

Council Meeting

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Thursday 30 June, 2011, commencing at 1.30 pm, in the Council Chamber, 5 Baring Square West, Ashburton.

Present

His Worship the Mayor, A R McKay; Councillors N A Brown, I J Burgess, D M Favel, R J Kilworth, 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, Community Planning Manager, Finance Manager, Property Manager, Policy Advisor, Records & Administration Manager and Committee Secretary.

Two members of the public.

The Opening Prayer was offered by Rev Peter Taylor, Ashburton Methodist Church.

1 Apologies

Nil.

2 Extraordinary Business

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

- Fletchers EQR Presentation
Reason: Work to be carried out in Ashburton on behalf of EQC
- LAPP Insurance Scheme
Section 7(2)(h) Commercial activities

Mayor/Burgess

Carried

3 Confirmation of Minutes

- Environmental Services Committee 28/04/11
It was noted that Cr Leadley moved receipt of the minutes.
- Art Gallery / Heritage Centre
Cr Totty, who abstained from voting, is the Treasurer of the Museum & Historical Society.

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 26 May, 2011, as amended, be taken as read and confirmed.

Mayor/Nelson

Carried

4 Reports

4.1 Mayor's Report

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

- NZ National Young Farmer of the Year competition

The Mayor reported that he has relayed Council's best wishes to this year's Aoraki representative and Pendarves Young Farmers Club member, Will Grayling.

That the report be received.

Mayor/Nelson

Carried

4.2 Chief Executive's Report

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

That the report be received.

Mayor/Burgess

Carried

- Review of the Building Act

The Chief Executive reported that the Amendment Bill, due to be reported back to the Select Committee at the end of June, has been withdrawn on the Minister's recommendation. The proposed legislative changes will be further considered by the sector and LGNZ.

4.3 Environmental Services Committee

That the report and minutes of the Environmental Services Committee meeting held on 9 June, 2011, be received.

Kilworth/Sparks Carried

4.4 Operations Committee

That the report and minutes of the Operations Committee meeting held on 9 June, 2011, be received.

Leadley/Reveley Carried

4.5 Finance & Community Services Committee

That the report and minutes of the Finance & Community Services Committee meeting held on 23 June, 2011, be received.

Brown/McLeod Carried

- **NRB Survey**

The Community Planning Manager advised that the results of the survey will be provided to the July meeting of Committee.

4.6 Adoption of the Annual Plan 2011-2012 [\[click here to read the report\]](#)

The Community Planning Manager reported that the overall rate increase of 5.6% is lower than the 6.1% projected in Council's Community Plan 2009-19. The most significant change from the draft annual plan is the increased cost of insurance following the Canterbury earthquakes.

The Mayor and Cr Brown acknowledged the contribution of Councillors and staff to the annual plan process.

- 1 **That** Council adopts the Ashburton District Council Annual Plan 2011-12 as attached.
- 2 **That** Council adopts the fees and charges for the 2011-12 financial year as scheduled in the Ashburton District Council Annual Plan 2011-12.

Brown/McLeod Carried

4.7 Setting of Rates for the 2011-12 Financial Year

That the Ashburton District Council set the following rates under the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 on rating units in the district for the financial year commencing on 1 July 2011 and ending on 30 June 2012.

All section references are to sections in the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002. All amounts are GST inclusive.

- *The definition of connected and serviceable is contained in Council's Funding Impact Statement and Rating Policy.*
- *The definition for the amenity rating areas is contained within Council's Funding Impact Statement and Rating Policy.*

Uniform Annual General Charge (UAGC)

A uniform annual general charge of \$178.20 per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit, set under section 15(1)(b).

General Rate

A general rate set under section 13(2)(a) of 0.000333 cents in the dollar of capital value on every rating unit.

Roading Rate

A targeted rate for roading services set under s16(3)(a) and 16(3)(b) of \$0.000550 cents in the dollar of capital value on every rating unit.

Library Rate

A targeted rate for library services, set under s16(3)(a) and 16(4)(a) of \$57.00 on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit (excluding vacant sections).

Water Supply Rates

The following differential targeted rates are set under section 16(3)(b) and 16(4)(b) for each water supply. In each case the differential categories are:

- (1) connected rating units
- (2) serviceable rating units

The targeted rates are set as a fixed amount per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit.

