

Operations Committee Minutes

Minutes of the Operations Committee meeting held on 17 March, 2011, commencing at 2.38 pm, in the Council Chamber, 5 Baring Square West, Ashburton.

Present

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

In attendance

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

Staff in attendance for the duration of their reports - Roading & Street Services Manager, Water Services Manager and Emergency Management Officer.

One member of the public.

1 Apologies

Cr Peter Reveley Sustained

2 Extraordinary Business

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

- Canterbury earthquake response
Nelson/McKay Carried

3 Confirmation of Minutes

That the minutes of the Operations Committee meeting held on 3 February, 2010, be taken as read and confirmed.

Nelson/Brown Carried

4 Matters Arising

• Road safety

Solar powered lights have now been installed at the Longbeach and Lagmhor schools.

Reference was made to the crash statistics being provided to the Committee and the possibility that not all accidents are being reported. The Roading & Street Services Manager acknowledged the importance of having up to date crash information so that roads / intersections with safety issues can be identified. He explained that some crash data has been withheld, awaiting final legal sign-off.

The Committee proposed to discuss the reporting process when Senior Sergeant Russell next attends a Council meeting.

• Public conveniences

The Mayor reported that he has met with Mr Hadler (DoC) to discuss issues that arose over the holiday period with the Lake Clearwater public toilets. Council's Property Manager and Environmental Services Manager were in attendance.

5 Revised Stockwater Race Guidelines and Closure Policy

That the item of business referred from the Council meeting of 3 March 2011 be uplifted for discussion.

Wilson/Nordqvist Carried

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Recommendation to Council

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| 1 | That the word 'estimated' be removed from Appendix E of the Stockwater Race Closures Guidelines & Policy Document, and | | |
| 2 | That Council adopts the Stockwater Race Closures Guidelines & Policy Document in the amended format. | Nelson/Brown | Carried |

6 Barrhill Rakaia Stockwater Race – Investigations into Proposed Race Closure

That the item of business referred from the Council meeting of 3 March 2011 be uplifted for discussion.

Totty/Nordqvist

Carried

The Water Subcommittee has agreed that realignment of the race on the roadside is the preferred option. Further consultation with the primary beneficiaries is being carried out.

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Recommendations to Council

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| That the Committee, for the purposes of discussions/negotiations, approves the realignment of the stockwater race onto Rakaia Barrhill Methven Road and approves discussions / negotiations with the primary beneficiaries of the partial race closure with a view to seeking the funding of the physical works by the landowners identified in area. | Brown/Nelson | Carried |
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| That Council delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer and the Operations Manager acting separately to close stockwater races that have met the "Not Significant" criteria as described in the "Stockwater Race Closures Guidelines and Policy Document. | Leadley/Mayor | Carried |
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The Committee adjourned for afternoon tea at 3.05 am and resumed at 3.18 pm.

7 Proposed Rakaia Settlement Water Supply – Results of Consultation

That the water supply proposals to serve part of the Rakaia Settlement area not be progressed at this time.

Nelson/Wilson

Carried

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8 Strategic Tactical Fire Management Plan – Mid Canterbury High Country

That the Committee approves the "Strategic Tactical Fire Management Plan Mid Canterbury B (MC_B)" as presented.

Nelson/Totty

Carried

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9 Activity Reports

That the reports be received.

Nelson/Nordqvist

Carried

- **Financial**

Financial activity reports were presented.

- Racecourse Rd – roading work on Racecourse Rd has been delayed due to the contractor allocating resources to Christchurch. A partial release from the contract was sought and approved.
- Mill Creek – full inspection of the race within town boundary is underway and is around 30% complete.
- Jesseps Bend maintenance is being reviewed by ECan staff who will report back to the Water Services Manager on what is proposed.
- Increased expenditure in the new and reconstructed road activity area relates to work associated with the bridge reference group. \$220k funding from NZTA is awaiting confirmation.
- The pedestrian overbridge is a recent asset and is not yet included in the pedestrian facilities budget. Maintenance issues have been identified and the possibility of funding part of this work from a heritage grant will be investigated.

- **Ashburton Business Estate**

A report was requested on how speed limits will be applied to the areas within and surrounding the business estate. It was noted that there are currently variations between 50 and 100km/hr.

- **Mt Hutt Riverbank Stockwater supply investigation**

This matter will be the subject of a report to Council on 14 April.

- **AWPT**

It was reported that minor road damage occurred when a large farm vehicle accessed a paddock where the road had been raised as a result of planned rehabilitation works. Design of future works will incorporate access provision where required.

- **Carriageway lighting**

A request for more street lights in Rakaia is to be addressed through the annual plan process.

- **Draft Ashburton Parking Study**

The 2008 Draft Ashburton Parking Study has been updated by Opus. It will be referred to the Town Centre Subcommittee for consideration and approval and then to the Parking Reference Group.

Methven Community Board

Minutes of the 3 March meeting were tabled.

- **Caravan waste disposal site**

That options for the Caravan Waste point at Site 1 are investigated and that a sign is resurrected at the existing site in the interim.

Nordqvist/Totty

Carried

10 Water Subcommittee

That the minutes of the Water Subcommittee meeting held on 14 March, 2011, be received.

Totty/Wilson

Carried

**Extraordinary Business –
Christchurch earthquake**

Councillors supported the proposal to develop a communication strategy to improve the way in which information on Council’s offer of assistance is being promoted.

That the Executive Committee leads an earthquake strategy for earthquake assistance in Christchurch.

Favel/Mayor

Carried

Business transacted with the public excluded (5.25 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: | |
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| 11 | Mayfield Water Supply Upgrade | Section 7(2)(i) | Conduct of negotiations |

Brown/Totty

Carried

The meeting concluded at 5.35 pm.