

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

REPORT and **MINUTES** of a meeting of the **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, 5 Baring Square West, Ashburton, on Thursday 8 October 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, J A Everest, K L Holmes, K W P Lowe and P W Reveley.

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

Two members of the public attended.

Confirmation of Minutes

"That the minutes of the Operations Committee meeting held on 27 August, 2009, be taken as read and confirmed."

Holmes/Burgess

Carried

Matters Arising

RLT Funding

It was noted that Council's minor improvements funding has not been reduced.

Westpark Close

Planting options for the swale have been discussed with the Parks Manager. A planting programme will developed for consultation with the Westpark Close property owners.

Wilkins Road wastewater site

The Operations Manager reported that that a motion activated camera is to be trialled at the Wilkins Road site next week. The camera will detect and record vehicles entering the site with the data used to bill contractors for septic tank waste disposal. The system is being discussed with the contractors who will be using the site.

Fire Authority Requirement for Adoption of Rural Fire Plan

"That the Council adopts the Reduction, Readiness, Response and Recovery sections of the Ashburton District Council Rural Fire Authority Rural Fire Plan 2009-2011."

Lowe/Leadley

Carried

Activity Reports

"That the reports be received."

Lowe/Brown

Carried

Ashburton Business Estate

The Operations Manager reported that the tender has been awarded for the construction of utility services and roading and work has commenced clearing the site. Neighbours and residents who may be affected by the physical works have been updated.

Trade Waste Bylaw

A Council workshop was held on 30 September to review the trade waste bylaw fees following a number of complaints received from business owners. The need for the bylaw, and the current charges have been confirmed. These fees and charges will be reviewed in next year's annual plan.

Footpaths

The Roading and Street Services Manager reported that ongoing routine maintenance and cleaning of footpaths is continuing, including the spraying of weeds.

Mayfield Water Supply

The Operations Manager reported that there have been no issues identified in the Council trial of the scheme, however feedback from the community on their alternative well supply trial is yet to be received. Initial reports on the well show that there is sufficient water but additional testing will be required to determine the quality and quantity of the water.

Stormwater

The Operations Manager was asked to progress a programme of cleaning and upgrading Mill Creek, in particular at the Argyle Park site where broom is growing, and in the Pages Road area. Mr Rouse confirmed that there is a \$500,000 budget for capital works. Some investigation work has been carried out but there is still work to be done on the design before prices are sought for the physical works.

Solid Waste

The Waste Management Strategy will be reviewed and referred to Council in December. Once approved, funding will be sought for the projects identified, including disposal of construction and demolition material and putrescibles. The Operations Manager reported that these projects will attract subsidy from the waste minimisation levy.

Road Safety

The Roading & Street Services Manager reported that reduced funding will restrict the number of projects planned this year. This has been the subject of discussion with the ECan and ACADS and Councillors will be provided with further information. Mr Robertson said that the reduction is partly a result of projects not meeting their expected outcomes with evidence showing that not all have achieved their purpose.

The Committee heard that the ‘Safe with Age’ programme will no longer be funded, however an alternative funding source is being pursued to allow this to continue locally.

Methven Community Board

“That the Methven Community Board reiterates their acceptance to have the facility to accept plastics at the recycling facility, and that Wastebusters continue to consult with Council staff to develop a proposal through the next budget round.”

Lowe/Holmes

Carried

Items transacted with the public excluded (2.12 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:

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:
7	Contract C554 provision of professional services for second bridge – Ashburton River	Section 7(2)(h) Commercial activities

8	Contract AM AD10 provision of professional services for water services	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
9	Water Services Subcommittee	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities

Brown/Lowe

carried

Cr Kilworth left the meeting at 2.12 pm.

Business transacted with the public excluded now in open meeting

Tender Award for Contract 554 – Provision of professional services – Technical investigation for a second bridge (Ashburton River)

“That the committee approves:

1. the increase in the local share funding from \$21,500 (43% of the budgeted \$50,000) up to \$81,854 (43% of \$67,800 Stage 1 and 100% of \$52,700 Stage 2);
2. the additional expenditure, if required, being funded from the roading activity area;
3. the acceptance of the tender from Opus International Consultants in the sum of \$120,500 (\$119,900 plus \$600 disbursements); and
4. an application for supplementary funding for Stage 2 of the project.”

Holmes/Mayor

Carried

AM-AD10 – Provision of Professional Services for the Water Services Department, 2009/10 (Year 5)

“That the negotiated price for AM-AD10 – Professional Services for the Water Services Department, 2009/10 (Year 5) as submitted by Opus International Consultants Limited in the amount of \$500,270 exclusive GST be accepted.”

Lowe/Burgess

Carried

Ocean Farm Sileage (Council 3/11/09)

- “1. That a threshold of 8 cents/kg be approved for the acceptance of tenders for the removal of standing grass from Ocean Farm;
2. That delegated authority for the acceptance of tenders for Contract WW-AG11 Removal of standing grass at Ocean Farm – Terrace Road, Ashburton be given to the Deputy Mayor Cr Leadley and the Chair of the Farm Management Subcommittee Cr Brown.
 3. That the award of a tender to a contractor harvesting the 269 ha site be given preference to awarding the tender to tenderers providing prices for individual lots.
 4. That for areas where the threshold is not met or cannot be negotiated, Council harvests the material, stores it on site and markets and disposes of the material to maximize revenue.”

Tasker/Reveley

Carried

The meeting concluded at 2.55 pm.