

Extraordinary Council Meeting

Minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting held on 8 September, 2011, commencing at 3.08 pm, in the Council Chamber, 5 Baring Square West, Ashburton.

Present

His Worship the Mayor, A R McKay; Councillors N A Brown, R J Kilworth, I J Burgess, D M Favel, J Sparks, L J Leadley, D G McLeod, D N Nelson, M J Nordqvist, A B Totty, P W Reveley and R S Wilson.

In attendance

Chief Executive, Operations Manager and Committee Secretary.

Mr M Hall (Chair Zone Committee)

5 members of the public.

1 Apologies

Nil.

2 Extraordinary Business

That pursuant to Section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 the following items be introduced as extraordinary business, to be business with the public excluded, items 6 and 7:

- Council proxy voting

Mayor/Nelson

Carried

3 Rakaia Barrhill Stockwater Race

The Operations Manager acknowledged Cr Reveley's concern that if condition 4 of the recommendation fails, there would be a possibility of the race remaining open. Mr Rouse explained that the working group considered a number of options in consultation with the opposing parties and the recommendation is the agreed way forward.

- 1 **That** Council approves the detailed design work for the Mitcham Road option, a combination of the eastern and western sides of Mitcham Road;
- 2 **That** the design be for a piped and open race option and a fully piped option;
- 3 **That** the detailed design be funded by Council at an estimated cost of up to \$10,000; and
- 4 **That** the physical works arising from the design implementation be fully funded by the beneficiaries of the race closure, being the property owners above Irwins Road.

Nelson/Leadley

Carried

Cr Reveley recorded his vote against the motion.

4 Ashburton Zone Draft Implementation Programme – Endorsement for Public Consultation

That Matthew Hall be granted speaking rights.

Mayor/Kilworth

Carried

The Chief Executive reported that any financial or works implications that arise from consultation will be subject to Council's consideration through the LTP process. Mr Lester advised that Councillors, as individuals, can make submissions, however when the report is considered by Council they would need to abstain from voting on the matters submitted on.

Mr Hall commented on the work carried out by the Ashburton Zone Committee and purpose of the document, which is to promote discussion in a collaborative way. He explained that the Committee has essentially compiled the aspirations of the community into the document but the processes of funding, infrastructure and feasibility are still to be decided.

The Strategy, which sets out a programme of actions, makes a number of recommendations, some of which will become part of the District and Regional Plans.

Mr Hall was thanked for his attendance and asked to convey Council's appreciation of the work being undertaken by the Zone Committee to the members.

It was noted that the Zone Committee will be recommending the final plan to both ECan and Ashburton District Council on 15 December 2011.

That Council endorses the Ashburton Zone Draft Implementation Programme for the purposes of public consultation.

Brown/Kilworth

Carried

Extraordinary Business

- Appointment of Council Proxy Representation

Rangitata Diversion Race Management Ltd

That Cr Nelson be appointed as Ashburton District Council's proxy to vote on its behalf at the Annual General Meeting of Rangitata Diversion Race Management Limited, to be held on 14 September 2011, with the alternative representative being the Chief Executive.

Mayor/Kilworth

Carried

Barrhill Chertsey Irrigation Ltd Annual Meeting

That Cr Brown be appointed as Ashburton District Council's proxy to vote on its behalf at the Annual Meeting of Barrhill Chertsey Irrigation Limited, to be held on 19 September 2011, with the alternative representative being the Chief Executive.

Mayor/Kilworth

Carried

Business transacted with the public excluded (3.38 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:	
5	Contract DW-AG10 Mayfield water supply headworks	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
6	Preferred service provider for Water Services department	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities

Mayor/Nelson

Carried

Council resumed in open meeting at 3.56 pm.

5 Second Bridge Across the Ashburton River – Update from NZ Transport Agency

NZTA Canterbury-West Coast Regional Director Mark Yaxley was welcomed to the meeting.

Mr Yaxley was asked about the process used to obtain data relating to local traffic use of the Ashburton bridge. He advised that a range of methods are used, including traffic counts, sampling and data surveys. He said NZTA is satisfied with the data which was based on Council's District Plan and Transportation Study. The Transportation Study identified the need for some local activity but how that will be funded is yet to be determined.

Mr Yaxley said the second bridge project went beyond the criteria NZTA would normally fund although it's likely that there will be some funding allocated to reduce the local share requirement.

The Agnes St / Lagmhor Rd / SH1 intersection project hasn't met the funding criteria and is unlikely to do so for a further 5-10 years. NZTA will undertake more analysis of this project before its 2012-2014 budget is prepared.

Mr Yaxley confirmed that NZTA is continuing to work with Council on a traffic management programme that includes the second bridge option.

Cr Leadley spoke in support of designating land for a second bridge, noting that with construction programmed in 2017-18, at the earliest, it is not possible to predict what government funding will be in place.

Cr Kilworth also supported this on the proviso that the scope of the review will include alternative traffic management measures for the Ashburton River bridge which may be implemented sooner.

Council agreed that the matter should be progressed in a Council workshop in the first instance. Options would be developed that can then be canvassed in a public workshop.

- 1 **That** the report be received.
- 2 **That** Council approves the convening of a workshop with Councillors to review the second bridge project with a view to developing a way forward for Council consideration and approval and ongoing community consultation.

Leadley/McLeod

Carried

Business transacted with the public excluded now in open meeting

- **Contract DW-AG10 Mayfield Water Supply Headworks Tender Award**

That the tender from Ashburton Contracting Ltd in the sum of Three Hundred and Thirty Eight Thousand, Five Hundred and Four Dollars (\$338,504) excluding GST be accepted.

Totty/Nordqvist

Carried

- **Preferred Service Provider for the Water Services Department 2011/12**

That Council approves Ashburton Contracting Limited as its preferred service provider for utility capital works for the 2011/12 year.

Brown/Totty

Carried

The meeting concluded at 4.52 pm.

Confirmed this 22nd day of September 2011 by

MAYOR

