



Ashburton District Council

AGENDA

A **MEETING** of the **FINANCE & CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE** will be held as follows:

Date: Thursday 2 August 2007

Time: 1.30 pm

Venue: Council Chamber
5 Baring Square West
Ashburton

B LESTER
Chief Executive

MEMBERS:

Cr K L Holmes (Chairman)
Cr N A Brown
Cr R C Beavan
Cr D Glass
Cr R J Kilworth
Cr D N Nelson
Cr P W Reveley
Cr M J Urquhart
Mayor M B O'Malley (ex officio)

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ASHBURTON DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

FILE NO: 3/5/1
 DATE: 2 August 2006
 REPORT TO: Finance and Corporate Services Committee
 FROM: Finance Manager
 SUBJECT: Carry over of Funds from 2006/07 Budget

5. CARRY-OVER OF FUNDS FROM 2006 / 2007 BUDGET

5.1 SUMMARY

To request the carry-over of funds to complete projects in the 2006 / 07 year that were budgeted for, and either not started or completed, in the 2006 / 07 financial year.

5.2 RECOMMENDATION

“That the projects identified be completed in the 2007 / 08 financial year, and that the funds identified be carried forward.”

5.3 BACKGROUND

Three projects budgeted for 2005 / 06 were not started as at 30 June 2006. The projects are listed below along with their status and the amount requested to be carried over into the 2006 / 07 financial year.

Ledger Code	Project	Original Budget	Carry Forward Request	Comments
27530411	District Water Management – Water Education Programme	\$10,000	\$10,000	See below
16330308	Library computer system reports	\$3,000	\$3,000	Project not started.
16251007	Hinds fire shed - Toilet	\$10,000	\$10,000	This was originally budgeted in 2004/05 and carried over to 2005/06. Work has not yet commenced.
13551013 13551018	Software Cyclic renewal	\$121,000 \$66,700	\$139,148	Due to uncertainty of the impact of Microsoft's new vista software, additional software and cyclic renewal was postponed.

Forestry

INCOME				
143.10139	Log Sales CPT 49 & 52	\$238,870	\$147,290	Harvesting delayed due to logging of Rakaia Domain Board plantation

EXPENDITURE				
143.3052	Ripping - Cpt 43 & 52	\$18,060	\$21,900	Harvesting Delayed
143.30566	Dessicate Spray - Cpt 52	\$8,365	\$8,365	Harvesting Delayed
143.30567	Tree Stocks Cpt 37 & 45	\$8,410	\$8,410	Harvesting Delayed
143.30515	Planting Contracts Cpt 37 & 46	\$9,280	\$9,280	Harvesting Delayed
143.30521	Release Spray Cpt 37 & 45	\$18,734	\$18,734	Harvesting Delayed
143.30572	Structural Thin - Cpt 9 & 117	\$1,435	\$1,435	New contractor employed - operations delayed
143.30573	Medium Prune - Cpt 203	\$32,370	\$16,185	New contractor employed - operations delayed
143.30517	Clearwood Thin - Cpt 203	\$7,470	\$3,735	New contractor employed - operations delayed

District water management

This money was a grant to Wastebusters to undertake water education. This amount was included in Council's LTCCP for each of the ten years. Wastebusters have advised that the money was not uplifted in 2006/07 year. During the 2006/07 year a school water education programme was undertaken and this was paid for by a \$5,000 grant from the Ashburton Community Water Trust. The planned community education to complement the school programme did not eventuate. Wastebusters have expressed a desire to build on the school programme and to initiate a wider community education programme using the carry over of \$10,000 plus this year's allocation of \$10,000.

5.4 OPTIONS

It is staff's view that the projects are still relevant and necessary.

5.5 STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

There are no statutory implications.

5.6 CONSULTATION

The above projects were all consulted on as part of the 2006 / 07 LTCCP.

5.7 STRATEGIC LINK

These items were contained in the Council's 2006 / 07 LTCCP.

5.8 FINANCIAL

There are no financial implications. The funds were available as part of earlier budgets.

P L BRAKE

Finance Manager

ASHBURTON DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

FILE NO: 2/4/1
DATE: 2 August 2007
REPORT TO: Finance and Corporate Services Committee
FROM: Community Consultation Manager
SUBJECT: Argyle Park Golfing Petition

6. ARGYLE PARK – GOLFING PETITION

6.1 SUMMARY

In December 2006 Council received a petition signed by approximately 2000 residents seeking Council approval for the practicing of golf on the north-west section of Argyle Park. Practicing golf on Council parks and reserves is currently not permitted through Council's Parks and Reserves Bylaw except where specifically permitted by Council resolution.

