

## OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

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**REPORT** and **MINUTES** of a meeting of the **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, 5 Baring Square West, Ashburton, on Thursday 27 August 2009, commencing at 1.30 pm.

**PRESENT:** Mayor M B O'Malley; Councillors B A Tasker (Chair), L J Leadley, N A Brown, I J Burgess, K L Holmes, J A Everest and P W Reveley.

Also in attendance Councillors R J Kilworth and J A Kingsbury; Operations Manager, Water Services Manager, Roading & Street Services Manager and Committee Secretary.

Eight members of the public attended.

**APOLOGIES:** Crs K Lowe, J Sparks, R Beavan

**Sustained**

### **Extraordinary Business**

“That pursuant to Section 7(2)(A) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 the following item be introduced and considered as extraordinary business:

- Proposed changes to parking – Wills Street and East / Cameron Streets

*Reason: To consider and approve recommendations from the Town Centre Subcommittee meeting.*

Leadley/Everest

**Carried**

### **Public Forum**

The Committee received a deputation of Westpark Close residents, Michael Rushton, David Jones, Dave Whalley and Andrew Lilley. The residents of Westpark Close have asked Council to clean up the swale at the entrance to their subdivision. They spoke about their concerns with the unsightliness, which is having a negative effect on property valuations, and the health and safety issues – the swale frequently collects water and rubbish.

The residents would like to see the swale cleaned out and attractively planted. They have also offered their time and labour to assist Council with the cleanup.

### **Confirmation of Minutes**

“That the minutes of the Operations Committee meeting held on 23 July, 2009, as amended, be taken as read and confirmed.”

Leadley/Brown

**Carried**

### **Matters Arising**

#### **Water supplies**

The Water Services Manager reported that consultation is yet to be undertaken with Winchmore-Dromore scheme users. The investigation work is being negotiated with Council's service provider and that contract is yet to be signed. Mr Guthrie explained that the key requirement of the work is to identify the scheme's total capacity.

#### **Wilkins Road Wastewater Site**

The Water Services Manager acknowledged that contractors have not yet been given access to the site. This matter and Council's utilities contract for the current year is under discussion with the contractor.

The Operations Manager advised that the capital works referred to are not to facilitate disposal of material but relate to health and safety issues and the 24 hour access that will be required.

Councillors expressed their concern at the time that has been taken to resolve this issue for the septic waste disposal contractors.

### **Carry-Over of Funds from 2008-2009 Annual Plan to 2009/2010**

The Committee supported the proposed carry-overs but questioned whether penalty rates would be applied if work is not completed in time. The Roading & Street Services Manager explained that delays in roading work are generally as a result of wet weather – there will be no additional cost to Council for the carry-over. Water services work has been delayed because of increased work scope and, in some cases, material supply.

In response to concern about the standard of work on the Tinwald Domain toilets, Mr Robertson reported that a maintenance package has been prepared and will be attended to by the builder.

### **RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL**

“That the requested carry-overs from the 2008-2009 Annual Plan to 2009-2010, as detailed in this report, be recommended to Council for approval.”

Holmes/Brown

**Carried**

### **Parking in Wills Street – Adjacent to Events Centre / Cinema**

- “1. That an operation mobility parking space be provided at the south west end of Wills Street outside the cinema adjacent to the existing kerb protrusion, and that there be a 120 minute zone parking time applied to this space.
2. The time in the zoned parking area in front of the Ashburton Trust Event Centre and the Cinema, which is currently set at 5 minutes, be changed to 30 minutes at all times.”

Leadley/Burgess

**Carried**

### **Proposed Changes to Zone Parking Times – East St & Cameron St**

“That the following posted zoned parking times be confirmed:

1. East Street, from Havelock Street to Wills Street, on the north west side, be zoned parking with a maximum permitted parking time of 60 minutes, with parking permitted in marked parking spaces only;
2. Cameron Street, from East Street to Baring Square East, south west side, be zoned parking with a maximum permitted parking time of 60 minutes, with parking permitted in marked parking spaces only; and
3. Cameron Street, from East Street to Victoria Street, north east side, be zoned parking with a maximum permitted parking time of 60 minutes, with parking permitted in marked parking spaces only.”

Holmes/Everest

**Carried**

### **Activity Reports**

“That the reports be received.”

Holmes/Brown

**Carried**

### **Stockwater**

The Commissioner’s decision on the Rangitata Conservation Order consent is awaited. The Acton intake will need to be resolved.

### **RLT Funding**

It was reported that the RLT programme has been approved today with the following notified –

- Council’s minor improvements funding reduced by \$143K
- Reduction in road safety funding of \$25K
- Ashburton parking study has not been funded (requires \$15K to complete)
- Ashburton Business Estate rail hub – deleted.
- Walnut Ave intersection upgrade programmed for year 3
- Lagmhor Rd / Agnes St / SH1 upgrade – funding in each of years 1, 2 and 3
- Ashburton River bridge cycleway programmed in years 1, 2 and 3.

The Roothing & Street Services Manager will prepare a report for Councillors. The Operations Manager referred to the removal of the rail hub funding and explained that other funding avenues are able to be pursued.

### **Road Safety**

Cr Brown referred to the road count statistics taken on Fairfield Road which showed that speeding traffic, particularly heavy vehicles, is an issue. He asked for this information to be forwarded to the Police.

### **General Maintenance**

The Roothing & Street Services Manager spoke about the effect of a wet winter on the district’s roads and the increased repair costs. It was noted that gritting work was undertaken on 1760 lane kilometers of road, costing more than twice the amount budgeted for the full year. The Committee questioned this, noting a report of one road that was gritted three times in one day. Mr Robertson acknowledged that some of the work may not have been necessary and this will be followed up with the contractor. He will also follow up on the roads where graders have counteracted the benefits of the road ‘disking’ work.

The Mayor reported that he has received correspondence from a number of property owners who have concerns about road dust. The Roothing & Street Services Manager advised that there is a \$50,000 budget for amenity sealing, however seal extension work does not attract subsidy. Council’s policy is that property owners who want seal extension work would pay the amount equal to a subsidy and Council would pay the balance.

### **Footpath Resurfacing**

It was reported that the schedule of footpaths to be completed in 2009-10 is complete and will be finalised once it is confirmed that the scheduled lengths do not conflict with planned service installation by other service providers.

The Roothing & Street Services Manager was asked to follow up with Electricity Ashburton and Telecom the need for some consistency in placing poles. It was noted that power poles have been placed along property boundaries, whereas Telecom’s are placed at the kerb.

### **Mt Somers Water**

A request has been received from the Mt Somers District Citizens Association for investigation into a spring supply. The Water Services Manager reported that a field visit yesterday showed that while the spring is some distance from the intake source, it has the advantage of being 10-15 metres above elevation and has the potential to ensure an ongoing gravity supply. Further investigations are taking place.

### **Methven recycling Drop-off site**

“That the Methven recycling drop-off site provide for the acceptance of plastics (1-6).”

Holmes/Reveley

**Carried**

The Committee adjourned for afternoon tea at 2.47 pm and resumed at 3.04 pm.

**Items transacted with the public excluded (3.04 pm)**

“That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely – 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:

<b>Item no</b>	<b>General subject of each matter to be considered:</b>	<b>In accordance with Section 48(1) of the Act, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter:</b>
7	Confirmation of minutes 24/07/09 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Trade Waste Bylaw</li></ul>	Section 7(2)(h)      Commercial activities

Brown/Reveley

**Carried**

There being no resolutions passed, the Committee resumed in open meeting and concluded at 3.25 pm.