

FINANCE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

REPORT and MINUTES of a meeting of the **FINANCE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, 5 Baring Square West, Ashburton, on Thursday 18 September 2008, commencing at 1.35 pm.

PRESENT: Mayor M B O'Malley; Councillors K L Holmes (Chair), N A Brown, R C Beavan, J A Everest, R J Kilworth, J A Kingsbury, K W P Lowe and J A Sparks.

Also in attendance Councillors L J Leadley, I J Burgess, P W Reveley and B A Tasker; Manager Democracy & Community Services, Finance Manager, Corporate Services Manager, Community Planning Manager, Property Manager, Customer Services Manager, Administration & Records Manager, District Librarian and Committee Secretary.

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 8.6:

- Property Matter – Section 7(2)(h) Commercial activities

Brown/Kilworth

Carried

Confirmation of Minutes

Reference to Cr Kingsbury being in attendance was deleted and the apology noted.

“That the minutes of the Finance and Community Services Committee meeting held on 31 July 2008, as amended, be taken as read and confirmed.”

Everest/Kilworth

Carried

Matters Arising

Parking Meters

The Committee noted that the second hand parking meters purchased from Tauranga District have not yet been installed, resulting in significant loss of revenue. Later in the meeting the Customer Services Manager advised that the Duncan meters require additional fittings and it is anticipated that they will be installed within the next 3-4 weeks. Non operational meters on East Street will be the first to be replaced.

Corporate Services Activity Reports

“That the Corporate Services activity reports be received.”

Brown/Sparks

Carried

Web Site

In response to concern with the declining number of visits to the web site the Corporate Services Manager said that the reason for this can't be interpreted. He explained that the site is currently jointly hosted with a group of 20 councils, however the contract is due for renewal next year. The councils are working collaboratively on other available options and at that time a review of how Council's site is managed will be undertaken.

Ashburton CBD Issues

The Manager Democracy and Community Services reported on the outcome of the second CBD issues meeting where the Action Plan was agreed to. The group also supported the longer term joint ACADS, SCC, Police and Business Association strategy which focuses on the effect of alcohol abuse within the community. Mr Rollinson said that the funding required for the Ambassadors scheme will be considered as part of next year's LTCCP process. Ten affected parties in the CBD have been made aware of the scheme and their financial assistance sought. One very conditional response has been received.

The Committee noted that the CBD Action Group has confirmed its representation, being the Mayor, Council's CEO, Senior Sergeant in charge of Ashburton Police, CBD Business Association, Ashburton Trust and one representative of the independent licensees.

"That Council endorses the findings of the CBD issues meeting and –

1. adopts the Action Plan as amended by that meeting;
2. authorises expenditure of up to \$35,000 from the Civic Amenities Reserve to fund the use of the Ambassadors project for a trial period of nine months;
3. commends ACADS, Ashburton Safer Community Council, Police and the Ashburton Business Association for their work on developing a Community Action Project and supports them in this project; and
4. agrees to negotiate with the Safer Community Council to administer the Ambassador Programme on its behalf."

Kilworth/Brown

Carried

Annual National Research Bureau Residents Survey – June 2008

"That the report be received."

Sparks/Mayor

Carried

Elderly Persons Housing Survey 2008

"That the report be received."

Beavan/Kingsbury

Carried

Ashburton District Tourism Survey 2008

"That the report be received."

Lowe/Brown

Carried

Enterprise Ashburton Client Survey 2008

"That the report be received."

Kilworth/Mayor

Carried

Council Grant Scheme 2008/ 2009

- "1. That the report of the Council Grants Working Party meeting held on 8 September, 2008, be received and the grants listed confirmed; and
2. That the criteria for the grants policy be reviewed."

Holmes/Kilworth

Carried

Democracy & Community Services Activity Reports

"That the Democracy & Community Services activity reports be received."

Sparks/Brown

Carried

Community Outcomes Monitoring Framework

The Community Planning Manager reported that a draft community outcomes monitoring framework has been set to key stakeholders. A more comprehensive report will be produced after feedback has been received at the end of the consultation period.

Parks Signage

The Committee requested that Council's decision to install name signs in Council parks be progressed. A report will be provided to the 23 October meeting.

Proposed Road Stopping – off Thompsons Track

- “1. That the unformed road, shown as sections 1 and 2 on SO 373272, containing 1.6550 ha be declared stopped; and
2. That the land contained in stopped road be disposed of to the adjoining landowner conditional up on it being amalgamated into the existing adjoining title at the present market value of \$28,000 plus GST assessed against the adjoining land value of \$17,250/ha.”

Brown/Lowe

Carried

Finance Activity Reports

“That the Finance activity reports be received.”

Brown/Sparks

Carried

Hinds Fire Shed

The Property Manager reported that two quotes were received. The lowest quote was accepted, being Summerfield Builders, and work is to commence in 3-4 weeks.

Mt Somers Water Supply

The Property Manager reported that the negotiation of easement for the Mt Somers water supply was completed this morning, this agreement to be legally formalised. In the interim, Council has authority to enter the land and carry out the work with access via an easement. When the new tank farm is completed, the land will be surveyed and a new easement, similar to existing easement will be put in place.

Acton Centre

Cr Brown asked whether the request from the Rakaia Community Association to have the Acton Centre painted had been acknowledged.

The Property Manager confirmed that correspondence was received on 25 August from the Association. Replacement timber is on order and repair of the building will be carried out prior to painting. Mr Rooney said that the Rakaia Lions Club had indicated they would be prepared to paint the building and if the offer stands, they will be supplied with the paint; alternatively a contractor will be used.

Agency Reports

Reports of Council funded agencies were presented for the six month period ending 30/06/08.

Safer Community Council – Kevin Clifford

The Committee noted that a number of the SCC programmes have limited funding periods and, although successful, the opportunity isn't given by central government for them to continue and Council by default becomes involved. Mr Clifford was advised that Council will be considering this further through the LTCCP process.

The Committee adjourned for afternoon tea at 3.00 pm and resumed at 3.15 pm.

Agency reports (cont'd)

Enterprise Ashburton – Rob Brawley (Chief Executive)

Art Gallery – Kathryn Mitchell (Curator)

Museum – Alan Totty (Chairman), Bevan Stroud (Treasurer)

Business transacted with the public excluded (4 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:	
8.1	Confirmation of Minutes – 31/07/08 [now in open meeting] • Proposed Mayfield Fire Shed		
8.2	Property Matter	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
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8.4	Finance Matter	Section 7(2)(i)	Conduct of negotiations
8.5	Ashburton Stadium Complex Trust	Section 7(2)(i)	Conduct of negotiations
8.6	Extraordinary Business – Property Matter	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities

Kilworth/Sparks

Carried

The meeting concluded at 5.38 pm.