

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES of a Meeting of the **ASHBURTON DISTRICT COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber, 5 Baring Square West, Ashburton, on Thursday 7 August 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, 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.

APOLOGIES: Crs R J Kilworth, J A Kingsbury **Sustained**

Mr and Mrs Busby (Hakatere residents).
Jan and Trevor Cochrane

The opening prayer was offered by Rev Peter Taylor.

Re-order of Business

Council agreed to re-order the business to take the Sport Mid Canterbury report as the first item.

Sport Mid Canterbury Report

Jan Cochrane, District Manager of Sport Mid Canterbury, was welcomed to the meeting and invited to present the agency's six month report to 30 June 2008. Apologies from Martin Mongan (CEO) and Julyan Falloon were recorded.

Mrs Cochrane spoke about the school holiday programmes and the increased demand for this activity which has seen in excess of 100 children participating. Sport Mid Canterbury is reviewing the programme with the intention that junior and senior programmes will be run separately and the hours will be extended. Ashburton College continues to support the programme through its provision of gym facilities.

The Agency has also responded to an increased demand for green prescriptions and continues to work in partnership with Council on the recreational and physical activity strategies. Assistance has been given to Council with the SPARC funding application and the outcome of that is awaited.

Mrs Cochrane was thanked for the work she has undertaken on behalf of Sport Mid Canterbury and the presentation concluded at 1.55 pm.

Confirmation of Minutes

"That the minutes of the meeting of Ashburton District Council held on 26 June and the Extraordinary meeting of Ashburton District Council held on 24 July, 2008, be taken as read and confirmed."

Tasker/Holmes

Carried

Matters Arising

Rakaia Wastewater

Cr Brown questioned the need to wait until the current silage contract finishes in November before the responsibility for the wastewater operation is given to the Farm Management Subcommittee. The Chief Executive advised that a report will be provided for the Operations Committee to consider on 21 August.

Signage at the District's Entrances

The Chief Executive reported that a meeting was held with Transit's agents yesterday and their verbal agreement has been given for the new signs to be placed at the four entrances to the district. Written confirmation will be provided next week.

Mayor's Report

"That the report be received."

Leadley/Tasker

Carried

Christchurch School of Medicine Donation

Clarification was sought on whether the School of Medicine's donation would be better referred to a health related agency. The Chief Executive explained that the donation is in recognition of Council's involvement in their study programme and the only condition is that it be forwarded to an agency of Council's choice. It was considered that the SPCA provides a public health service.

"That the Christchurch School of Medicine's donation of \$500 be given to the Ashburton Branch of the SPCA."

Burgess/Sparks

Carried

Mayor's Diary

The Mayor provided Council with an overview of meetings and functions attended in the reporting period. He reported that the Council has received positive feedback from the Young Farmer Contest organisers and participants and the work undertaken by staff, in particular the Domain staff, was acknowledged.

The Mayor briefly reported on his meeting with the Minister of Transport yesterday to discuss this district's transportation study.

Chief Executive's Report

"That the report be received."

Tasker/Burgess

Carried

Rangitata Diversion Race Management Ltd

"That the Deputy Mayor and Chief Executive be appointed as proxies for the Ashburton District Council."

Tasker/Burgess

Carried

Local Government New Zealand Conference / AGM

The report of the Mayor, Cr Holmes and Chief Executive was received.

Council agreed that there is value in attending the Conference and consideration will be given to increasing the number of delegates able to attend in future. It was noted that next year's conference will be held in Christchurch and, in accordance with current guidelines, the Mayor, Chief Executive and up to three Councillors would be able to attend.

Reference was made to the "Strengthening our Peoples" technical workshop which focused on youth, art and community facilities in Rotorua. In view of Council's proposed stadium and gallery/museum projects, a request was made for further information from Rotorua.

Operations Committee – 3 July 2008

“That the report and minutes of the Operations Committee meeting held on 3 July, 2008, be received.”

Tasker/Leadley

Carried

Hakatere and Winchmore Water Supplies

Cr Brown reported that he met yesterday with Hakatere residents to discuss issues with the water supply, and in particular, their concern that information requested through the annual plan process has not been provided.

The Operations Manager advised that some information was sent out, however he acknowledged that it didn't contain the full detail requested. This will be followed up.

Road Maintenance

The Chief Executive reported that all known roads which are at risk of freezing because of tree shading have been signposted. A review of other sites is being carried out where changing land use and removal of shelter trees have occurred. This will be reported further through the Operations Committee.

Development in Ashburton District

The Committee's request that the Art Gallery / Museum design and costings be peer reviewed before the project moves forward will be the subject of a report, along with an update on the NE Ashburton Business Park. The Chief Executive advised that the Project Board will be meeting tomorrow and further information will be made available to the Committee on 21 August.