	Connected	Serviceable
Group	\$208.60	\$104.30
Ashburton	\$189.50	\$94.75
Methven	\$231.50	\$115.75
Rakaia	\$136.60	\$68.30
Fairton	\$432.20	\$216.10
Hakatere	\$364.40	\$182.20
Hinds	\$288.40	\$144.20
Mayfield	\$678.30	\$339.15
Chertsey	\$254.80	\$127.40
Mt Somers	\$358.80	\$179.40
Dromore	\$1,877.00	\$938.50
Winchmore	\$2,221.20	\$1,110.60
Lake Hood	\$154.60	\$77.30

The Group rate applies to all the above schemes except for Winchmore and Dromore

In addition to the above targeted rates, a targeted rate for water supply, set under section 19, of 74 cents per 1,000 litres of water consumed in excess of the daily 1,000 litre allowance to any rating unit defined as a metered supply. Metered supplies are defined as extraordinary connections and non residential connections. This rate is levied on a quarterly basis.

Lyndhurst Water Rate

A targeted rate under section 16(3)(b) and 16(4)(b) of \$298.20 on all rating units connected to the Lyndhurst stockwater scheme.

Wastewater Rates

The following differential targeted rates are set under section 16(3)(b) and 16(4)(b) for each wastewater (sewage) disposal. In each case the differential categories are:

- (1) connected rating units
- (2) serviceable rating units

The targeted rates are set as a fixed amount per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit.

	Connected	Serviceable
Ashburton	\$456.20	\$228.10
Methven	\$216.60	\$108.30
Rakaia Maintenance Rate	\$372.00	\$186.00
Rakaia Loan Rate	\$289.20	\$144.60

The following uniform targeted rates set for wastewater pan charges under section 16(3)(b) and 16(4)(a) of a fixed amount on each pan or urinal (after the third) on every rating unit connected to the wastewater scheme:

Ashburton	\$152.10
Methven	\$72.20
Rakaia Maintenance Rate	\$124.00

Waste Collection Rates

The following targeted rates are set under section 16(3)(b) and 16(4)(a) for waste collection as a uniform fixed charge per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit in each area to which the service is provided:

Ashburton Urban	\$27.90
Ashburton Inner Central Business Area	\$55.80
Methven	\$76.90
Rakaia	\$69.60
Hinds	\$52.40
Mayfield	\$52.40
Mt Somers	\$52.40
Lake Clearwater	\$32.00
Rangitata	\$20.30

Ashburton Community Pool Rate

A targeted rate for the Ashburton community pool under section 16(3)(b) and 16(4)(a) of \$10.40 per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit within the Ashburton township area.

Amenity Rates

Targeted rates for amenity services under section 16 (3)(b) and 16(4)(b) are as follows:

Ashburton Urban Amenity Rate

0.000271 cents in the dollar of capital value on every rating unit in the Ashburton township area to meet the costs of stormwater and reserve board funding.

Ashburton Inner CBD Street Cleaning Rate

0.000400 cents in the dollar of capital value on every business rating unit within the Ashburton inner central business district (CBD) **as defined by Council maps**, for the provision of additional street cleaning.

Ashburton CBD (Expanded) Conveniences Rate

0.000302 cents in the dollar of capital value on every business rating unit within the Ashburton expanded central business district (CBD) **as defined by Council maps**, for the provision of public conveniences.

Ashburton Business Amenity Rate

0.001762 cents in the dollar of capital value on every business rating unit within the Ashburton township, for the provision of the following services:

- Parks and Open Spaces
- District Promotion & Visitor Industry
- Transportation - Footpaths
- Solid Waste Collection
- Community Safety & Wellbeing

Ashburton Residential Amenity Rate

0.000395 cents in the dollar of capital value on every non business rating unit within the Ashburton township, for the provision of the following services:

- Parks and Open Spaces
- Transportation - Footpaths

Methven Business Amenity Rate

0.002556 cents in the dollar of capital value on every business rating unit within the Methven township rating area (as defined by Council Maps), for the provision of the following services

- Parks and Open Spaces
- Transportation - Footpaths
- Public Conveniences
- Solid Waste Collection
- District Promotion & Visitor Industry

Methven Amenity Rate

0.000218 cents in the dollar of capital value on every rating unit in the Methven township area to meet the costs of stormwater services, and reserve board funding.

