



Ashburton District Council

AGENDA

A **MEETING** of the **ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE** will be held as follows:

Date: Thursday 16 October 2008

Time: 1.30 pm

Venue: Council Chamber
5 Baring Square West
Ashburton

B LESTER
Chief Executive

MEMBERS:

Cr R J Kilworth (Chairman)
Cr R C Beavan
Cr I J Burgess
Cr J A Kingsbury
Cr L J Leadley
Cr P W Reveley
Cr J Sparks
Cr B A Tasker
Mayor M B O'Malley (ex officio)

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ASHBURTON DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

FILE NO: 6/9/44
DATE: 16 October 2008
REPORT TO: Environmental Services Committee
FROM: Heritage Subcommittee
SUBJECT: Heritage Subcommittee Meeting – Heritage Grant Funding

5. HERITAGE GRANT FUNDING

REPORT AND MINUTES of a meeting of the **HERITAGE SUBCOMMITTEE** held in Meeting Room 2, 5 Baring Square West, Ashburton, on Monday 22 September, 2008, commencing at 10.00 am.

PRESENT: Councillors R Beavan (Convener) and B Tasker.
Assistant Planner, C Yates and Community Services Officer, V Prendergast.

Matters Arising

Review of the Heritage Grant Policy

Cr Beavan reported that this matter has been held over due to the proposed review of the District Plan. The Heritage Subcommittee suggested maybe just review the following:

“the maximum individual grant shall be no greater than 50% of the cost of the approved project and in any event shall be no more than \$5,000”

It is six years since this figure was set by Council.

Heritage Grant Applications

St Marks Church Rakaia

District Plan Category A No. 22 (internal and external protection)
NZ Historic Places Trust Register Category II No. 5453

The Heritage Subcommittee considered there was insufficient information to support this application and instructed Mrs Yates to write to the applicant and request that the applicant provide specific information before 31 October 2008. The additional information can then be referred to the Heritage Subcommittee for further consideration.

Holy Name Parish Ashburton

District Plan Category A No. 17 (internal and external protection)
NZ Historic Places Trust Register Category I No. 284

Proposed replacement of rotten window frame, repair barge boards and replace damaged roof tiles on Catholic Presbytery on Sealy Street. The Subcommittee commended the well prepared application.

Church of St John the Evangelist (Anglican) Windermere

District Plan Category A No. 23 internal and external protection
NZ Historic Places Trust Register Category II No. 1753

The Heritage Subcommittee considered there was insufficient information to support this application and instructed Mrs Yates to write to the applicant and request that the applicant provide specific information before 31 October 2008. The additional information can then be referred to the Heritage Subcommittee for further consideration.

Akaunui (dwelling)

District Plan Category A No. 14 external protection only
NZ Historic Places Trust Register Category II No. 1751

The Heritage Subcommittee considered there was insufficient information to support this application and instructed Mrs Yates to write to the applicant and request that the applicant provide specific information before 31 October 2008. The additional information can then be referred to the Heritage Subcommittee for further consideration.

St Aidans Church Hoods Road, Mt Somers

District Plan Category A No. 24 (internal and external protection)
Not Listed on N.Z. Historic Places Trust Register

The Heritage Subcommittee generally supported this application subject to a satisfactory approval from the NZ Historic Places that they are comfortable with the proposed addition of the heating system and wiring etc, and instructed Mrs Yates to write to the applicant and request that the applicant provide specific information before 31 October 2008. The additional information can then be referred to the Heritage Subcommittee for further consideration.

St Andrews Presbyterian Church, Havelock Street, Ashburton

District Plan Category A No. 19 (internal and exterior protection)
Listed On The NZ Historic Places Trust Register
Category II No. 1809

The Church is seeking funding to replace cracked plaster on parapet of church.

Staveley Historical and Geological Centre (former Springburn Museum)

Syme's Road Staveley (not listed in the District Plan)

The Springburn Museum at the Springburn School was listed in the Proposed District Plan as Category Z No. 152.

