

# Minutes of the Operations Committee Meeting

held on 3 February, 2011, commencing at 3.03 pm, in the Council Chamber, 5 Baring Square West, Ashburton.

## Present

His Worship the Mayor, Angus McKay; Councillors John Leadley (Chair), Neil Brown, Darryl Nelson, Martin Nordqvist, Peter Reveley, Alan Totty and Stuart Wilson.

## In attendance

Councillors Jim Burgess, Robin Kilworth, Don McLeod and Jac Sparks; Operations Manager and Committee Secretary.

Staff in attendance for the duration of their reports - Roading & Street Services Manager, Water Services Manager and Solid Waste Manager.

Two members of the public.

## 1 Apologies

Cr Donna Favel

Sustained

## 2 Extraordinary Business

Nil

## 3 Confirmation of Minutes

**That** the minutes of the Operations Committee meeting held on 2 December, 2010, be taken as read and confirmed.

Totty/Nordqvist

Carried

## 4 Matters Arising

### • Barrhill-Rakaia stockwater race closure

Investigation work has been completed and will be reported to the 17 March meeting of the Committee.

Information on the consultation proposal will be forwarded to the affected parties, including the Rakaia Community Association, and distributed to Councillors. The closing date for submissions is 25 February.

**That** a consultation meeting be held with the parties affected by the proposed stockwater race closure.

Totty/Nelson

Carried

### • Rakaia Water Conservation Order

The report has been lodged with the Conservation Minister and feedback is awaited.

### • Road Safety

It was reported that the solar powered lights proposed for Longbeach and Lagmhor schools have not yet been installed. The Roading & Street Services Manager will investigate this.

## 5 Rakaia Resource Recovery Park Composting Operation and Activity

[\(click here to read the report\)](#)

The Committee supported the preference of the Rakaia Community Association to operate full composting activities and operations on the Rakaia site.

**That** the Committee approves the full receipt of greenwaste and composting activities on site subject to the following:

- 1 obtaining the necessary resource consents
- 2 significant site development and associated construction costs
- 3 an increased level of on-site management and quality control
- 4 minimal disposal of greenwaste on site
- 5 maintaining the current level of service.

Brown/Reveley

Carried

## 6 Ashburton Relief Sewer Upgrade Project

[\(click here to read the report\)](#)

- 1 **That** Option 3 - Construct new pipeline on the south-east alignment is approved for the purposes of consultation prior to detailed design commencing;
- 2 **That** the Ashburton relief sewer upgrading proceed subject to negotiation of suitable easements through private property; and
- 3 **That** budget provision in the sum of \$110,000 is made in the 2011/12 Ashburton wastewater capital works budget to allow for further design, investigations and land access negotiations to be completed prior to construction in 2012/13.

Nelson/Totty

Carried

## 7 Activity Reports

**That** the reports be received.

Brown/Reveley

Carried

- **Financial**

Financial activity reports for the period 1 July to 31 December 2010, were presented.

- It was reported that funding for the Company Rd seal widening and Trevors / Arundel-Hinds / Withells Rds upgrade is likely to be carried over into the 2011-12 year.

- **Ashburton Business Estate**

The Operations Manager reported that the process for establishing speed limits within the development and on the adjacent roads will soon commence. Temporary speed restriction signs, consistent with the planned limits, will be installed.

- **Water transfer consent application**

The Committee heard that ECan is prepared to receive a draft transfer consent application on the basis that there are benefits to both councils.

- **Mt Hutt Riverbank stockwater supply**

It was confirmed that the Mt Hutt Stockwater Supply Group will be given opportunity to decide the quantity of water required before the investigation report is finalised.

- **State Highway – NZTA Management**

Discussion took place on the NZ Transport Agency's management process for Rakaia bridge closures. Recent closures have highlighted the need for improved information and signage on alternative routes.

The Roading & Street Services Manager reported that Opus and NZTA are currently installing detour signs for the bridge. Information on the management plan and emergency contact details will be requested from NZTA and reported back to the Committee.

The Mayor returned to the meeting at 4.02 pm.

- **Road safety**

Crash reports appeared to be incomplete. Staff were asked to investigate whether the information provided was the complete list of crashes for the period, as recorded on the CAS database.

- **Reseals**

It was reported that a reseal of two urban intersections with asphaltic concrete will be trialled by Council's roading contractor within the next two months.

Further consideration will be given to sealing options and the benefits of asphaltic concrete vs chipseal during the budget round.

- **Public conveniences**

Funding has been requested in the 2011-12 budget to tile the floor of the Rakaia public toilets. Staff will also investigate options for eliminating the problem of water ponding on the floors of the East Street toilets.

The Mayor reported that he has arranged to meet with Mr Hadler from the Department of Conservation to address issues that arose with the Lake Clearwater toilets over the holiday period. The need for increased refuse collection has also been raised.

Cr McLeod left the meeting at 4.20 pm.

- **Water restrictions**

It was suggested that a review be undertaken on water restriction trigger levels on the basis of the increased number of wells now supplying the Ashburton scheme.

It was further noted that residents connected to the Fairton scheme are seeking a review of the total hosing ban.

It was agreed that restriction trigger levels would not be altered at this time but the matters raised will be reassessed before next summer.

- **Methven wastewater pipeline**

Following consultation with the affected property owners, work will commence on the programmed replacement work. It was noted that this will be carried out by a specialist contractor who will be undertaking earthquake damage repairs in the Canterbury region during March.

- **Ashburton stormwater**

Consideration was given to expanding the brief of the Water Subcommittee to include stormwater.

Reference was made to Council's existing urban stormwater strategy and the survey and investigation work being carried out. It was suggested that a workshop be held once this information is available. A report will be prepared for Council in April.

**That** a report be presented to Council proposing that stormwater be included in the brief of the Water Subcommittee.

Mayor/Reveley

Carried

- **Road safety**

Baleage stored on roadsides was raised as a road safety issue. The Operations Manager was asked to follow up the Committee's concerns and address the need for more public awareness through advertising. Assistance from Federated Farmers will be sought.

- **Methven Community Board**

Minutes of the 31 January meeting were tabled. There were no matters requiring the Committee's decision.

## **8 Water Subcommittee**

The minutes of the Water Subcommittee meeting held on 2 December, 2010, were received.

### **Business transacted with the public excluded now in open meeting**

The following resolutions became the business of open meeting by Council resolution on 16/1/10.

- **Request to utilise Council Stockwater Main – EA/BCI**

**That** the request from Electricity Ashburton and Barrhill Chertsey Irrigation Ltd, to use the Klondyke stockwater main from the Klondyke intake to Montalto Road for conveyance of an additional flow (60 litres / second) of irrigation water to Ruapuna Farms Ltd, be approved, subject to meeting all conditions of the previous approval."

Reveley/Brown

Carried

- **Awarding of C595 – Footpath Resurfacing, Ashburton District**

**That** the tender of Fulton Hogan Ltd in the sum of Three Hundred and Sixty Three thousand Three Hundred and Thirty Three dollars Ten cents, \$363,333.10 for Contract C595 Footpath Resurfacing, Ashburton District 2010/2011 be accepted.

Nelson/Leadley

Carried

The meeting concluded at 5.12 pm.