Methven Residential Amenity Rate

0.000767 cents in the dollar of capital value on every non business rating unit within the Methven township, for the provision of the following services:

- Parks and Open Spaces
- Transportation - Footpaths

Rakaia Residential Amenities Rate

0.000280 cents in the dollar of capital value on every non business rating unit in the Rakaia township area for the provision of the following services:

- Parks and Open Spaces

Rakaia Business Amenity Rate

0.001877 cents in the dollar of capital value on every business rating unit within the Rakaia township rating area (as defined by Council Maps), for the provision of the following services

- Parks and Open Spaces
- Solid Waste Collection
- Public Conveniences
- District Promotion & Visitor Industry

Rakaia Amenity Rate

0.000786 cents in the dollar of capital value on every rating unit in the Rakaia township area for the provision of the following services

- Stormwater
- Transportation - Footpaths
- Reserve Board Funding

Rural Amenity Rate

0.000045 cents in the dollar of capital value on every rating unit in the rural area, excluding the townships of Methven and Rakaia, for the provision of the following services:

- Parks & Open Spaces
- Transportation - Footpaths
- Emergency management

Hinds Stormwater Rate

0.000073 cents in the dollar of capital value on every rating unit in the Hinds township area for the provision of stormwater services.

Methven Community Board Rate

A targeted rate for the Methven community board under section 16(3)(b) and 16(4)(a) of 0.000165 cents in the dollar of capital value of all rating units within the Methven township area.

Methven Community Pool Rate

A targeted rate for the Methven community pool under section 16(3)(b) and 16(4)(a) of \$11.90 per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit within the Methven township area.

Montalto Stockwater Rate.

A targeted rate under section 16(3)(b) and 16(4)(a) of \$617.80 per rating unit within or connected to the Montalto stockwater scheme, and \$21.00 per hectare of land within or connected to the Montalto stockwater scheme.

Methven/Springfield Rate

A targeted rate under section 16(3)(b) and 16(4)(a) of \$733.50 on all rating units connected to the Methven/Springfield stockwater scheme.

A targeted rate under section 19 of \$61.10 per 1,000 litres of water supplied in excess of 12,000 litres to any rating unit within the Methven/Springfield stockwater scheme.

General Stockwater Rate

A targeted rate under section 16(3)(b) and 16(4)(a) on all rating units within the general stockwater scheme in accordance with the following factors:

- a) \$51.60 in respect of any race, aqueduct or water channel not exceeding one hundred and sixty one metres in length, and
- b) in respect of any race, aqueduct or water channel exceeding one hundred and sixty one metres in length the sum of 32 cents per metre for every metre where the same passes through, along or adjacent to or abuts the land of such occupier or owner, and
- c) the sum of \$64.10 for each pond service, pipe service, ram service, pump service, water wheel or windmill, and
- d) the sum of \$32.00 for each dip service or extension pump service using water from the Council's water race system.

Due dates for payment of rates

That all rates will be payable in six equal instalments due on:

- 20 August 2011
- 20 October 2011
- 20 December 2011
- 20 February 2012
- 20 April 2012
- 20 June 2012

Where the 20th of a month in which rates are due does not fall on a working day, rate payments will be accepted without penalty up to and including the first working day after the 20th of that month.

Penalties

That the Council delegates to the Finance Manager to apply the following penalties on unpaid rates.

Under section 58(1)(a), a penalty of 10% on any instalment or part thereof that has been assessed after 1 July 2011 and which is unpaid after the due date.

Under section 58(1)(b), a further penalty of 10% on any unpaid rates and penalties to unpaid rates owed owing as at 30 June 2011, if unpaid as at 31 August 2011.

Brown/McLeod

Carried

The Community Planning Manager and Policy Advisor left the meeting at 2.07 pm.
The Solid Waste Manager attended the meeting.

4.8 Constituting Agreement of the Canterbury Waste Joint Committee June 2011

That Council approves the amended Constituting Agreement of the Canterbury Waste Joint Committee June 2011.

Nelson/Leadley

Carried

The Solid Waste Manager left the meeting at 2.11 pm.
[\[click here to read the report\]](#)

4.9 Closure of Stockwater Race – Application 110602

That Council approves the closure of the stockwater race from PN 4793 – Lot 2 DP 6062 down to a two drains on and alongside PN 4606 – Lot 53 57 Pt 55 DP 885 - a total distance of 13.6 kilometres, effective from 8 July 2011.

Nelson/Leadley

Carried

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

4.10 Town Centre Subcommittee

• **Ashburton Parking Strategy**

That the Ashburton Parking Strategy 2010 be referred to the Central Parking Working Group.

That the Central Parking Group working group be reconstituted, with Council representatives being Crs Nelson (Chair), Favel, Kilworth, Leadley and Sparks.

Kilworth/Sparks

Carried

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

4.11 Disposal of Houses – 327, 329 West Street, Ashburton

The Property Manager recommended that the option to demolish the two houses be retained. He explained that in the event that there is no sale for removal Council would have the increased liability of obtaining consent to transfer and store the houses.

