

Operations Committee

Minutes of the Operations Committee meeting held on 28 April, 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, Peter Reveley, Alan Totty and Stuart Wilson.

In attendance

Councillors Jim Burgess and Robin Kilworth; Chief Executive (2.44pm), Operations Manager and Committee Secretary.

Staff in attendance for the duration of their reports –Water Services Manager and Roading & Street Services Contracts Engineer.

One member of the public.

1 Apologies

Crs Don McLeod and Jac Sparks Sustained

2 Extraordinary Business

Nil.

3 Confirmation of Minutes

That the minutes of the Operations Committee meeting held on 17 March, 2011, be taken as read and confirmed.

Brown/Nelson Carried

4 Matters Arising

The Chief Executive attended at 2.44pm.

- **Mill Creek**

In response to the issues raised at the Public Forum (14/4/11), the Operations Manager reported that a letter was sent to Mr Reith outlining Council's approach to the inspection of Mill Creek, the programme of work to be undertaken and budget implications.

Mr Rouse confirmed that the requirement for remedial work is not in question, instead the issue relates to priorities and budget. The matters raised will continue to be investigated.

- **Proposed 2nd Bridge**

It was reported that the Bridge Action Group is yet to receive written confirmation of Council's decisions of 17 February 2011. The Operations Manager agreed to follow this up.

- **Business Estate speed limits**

The Reported that an investigation of speed limits in the new business estate is being carried out. Currently, the new development doesn't meet the requirements of a 50km/hr area. The contractor's brief encompasses the area surrounding the development including Bremners Rd, Northpark Rd, Bridge St and parts of Company Rd.

- **Stormwater Gate on Stopbank at Jesseps Bend**

ECan's response is pending. The Water Services Manager requested confirmation of the project and whether it has merit for the Ashburton stormwater network. An update will be provided to the Committee on 9 June.

5 Adoption of Ashburton District Council "Safety Management System"

That the Ashburton District Council "Safety Management System" be adopted.

Brown/Reveley

Carried

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Council adjourned for afternoon tea at 3pm and resumed at 3.15 pm.

6 Contract C524 "Operation and Maintenance of the Roding and Footpath Networks, Ashburton District 2007/08 – 2009/10" one year extension

The Operations Manager reported that the contractor has applied for a fifth and final year extension and the budget has been prepared on this basis. Mr Rouse acknowledged the concern of Councillors who reported the need for improved maintenance and grading in some areas but said the overall assessment is that the contractor is performing satisfactorily.

Recommendation to Council

That Council approves that the contract with Fulton Hogan Ltd for C524: Operation and Maintenance of the Roding and Footpath Networks, Ashburton District 2007/08 – 2009/10) be extended for a further 12 months to 30 June 2012.

Reveley/Nelson

Carried

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7 Rakaia Barrhill Race Closure – Proposed Working Group and Options Investigation

- 1 **That** the Committee approves the establishment of a working group to consider options to close the Rakaia Barrhill stockwater race; and
- 2 **That** the elected representatives on the working group be Cr Leadley - Chairperson of the Operations Committee, and Cr Nelson - Chairperson of the Water Subcommittee.
- 3 **That** the Rakaia Barrhill stockwater race closure working group Terms of Reference be approved.

Brown/Totty

Carried

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8 Activity Reports

That the reports be received.

Nelson/Reveley

Carried

• Professional services contract

Three tenders have been received and will be evaluated prior to Council awarding the contract on 26 May.

• Ashburton Business Estate

Consent applications are being progressed for the water transfer project and the proposed new bore with affected party approval being sought. Two bores have been identified and both landowners have been contacted.

• Mt Hutt Riverbank stockwater supply investigation

Members of the Mt Hutt-Riverbank Stockwater Incorporated have been advised of Council's decision to approve the transfer of water for a private stockwater supply. Documentation is being prepared for the resource consent.

- **General maintenance**

Metal maintenance of unsealed roads has recommenced with areas on Ashburton River and Dip Roads actioned. It was reported that a trial of mixing lime with seal was undertaken with some success on Dip Road and this method could be used on other intersections which are corrugating because of heavy vehicle acceleration / deceleration.

A street light along with Stop signs will be installed at the Swamp Road / Winslow Road intersection.

The Mayor left the meeting at 4.15 pm.

- **Ashburton upgrade – Tinwald borefield**

The concept designs for the pump station building to be located on the Tinwald Reserve are yet to be signed off by the two landowners affected. The building has been designed to complement the surrounding area taking into account the adjacent walkway. It is anticipated that agreement with the landowners will be reached and the resource consent application lodged next week.

- **Fairton water supply**

The upgraded water supply official opening has been scheduled for 7 May, from 10am until noon.

- **Mayfield water supply**

A meeting with the landowner on whose property the bore is sited has been advised of Council's decision and a meeting arranged to negotiate purchase of the bore and transfer of the consent.

The Mayor returned to the meeting at 4.33 pm.

- **Mill Creek**

The Water Services Manager reported that the scope of bank stabilisation work as advised by memo to Councillors in August 2010 will be reduced. It's unlikely that all sites will be completed in the current year. Concept plans for the revised treatment options will be reported back to the Committee.

Staff were asked to consider the option of combining work committed in the 2010-11 year, with the works programmed for completion in 2011/12.

- **Resource recovery**

The Committee asked for more publicity to be given to the fact that silage wrap is accepted at the resource recovery parks and that there is no collection service.

- **Contracts awarded**

Clarification was sought on the accepted Ocean Farm tender price (\$57,151) which was in excess of the range of tenders received. It was also noted that the engineer's estimate of \$150,000 was significantly high.

Additional information:

The Water Services Manager advises that errors were made during the collation of information for the tables.

For this particular contract covering **supply only** of the screens, there were three tenders ranging between \$51,956 and \$57,151.60. The two lower tenders were from the supplier; the higher tender was for the preferred unit purchased through ACL and includes the contractor's mark-up. Supply through the contractor was chosen to reduce risk to Council.

The correct estimate for the supply component of the contract is \$90,000.

Business transacted with the public excluded (4.57 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:	
9	Confirmation of Minutes 17/03/11 [now in open meeting] Mayfield water supply	Section 7(2)(i)	Conduct of negotiations

Reveley/Totty

Carried

There being no resolutions passed, the Committee resumed in open meeting and concluded at 5.03 pm.