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with options to consider regarding the petition presented.

6.2 RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

“That Council resolves to make part of Argyle Park available for practising golf.”
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6.3 BACKGROUND

Practising golf on Council parks and reserves is currently specifically not permitted through Council's Parks and Reserves Bylaw. The Bylaw states practising golf is only permitted if allowed for by way of a resolution of Council.

1423.5 No person shall play or practice golf in a reserve except within such part of a reserve which the Council has by resolution set aside for that purpose and signposted accordingly.

While playing or practicing golf has never been allowed on Argyle Park, by way of Council resolution, the park has been used for this purpose by residents in the past.

Following a complaint from a resident who uses the park for walking it was decided at a meeting of the Services and Operations committee of Council in April 2006, to enforce the ban on golfing in Argyle Park. At the June 2006 meeting of the committee it was reported that signs had been erected to advise park users of the ban.

In December 2006, Council received a petition signed by approximately 2000 residents from Anna Clarke, Brent McGregor and others seeking Council approval for the practicing of golf on the north-west section of Argyle Park. Mr McGregor says he has talked to the occupiers of the adjacent property who have no objection to the park being used for practising golf.

Council's Parks Manager had not enforced the ban until directed to following the complaint referred to above.

He believes the Council's parks should be used by residents and if common sense prevails and consideration of park users and adjacent property owners is shown there is no harm in residents practising golf on the park. He also would want to make it clear to users that divots are to be replaced and all golf balls be collected from the park area.

Council's Roading and Street Services Manager, has had responsibility for the asset management of Council parks also believes the parks should be used by residents and that common sense should prevail. Council's Property Manager has no objections to the proposal.

There are two areas of the park which could be used for practising golf with minimal impact on other park users;

1. the northern boundary area of the north-west section of the park, marked area A on the attached map
2. the western boundary area of the north-west section of the park, marked area B on the attached map

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These areas are away from the parts of the park used for other sports and are sufficiently separated from residential housing to not be a danger to people and property. What would be required is a "share with care" approach from people hitting golf balls and other park users who want to use that part of the park simultaneously.

Option 2 may be preferable as it would enable a higher fence to be constructed on the western boundary to prevent golfers from accessing the neighbouring property to retrieve stray golf balls.

Further demarcation of the area available for golfing could be achieved by erecting signs at either end of the golfing area to clearly delineate where golfing is available. Signage would need to make it clear that the area was not only for golfing and would need to request that divots be replaced and that all golf balls be removed from the park area.

6.4 OPTIONS

1. Recommend to Council one of the areas identified as being suitable for golfing in Argyle Park be made available for golfing by way of resolution of Council
2. Decline the request made in the petition and continue to enforce the ban on golfing in Argyle Park

6.5 STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

6.6 CONSULTATION

It is not considered that this issue impacts sufficiently on any residents to warrant specific consultation.

6.7 STRATEGIC LINKS

Ashburton District Community Outcomes

Outcome 6: A community with access to a variety of cultural, recreational and heritage experiences and facilities that enrich our quality of life

Strategic Objectives:

- a. Cultural, recreational and heritage experiences and facilities are accessible to the community and actively used
- b. Cultural, recreational and heritage facilities are maintained and developed to meet community needs (Priority Objective)

Ashburton District Physical Activity Strategy

Objective 1.2: Facilities which promote physical activity in the District are developed, provided and maintained.

Action: Council and community organisations provide, maintain and develop parks, reserves and sports fields that meet the recreational needs of the community.

6.8 FINANCIAL

Cost of signage and any fencing deemed necessary.

GAVIN THOMAS
Community Consultation Manager

Activity Reports

7. Finance

7.1 Financial Reports

To be circulated

7.2 Kiwisaver

Council went live with Kiwisaver processing from 1 July 2007. The Council's pay system (Pay global) was updated by our consultants and approximately 10 staff elected to join Kiwisaver in time to be included in the first pay run for the new financial year. The efforts of the staff involved resulted in a relatively painless implementation of the new Kiwisaver requirements on our payroll processing.

