

## ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

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**REPORT** and **MINUTES** of a meeting of the **ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, 5 Baring Square West, Ashburton, on Thursday 4 September, 2008, commencing at 1.30 pm.

**PRESENT:** Councillors R J Kilworth (Chair), R C Beavan, L J Leadley, I J Burgess, J A Kingsbury, P W Reveley and J Sparks.

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

**APOLOGIES:** His Worship the Mayor, M B O'Malley and Cr B A Tasker **Sustained**

### **Activity Reports**

Two additional activity reports were tabled to be considered as items 6.11 and 6.12.

### **Confirmation of Minutes**

“That the minutes of the Environmental Services Committee meeting held on 24 July 2008 be taken as read and confirmed.”

Beavan/Burgess **Carried**

### **Matters Arising**

#### **Heritage Subcommittee**

Cr Beavan reported that an updated draft programme has been prepared and will be circulated to Councillors today.

### **Naming of Street – Albert Street Subdivision**

Cr Leadley proposed an alternative name to the recommendation. He said that in keeping with Council tradition where previous Mayors have had streets named after them, consideration could be given to honoring the former Borough Council and Inaugural District Council Mayor, Mr Geoff Geering. Cr Leadley spoke of the significant role that Mr Geering had as Mayor and President of Local Government New Zealand, and his continuing service to this district.

The Committee supported this proposal noting that it is only when Council undertakes a subdivision that it has the opportunity to name the streets within it.

Cr Beavan shared the view but questioned the process. He suggested that instead of an amendment to the recommendation before the Committee, further thought should be given to how to best acknowledge the former Mayor.

Cr Leadley advised that if the recommendation is approved, he will contact Mr Geering to make him aware of the proposal and seek his agreement to having his name used.

“That the new street off Albert Street within the subdivision of the Ashburton District Council, Property Department, consent SUB07/0070, be named either Geoff Geering Drive or Geering Drive, subject to his agreement.”

Leadley/Burgess **Carried**

Cr Beavan abstained from voting.

### **Activity Reports**

“That the reports be received.”

Burgess/Sparks **Carried**

### **Ashburton Community Water Trust Resource Consent**

Cr Leadley reported on his attendance at the ACWT meeting this week held to discuss the impending joint consent hearing. He advised that the Trust is now close to agreement with all of the affected landowners and ecological issues have been addressed through the local Forest & Bird group.

### **Dog Control Policy**

“That the draft dog control policy be received and referred to Council to progress the Special Consultative Procedure.”

Burgess/Beavan

Carried

### **Pandemic Planning**

It was reported that Council’s Civil Defence Welfare Plan has been revised. This document identifies the various agencies which have input into events such as a Pandemic outbreak and has also identified a number of areas where Council will be able to better support other agencies. These will be investigated and a further report provided to the Committee.

### **Resource Consent Decisions**

In addition to the report on land use and subdivision consents considered under delegation, the Committee requested that future reports include consents which have been referred to a hearing panel or commissioner. It was noted that two consent hearings were conducted by a Councillor hearing panel in the reporting period, being Hyde Pig Company and Braebrook Subdivision, however the outcomes of those decisions had been omitted from today’s agenda.

### **Planning Matters**

The report of the Senior District Planner was tabled.

- **Rural Transport Ltd**

The Commissioner’s decision is to be released on 5 September.

- **Ashburton Railway Station**

The applicant has lodged an objection with the Environment Court against the Council’s decision to decline the application to demolish the railway station. A hearing is likely to take place in June 2009.

- **Methven Trotting Club**

No appeals were received and the completion of this private Plan Change will be reported to Council on 25 September.

- **Proposed Plan Change 6**

Seven further submissions were received and a hearing will be scheduled.

- **Lochhead Charitable Trust**

Submissions to the private Plan Change proposal will close on 15 September 2008.

### **Consent hearing workshop**

It was reported that a workshop on hearing panel process was held for new Councillors this morning, conducted by Planning Officer, G Brockie. A follow-up workshop will take place at a later date.

### **District Licensing Agency**

It was reported that the Agency has undertaken to provide hall hire guidelines to community halls with the suggestion that they may wish to adapt them to meet their own requirements.

### **CBD Liquor Issues Working Group**

Cr Leadley reported on the meeting of the working group was held yesterday. The meeting received a draft Action Plan for the Ashburton town centre which incorporates the solutions suggested at the Group's initial meeting on 7 May 2008. The meeting agreed to the Plan being progressed by an action group of the Mayor and Council's Chief Executive (or their nominees), Senior Sergeant Russell and a representative each from the Business Association and independent licensees.

### ***Business transacted with the public excluded (2.15 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:

<b>Item no</b>	<b>General subject of each matter to be considered:</b>	<b>In accordance with Section 48(1) of the Act, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter:</b>	
8	Confirmation of minutes -24/07/08 Liquor Licensing Matter	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities

Leadley/Beavan

**Carried**

As there were no resolutions passed, the Committee resumed in open meeting and concluded at 2.19 pm.