Water Supply Funding

It was reported that the Ministry of Health has confirmed that the applications for CAP funding for the Fairton, Mt Somers and Mayfield water supplies has been successful.

An update was sought on the Mt Somers water tank installation and this will be reported to the Committee on 21 August.

Minor Improvements

A report on the status of the Stranges Road / Grahams Road negotiations will be provided to the Committee on 21 August.

Environmental Services Committee – 24 July 2008

“That the report and minutes of the Environmental Services Committee meeting held on 24 July 2008, be received.”

Beavan/Burgess

Carried

Finance & Corporate Services Committee – 31 July 2008

“That the report and minutes of the Finance and Corporate Services Committee meeting held on 31 July 2008, be received.”

Holmes/Brown

Carried

Harts Road, Pudding Hill Road Stopping

“That Council declares the land shown on Sections 1 and 2, plan SO 302703, to be stopped road, and that it be sold to the adjoining landowner and amalgamated into their existing title.”

Holmes/Brown

Carried

Business taken with the public excluded (2.30 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: |
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| 5.1.1 | Council Meeting – 26/06/08 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NE Ashburton Business Park • C477 Water Services service provider • AM-AC10 Utility Operation & maintenance • Contract AM-AF11 NE Ashburton Business Park [Now in open meeting] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACL Community Support • Extension of contract duration C419 • Ashburton Community Water Trust | 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 – 24/07/08 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ashburton Stadium Trust | Section 7(2)(i) Conduct of negotiations |
| 5.1.3 | Environmental Services Meeting – 24/07/08 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liquor licensing matter | Section 7(2)(i) Conduct of negotiations |
| 5.1.4 | Finance & Community Services Meeting – 31/07/08 [Now in open meeting] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed Mayfield Fire Shed | |
| 5.2 | NE Ashburton Business Park | Section 7(2)(h) Commercial activities |
| 5.3 | Ashburton Aquatic Park Charitable Trust | Section 7(2)(i) Conduct of negotiations |
| 5.4 | Forestry matter | Section 7(2)(h) Commercial activities |
| 5.5 | Lyndhurst Water Scheme | Section 7(2)(i) Conduct of negotiations |

Holmes/Burgess

Carried

Business transacted with the public excluded now in open meeting

NE Ashburton Business Park Project Board (Council 26/06/08)

“That the Project Board consist the Mayor, Chief Executive, Mr Graham Kennedy and Mr Roger Bradford.”

Holmes/Leadley

Carried

Contract AM-AF11, NE Ashburton Business Park Water Supply (Council 26/06/08)

“1. That Council approves a departure from the delegations register to allow the acceptance of a negotiated tender for Contract AM-AF-11 North East Ashburton Business Park Water Supply Stage 1 (external to the park); and

2. That the tender from Ashburton Contracting Limited in the sum of one million four hundred and eighty five thousand five hundred and seventy five dollars (\$1,485,575) excluding GST, for Contract AM-AF11 North East Ashburton Business Park Water Supply Stage 1 (external to the park) be accepted.”

Leadley/Tasker

Carried

Ashburton Stadium Complex Trust – appointment of Trustees

“That Council the appointment of Messrs Chris Robertson and Mike Southby to fill the two vacancies on the Ashburton Stadium Complex Trust.”

Holmes/Brown

Carried

Land Use Options for Plantations following Harvest

“That forestry land identified as being suitable for other purposes be retained unplanted until the Emissions Trading Legislation is finalised; the Council to then finalise a policy to decide how carbon credits are used and to set criteria for reviewing forestry land following harvest.”

Holmes/Burgess

Carried

Lyndhurst Water Scheme

- “1. That Council approves a departure from the Grants, Loans or Guarantees to Local Organisations Policy because of the overriding benefits of the proposed scheme and the fact that the loan will be secured and serviced by a rate;
2. That Council does not, at this time, amend the Grants, Loans or Guarantees to Local Organisations Policy;
3. That subject to Community and Public Health accepting and approving the Lyndhurst Water Scheme Public Health Risk Management Plan, Council approves a capital grant in the sum of \$100,000 for the construction of the scheme; funding for the grant to be from the general reserve (dividend account); and
4. That Council approves a loan to be repaid over 15 years of up to \$400,000 for the construction of the Lyndhurst Water Scheme to be serviced and secured by way of a rate over the properties connected to the scheme on a unit basis; the rate to be included in the 2009/19 LTCCP and to apply from 1 July 2009, the interest to be advised when the loan is uplifted.”

Holmes/Brown

Carried

The meeting concluded at 4.22 pm.

Confirmed this 25th day of September 2008 by

MAYOR