7.3 New staff appointment

Council had difficulty attracting any suitable applicants for the position of Financial Accountant. The job specifications were changed and this position was advertised as an assistant accountant's role. This position generated increased interest, and as a result Annie Yang was appointed to this position. Annie is a recent University of Canterbury graduate with a B.Comm in accountancy.

7.4 Rates rebates

The processing of rates rebates for the 2007/08 financial year will commence from 1 August 2007. Ratepayers will have received their 2007/08 rates assessment and will therefore be able to complete their rebate form. As was the case last year, temporary staff have been taken on to assist ratepayers. Due to limited space in the administration building, they will be operating out of the old villa at 131 Havelock Street. Phone and computer cabling has been run to the villa to enable the villa to be used for this purpose.

7.5 2006 Annual Report – IFRS

Work continues on the restatement of the 2006 Annual Report into an International Financial reporting Standards (IFRS) compliant set of accounts. Once completed, this will provide the comparative figures for the 2007 annual report and also the new reporting format. This has been a long and complex project that started early this year, and has been made more difficult due to a staffing change midway through the project. I will forward a restated 2006 annual report once audit clearance has been obtained.

8. Forestry

The District Forester reports:

8.1 Sales and Harvesting

SALES INFORMATION REPORT - FOREST SUMMARY		
		<i>Period: 1/6/2007 to 30/6/2007</i>
Products	Quantity	Net Value
KA EXPORT	330.011 JAS	\$5,824.67
KI EXPORT	510.089 JAS	\$5,143.60
KIS Export (Small Industrial)	228.267 JAS	\$789.80

KOREAN PULP LOGS	114.830 JAS	\$167.65
KS EXPORT	1037.634 JAS	\$10,057.49
<i>Unit Total</i>	<i>2220.831 JAS</i>	<i>\$21,983.21</i>
KS EXPORT	20.000 tonnes	\$654.00
PRAD chip (LED<55cm)	727.900 tonnes	\$279.44
PRAD firewood	215.380 tonnes	\$463.58
PRAD M18 SRS	381.980 tonnes	\$10,416.10
PRAD Partially Pruned Sawlog	25.860 tonnes	\$1,892.71
PRAD sawlogs S-grade	222.230 tonnes	\$6,673.38
S22 RADIATA SAWLOG	256.720 tonnes	\$8,049.25
S30 RADIATA SAWLOG	864.370 tonnes	\$44,093.92
SMALLWOOD	151.770 tonnes	\$5,722.16
<i>Unit Total</i>	<i>2866.420 tonnes</i>	<i>\$78,244.54</i>
Forest Total		\$100,227.75

The log uplift summary above is for the month of June and includes log uplift from Barford Road and Westerfield School Road. The Phil Russell logging crew continued to harvest the plantation at Barford Road. As export log prices decline harvesting of a Douglas fir plantation at Mackenzie Rd (Anama) commenced in July, there is currently good demand for some grades of Douglas fir. Harvesting of the Anama plantation will allow some badly needed maintenance work to be carried out along the western and eastern boundary fences.

The plantations being harvested by Blakely Pacific at the Westerfield School Rd were completed in July. Following a review of export log prices the cutting of other plantations schedule for harvest has been suspended.

8.2 Planting

Planting of plantations at Carew, Ashburton Forks, Pudding Hill and Rakaia were completed in July. Tree stocks were sourced from both Edendale and Fords Nurseries. Both nurseries supplied Pinus radiata GF17 2/0 seedlings. Planting at Carew and Ashburton Forks was completed by a machine planter operated by Robert Newton of South Canterbury.

Other areas were hand planted by Kircher Forestry. Two smaller plantations at Rakaia and another plantation at Westerfield will be planted in August following the completion of mechanical land preparation work.

9. Library

The District Librarian reports:

9.1 Issues and Membership

The monthly issue figure for June was below that for June 2006, but the foot traffic figure and reference enquiries were up on last year.

9.2 Annual Statistics

It is pleasing to be able to report that during seven out of the last twelve months, issues have exceeded those for the previous year, with a total figure of 313855.

In the case of adult fiction and large print books, the issues exceeded those of 2004-2005, when the total issue figure was 333940.

I believe that this shows that these categories, where new books are in particular demand, have benefited most from the reduction of the up to two years' book rental fee from \$1.50 to \$1.00.

The annual reference enquiry total was 8436 as against 8882 for last year.

