



Ashburton District Council

AGENDA

A MEETING of the ASHBURTON DISTRICT COUNCIL
will be held as follows:

Date: Tuesday 18 December 2007

Venue: Council Chamber
5 Baring Square West
Ashburton

Time: 1.30 pm

MEMBERS:

His Worship the Mayor, M B O'Malley
Cr R C Beavan
Cr N A Brown
Cr I J Burgess
Cr J A Everest
Cr K L Holmes
Cr R J Kilworth
Cr J A Kingsbury
Cr L J Leadley
Cr K W P Lowe
Cr P W Reveley
Cr J Sparks
Cr B A Tasker

B LESTER
Chief Executive

14 December 2007

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Timetable
1.30 pm Ordinary Meeting Commences
 OPENING PRAYER
3 pm Afternoon Tea

14 December 2007

3.1 COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES of a Meeting of the **ASHBURTON DISTRICT COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber, 5 Baring Square West, Ashburton, on Thursday 22 November 2007, commencing at 1.35 pm.

PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor, Mr M B O'Malley; Councillors R C Beavan, I J Burgess, N A Brown, J A Everest, K L Holmes, R J Kilworth, J A Kingsbury, L J Leadley, K W P Lowe, P W Reveley, J Sparks and B A Tasker.
Also in attendance Chief Executive, Manager Democracy & Community Services, Community Consultation Manager and Committee Secretary.

The opening prayer was offered by Monsignor James Harrington.

Local Services Mapping Presentation

The Local Services Mapping Report was presented to Council by Denise Kidd (Regional Manager, Family & Community Services), John Allen (Regional Commissioner, Ministry of Social Development) and Mary Richardson. Tony Milne, Canterbury Regional Co-ordinator of Labour MPs attended on behalf of Hon Tim Barnett.

The research carried out by Family & Community Services has identified social services needs and priorities in this district, highlighting health as the major issue. The presenters acknowledged the involvement of the Council and Safer Community Council staff as well as other community agencies that have been part of the process.

The Mayor thanked the representatives for bringing the report to Council and gave an undertaking that Council would continue to work towards the development of a co-ordinated approach to address Ashburton district's social issues.

The presentation concluded at 1.56 pm.

Order of Business

The Mayor sought Council's agreement to take the Plan Change decision prior to the Chief Executive's report. It was noted that the Plan Change would need to be confirmed before consideration of the NE Business Park Project Team proposal as contained in the Chief Executive's report.

"That item 4.7, being the Plan Change report, be considered prior to the Chief Executive's report."

Kilworth/Beavan

Carried

Confirmation of Minutes

"That the minutes of the meeting of Ashburton District Council held on 27 September, 2007, be taken as read and confirmed."

Leadley/Kilworth

Carried

"That the minutes of the Inaugural meeting of Ashburton District Council held on 27 September, 2007, be taken as read and confirmed."

Tasker/Burgess

Carried

Matters Arising

CDHB Election

The Mayor took the opportunity to acknowledge Dr Chris Ryan's election to the Canterbury District Health Board. Dr Ryan has subsequently resigned from the Ashburton District Health Committee and has been replaced as Chairman of that Committee by the Mayor.

"That Council write to Dr Ryan congratulating him on his successful election and thanking him for the work he has undertaken on behalf of the Ashburton District Health Committee."

Tasker/Burgess

Carried

Mayor's Report

"That the report be received."

Leadley/Holmes

Carried

ECan Boundaries

The Mayor reported that he and the Chief Executive attended a meeting of southern Canterbury councils yesterday which was held at Timaru District Council. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the possibility of changing the ECan boundaries.

The Chief Executive explained that the initial focus would be to gauge community support. Communities of interest and area boundaries would need to be identified and any proposal developed would then require public consultation.

The Environmental Services Manager attended the meeting.

Proposed North East Ashburton Business Area

A supplementary recommendation received from the Commissioner was tabled. In his report, the Commissioner noted that the wording of recommendation 47 in Annexure A appeared ambiguous and that clause was amended to read –

"47 Add a new Zone Standard 7.7.5.2.9 Outline Development Plan and Limitations on Business 9 Zone Activities:-

"No business activity shall take place in the Business 9 Zone until such time as the landscape plans for the 75m buffer and the central open space, as defined on 7.7.12 (the Outline Development for the Business 9 Zone), have been implemented. This shall include the construction of mounding."

The Environmental Services Manager also tabled a new outline development plan which detailed a change to the entry into Works Road.

1. That the report be received.
2. That the Council adopts the recommendation from the Independent Hearing Commissioner in relation to proposed Plan Change N^o 2 to its Operative District Plan and pursuant to Clause 10 of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991, the Ashburton District Council gives its decisions on, and its reasons for accepting or rejecting, all submissions received on Proposed Plan Change 2 to the Ashburton District Plan.
3. That the Council confirms that pursuant to Section 32 of the Resource Management Act 1991, the Ashburton District Council:

- i has carried out an evaluation examining the matters specified in subsections 3 (a) and (b); and
 - ii is satisfied that the rules and other methods contained in Proposed Plan Change 2, as amended by its decisions on the submissions received, are the most appropriate way for achieving the objectives of the District Plan, taking into account benefits and costs and the risk of not acting if there is uncertain or insufficient information about the subject matter of the policies, rules, or other methods.
4. That pursuant to section 9 of the First Schedule and section 171(2) of the Resource Management Act 1991, that the Council recommends that its requirement for roading purposes be confirmed subject to conditions as set out in the decision of the Independent Hearing Commissioner.”

Kilworth/Beavan

Carried

The Environmental Services Manager left the meeting at 2.23 pm.

Chief Executive’s Report

“That the report be received.”

Tasker/Burgess

Carried

Gambling Act Review

It was reported that Council’s submission was presented to the Select Committee via tele-conference yesterday.

Economic Development Fund

It was noted that representation for the Ashburton / Selwyn area will be discussed at the Mayoral Forum next week.

“That the following Canterbury Regional Governance structure for requirements of NZTE be agreed for consultation:

- (i) The Canterbury Regional Governance Group be established as a company wholly owned in equal share by the territorial authorities of Canterbury and Environment Canterbury (100 shares, 10 shares each).
- (ii) The membership of the Governance Group be established as follows to meet the requirement of NZTE/MED for regional cross representation.