That the two houses situated at 327 and 329 West Street, Ashburton, be disposed of by sale and removal.

Nelson/Totty

AMENDMENT

That the two houses situated at 327 and 329 West Street, Ashburton, be disposed of by either sale and removal or demolition.

Leadley/McLeod

A show of hands gave 7 for and 5 against

The amendment became the substantive motion

Carried

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

4.11 Fletchers EQR Presentation

Representatives of Fletchers EQR attended the meeting at 2.30pm – Sean Gray, Area Projects Manager; Richard Vance, Project Manager and Catherine Collett, Community Liaison Officer provided a powerpoint presentation and opportunity for discussion on EQR's role in the earthquake recovery process.

Council adjourned for afternoon tea at 3pm and resumed at 3.20 pm.

Business transacted with the public excluded (3.22 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:	
5.1	Confirmation of Minutes		
5.1.1	Council 26/05/11– <ul style="list-style-type: none">Executive CommitteeFuture dog poundExtraordinary business – PHO Board appointmentProperty matters	Sections 7(2)(h) & (a) Section 7(2)(h) Section 7(2)(a)	Commercial activities & Protection of privacy of natural persons Commercial activities Protection of privacy of natural persons
5.1.2	Environmental Services 9/06/11 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Future dog pound	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
5.1.3	Operations 9/06/11 – [now in open meeting] <ul style="list-style-type: none">New street lighting operation & maintenance contractC521 Minor township maintenance contract (Rakaia)	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
5.1.4	Finance & Community 23/06/11 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Police reportAudit & BudgetProperty & Investment	Section 7(2)(f) Section 7(2)(h) Section 7(2)(h)	Maintain effective conduct of public affairs Commercial activities Commercial activities
5.2	Property Matter	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
5.3	Extraordinary Business – Future Dog Pound	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities

Mayor/Nordqvist

Carried

Business transacted with the public excluded now in open meeting

- **New Street Lighting Operation & Maintenance Contract** [Council 26/05/11]
2011-12 to 2014-15
 - 1 **That** the contract for street light maintenance and operation for 2011/12 to 2014/15, is set as a three year contract plus one year of extension, subject to Council approval for the additional year; and
 - 2 **That** Council approves negotiating the new contract with Electricity Ashburton Ltd as the sole service provider for this contract, subject to the approval of New Zealand Transport Agency.
Nordqvist/Leadley Carried

- **C521 – Minor township maintenance works – Rakaia 2007-2010** [Council 26/05/11]
 - 1 **That** Contract C521, Minor Township Maintenance Works, Rakaia 2007 to 2010, be terminated on 30 September 2011; and
 - 2 **That** Council approves the tendering of a new contract for the three year nine months period from 1 October 2011 to 30 June 2015.
Nordqvist/Burgess Carried

- **Argyle Park Land** [Finance & Community Services 23/06/11]

That the area of land containing approximately 4.5 hectares in Lot 190 DP 235, formerly leased for market gardening, adjoining Argyle Park, be made available for lease.
Mayor/Nelson Carried

- **Freeholding Glasgow Leased Land – Dobson Street** [Finance & Community Services 23/06/11]

That the land held in Certificates of Title CB11K/110 (923m²); CB11K/111 (923m²); CB11K/112 (923m²); CB11K/113 (4522m²) and CB11K/114 (2777m²) described as Lots 9-19 DP 15468 containing a total area of 1.0068 hectares be approved for sale to Luisetti Properties Limited at current freeholding market valuation subject to Luisetti Properties Limited acquiring the leasehold interest.
Burgess/Sparks Carried

- **Art Gallery / Heritage Centre – Timeline** [Finance & Community Services 23/06/11]

That the report be received and the Art Gallery /Heritage centre timeline be endorsed.
Leadley/Sparks Carried

Canterbury Rural PHO Board Appointment

- 1 **That** the District Health Committee's elected members be delegated to appoint the Council representative on the Canterbury Rural PHO Board; and
- 2 **That** the appointment process gives consideration to:
 - i) the schedule of suggested persons, as provided to the Mayor by Cr Leadley;
 - ii) preparation of a person specification to identify the skill and experience needed;
 - iii) publicly advertising the role if necessary.

Kilworth/Sparks Carried

Cr Leadley abstained from voting.

The meeting concluded at 5.25 pm.

Confirmed this 11th day of August 2011 by

MAYOR