Foot traffic was 150404 visits as against 153523 for last year.

ANNUAL ISSUES			
Issues	1/07/06-30/06/07	1/07/05 - 30/06/06	1/07/04-30/06/05
Non-fiction	57240	56341	62389
Fiction	52584	50686	51444
Large Print	27066	26265	26989
English Resources	146	165	96
Rentals	972	989	994
Young Adult Fiction	10285	10774	11301
Young Adult Non-Fiction	1940	2313	2239
Young Adult CD	60	-----	-----
Young Adult Magazines	917	794	1073
Paperbacks	5674	6200	6639
Magazines	5765	5580	6115
Adult Audio	1507	1690	1824
Adult Video	2489	2272	2070
Junior Fiction	99149	96590	107014
Junior Non-Fiction	26618	25407	28232
Junior Magazines	3082	2719	2974
Junior Audio	4735	5650	6914
Junior Video	11015	11989	13577
Requests	182	186	258
Stack	1280	1240	1360
Undefined	1149	466	438
TOTAL	313855	308316	333940

9.3 Displays

Twenty years of Nuclear Free New Zealand, the Ashburton Society of Arts Exhibition, and Volunteer Week were marked by library displays during June.

9.4 Use of Pay Internet

The end of year round-up of income from charges shows that we made \$7349 inclusive of GST from the pay Internet and word processing facilities, compared to \$2959 for last year, just about two and a half times the usage.

9.5 Statistics for June 2007

Issues	June 2007	June 2006
Non-fiction	4661	4705
Fiction	4228	4223
Large Print	2282	2297
English Resources	8	8
Rentals	44	94
Young Adult Fiction	730	831
Young Adult Non-Fiction	134	248
Young Adult CD	34	
Young Adult Magazines	46	97
Paperbacks	367	533
Magazines	395	465
Adult Audio	95	136
Adult Video	260	253
Junior Fiction	7128	8869
Junior Non-Fiction	2121	2273
Junior Magazines	204	214
Junior Audio	370	470
Junior Video	801	1003
Requests	20	21
Stack	95	138
Undefined	59	3
TOTAL	24082	26881
Issue - Year To Date	313855	308288

<u>Memberships</u>	Total at end June 2007	June 2006	Added during June 2007
Adults	8048	8239	50
Young Adults	1094	1139	1
Junior	2919	2967	32
Non-resident	96	88	1
Other	404	406	0
TOTAL	12561	12839	84
Foot Traffic		June 2007	June 2006
		11360	11100
Reference Enquiries		June 2007	June 2006
	Adult	690	561
	Children	148	108
	Total	838	669

10. Property

The Property Manager reports:

10.1 Albert Street

The subdivision scheme plan has been lodged. The engineering drawings are being finalised between the consultant surveyor and Operations Department.

10.2 Airport

Canterbury Aero Club have advised that they are awaiting further information from Airways in respect of the NDB aerals. I have asked that they (Airways) adhere to their October 2007 (date for decommissioning) date for removal. Feedback is awaited.

10.3 ACL Workshop Addition

A final inspection was arranged on 25 June. By and large the job is completed. Some minor work (painting, trims and floor seating) was still to be tidied up and this is being attended to.

10.4 Library Entrance

The entrance is being re-plastered using Sto systems which is a multi layer proprietary plaster. The top coat plaster will be pigmented. During the stripping some faulty workmanship was discovered. It is unlikely that this contributed to a great degree to the problems experienced but I have alerted the architect to it and am awaiting evidence from the contractor before formally raising it.

10.5 Scales Road

Forest and Bird have prepared a draft Trust Deed and Management Plan. These are being checked at present. Both, on face value, look acceptable and unless there are some major flaws discovered it is intended to grant access to the paddock and covenanted area 1 September to permit preliminary work on plantings etc. The lessee has been advised.

10.6 Mayfield Fire Shed

A rough sketch has been prepared. This will be tidied up and prices sought. In discussions it was agreed that a similar style construction to Mt Somers is preferred. The interior layout will be set out to take cognisance of both Fire Service and St John requirements.

10.7 131 Havelock Street

The Rates rebate personnel are operating from the space vacated by Ashburton District Tourism.

11. Information Systems

The Acting Corporate Services Manager reports:

11.1 Summary

The ongoing development of the Proclaim One is progressing with the assistance of Technology One consultants providing training so that future enhancements can be performed in house. The resource consent module is currently being reviewed and the updated version will be implemented as soon as possible.