Local Government Representatives

North Canterbury -Hurunui, Waimakariri, Kaikoura	1 representative
City - Christchurch	1 representative
Mid Canterbury - Ashburton, Selwyn	1 representative
South Canterbury — Waimate, Timaru, McKenzie	1 representative
Environment Canterbury	<u>1</u> representative
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Maori and Industry

Ngai Tahu	1 representative
Industry	<u>4</u> representatives

Regional Governance Group

10 representatives

- (iii) Local Government appointees be limited to Elected Members/Council staff members, or independent persons, (ie. not members of any EDA).

- (iv) The four Territorial Authority groupings each appoint one of the four industry representatives to the Group, with a view to achieving collectively a geographical and sectorial spread of skills and expertise.
- (v) The Regional Governance Group meet twice annually in accordance with the funding application round to NZTE/MED.
- (vi) The Regional Governance Group appoints the Administrative Agent to act as the interface between, NZTE/MED and fund recipients.
- (vii) The Regional Governance Group not be remunerated.
- (viii) The Statement of Proposal and consultation documents for the establishment of the CCO and exemption from normal Local Government Act reporting requirements, be prepared by the Christchurch City Council on behalf of and for adoption by each Council and that the proposal be consulted on as part of the 2008/09 Annual Plan.
- (ix) Christchurch City Council facilitates the CCO Board appointment process and the initial meeting of the CCO.
- (x) The Regional Governance Group appoint an administrative agent to provide administrative support and act as a conduit between government, EDAs and other agencies who may be applicants for RSF and EPD funds”

Tasker/Holmes

Carried

Waste Management Bill

The Chief Executive reported that Council’s submission has been lodged on the Bill and a request has been made to present the submission in person. In response to a suggestion that refundable deposits for products such as bottles be included, Mr Lester agreed that it would be appropriate to address this as part of the submission process; the concept is also being lobbied by LGNZ through the Provincial Sector.

Zone 5

Councillors congratulated the Mayor on his appointment as the Zone 5 representative to National Council.

Citizenship Ceremony

Council adjourned for the Citizenship Ceremony at 2.33 pm.

Recipients of New Zealand citizenship were Mr Stephen Lewis, Mrs Evelyn Lewis, Frank and Stephen Lewis, Mr Jonathan Preston, Mrs Annette Slemint, Mrs Sonja Louw, Mr Johan Louw and Ruan Louw, and Mr Peter Salvesen.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the new New Zealand citizens and their guests were invited to join with the Mayor and councillors for afternoon tea.

Council resumed at 3.20 pm.

North East Business Park

Council agreed that the recommendation to set up a Project Team requires further discussion, in particular on the proposed delegations and the need for development of policy guidelines.

The Chief Executive explained that the purpose of the Project Team is to implement the project that Council has adopted and because of its significance, specific delegations have been identified.

Mr Lester said that minutes of the Project Team meetings will form a regular report to Council. Other resources, such as Opus Consultants, would continue to be used with the Project Team responsible for oversight and sign-off.

Councillors were invited to put their concerns and suggestions for a policy development process in writing and submit them to the Chief Executive. These comments will be treated with confidence.

“That the matter lie on the table meanwhile, pending a Council workshop.”

Holmes/Burgess

Carried

Services and Operations Committee – 1 November 2007

“That the report and minutes of the Services and Operations Committee meeting held on 1 November 2007, be received.”

Tasker/Leadley

Carried

Road Closure – Ashburton Car Club

It was reported that the Ashburton Car Club’s application for a road closure to allow the Standing and Flying Quarter Mile Street meeting was re-advertised on 7 November 2007, to correctly show that Chertsey Road would be closed from Wards Road to Taverners Road. No objections were received.

1. That the Committee’s decision of 1 November 2007 be revoked; and
2. That Chertsey Road, from Wards Road to Taverners Road, be closed to ordinary vehicular traffic from 9.00 am to 6.00 pm on Saturday 8 December 2007, for the purpose of allowing the Ashburton Car Club to hold a Standing and Flying Quarter Mile Street meeting.”

Tasker/Leadley

Carried

Environmental Services Committee – 8 November 2007

Central Parking Working Group

It was noted that reference had been made to the need to reduce traffic and parking requirements in the urban area. Clarification was sought on whether the Working Group had considered alternative measures that could be promoted, such as cycling and walking. It was confirmed that these options are being considered in the overall investigation of CBD parking and will be further addressed through the Town Centre Subcommittee.

“That the report and minutes of the Environmental Services Committee meeting held on 8 November, 2007, as amended, be received.”

Kilworth/Beavan

Carried

Finance & Corporate Services Committee – 15 November 2007

“That the report and minutes of the Finance and Corporate Services Committee meeting held on 15 November 2007, be received.”

Holmes/ Brown

Carried

Smoke Free Playgrounds

“That Council adopts the “Smoke Free Playgrounds Policy” as contained in this report.”

Holmes/ Brown

Carried

Meeting Schedule 2008

The meeting schedule was updated with dates for the annual plan and budget workshops and the Audit & Budget Subcommittee meetings during the period March to June 2008.

"That Council adopts the 2008 Meeting Schedule for Standing Committee, Council and Methven Community Board meetings.”

Holmes/Brown

Carried

Capital Works Loan 2007/ 2008

- “1. That the Finance Manager be authorised to borrow up to \$28,194,206 for the purpose of funding the capital works identified in the 2007/ 08 Annual Plan; the loans will be for a term not exceeding twenty five years on such terms and conditions consistent with Council’s Liability Management Policy, as may be negotiated by Finance Manager.
2. That Council has considered the risks and benefits to the local authority of the loan or incidental arrangement and the giving of security to be given in relation to the loan or incidental arrangement and Council believes the benefits of raising the loans outweigh the risks associated with the raising of the loan and the giving of security.
3. That the Finance Manager be delegated authority to negotiate and determine the amount, number and type of loan or facility, and the terms and conditions of the loan or loans, facility or facilities (and security), and to negotiate, agree enter into and execute any documentation which may be required, (including security documentation), and if required, to issue such debenture stock/bonds with a face value sufficient to yield up to the sum of \$28,194,206 and execute such; all arrangements entered into under this authority must be consistent with the Council's Liability Management Policy.
4. That the loans may be external or internal loans depending on the interest market at the time of raising the loan. Should external debt be raised, this external debt will be by way of a fixed rate bond issue.”