With the intended closing of the Springburn School, the Springburn Museum was moved to G Crozier's land corner Flynn's Road/Inland Scenic Route.

Variation No. 23 to the Ashburton District Council Proposed District Plan removed the Springburn Museum listing.

Notification was sent out on 25 May 1999, to Staveley Geological Centre, c/o G Crozier, RD1 Ashburton, that Variation 23 amends the Heritage provisions of the Proposed Plan by reviewing Appendix 3 and the status and merits of individual property. It was a general advice notice rather than specific.

The Springburn Museum was deleted from the District Plan and the Staveley Historical and Geological Centre was not been put forward for listing evaluation at this stage. The Heritage Subcommittee suggested that this building should be re-evaluated at the time of the District Plan review.

150th Anniversary of Settlement of Ashburton Township

The Heritage Subcommittee was approached by Parks Manager to see whether funding could be made available for an information panel commemorating the Turton Accommodation House and history as part of the 150th Anniversary of Settlement of Ashburton Township.

The Subcommittee has invited all the Schools in Ashburton District to participate in a colouring competition and is seeking permission for \$400 from the Heritage Grant Fund to be distributed to the various winners from each of the schools. A copy of the competition is enclosed.

RECOMMENDATION TO ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

- “1. That the Holy Name Parish Ashburton be granted \$2,875 to replace a rotten window frame, repair barge boards and replace damaged roof tiles on Catholic Presbytery;
2. That St Andrews Presbyterian Church, be granted \$3,225 to replace cracked plaster on parapet of church;
3. That the application from the Staveley Hall Society for \$2,354 be declined, as it did not fit the criteria of the Heritage Grant Policy;
4. That \$3,500 be allocated from the Heritage Grant Fund for an information panel depicting the Turton Accommodation House and history which is being organised by Parks Manager and Heritage Subcommittee as part of the 150th Anniversary of Settlement of Ashburton Township;
5. That \$400 be allocated from the Heritage Grant Fund for the prizes associated with the colouring competition which has gone out to all schools in Ashburton District; and
6. That the \$38,881 balance of the unallocated heritage grant fund be carried over for allocation at a later date.”

Tasker/Beavan

Carried

The meeting concluded at 12 noon.

ACTIVITY REPORTS

6. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

6.1 *Building Services Manager*

With the retirement of Mr John Bruce, the Senior Building Official, this role has been replaced with the position of Building Services Manager. John will retire on 23 October 2008, and the Committee will have the opportunity to farewell him at the meeting.

Mr Mark Fields, an experienced Building Official has been appointed to this new role and will commence on 3 November 2008. Mark is currently working as a Building Official at the Timaru District Council and is also a Technical Adviser holding the highest level of competency in their Building Consent Authority procedures.

Building consent data and activity graphs are attached.

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6.2 *Fencing of Swimming Pools*

Publicity will be carried out to encourage pool owners to check their pools as the summer season approaches. The Fencing of Swimming Pools Act requires the Council to take a proactive position in this regard.

6.3 *On-Farm Reservoirs and the Fencing of Swimming Pools Act*

Guidelines from the Department of Building & Housing indicate that a Code of Compliance Certificate should not be issued if a swimming pool does not comply in the vicinity of consented building work. Staff hold concerns for rural properties where it is not uncommon to place on-farm water storage reservoirs in close proximity to farm work accommodation. Reservoirs trigger the definition of a 'swimming pool' if they are near a dwelling. It is likely that we will seek a Determination from the Department of Building & Housing to provide guidance on suitable separation distances. This matter may have implications for land owners that have sited dwellings in close proximity to reservoirs.

6.4 *Small Villages Development Plans*

The Small Villages Development Plans are now being bound for distribution to elected members. A delay occurred when the layout that had been prepared by the Consultants was found to be suited to display on a screen, rather than on a small page. This has now resulted in the plans being printed in A3 size.

