Schedule of the Local Government Act 1974.”

Tasker/Reveley

Carried

LGNZ Combined Zones 5 & 6 Meeting – Dunedin, 8-9 May

“That the report be received.”

Leadley/Brown

Carried

The conference was attended by Cr Leadley and the Community Planning Manager.

It was reported that the profit for lottery grants in this district was incorrectly shown as \$740,000 and this error is being investigated. The NZ Community Trust’s 2007 Annual Report is available to Councillors.

The Chief Executive referred to the Ministry of Transport funding package which will include trials on increasing maximum vehicle weights to 50 tonnes. One of the trials, commencing next week, will be from the Christchurch City refuse site to Kate Valley where a 20% weight increase on vehicles will be introduced. Mr Lester said that on an annual basis that 20% is likely to save 7000km one way trips and remove three vehicles from the road.

Cr Sparks left the meeting at 2.24 pm.

Business taken with the public excluded (2.32 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 – 10/04/08 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CEO Appointment • District Plan Change • Performing Arts Theatre Trust • Property Matters • BCI Ltd • Ashburton Contracting Ltd 	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 Section 7(2)(h) Commercial activities
5.1.2	Extraordinary Council Meeting – 17/04/08 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NE Ashburton Business Park • Ashburton Aquatic Park Loan 	Section 7(2)(h) Commercial activities Section 7(2)(h) Commercial activities
5.1.3	Extraordinary Council Meeting – 15/05/08 [now in open meeting] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District Plan Change • Contract C542 	Section 7(2)(h) Commercial activities
5.1.4	Environmental Services Meeting – 6/05/08 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District Plan Change 	Section 7(2)(h) Commercial activities
5.1.5	Finance & Community Services Meeting – 15/05/08 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performing Arts Theatre Trust • Property Matter [now in open meeting] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed Rakaia Medical Centre Addition 	Section 7(2)(h) Commercial activities Section 7(2)(h) Commercial activities
5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5	Extension of Contract Duration [now in open meeting] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contracts C489, C487, C486, C418 	Section 7(2)(h) Commercial activities
5.6	[now in open meeting] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointment of Directors – Transwaste 	Section 7(2)(a) Commercial activities
5.7	[now in open meeting] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acton Stockwater Main 	Section 7(2)(i) Conduct of negotiations
5.8, 5.9	Property Matters [now in open meeting] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Albert Street Subdivision 	Section 7(2)(i) Conduct of negotiations

Tasker/Holmes

Carried

Business transacted with the public excluded now in open meeting

Contract C489: Extension of Contract Duration

Hook Truck Hire-Ashburton Resource Recovery Park, 1 July 2005 – 30 June 2008

“That Contract C489, Hook Truck Hire-Ashburton Resource Recovery Park, 1 July 2005 – 30 June 2008, extension of contract duration be extended for a further 12 months to 30 June 2009 at a cost of \$32,590 excluding GST for the 2008/09 financial year.”

Tasker/Brown

Carried

Contract C487: Extension of Contract Duration

Supply and operation of maintenance services for the Ashburton RRP, composting and construction and demolition waste activities – 1 July 2005-30 June 2008

“That Contract C487: The Supply of Operations and Maintenance Services for the Ashburton Resource Recovery Park, Composting and Construction and Demolition Waste Activities, 1 July 2005 – 30 June 2008 be extended for a further 12 months to 30 June 2009 at a cost of \$202,153 excluding GST for the 2008/09 financial year.”

Tasker/Leadley

Carried

Contract C486: Extension of Contract Duration

Provision of Waste Minimisation Services 1 July 2005 – 30 June 2008

“That Contract C486: Provision of Waste Minimisation Services 1 July 2005 – 30 June 2008 extension of contract duration be extended for a further 12 months to 30 June 2009 at a cost of \$237,163 excluding GST for the 2008/09 financial year.”

Tasker/Lowe

Carried

Contract C418: Extension of Contract Duration

Supply of services for the collection and removal from kerbside of recyclable materials, residual waste and litter bin refuse, Ashburton District 2004-2007

“That Contract C418 : Supply of Services for the Collection and Removal from Kerbside of Recyclable Materials, Residual Waste and Litter Bin Refuse, Ashburton District, 2004-2007, be extended for a further 12 months to 30 June 2009 at a cost of \$444,543 excluding GST for the 2008/09 financial year”.

Leadley/Tasker

Carried

Appointment of Directors – Transwaste Canterbury Ltd

“That the Ashburton District Council supports Councillor Robbie Brine’s appointment as a Director of Transwaste Canterbury Ltd.”

Tasker/Leadley

Carried

Acton Stockwater Main – Possible Use for the Conveyance of Irrigation Water

“That Council approves –

1. progressing investigation and consultation on a combined irrigation / stockwater scheme using the Acton stockwater race network for conveyance;
2. the formation of a project team to include Council officers, elected representatives, property owners, who will benefit from the scheme, and stakeholders;
3. the project manager / project team facilitator shall be either a Council officer or elected representative;

4. the Council officers and elected members on the project team shall be Councillors Leadley and Brown and the Operations Manager and PA to the Operations Manager;
5. the inclusion on the project team of appropriate property owners and stakeholders, as identified by Council's representatives on the project team;
6. the project proceeds based on a project brief/terms of reference document approved/confirmed by the Operations Committee; and
7. That budget provision of up to \$30,000 be funded from the stockwater investigation budget area."

Tasker/Lowe

Carried

LGNZ Mayoral Forum

Council approved the request from the Chief Executive to be given the discretion to vote for the President and Vice President at the Annual General Meeting.

Business taken with the public excluded now in open meeting

District Plan Change – Boundary Adjustment Rule (Extraordinary Council Meeting 15/05/08)

- “1. That the report be received.
2. That Council accepts the proposed boundary adjustment rule plan change for public notification.”

Lowe/Kilworth

Carried

The meeting concluded at 5.15 pm.

Confirmed this 26th day of June 2008 by

MAYOR