Holmes/Brown

Carried

Triennial Election 2007

Council received the Electoral Officer’s report following the triennial election on 13 October 2007. It was noted that the percentage of votes returned was less than in previous years but in keeping with the national downward trend of voter interest. Councillors expressed their concern that the STV voting system, required for the District Health Board election, caused voter confusion. It was agreed that LGNZ should continue to be lobbied for changes to the Local Electoral Act. Mr Rollinson advised that he will also raise the issue at the Electoral Officer debrief meeting.

On behalf of Council the Mayor acknowledged the way the process was managed by the Electoral Officer and also asked that Council’s thanks be conveyed to NZ Post for their assistance to meet the mail clearance deadlines.

“That the report be received.”

Holmes/Burgess

Carried

Elected Members Remuneration

The Chief Executive reported that discussions on the need for more equitable distribution of remuneration will continue to be progressed through LGNZ. Mr Lester said that the current formula is weighted in favour of larger populations and doesn't take into account that smaller authorities have the same statutory responsibilities as larger authorities.

- “1. That the recommended remuneration for Councillors for the 2007 / 2008 year to 30 June 2008 for consideration by the Remuneration Authority be on a salary only basis as outlined in Model 1 and listed below:

Position	Annual Salary	No.	Total Annual Salaries
Deputy Mayor	\$23,600.45	1	\$ 23,600.45
Committee Chair	\$23,600.45	3	\$ 70,801.35
Councillor	\$15,596.82	8	\$124,774.56
Total Salaries			\$219,176.36

2. That Council adopts the remuneration basis determined by the Remuneration Authority, for the Mayor, for the 2007/2008 year to 30 June 2008.
3. That the recommended salaries for the Chair and members of the Methven Community Board for the 2007 / 2008 year to 30 June 2008, for consideration by the Remuneration Authority be as outlined in Model 1 and listed below:

Position	Annual Salary	No.	Total Annual Salaries
Community Board Chair	\$2,873.10	1	\$2,873.10
Community Board Member	\$820,89	4	\$3,283.56
Total Salaries			*\$6,156.66

- *NB The total salaries figure is half of the remuneration of community board members. The other half is excluded from the indicative pool.
4. That the applicable rules for the recovery of expenses by elected members and community board members, for the 2007/2008 year to 30 June 2008, previously approved by the Remuneration Authority, be re-confirmed.”

Holmes/Kilworth

Carried

Road Closure – Tinwald Cycling

“That the following roads be closed to ordinary vehicular traffic from 11.30 am to 7.00 pm on Monday 31 December 2007, for the purpose of allowing Tinwald Cycling to hold a Christmas Criterium.

- EAST STREET, from Havelock Street to Wills Street
- HAVELOCK STREET, from East Street to Cass Street
- CAMERON STREET, from East Street to William Street
- VICTORIA STREET, from Cameron Street to Wills Street
- CASS STREET, from Havelock Street to Wills Street
- BARING SQUARE EAST, from Havelock Street to Cameron Street, Ashburton.”

Holmes/Brown

Carried

Items taken with the public excluded (4.05 pm)

“That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting:

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:
5.1.1	Council 27/09/07 [now in open meeting] <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Forestry matter• Budget matter• Staff matter	
5.1.3	Finance & Community Services 15/09/07 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Property Matters [now in open meeting] <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sale of Council land• Plunket rent review• Rural fire units	Section 7(2)(h) Commercial activities
5.2	Staff Matter	Section 7(2)(a) Protection of privacy of natural persons

Kilworth/Tasker

Carried

Business transacted with the public excluded now in open meeting

Budget Matter (Council 27/09/07)

1. That Council approves the use of favourable variances in the 2006/07 Ashburton and Methven cyclic renewal budgets to offset the operational over expenditures on the Ashburton and Methven water supplies;
2. That Council approves the use of any favourable variances in the 2007/08 Ashburton cyclic renewal budget to offset the operational over expenditure on the Ashburton water supply, subject to no impact on work scope;
3. That Council approves the use of Fairton water supply reserve to offset the operational over expenditure on the Fairton water supply;

That Council approves the progressive recovery of the deficit balances on all applicable water supplies through future targeted rating adjustments.”

Tasker/Nelson

Carried

Potential Driving Range (Council 27/09/07)

Following an approach from the Ashburton Golf Club, the Chief Executive sought Council’s view on a request that the Council allow a practice driving range for public use on the Council owned land between Golf Links Road and SH1.

The proposal was not fully supported and it was agreed to decline the request at this time.

Chief Executive (Council 27/09/07)

“That the Chief Executive’s remuneration package becomes effective from 1 September 2007”

Leadley/Kilworth

Carried

Sale of Council Land (F&C 15/11/07)

- “1. That approval be given to call tenders for the sale of the Council land at the corner of Arundel-Rakaia Gorge and McFarlanes Roads containing a total of 17.0094ha described as Rural Sections 32797 and 34064 held in two titles, viz CB93/152 containing 7.2843ha and CB10K/214 containing 9.7251 ha; and
2. That tenders received be referred, along with a market valuation, to Council for acceptance.”

Kingsbury/Lowe

Carried

Ashburton Plunket Rooms – Rent Review

“That the rental for the Plunket Society’s Glasgow lease be offered at 50% of the established rental, being \$2,025.00 plus GST per annum for the period 6/09/07 to 13/01/10.”

Brown/Kingsbury

Carried

Rural Fire Units

Following a meeting of the Rural Fire Units on 14 November, issues relating to the Hinds, Pendarves and Mayfield fire units were reported to the Committee.

- Hinds – completion of the toilet block is required
- Pendarves – extension to house new tanker has been requested
- Mayfield – 4 bay shed with water and toilet facilities has been requested

The Property Manager reported that work will progress immediately at Hinds and it has been established that a holding tank can be put on site. Upgrading the water supply to the Mayfield facility will also be investigated. Mayfield and Hinds work programmes are budgeted carry-overs.

Approval for work on the Pendarves reserve will be sought from DOC once the Fire Unit’s needs for tanker storage and a toilet block are confirmed.

Mr Rooney spoke about the need to ensure that any upgrade undertaken would need to be fully investigated so that all immediate and future requirements for the use of the fire unit facilities are addressed. A timeframe and work programme will be prepared and reported back to the Committee.

The meeting concluded at 5.25 pm.

Confirmed this 18th day of December 2007 by _____

MAYOR

ASHBURTON DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

FILE NO: 2/24/3
DATE: 18 December 2007
REPORT TO: Council Meeting
FROM: Chief Executive

4.2 CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

4.2.1 *Canterbury Mayoral Forum*

A meeting of the Canterbury Mayoral Forum was held on Monday 10 December. The minutes will be circulated as soon as these are available. Mayor Bob Parker was elected as Chair, and Mayor Janie Annear, Deputy Chair.