6.5 *Regional Policy Statement Workshop*

The Regional Policy Statement workshop that was held on 15 September 2008, with Councillors, was an informative way of understanding how this document could affect the Ashburton District Council.

6.6 *Canterbury Region Planners Liaison Meeting*

The Ashburton District Council will host an officer level liaison meeting of Planners from around Canterbury on 17 October 2008. This is an important forum for networking and sharing solutions to problems that are encountered by all Councils.

6.7 Planning Workshop

A workshop was held on 4 September for Councillors regarding the Resource Management Act, District Plan and resource consents. Another Planning Workshop is being prepared and the members will be advised when a date is confirmed.

6.8 KBK Hearing and Decision

The hearing for a child daycare facility on Middle Road occurred on 8 September. The decision to grant the consent has been sent to the applicant and all submitters.

6.9 NZCD Hearing and Decision

The hearing for a café at Chertsey on the railway shed site took place and the decision granting the consent was released on 10 September.

6.10 Stuart Norrie Hearing and Decision

The hearing to establish a relocated house in a floodable area took place on 7 August and the decision to grant the consent was sent to the applicant and the submitter. The period for Environment Court appeals closed on Friday 3 October without any being lodged.

6.11 Arowhenua Meeting

The Planning staff met with the members of the Arowhenua Marae Committee on 24 September at a liaison meeting held in Temuka.

6.12 Ministry for the Environment

The Senior District Planner attended a workshop in Wellington on 18 September to assist the Ministry for the Environment with their rural land use website resource.

6.13 Resource Consents Granted by Delegated Authority

Consents granted in period 1/09/08 - 3/10/08 attached.
Land use and subdivision consent data attached.

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6.14 Regulatory Department

The following is a summary of the key activities carried out by the Regulatory Department over the reporting period:

- **Staff**

Magnus Viljoen has resigned and will leave for Auckland on 17 October 2008. Recruitment of a new EHO has been started.

Adrian Humphries passed the NZ Food Safety Authority Training to allow auditing of food premises under the new Food Act.

- **External Meetings**

The Regulatory Manager and Licensing Inspector had a meeting with NZ Police and ACADS (Medical Officer of Health representative) regarding enforcement of the Sale of Liquor Act.

The Regulatory Manager attended a meeting of the Methven Farmers Market committee and gave them an overview of Ashburton District Council's requirements.

- **Bylaws**

Methven liquor ban signs have been erected.

Repainting of pavement liquor ban area warnings in Ashburton has been organised.

Signs have been designed for dog control at Lakes Clearwater and Camp. Once funding has been identified these will be manufactured and posted.

The requirement for signage relating to the Methven glass ban, illegal dumping, camping restrictions and dog control is still being carried out and will take some time. It is also likely that there will be significant cost involved.

The feasibility of a Dog Exercise Area is being investigated by the Animal Control System Officer. Two possible locations have been identified and further work is being carried out to estimate associated costs.

6.15 Environmental Health

• Food safety

Twelve existing food premises were inspected and graded. Two new food premises were inspected and registered. All displayed a Good or Excellent standard of food safety.

Food stalls at Boulevard Day were inspected and licensed as necessary.

One food complaint was investigated.

A question and answer session was held with students on a food safety course at Aoraki Polytechnic.

• Hairdressers

Eight hairdressing salons were inspected, no problems were noted.

• Nuisances

- A total of 55 noise complaints were received; **19** noise directions were issued.
- 2 complaints of smoke nuisance were received.
- 1 complaint relating to cats has been investigated.
- 2 complaints above untidy/unhealthy sections.
- 1 complaint about a rooster.
- 2 visits were made to potentially insanitary dwellings – one was declared insanitary.

