

Operations Committee

Minutes of the Operations Committee meeting held on 9 June, 2011, commencing at 2.55 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, 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 Asset Information Officer and Water Services Contracts Engineer.

One member of the public.

1 Apologies

Cr Robin Kilworth

Sustained

2 Extraordinary Business

Nil.

3 Confirmation of Minutes

It was noted that the trial on Dip Rd involved mixing lime with gravel.

That the minutes of the Operations Committee meeting held on 28 March, 2011, as amended, be taken as read and confirmed.

Reveley/Nordqvist

Carried

4 Matters Arising

• Bridge Reference Group

The Operations Manager confirmed that the reference group can be discharged. The Group's facilitator will be asked to progress this.

• Mill Creek

Work has commenced on the proposal to combine sites identified in the 2011-12 year with those in the current year's programme. It is anticipated that tenders will be called in July.

Photos were tabled showing sections of the creek in Argyle Park where some remedial work has been carried out.

• Jesseps Bend

The Committee has asked for an update on the stormwater gate project.

5 Tinwald Borefield Project – Access to Tinwald Reserve

1 **That** Council declines the request for exemption from water charges received from the Tinwald Reserves Board; and

2 **That** Council formally approves the easements necessary for the purposes of constructing the treatment building and trunk main through the Tinwald Domain Reserve as currently (conditionally) agreed by the Tinwald Reserves Board.

Nordqvist/Reveley

Carried

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

6 Activity Reports

That the reports be received.

Nelson/Totty

Carried

• Financials

- Roothing budgets – There is an ability to move funding between the two activities (maintenance and operation of local roads and renewal of local roads), however Council's approval would be required to vary the programme. More narrative will be provided in future reports.
- Cycling and walking facilities – the work has not been carried out because the subsidy was not available this year. Council's contribution to the funding has been carried forward. The Committee asked that the Walking & Cycling Strategy be discussed at the next Operations Committee workshop.
- Subsidised roading – all contracts required to be completed this year have been completed, with the exception of a small section of footpath resurfacing in Hinds.
- Minor improvements – two major intersections, which form the largest part of this budget, have been delayed pending resource consents required by Mayfield Hinds Irrigation Ltd for a culvert under Trevors Rd (Trevors Rd / Hinds Arundel Rd).

• Rakaia Barrhill Stockwater race closure

The Working Group is meeting next week to finalise project options.

• General maintenance

- Arundel Rakaia Gorge Rd – the most damaged sections of road have been identified and referred to Council's consultants for a solution
- Fairfield Road – traffic speed data has confirmed there is an issue where the road reduces to 50km/hr. Options to reduce speeding to be investigated in conjunction with policing.

• Street cleaning

The Roothing & Street Services Manager agreed to provide Cr Favel with information on Council's footpath cleaning contract.

• Carriageway lighting

Cr Nelson asked that some of the street lights be turned on in the Ashburton Business Estate. It was noted that the area is frequently used by joggers, cyclists and dog walkers and lighting in the evening would provide more security and safety.

• Traffic services

The Roothing & Street Services Manager acknowledged that McNally Street, in the Riverside Park industrial estate, is getting more use. He agreed to check whether existing controls are adequate and will request the contractor to re-mark Robinson Street, within the vicinity of McNally Street.

• Minor improvements

The "improve safety at schools" projects for this year are all under construction with work to be completed by 30 June.

- **Public conveniences**

- **Mt Somers**

Two options have been identified for construction of a new public toilet block behind the fire shed at Mt Somers - a basic facility with a holding tank (\$15,000) and the same facility with a septic tank (\$40,000). The Roading & Street Services Manager advised that the latter option would require a drip line to be installed on McClimont Green and this would be inappropriate because of the public use of this land.

Without a budget in 2011-12 for this, staff will instead investigate improved signage directing the public to the existing public conveniences in the Mt Somers Domain.

Cr Totty said the Mt Somers community had understood that there was a budget and asked that they be given some degree of certainty on this matter.

The project to improve the public conveniences in Mt Somers will also be addressed in the Long Term Plan.

- **Rakaia**

The 2011-12 budget has provided for re-tiling the floor of the Rakaia public toilets. The Operations Manager reported that the estimated cost of this work is \$6,000 and work is able to be commenced before 1 July.

- **East Street**

The Committee agreed that the issue of water pooling on the floor of the East Street public toilets also needs to be addressed immediately. The Operations Manager advised that Council approval would be sought for the probable over-spends in this account.

That if possible, funding be found to upgrade the floor of the East St public conveniences.

Reveley/Favel

Carried

- **Tinwald bore field**

Cr Nelson asked whether some of the upgrade work can be brought forward and completed earlier. This will be referred to the Water Services Manager to discuss with Cr Nelson.

- **Ashburton upgrade**

The consent has been amended and granted by Environment Canterbury.

- **Hydrant pressure and flow testing**

Fire hydrant pressure and flow testing of approximately 315 hydrants is to commence from 30 May and complete by 10 June. The Operations Manager agreed to provide further information on the frequency of testing and confirmed that it will be part of network monitoring levels of service.

- **Fairton water**

Concerns have been raised by residents around the chlorination of the upgraded water supply and the possibility of lifting the hosing ban. Staff were asked to respond and co-ordinate a meeting with residents.

The Mayor left the meeting at 4.29 pm.

- **Solid waste**

The Committee asked how many schools are participating in waste education programme being delivered by Council's contractor. The Solid Waste Manager will report back.

Cr Sparks left the meeting at 4.35 pm.

Cost estimates for a satellite recycling site at Staveley were provided and consultation will be carried out with the community on the proposed site.

The Operations Manager reported that some work could be undertaken in the coming year within the existing budget, subject to community support and road access being confirmed. This matter will be the subject of a further report to the Committee on 7 July.

- **Earthquake debrief**

A debrief on the local response to the Christchurch earthquakes was held on 7 June. Cr Nelson reported that the welfare agencies expressed a desire for more frequent meetings. The debrief also identified the need for an alternative welfare centre in the event that Ashburton College and / or Ashburton Intermediate are able to continue operating.

- **Sector post review**

Public consultation is to commence on the sector post review which has been amended to include the Longbeach sector post.

A copy of the consultation document will be provided to Councillors.

The Mayor returned to the meeting at 5.05 pm.

7 Water Subcommittee

That the report and minutes of the Water Subcommittee meeting held on 19 May 2011 be received.

Nelson/Brown

Carried

Business transacted with the public excluded (5.07 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:	
8	C583 – new street lighting operation & maintenance	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
9	C521 – minor township maintenance contract, Rakaia	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities

Reveley/Wilson

Carried

The meeting concluded at 5.20 pm.