4.2.1.1 **Triennial Agreement**

Councils within the region are required by the Local Government Act to enter into a triennial agreement outlining protocol for communication and co-ordination for the next three year period. Attached is the current agreement, along with the Charter for the Canterbury Mayoral Forum.

The triennial agreement has been in place in this form for the last three years.

RECOMMENDATION

“That the Triennial Agreement as set out attached be approved.”

Note: *Mackenzie District Council did give advice to the Forum that it was supporting consideration of alternative forms for the delivery of regional council functions.*

4.2.1.2 **Canterbury Strategic Water Study**

A review of the work to date was presented for the benefit of new members, as well as bringing returning members up to date. The final reports for Stages II and III should be completed in February. At this time, Stage IV work will be updated, including budget considerations, and also more specifically, the consultation and communication strategy.

4.2.1.3 **Regional Transport Implementation Plan**

This has been presented to the Minister and staff. Further communication will follow to seek central government commitment.

4.2.2 **Job Expo - Auckland**

Representatives from the district attended this Expo over the weekend of 8/9 December. Ten businesses/industries were represented, however the focus was on selling the district rather than specific jobs in any particular business. The cost of the attendance was approximately \$2,000 per organisation.

The response to the Ashburton presence was very positive, with some 260 written expressions of interest to be followed up. This will be available to businesses throughout the district. The follow up will be monitored. While some expressions were seeking immediate positions, others indicated a medium term interest (ie 6-12 months).

The organisations represented were:

- Enterprise Ashburton
- Ashburton District Council
- Designline
- RX Plastics
- Ashburton Dairy Farmers Group
- Ashburton Hospital
- Can staff
- Hastings McLeod
- Argyle Welsh Finnigan
- Lake Hood Aquatic Charitable Trust

4.2.3 Aquatic Centre / Stadium Trust

We met with the Trust Chair and Chief executive on 4 December to progress site analysis. Further work related to infrastructure is proceeding. The Trust is soon to appoint a service provider to undertake the economic/business analysis. It is expected that both processes should be completed in March 2008, to report back to the April Council meeting.

4.2.4 Transit New Zealand

I met with the Regional Manager on 3 December to update him on a number of issues which are of interest to them. This included North East Business Park, car parking, Tinwald, Art Gallery/Museum, Aquatic Centre/Stadium. This will be followed up with more technical work as appropriate.

4.2.5 Canterbury Health Board – Health Impact Assessment, Central Plains

The Mayor and I attended the initial workshop on 29 November in Christchurch. This is to undertake an HIA in terms of the Resource Management Act, related to this project. This is being funded by the Ministry for the Environment, and follows expressed concerns regarding the impact of more intensive land use on groundwater. This fits in with work to be undertaken through the Canterbury Strategic Water Study.

The hearing is set down for 14 February. A secondary issue to be considered will be the social impacts.

4.2.6 Charles Upham Movie

I met with the promoters and the producer of this movie on 7 December. They were to look at the potential sites during the day, follow with an investor upgrade that evening to be attended by the Deputy-Mayor.

I have since received an email from Chris Chrisafis appreciating the support received from the district, and acknowledging the appropriateness of our potential locations and facilities.

4.2.7 Regional Council

At the public meeting at the Waitaki Bridge Hall on 20 October, a resolution was passed:

“That our local territorial authorities (our district councils) discuss and pursue the investigation of the formation of a Central South Island Regional Council as a matter of urgency.”

Ashburton District Council was not represented at the meeting, however we do share concerns over the functioning of the existing regional council and its impact on our community.

The Mackenzie, Timaru and Waimate District Councils are looking to form a working group to prepare a brief to investigate the option of a Central South Island Regional Council along with other options. The brief will identify a programme of work and cost sharing arrangements to be developed for subsequent approval.

Waitaki and Ashburton Councils are invited to participate in the brief preparation. I believe it would be of benefit to participate in this initial process.

RECOMMENDATION

“That the Chief Executive work with the Mackenzie, Timaru and Waimate District Councils to prepare an options evaluation brief to bring back to Council.”

B LESTER
Chief Executive

ASHBURTON DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

FILE NO: 5/1/8/2
DATE: 18 December 2007
REPORT TO: Council
FROM: Manager Democracy & Community Services
SUBJECT: Road Closure & Glass Ban – East Street (New Year's Eve)

4.6 ROAD CLOSURE (NEW YEAR'S EVE) – EAST STREET

4.6.1 PURPOSE

To revoke Council's resolution of 13 September 2007, to enable preparations to take place for the Kid's Karnival on New Year's Eve.

4.6.2 RECOMMENDATION

- “1. That the Finance & Community Services Committee decision of 13 September 2007 be revoked.
2. That East Street, from **Havelock Street to Tancred Street**, be closed to ordinary vehicular traffic from 10.00 am on Monday 31 December, 2007, until 12.00 noon on Tuesday 1 January, 2008; and
3. That East Street, from **Tancred Street to Moore Street**, be closed to ordinary vehicular traffic from 2 pm on Monday 31 December, 2007, until 12 noon on Tuesday 1 January, 2008, for the purpose of holding a New Year's Eve Street Party.
4. That pursuant to clause 16(A) 01.6 of Council's Bylaw the banning of glass drinking vessels and containers be imposed as follows:

In the West Street car park and in East Street, from Havelock Street to Moore Street, between the hours of 10.00 am on Monday 31 December, 2007, until 12.00 noon on Tuesday 1 January, 2008, for the purpose of holding a New Year's Eve Street Party.
5. That pursuant to clause 2 of the First Schedule to the Ashburton District Public Places Liquor Control Bylaw 2005, the application of the Bylaw be suspended between 9 pm on 31 December 2007, and 7 am on 1 January 2008.”

4.6.3 BACKGROUND

At the Finance and Community Services Committee meeting of 13 September 2007, when considering a recommendation containing the same wording as in the above recommendation, the Committee changed the word Tancred to Burnett with the intention of closing part of East Street for a shorter period. In fact this will have the effect of delaying the construction of the Megaslide, the preparation of the Kiddie's Cars enclosure, the assembly of the Merry-go-round and the placement of rubbish skips – resulting in an approximate two hour delay before they can be used. These amusements are central features of the Karnival and it is imperative that they are available at 2 pm.