• Contaminated Land

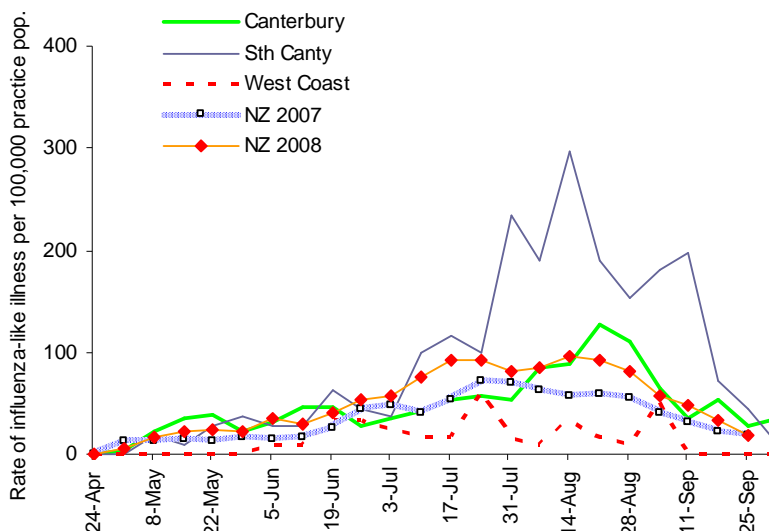
The Regulatory Manager, in liaison with the Ministry of the Environment, ECan and the District Health Board, carried out an inspection of potentially contaminated land.

• Disease

The incidence of influenza in South Canterbury has been much higher than last year, however in Canterbury as a whole it is about the same. No cases have yet been reported in Ashburton District.

The outbreak appears to be almost over as the graph below from Community & Public Health indicates:

C&PH Influenza Surveillance 2008
Summary graph of influenza-like illness surveillance by 9/9 Canterbury, 3/3 South Canterbury and 2/2 West Coast medical centres for the week ending Thursday 2 October 2008.



These results should be interpreted with caution because of the relatively small ratio of sentinel practice populations to health district populations

During the reporting period the following disease notifications were made from Ashburton to the District Health Board.

Disease	Number	Remarks
Campylobacter	11	
Cryptosporidiosis	12	
Giardiasis	1	
Leptospirosis	2	
Salmonellosis	1	

No notifications were passed on to Ashburton District Council for further investigation, hence it is assumed that no cases were found to be related and considered to be outbreaks.

6.16 General Inspections

In the reporting period, the following inspections have been carried out:

- 12 building warrant of fitness audits.
- Only two litter infringements were served. It is hoped that this indicates better compliance with the Litter Act and will continue to remain low.

- Five complaints of littering/illegal dumping were received. Four investigations of illegal dumping activities were carried out and two infringement notices issued.
- Four Planning matters, one monitoring, two unauthorised activities, one relating to signs.
- Two abatement notices were issued under the Resource Management Act.

6.17 Animal Control

- **Registration status**

Since the last meeting dogs unregistered from last year have been identified and registered. The annual breakdown is as follows:

Category	Number
Dogs registered in 2007/ 2008	5770
New registrations	797
Dogs re-registered from 2006/2007	5279
2006/ 2007 registered dogs not accounted for	497
Percentage re-registered in 2007/2008	91.4%

- **Court Cases**

Since the last meeting two ongoing cases have been before the Court; both for dog rushing and not under control. In both cases the defendants pleaded guilty and were fined. Final details are awaited.

- **Dog Control Act - Infringement Notices**

21 infringement notices have been served since the last meeting making a total of 41 since 1 July 2008.

- **Impounding**

Twenty nine dogs have been impounded since the last meeting.

Six dogs are still in pound.

One dog has been euthanized.

- **Rehoming**

Eight dogs have been rehomed direct to a new owner, one to the SPCA.

- **Dog and stock control reports**

The report for September 2008 is attached.

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6.18 Financial Reports

Financial reports for the period 1 July 2007 to 31 May 2008, are attached. **Pages 35-42**

J McKENZIE

Environmental Services Manager