

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

REPORT and **MINUTES** of a meeting of the **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, 5 Baring Square West, Ashburton, on Thursday 23 April 2009, commencing at 1.30 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors B A Tasker (Chair), L J Leadley, N A Brown, I J Burgess, J A Everest, K W P Lowe and P W Reveley.

Also in attendance Councillors R C Beavan and R J Kilworth; Roading & Street Services Manager, Water Services Manager and Committee Secretary.

One member of the public attended.

APOLOGIES: Mayor M B O'Malley; Crs K L Holmes, J A Kingsbury, J Sparks **Sustained**

Confirmation of Minutes

"That the minutes of the Operations Committee meeting held on 12 March, 2009, be taken as read and confirmed."

Leadley/Burgess

Carried

Matters Arising

Trade Waste Bylaw

Letters have been sent to the former working party members.

Vandalism

The Committee heard that the Domain brick wall has been vandalised again. The suggestion that security cameras be installed will be referred to the Parks Manager.

Bulk Filling Points

The Water Services Manager reported that the operation and maintenance costs of running the new facilities has been discussed with the Finance Manager. Most of the costs relate to replacement of equipment and it is therefore appropriate for the income derived to go back to that scheme.

Road Closure – Ashburton Car Club

The Committee approved the road closure request subject to the 12 conditions of closure. The Roading & Street Services Manager reported that the one objection received was subsequently withdrawn.

"That the following roads be closed to ordinary vehicular traffic from 8.00 pm on Friday 8 May 2009 to 8.00 pm on Sunday 10 May 2009, for the purpose of allowing the Ashburton Car Club to hold a Street Sprint meeting

Smallbone Drive, from River Terrace to Robinson Street

Robinson Street, from Smallbone Drive to McNally Street

Watson Street, from Range Street to Robinson Street

McNally Street, from Range Street to the end of the street."

Leadley/Burgess

Carried

Activity Reports

"That the reports be received."

Brown/Everest

Carried

Financials

Reports for the period 1 July to 28 February 2009, were received.

Ashburton Business Estate

The structure plan is to be lodged and tenders called within two months. Work to be carried out inside the Business Estate will be competitively tendered.

Crash reports

The Roading & Street Services Manager advised that driver age information is no longer available to Council for inclusion in the reports. A request has been made for this decision, made by Police at a national level, to be reviewed.

Sealed road rehabilitation

The Roading and Street Services Manager explained that with available funding now confirmed work will commence on this contract. An additional 2.9km of sealing will be carried out on Ealing Road between SH1 and Boundary Road.

Footpath maintenance

The Roading and Street Services Manager was asked to progress the reinstatement of footpath following construction of the new Trust building on the East Street / Burnett Street corner. Mr Robertson said that responsibility for the work is being addressed by the building owner and contractor. He confirmed that if the reinstatement work is not underway by May, Council will arrange for this to be done at the building owner's cost.

Trees shading roads

The Committee noted that a number of property owners have not responded to Council's request to trim trees which are shading roads. Mr Robertson advised that necessary work will be carried out by Council's contractor at the property owners' costs.

Extraordinary connections

The Water Services Manager was requested to check that properties with extraordinary connections are all paying the required rate.

Tinwald bore

Options to progress this project will be discussed by the Water Services Subcommittee with this meeting to be held as soon as possible. The Water Services Manager confirmed that drilling the well in the Ashburton domain will commence.

Hakaterē CAP funding

An application for the Ministry of Health's CAP funding has been lodged with the outcome expected to be known in August / September this year.

Mayfield water upgrade

A public meeting will be held on 28 April at the Mayfield Rugby Clubrooms to update residents on the work associated with the proposed water supply upgrade.

Race closures

It was reported that 41 of the 43 applications received for race closures since July 2008 have been approved. One application was declined and the other is awaiting further information.

Construction and demolition waste

The Operations Manager reported that a meeting was held with interested parties to co-ordinate the disposal of construction and demolition waste. Council's contractors are working with local builders / demolishers to minimize the amount of sorting required. Education and revisiting the services provided will be part of the process to develop changes.

Chemical disposal

The Operations Manager advised that Council may need to include a request for funding in its submission to ECan's LTCCP to ensure continuation of the collection of unwanted chemicals programme.

Civil Defence

Cr Holmes reported briefly on the meeting held in Christchurch yesterday where it was suggested that there needs to be an integrated programme between Biosecurity and Civil Defence. This was received favourably by the Minister and is to be progressed.

Cr Leadley advised that the Rural Relief Trust now has a Memorandum of Understanding with Government and receives some funding, on the basis that the Trust is also required to respond to financial stress resulting from a natural disaster. It was noted that a seminar will be held in Ashburton on 11 May as part of the Rural Relief Trust's AGM and Councillors who are interested are invited to attend.

Farm Management Subcommittee

A meeting of the Farm Management Subcommittee was held on 12 March. Cr Brown reported that the option to spray, cultivate, level and drill the paddocks at the Rakaia wastewater site is being progressed.

The meeting concluded at 3.05 pm.