4.6.4 OPTIONS

1. Do nothing. The road will remain open and the preparatory work will be delayed.
2. As recommended. Assembly can commence at 12 noon in time for the advertised start.

4.6.5 CONSULTATION

The original recommendation was advertised as required by statute and no objections were received. In the event that Council passes the recommended motion the amended start times will be advertised in the Community Noticeboard on 19 December and 26 December, 2007.

4.6.6 STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Council's Model Standing Orders (3.9.18) provide for the revocation or alteration of all or part of resolutions previously passed at meetings.

4.6.7 FINANCIAL

There are no financial considerations.

J G ROLLINSON

Manager

Democracy & Community Services

ASHBURTON DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

FILE NO: DW-AH01
DATE: 18 December 2007
REPORT TO: Council
FROM: Water Services Manager
SUBJECT: Ashburton Water Supply Upgrade – Tinwald Borefield Development

4.7 ASHBURTON WATER SUPPLY – TINWALD BOREFIELD DEVELOPMENT

4.7.1 SUMMARY

The Tinwald borefield is being developed in George Glassey Park on Agnes Street, Tinwald. The first phase of this project involved the drilling of a deep groundwater bore. This phase was completed in July.

The target rate of 60 litres/second for the bore was not achieved.

The purpose of this report is to inform Council of the results of the bore drilling and seek approval of the future direction of the project.

4.7.2 RECOMMENDATION

“That Council approves:

1. that no further borefield development work shall take place at George Glassey Park at this point in time;
2. that a new site to the south-west end of Tinwald be identified for establishment of a fourth borefield to serve Tinwald; and
3. that an additional budget provision of up to \$212,000 be made to the Tinwald borefield development project”.

4.7.3 BACKGROUND

Tinwald is supplied with water from Ashburton via a 250mm diameter asbestos cement (AC) pipeline on the underside of the Ashburton River SH1 Bridge. The Ashburton water supply has included a bore in Tinwald since the mid 80s. This existing bore is situated on the Council owned land fronting Archibald Street between Jane Street and Catherine Street and has only limited headworks including a small electrical control cabinet. The bore is currently removed (disconnected) from the scheme but configured so that in an emergency it can be reconnected and brought into service at short notice, ~1-2 hours.

The original drilling report indicates the yield at this bore at ~28 L/s but the quality of water is very poor primarily due to elevated levels of iron and manganese. This can result in discoloured water and staining of laundry. Previous operation of this bore was typically punctuated with customer complaints. It was last used operationally in 2001 and has never had to be operated on an emergency basis since it was configured as an emergency bore.

Flow rates recorded in the pipeline supplying Tinwald peak at around the 60 l/s level.

As part of the ongoing Ashburton Water Upgrade, Council approved the development of a fourth borefield in Tinwald as part of the 2006-16 LTCCP.

The intention of this project was to develop a complete standalone borefield site in Tinwald including the associated treatment building, treatment plant and standby generation equipment. It was envisaged that this borefield would supply Tinwald the majority of the time under normal operation and entirely during emergencies (ie failure of bridge pipeline). This borefield would in turn free up capacity in Ashburton to provide for the programmed extension of the scheme to the north-west and consequent growth.

In October 2006, Council approved George Glassey Park as the preferred site for the borefield. This site was selected from a shortlist of seven sites of which two were deemed satisfactory and put to Council as options. This was based on the best information available at that time.

The first phase of borefield development involved drilling a deep groundwater bore. This work was completed in July by Council's preferred drilling contractor (McMillan Water Wells Ltd). The target flow rate for the bore in order to make Tinwald "self-sufficient" is 60 l/s. This was not achieved. Note-: A peak flow rate of ~60 l/s is required to supply Tinwald during summer.

The bore was drilled to 120 metres but the ground conditions were unfavourable (ie not water bearing) consequently the decision was made to withdraw the casing to 90 metres and pump test an aquifer encountered at that depth.

The final characteristics for the bore are:

- 300mm diameter casing
- 94 metres deep
- Screened from 88 to 94 metres
- Static water level is 5.3 metres below ground level
- 15.2 l/s @ 35 metres drawdown
- 19.5 l/s @ 55 metres drawdown
- No water quality issues were identified

The preliminary pump tests indicate that the maximum flow rate from the new bore is between 15 L/s and 19 L/s. Therefore, the new bore cannot meet the needs of Tinwald without significant augmentation from Ashburton.

It is important to note that bore drilling is a high risk venture. While risk can be reduced through engineering analysis of ground conditions, aquifer mapping, historical bore records, and at times consideration of anecdotal evidence; even the most experienced drilling firms will say that it is a very speculative business. To date Council has drilled 6 deep (90+m) bores in the Ashburton urban area and this is the first that has not achieved the targeted flow rate.

Given the low flow rate obtained from this bore, it is now necessary to confirm the preferred way forward for this project.

4.7.4 OPTIONS

There are four options available to Council. The option costs are indicative and exclude the cost of the bore already drilled i.e. the amount represents the estimated cost to complete the option from this point.

The options are as follows:

Option One – Downscale scope of fourth borefield site \$ 372,000

Develop the bore site based on this bore alone. The water is of higher quality than the existing Tinwald bore and may be regarded as a secure source which in turn may reduce treatment requirements. The bore would be brought into full service but Tinwald would continue to be augmented from supply from Ashburton.

In the event of damage to or loss of the Ashburton River SH1 bridge, the flow from the bore would be sufficient, subject to **emergency** restrictions and a **significantly reduced** level of service, to supply Tinwald until the pipeline across the Ashburton River is repaired or reinstated. The existing Tinwald bore at Archibald Street could continue to be retained for emergency purposes also.

This option is a departure from the original intention to develop a fourth borefield to serve Tinwald. If this option was chosen, consideration would have to be made to providing additional capacity to serve the north-west Ashburton area.

Option Two – Drill a second bore at George Glassey Park \$ 922,000

Drill a second bore at George Glassey Park and use it in combination with the recently drilled bore. Assuming that the second bore will produce a minimum of 15 L/s then the total flow from the two bores (30 L/s) will be sufficient to supply Tinwald for the majority of the time.

Water from Ashburton will still be required during peak summer demands but if this link is lost the two bores could supply sufficient water (subject to moderate water restrictions) until the link is repaired. It is also possible that the second bore could produce a much higher flow rate and therefore further reduce the reliance on Ashburton.

