

FINANCE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE UNCONFIRMED

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 June 2009, commencing at 1.30 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors K L Holmes (Chair), N A Brown, R J Kilworth, J A Kingsbury, K W P Lowe, J A Everest 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 and Committee Secretary.

APOLOGY: His Worship the Mayor, M B O'Malley and Cr R C Beavan **Sustained**

Confirmation of Minutes

“That the minutes of the Finance and Community Services Committee meeting held on 7 May 2009, be taken as read and confirmed.”

Kingsbury/Brown **Carried**

Matters Arising

Vandalism and security

As part of Council's contract with Electricity Ashburton, new and replacement light fittings will be installed along The Green next week. Mr Rollinson reported that lighting along the pathway has been inadequate for some time because of the cost and time involved to replace. The new fittings will be easier to install and a standby supply will be retained so that lights can be replaced as required.

A report of vandalism in Argyle Park, involving holes being dug at random, will be referred to the Parks Manager.

Camping ground

The draft camping ground strategy is being progressed by the Property & Investment Subcommittee.

Corporate Services Activity Reports

The Records & Administration Manager and Customer Services Manager were in attendance.

“That the Corporate Services activity reports be received.”

Kingsbury/Sparks **Carried**

Reserve Board and Hall Committee Forum

The Administration & Records Manager reported that the triennial forum on 20 May was well attended and positive feedback has been received from reserve board and hall representatives.

Parking

Clarification was sought on why the graph showing parking infringement revenue did not reflect forecast unfavourable variance (shown in the financial report). It was reported that the amount is consistent with last year's actual expenditure but the higher amount budgeted had included provision for pay and display parking in the West Street car park and this work has not been carried out.

Mail Management

The Committee continues to be concerned at the number of uncompleted and overdue mail responses. Further information has been requested from the areas where this is occurring and why there are delays in responding.

Road Closure – Manu Korero

“That the following road be closed to ordinary vehicular traffic from 7.00 am until 8.30 am on Friday 26 June, 2009, for the purpose of allowing Manu Korero to hold a Maori Challenge and Welcome –

WILLS STREET, from Neumann’s Tyre Services to Cass Street.”

Kilworth/Everest

Carried

Democracy & Community Services Activity Reports

“That the Corporate Services activity reports be received.”

Brown/Kilworth

Carried

Tinwald Domain

Parks staff were commended for their work in the Tinwald Domain where trees have been pruned and various areas re-shaped. This work has contributed significantly to the planned beautification of the Domain.

Reference was made to the Domain’s development plan and the moratorium that was imposed on further building and development on the reserve until June this year. Cr Kilworth advised that the Board will be meeting with the Domain lessees on 29 June and it may be that a request will come to Council on 30 June seeking to extend or remove the moratorium. The Board will be progressing the development plan when it meets in July.

Housing & Social Services

The Committee received the report and minutes of the Housing & Social Services Subcommittee meeting held on 13 May. Reference was made to discussion about demand for pensioner housing at Rakaia and Methven. It was agreed that while there is no apparent demand for additional housing in the townships, the matter will be raised by Council’s representatives on the Methven Community Board and Rakaia Community Association.

The draft terms of reference proposed by the Subcommittee will be further reviewed.

Finance Activity Reports

“That the Finance activity reports be received.”

Brown/Kilworth

Carried

Financials

The financial reports were presented for the period ended 31 May 2009.

- Loan guarantees have been included and external debt levels. Comparisons have been included in the debtors report to show the movement in debtors from the last report.
- The advances that were shown as different amounts in the previous investment and balance reports relate to an error in the Lyndhurst water scheme activity. This will be explained in the next financial report.

Business transacted with the public excluded (2.05 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 – 7/05/09 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• BCI Ltd• Ashburton Aquatic Park Trust• Art Gallery / Museum• ACL Draft statement of intent• Property matters	Section 7(2)(h) Section 7(2)(h) Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities Commercial activities Commercial activities
8.2	Methven Heritage Assn Snow & Grain	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
8.3	Property Matter	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
8.4	Property Matter	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
8.5	Property Matter	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
8.6	Property Matter	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
8.7	Property Matter	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
8.8	Property activity report	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
8.9	Police Report	Section 7(2)(f)	Maintain effective conduct of public affairs

Brown/Lowe

Carried

Business transacted with the public excluded now in open meeting

Methven Heritage Association’s NZ Grain & Snow Centre

“That the Methven Heritage Association be advanced \$500,000 being the balance of Council’s contribution to the NZ Grain & Snow Centre project, subject to the acceptance of tender.”

Kilworth/Everest

Carried

The meeting concluded at 4.08 pm.