The Council web site continues to attract mostly English speaking visitors from a variety of continents. Local visitors are particularly interested in the Annual plan, local agencies and jobs. Interactive maps and valuation information is now available on the web site which is a development of customer self service that should save time for council staff. The Rural Address book is available to complement the Rural Address maps. A prototype Electronic Document Management System is being tested. A Customer Service Staff Reference Group has been established and training for Microsoft Word and Outlook is scheduled.

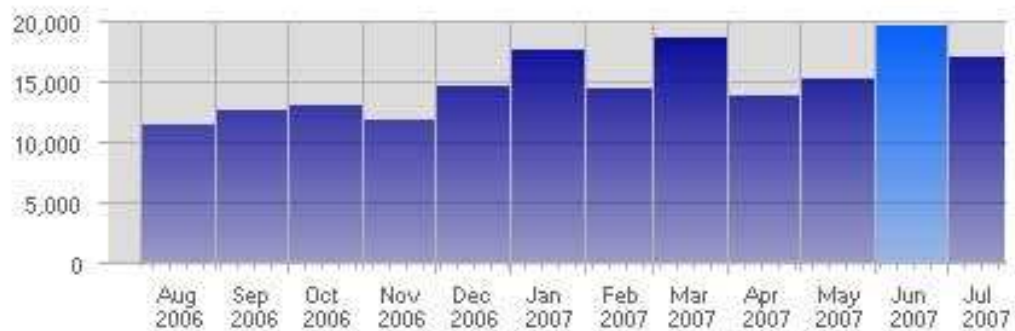
11.2 Technology One

A Technology One consultant has been on site to provide training and assist with the ongoing development of the resource consent modules. The Ministry of Justice system for filing infringements electronically for dogs, parking and litter has been successfully tested but will not go live until other steps are in place.







11.3 Ashburton District Council Web Site

The Council web site continues to attract visitors with Ashburton community agencies directory, Annual plan 2007/08 draft and job application forms being downloaded, which has saved time and expense for the council and staff. The visitors to the web site are predominantly English speaking from a variety of continents.

June 2007 ADC Web Statistics:



Uniquely identified viewers in June: 19,744

Language Preferences		Visits by Continent			
English is the overwhelming majority					
#	Language	#	Continent	Total Visits	Percent of Visits
1.	English	1.	 Oceania	2,457	38.47%
2.	French	2.	 North America	2,318	36.29%
3.	German	3.	 Europe	1,016	15.91%
4.	Dutch	4.	 Asia	499	7.81%
5.	Polish	5.	 Africa	66	1.03%
6.	Romanian	6.	 South America	31	0.49%
7.	Japanese				
8.	Hungarian				
9.	Italian				
10.	Czech			6,387	

	May		June	
Visits from uniquely identified clients	15,211		19,744	
Top 10 pages viewed	Notices	2,424	Notices	3,236
	Vacancies	589	Vacancies	743
	Searches	510	Searches	460
	Contact Us	368	Contact Us	353
	Cemeteries	355	Cemeteries	302
	Ratepayer Groups	291	Fees & Charges	260
	Recycling	915	ADC Camping Grounds	222
	Draft Annual Plan	270	Development Planning	218
	Rating Information	250	ADC History	218
	Tenders	243	Rating Information	217

	May		June	
Top 10 documents downloaded	Draft Annual Plan	438	Ashburton community agencies directory	194
	Annual Report 2006	236	Annual plan 2007/08 draft	165
	Physical Activity Strategy	208	Adc job application form	135
	Community Agencies Directory	172	Code of conduct	114
	Annual Report 2003	128	Annual report 2003	113
	Ashburton Borough Council Records	126	District Diary Aug 2005	106
	NE Bus Park Landscape Assessment	112	Hinds development plan june08	104
	Job Application Forms	106	NE Ashburton business 9 lasc assessment	104
	Ashburton County Council Records	97	Annual report 2006	103
	District Diary Rates Information pages	95	District Diary April 2007	98

11.4 GIS

Maps and aerial photographs of Ashburton District have been available for the public using the Internet since the end of June. Rating and property information is available, other information will be added as required.

11.5 Network Security

No issues to report.

