

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

REPORT and **MINUTES** of a meeting of the **ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, 5 Baring Square West, Ashburton, on Thursday 16 October, 2008, commencing at 1.30 pm.

PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor, M B O'Malley; Councillors R J Kilworth (Chair), R C Beavan, L J Leadley, B A Tasker, 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, Parks Manager and Committee Secretary.

Confirmation of Minutes

"That the minutes of the Environmental Services Committee meeting held on 4 September 2008 be taken as read and confirmed."

Beavan/Burgess

Carried

Matters Arising

Naming of Street – Albert Street Subdivision

"That the new street off Albert Street within the subdivision of the Ashburton District Council, Property Department consent SUB07/0070, be named Geoff Geering Drive."

Leadley/Burgess

Carried

Rural Transport Ltd

It was reported that the Commissioner's decision has been granted with no appeals received.

Ashburton Railway Station

Environment Court mediation will take place in December, with the date to be advised.

Proposed Plan Change 6

The Planner's report and recommendations are being prepared in advance of the hearings.

Lochhead Charitable Trust Plan Change

The further submission period closes on 22 October 2008.

Heritage Grant Funding

It was reported that seven applications were received for heritage grant funding and two applicants have been successful. A further four applicants have been asked to provide more information and their requests will be reconsidered before the end of the year. The sum of \$38,881 in the heritage grant fund remains unallocated.

- "1. That the Holy Name Parish Ashburton be granted \$2,875 to replace a rotten window frame, repair barge boards and replace damaged roof tiles on Catholic Presbytery;
2. That St Andrews Presbyterian Church, be granted \$3,225 to replace cracked plaster on parapet of church;
3. That the application from the Staveley Hall Society for \$2,354 be declined, as it did not fit the criteria of the Heritage Grant Policy;

Beavan/Tasker

Carried

The final programme of events for the Turton 150 year anniversary celebrations was tabled. Cr Beavan reported that regardless of there being no specific budget for this event, there has been an overwhelming response from local organisations and groups and numerous activities are planned from 25 October through to the end of November.

The Parks Manager spoke about a commemorative panel being prepared which will be placed at the site of the original Turton accommodation house. Mr Askin suggested that this will be the first of a number of historic sites throughout the district that could be identified in this way.

- “1. That \$3,500 be allocated from the Heritage Grant Fund for an information panel depicting the Turton Accommodation House and history which is being organised by Parks Manager and Heritage Subcommittee as part of the 150th Anniversary of Settlement of Ashburton Township;
2. That \$400 be allocated from the Heritage Grant Fund for the prizes associated with the colouring competition which has gone out to all schools in Ashburton District.

Beavan/Tasker

Carried

Activity Reports

“That the reports be received.”

Leadley/Kingsbury

Carried

Building Accreditation

The Environmental Services Manager tabled a supplementary report on the process that has resulted in the Council achieving accreditation as a building consent authority. Mr McKenzie spoke about the considerable contribution made by building consent officers who have undertaken the necessary training to meet accreditation requirements.

“That the report be received and the contribution of staff be acknowledged.”

Leadley/Tasker

Carried

On Farm Reservoirs

The Environmental Services Manager reported that a determination has been sought from the Department of Building & Housing to establish the separation distance required between a dwelling and a reservoir. Mr McKenzie said that on-farm reservoirs meet the definition of a swimming pool and as such are required to be fenced. This will be given further publicity. Mr McKenzie said that the determination from Building & Housing may require the dwelling to be fenced. He noted that a separation distance between a dwelling and a pond of not less than 75 metres was identified by a Coroner.

The Committee will be advised when the determination is received.

Small Villages Development Plans

Copies of the Plans are now available for Councillors.

Planning Workshop

It is proposed that a second workshop for Councillors on the Resource Management Act, District Plan, and resource consent processes will be held before the end of the year. Cr Kilworth reported that the NZ Planning Institute has been asked whether they have information on pre-accreditation training for Councillors.

KBK Consent Hearing

The Senior District Planner confirmed that there were a number of residents in the vicinity of the proposed child daycare facility on Middle Road who raised concerns. The issues were primarily related to transport and noise during construction and the ongoing operation of the facility. Mr Kloosterman said that conditions to mitigate adverse effects have been imposed, including acoustic fencing near the site access. He said that the submitters now have the opportunity to appeal the decision.

Valetta Consent Hearing

It was noted that the hearing has been tentatively scheduled by ECan for the week 17-21 November 2008.

Arowhenua Marae Visit

Following a meeting with the Arowhenua Marae Committee on 18 September, it was reported that the full Council visit to the Marae has been scheduled for Wednesday 26 November.

Financials

The Environmental Services Manager explained that a number of transfers are yet to be made with a total of \$71,000 rate funding to be credited.

The meeting concluded at 2.15 pm.