Option Three – Use George Glassey Park bore with reservoirs \$ 1,495,000

Use the new bore in George Glassey Park with reservoirs to supply Tinwald. The reservoirs would store enough water to supply Tinwald during peak water demands. The reservoirs could be located in the north-west corner of the park (behind houses and out of site of the road) and landscaping could reduce the visual impact of the reservoirs.

This option should enable Tinwald to be supplied all the time without any reliance on water from Ashburton.

Option Four – Abandon George Glassey Park site & identify new site \$ 1,033,000

Abandon the recently drilled bore and drill a new bore in another location. This is effectively starting the project from the start. If this option was selected the site selection process would be revisited and the results of the new bore factored into that process.

Analysis indicates that transmissivity (a measure of how well water moves through an aquifer) increases heading south-west through Tinwald, so there is a likelihood that the next site would be on the fringe of the Tinwald urban area but this is yet to be confirmed. If this option was chosen, the final site selection would be subject to separate approval by Council.

Option Comparison Table

Option	Advantages	Disadvantages	Risks
1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Investment in George Glassey Park bore is not wasted.Tinwald has an	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Tinwald still reliant on pipeline across Ash River.Poor quality Tinwald	<ul style="list-style-type: none">May result in unacceptable reductions in level of service.May not be sufficient

	<p>improved emergency water supply in terms of water quality.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would result in favourable variance to current year's project. 	<p>bore still required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does not meet intent to establish fourth borefield in Tinwald. 	<p>water to meet needs during an emergency.</p>
2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investment in George Glassey Park bore is not wasted. • An aquifer has been confirmed in the vicinity albeit low yielding. • 2nd bore at George Glassey Park may intercept a higher yielding aquifer and provide standalone supply. • Tinwald has a reliable water supply for the majority of the time. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Success of site is still dependent on finding the same or higher flow rate in 2nd bore. • May require negotiation of land entry with property owner depending on preferred location of 2nd bore. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May not find any water at 2nd bore site. • May not be sufficient water to meet needs during an emergency.
3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investment in George Glassey Park bore is not wasted. • Peak flow rates are met by booster pumping from reservoirs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very high construction cost. • Aesthetics of large reservoirs in urban landscape would need to be managed. • Reservoirs provide point of entry for contamination of supply – requires management. • Additional consents required to cover reservoirs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May not be able to consent under present DP in this location.
4.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recently drilled bore provides further info for next site selection process. • New bore may intercept aquifers with higher transmissivity thereby providing higher yield. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing distance from large reticulation increases construction cost. • Long pumping mains increase O&M (pumping) costs. • Consenting of site would need to be completed from start. • Investment in George Glassey Park bore is wasted. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May not find any or no more water at new borefield site.

The recommended option is **Option 4.**

This option ensures that we continue with the development of a fourth borefield in Tinwald. Preliminary investigations of bores to the south-west indicate there is a possibility of intercepting higher yielding aquifer.

4.7.5 STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

The statutory implication arising from the recommendations contained in this report are:

Resource Management Act 1991

A bore drilling consent would be required from Environment Canterbury. These are typically straight-forward to obtain. A second consent, however, will be required to “take” water if the bore is successful.

Health (Drinking Water) Amendment Act 2006

This act renders the Drinking Water Standards for New Zealand (DWSNZ2005) mandatory. The majority of the act comes into force from 1 July 2008. The DWS place a large compliance (sampling and monitoring) cost on all schemes but in particular schemes serving more than 15,000 people. Ways to reduce the compliance cost is to ensure that “secure” groundwater sources are utilised wherever possible. This council now targets deep groundwater in order to achieved secure groundwater status as standard practice.

4.7.6 CONSULTATION

The project to develop a fourth borefield in Tinwald was included in the 2006-16 LTCCP which was the subject of community consultation prior to its adoption.

Some aspects of the development at the George Glassey Park site ie the proposed treatment building has been the subject of specific consultation with immediate neighbours and changes have been incorporated into the design to address concerns raised where possible.

No further consultation has been undertaken at this stage relating to the options contained in this report. Once a decision is made any consultation required would be completed as part of the next phase of work.

This report has been the subject of discussion at the 29 November and 13 December meeting of the Water Subcommittee and they passed a recommendation in support of proceeding with the Option 4.

4.7.7 STRATEGIC LINKS

The development of a fourth borefield in Tinwald is consistent with Outcomes and Strategic Objectives outlined in the LTCCP. In particular;

Outcome 1: A thriving and diverse local economy that provides the foundation for a quality lifestyle.

Strategic Objective c. A community with access to quality infrastructure (roading, water, footpaths, wastewater and storm water) that is efficient and reliable.

The original justification for a fourth borefield in Tinwald is based on management of risk associated with the watermain linkage across the Ashburton River Bridge. A second bridge (with watermain) could reduce this risk; however there are no firm proposals in place at this time for a second bridge.

The development of a fourth borefield on the Tinwald side remains a practical approach to manage the significant risk associated with the vulnerable river crossing.

4.7.8 FINANCIAL

The development of a fourth borefield in Tinwald has a total budget provision in the 2007/08 year of \$ 913,720. The expenditure to date (comprising bore drilling costs) is \$91,895 leaving a remaining budget of \$ 821,825.

The management of the lower than expected yield from the new Tinwald bore will impact on the forecast project costs depending on the option chosen. The effect on the overall project budget is summarised in the following table:

	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4
Project Budget	\$ 913,720	\$ 913,720	\$ 913,720	\$ 913,720
Expenditure	\$ 91,895	\$ 91,895	\$ 91,895	\$ 91,895
Remaining Budget	\$ 821,825	\$ 821,825	\$ 821,825	\$ 821,825
Estimated Cost to Complete Option	\$ 372,000	\$ 922,000	\$ 1,495,000	\$ 1,033,000
Variance	\$ 449,825	(\$ 100,175)	(\$ 673,175)	(\$ 211,175)

While option 1 would result in a favourable variance on the project budget it does not meet the intent of the original project.

The cost implication of the recommended option (Option 4) is a forecast budget shortfall of \$212,000 which covers the projected cost of the additional bore and additional trunk main requirements back to the reticulation. This project is loan funded and the increase budget provision will have a modest additional impact on the Ashburton targeted water rate of less than \$4.00 / annum. The impact of this increase is not expected in the current year.

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ASHBURTON DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

FILE NO:
DATE: 18 December 2007
REPORT TO: Council
FROM: Community Planning Manager
SUBJECT: Proposal to Amend the Ashburton District Community Plan 2006-16: Art Gallery and Museum

4.8 ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM

4.8.1 SUMMARY

Council has proposed to sell the Art Gallery and Museum building (the former County Council building) located in Baring Square East, Ashburton. The land and buildings are listed in Council's Policy on Significance as a "strategic asset" and therefore any proposal to sell the building and land must be done through an amendment to the Ashburton District Community Plan 2006-2016. (Refer to the Local Government Act 2002 section 97 (1) (b))

A statement of proposal was been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act (section 84) and consultation undertaken meeting the requirements of this section of the Act.

Council has considered all submissions received and indicated a preferred approach that will see the proposal progressed further. The proposed amendment to the Ashburton District Community Plan 2006-16 will be adopted when a final decision is made to sell the County Building, and construct a new building on the proposed site in West Street. Until all preliminary processes are completed satisfactorily the proposed amendment cannot be adopted.

4.8.2 RECOMMENDATION

<p>"That Council continues to progress the proposals to sell the former County Council building and to construct a new Art Gallery and Museum facility, as detailed in the Statement of Proposal to amend the Ashburton District Community Plan 2006-16."</p>

4.8.3 BACKGROUND

Council adopted a proposal to amend the Ashburton District Community Plan to sell the current Art Gallery and Museum building and land (the former County Council Building) and to construct a new purpose-built Art Gallery and Museum facility on West Street, Ashburton. Statement of Proposal and Summary of Proposal documents detailing Council's proposal and rationale were available for community consultation.

A total of 89 submissions were received, with 11 submitters wishing to present their submission to Council in person (3 of these submitters subsequently decided not to present their submission in person). Council heard submissions on December 13 and considered these submissions and all written submission on the same day.

While submissions contained a variety of views and degrees of support or otherwise for the proposals, a quantitative summary of submissions can be made. Of the 89 submissions received 67 supported the proposals to sell the County Building and to build a new purpose-built facility on the West Street site.

Thirteen submitters supported construction of a new purpose-built facility but opposed the West Street site, and nine submitters opposed all of the proposals, (with most of these submitters preferring the County building be retained and upgraded).

The key stakeholders affected by the proposal; the Ashburton Art Gallery Inc, the Ashburton Art Gallery and Museum Trust Board, the Ashburton Museum and Historical Society, the Ashburton District Family History Group, and immediate neighbours to the proposed site, all made submissions in favour of the proposals to sell the County Building, to build a new purpose-built facility, and locate that facility on the corner of West Street and Cameron and Wills Streets. Neighbours wanted some issues around traffic and after-hours operation to be investigated during the subsequent planning processes.

Councillors discussed the large number of issues arising through submissions fully and decided their preferred option is to progress the proposal to sell the County Building and to construct a purpose-built Art Gallery and Museum facility on the corner of West Street and Cameron and Wills Streets to the next stages. This will include, but not be limited to:

- Continuing to identify and work with key stakeholders likely to be impacted by the proposal and to develop options likely to provide optimal outcomes for all stakeholders, including the organisations who will occupy a new building, adjacent property owners, and infrastructure providers like Transit NZ.
- Assessing impacts and options relevant to planning processes under the Resource Management Act, including; traffic analysis, pedestrian analysis, parking analysis, identifying linkages with urban design processes, identifying appropriate mechanisms to guide land-use options for both sites both for the present and the future.
- Progressing the process to swap the reserve land status currently on the County Council building site in Baring Square to the proposed new Art Gallery and Museum site.
- Finalising conditions of the sale of the County Building

4.8.4 OPTIONS

Council assessed options at the time it adopted the Statement of Proposal to amend the Community Plan 2006-16 in October. Council now has a number of options it could decide on at this stage of the process which could include one of, or a combination of, the following options:

1. Retain the current Art Gallery and Museum building and undertake a refit of that building as proposed in the Community Plan 2006-16.
2. Progress the proposals contained in the Statement of Proposal to amend the Community Plan 2006-16: Sale of the current Art Gallery and Museum Building, construction of a new purpose-built Art Gallery and Museum facility.
3. Reassess other options.

The view of Council following the hearing and consideration of submissions was to progress Option 2.

4.8.5 STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

All statutory requirements have been met to this point of the proposal. Further statutory implications will be triggered as the proposal is progressed including the swapping of the reserve status of the land, resource consent/ plan change requirements of the Resource Management Act and final adoption of the Amendment to the Ashburton District Community Plan 2006-16, as proposed in the Statement of Proposal document.

4.8.6 CONSULTATION

Consultation requirements for the proposal to amend the Ashburton District community Plan 2006-16 have been met. Consultation for other processes required under the Resource Management Act, the Ngai Tahu Claims Settlement Act and the Reserves Act may be needed and will be dealt with as processes progress.

4.8.7 STRATEGIC LINKS

Details are included in the statement of proposal.

4.8.8 FINANCIAL

Details are included in the statement of proposal.

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ASHBURTON DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

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4.9 YOUNG PERSONS FORUM 2007

REPORT and MINUTES of the **YOUNG PERSONS FORUM** held in the Council Chamber, 5 Baring Square West, Ashburton, on Thursday 15 November, 2007, commencing at 9.00 am.

PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor Mr B O'Malley, Councillors L J Leadley (Chair), J Burgess, R Kilworth, K Lowe, P Reveley, K Holmes, R Beavan, B Tasker, J Everest.

Representatives from Allenton School, Ashburton College, Ashburton Intermediate, Borough School, Hinds School, Longbeach School, Mt Hutt College, Netherby School, St Josephs School and Tinwald School.

Community representatives from community organisations including Ashburton Police, Ashburton Plunket, Age Concern, ACC, Community Public Health, Barnadoes, Presbyterian Support, PSS Family Works, Fire Safety, Rural Women and Ashburton Safer Community Council

Also in attendance the Chief Executive, Roothing Safety Co-ordinator, Children's Librarian and Community Services Officer

APOLOGIES: Cr J Kingsbury, M Bishop, Jacqui Winterbourne, C Galland and Mid Canterbury YFC.

Cr Leadley welcomed the young people and community representatives to the forum, noting that the forum provides an important opportunity for young people to present their views to Council and community representatives.

Cr Leadley introduced the Councillors and staff members present. Cr Leadley outlined some of the outcomes from previous forums. The young people present were invited to make their presentations on the Safe Kids Campaign topics- Cycle Safety and Drowning Prevention and any other topics that they wanted Council to know about. Cr Leadley reiterated Council was there to listen so they were to make sure any problems or issues were raised as well.

Representatives from the schools presented the following issues and concerns to the forum:

ASHBURTON COLLEGE - Helene Dupre and Louise Moore

- Some areas of Ashburton do not feel safe especially the skate park and domain and people are often bullied, attacked or hurt in these two key places
- Bulling is not just a problem at school, but outside school too with students being threatened and hurt by others

- The domain and skate park are both scattered with graffiti, in particular the tunnel in the domain, parts of the playground, the flying fox, the old tennis courts, public seating and bird aviaries

Much discussion resulted from this speech. Placing security cameras in the domain and skate park was discussed as a way of reducing both the graffiti and bullying. The audience was reminded that the Police can deal with bullying if they are advised of it and if anyone sees fresh graffiti to please contact the Police or Council so it also can be dealt with swiftly.

ALLENTON SCHOOL – Beth Jopson and Tom Dudley

- Discussed cycle safety in Ashburton (particularly around the Allenton area) – both positives and negatives
- Clear age limit needed for children to ride bikes
- Would like to see more cycle lanes in Ashburton, particularly around schools and busy roads such as Harrison Street and Middle Road as these roads are often the main route to Ashburton College and Allenton School for students

The Police were able to confirm that the recommended age limit for cycling is 10 years and cycling on the footpath is only legal for people such as the postman, pamphlet deliveries and the like.

BOROUGH SCHOOL – Melissa Johnson and Caitlin Swan

- Congratulated the Council on the new cycle lanes in the town
- Concerned about incidences of childhood obesity in the community and the effects this can have on people's health.
- Suggest the Council could send out a leaflet/put in the District Diary advertising community activities available to the public, as well as location of parks and public sports areas
- Idea of having a 'shed' containing donated sports equipment for the Ashburton Public to use which they could access via a key or swipe card
- Suggest a community PAL (Physical Activity Leaders) group of volunteers be started up to organise games and transport for anyone wanting to participate in physical activities but are unable to due to having unwilling or unable care givers.
- See the need for a larger swimming complex and new sports stadium in Ashburton.

ASHBURTON INTERMEDIATE – Georgia and Taylor

- The Domain and skate park feel like dangerous places at times to go
- Is a curfew needed in Ashburton for young people?
- Had concerns about the safety of the overhead bridge
- Lake Hood needs clubrooms, a bike track, public toilets, somewhere to change and shade clothes to give protection from the sun

HINDS SCHOOL – Meg Cunneen and Camila Leal

- Spoke about cycle safety and drowning prevention.
- There is currently no way for cyclists to safely cross the Hinds bridge and they suggest a cycle path be placed onto the bridge
- Because not all bicycles are road worthy a warranty system similar to a car WOF is needed.
- Every child should go to and from school with an adult. If no adult is available a 'walking bus' could be started and used
- Safety gear and side mirrors may be needed by cyclists

- Teachers at schools could test students to ensure they know how to signal etc and ride safely
- Everyone around lakes should wear a life jacket
- Think the concept of a new sports stadium in Ashburton is great
- Concerns that there is no recycling centre in Hinds
- A bus service is needed in and around Ashburton which would help people save petrol

MT HUTT COLLEGE - Grace and Darren

- See the need for cycle lanes in Methven, particularly the routes to schools
- Many children in Methven ride on the footpath
- Why not introduce a 'Buckle Up' helmet campaign for bikes, similar to the campaign for car seat belts?

LONGBEACH SCHOOL – Harriet Sutton and Maisie Fleming

- Spoke about Cycle Safety and drowning prevention and had two posters for audience to view.
- Told the audience about the importance of wearing correct clothing and in particular a correct fitting helmet when cycling and the consequences of not doing so.
- Pleased to see new cycle lanes in Ashburton which make cycling safer for all.
- Importance of keeping children safe around water and areas of water where adults would not think of as being unsafe ie puddles on the lawn after rain
- All pools should be fenced
- Always wear a life jacket, and swim near a life guard and don't swim too far out
- Throw a stick into a river before swimming in it to determine the water current etc
- Don't use drugs or alcohol before or while swimming. Don't swim alone or if you have a serious injury
- Drowning is the third biggest cause of death in New Zealand. People need to be better educated about the risks involved with water – perhaps Councils or lifeguards could run safety courses in schools.

ST JOSEPHS SCHOOL – Sasha Hurley and Andrew Robertson

- Produced brochure on Drowning Prevention which included pool, river, lake and sea safety

The brochure caused much interest from the audience. ACC may investigate the possibility of reproducing the brochure for the Mid Canterbury area.

NETHERBY SCHOOL – Ashleigh Baillee and Nick Campbell

- Spoke about how to make the roads safer for cyclists in Ashburton.
- Have the idea of getting Council to approach manufacturers about getting lightweight jackets made with reflective strips on front and back for all cyclists to wear.
- Large signage needed to warn motorists when they are in an area where children on bikes are likely to be.
- Council could set up text message service at the Police Station so young people and other drivers can text in licence plates of cars parked on cycle lanes

TINWALD SCHOOL – Jemma Rotch and Tyler Cavil

- Spoke about the Tinwald area in particular the improvements they would like to see:
 - Cleanliness of the pond water at the Tinwald Domain needs addressing
 - More drinking fountains in Domain

- Pool to be open for longer
- Older children's playground
- Make the camping ground more obvious so people who drive past can see it
- Creek at southern end of Tinwald to be cleaned out
- The "Undie 500" should only be able to stay in Ashburton for maximum of 2 hours
- Overgrown trees are a problem on some streets
- Need for more activities to look forward to in the weekends or holidays, for example:
 - A fun run
 - A kite day
 - Skateboard competition
 - 4 WD rally
 - New Years Eve countdown with fireworks
 - Overgrown trees are a problem on some streets
- Back up bridge needed across the Ashburton River in case accidents block the existing one
- Cycle lane needed along main road and cycle lane on bridge needs to be made wider
- Emergency lane on main road for emergency services
- When will Ashburton get Burger King, a new Aquatic Centre and Sports Stadium?

The proposed Tinwald Domain redevelopment plan could address a number of these concerns. The audience was reminded that if they see things in the community that needs fixing ie overhanging branches, missing signs etc that they contact the Council as soon as they can so the problem can be addressed.

Cr Leadley thanked the children for participating in the forum and reiterated that their views are valuable to the community and the Council.

The issues and concerns raised by the young people will be referred to the appropriate Council departments and agencies, and action will be taken where possible.

The forum concluded at 12.50 pm and a light lunch was served.