Average Per Day	Apr-07	May-07	June 07
Emails Sent	102	138	139
Emails Received	711	591	588
Virus/Spam Emails	479	441	457
Virus/Spam Emails %	67%	75%	78%
Hacker attacks/month	112	170	164
Computer Availability	99.99%	99.99%	99.99%

11.6 **Ashburton Information Management Strategy (AIMS) Project**

A prototype electronic filing system is being tested for Public Health and Water Services. This prototype is helping in the design of a classification system that can form the basis for a more structured approach to the management of information, in all forms, in the Council.

11.7 **RAPID Address Book**

The Rural Address book has been available to the public since the end of June. The books are available from the cashiers' desk and the library. The Rural Address maps are still available.

11.8 **Customer Service Staff Reference Group**

A staff reference group has been established with the aim of producing a project plan and timeline for the implementation of improved customer services in the Council. The group has identified eight methods by which customers interact with the Council, phone, email, fax, letter, Internet web site, in person, at public meetings, after hours and outside of work hours. Information is being gathered to quantify the relative importance of each method so that priorities can be assigned.

11.9 **Training**

Training sessions took place on site on Wednesday 25 July, using training consultants. Common training needs have been identified and holding training on site offers advantages of convenience and cost effectiveness. These training sessions could become a regular feature if the feedback is positive and the sessions are well attended.

12. **Miscellaneous Matters**

12.1 **Mail Management**

Mail management report as at 27 July 2007

Group	Total Received	Total Completed	Completed within Time	Completed Overdue	Total Uncomplete	Pending	Overdue
Mail Management	2300	2203	1354 (61.5%)	849 (38.5%)	97	13 (13.4%)	84 (86.6%)

12.2 **Council Seal**

Under authority, since last meeting —

- **Lease Documents**
 - Deed of Lease – Portion of footpath at Kelly's Café & Bar – Kenmore Enterprises Ltd
 - Deed of Assignment of Lease – Lagmhor Road / Bryant Street – Alpha Nominees to Sturgess Equities Ltd
- **Transfer Instruments & Documents**
 - Mortgage Transfer – Ruapuna Dairies Partnership
 - Transfer Instrument – Consent – Ruapuna Dairies Ltd to Ruapuna Dairies Partnership
 - Transfer Consent - Cates Investments Ltd to JM & NJ Properties Ltd
- **Deed of Grant -**
 - Northpark Road and Works Road Rail Crossings – NZ Rail / ADC

- **Easements**
 - Oak Grove Subdivision – LMC Developments Ltd – Drain Sewage
 - Drain Sewage - 33 Wakanui Road – Esker to Bennett – Subdivision and Sale
 - Drain Sewage – 23 Lampard Street, Methven – Lampard Limited
- **Licence to Occupy**
 - Reserve 1424 – GM & LE Horne
- **Contracts**
 - C528 – AWPT Unsealed Road Rehabilitation, Ashburton District 2007 – ADC / GC Smith Contracting Ltd

12.3 Minor Applications

- Child Cancer Foundation – Street Appeal, Ashburton – 10-16 March 2008
- Friends of Methven House – Raffle, Methven Mall – 7 September 2007
- World Vision – Street Appeal, East Street, Ashburton – 1 August 2007

12.4 Letters of Thanks

- Hon David Benson-Pope – thanks to Council for hosting him on visit to Ashburton, 26 April 2007
- Ashburton Trotting Club – thanks to Council for support of Inaugural Harness Jewels, in particular the Parks and Recreation Department’s assistance

12.5 Methven Community Board

A meeting of the Methven Community Board was held on Monday 9 July and no matters were referred to this Committee for consideration.

12.6 Submission to Police Act Review

The submission prepared by the Council Working Group was forwarded to meet the 31 July closing date. A copy of the submission is attached. **Pages**

RECOMMENDATION

“That the Submission prepared to the Police Act Review 2007 be adopted.”

ASHBURTON DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

FILE NO: 1/1/13/1
DATE: 2 August 2007
REPORT TO: Finance & Corporate Services Committee
FROM: Administration Officer
SUBJECT: Youth Council

13. YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES of a meeting of the **ASHBURTON YOUTH COUNCIL** held on Monday, 2 July 2007, in the Council Chambers, Ashburton District Council, commencing at 7.02 pm.

PRESENT: E Gerard (Chair), T Obafemi, S Bourke, D Paul, Stacey and D Page
Also in attendance Cr Kilworth, C O'Brien (ACADS), and the Administration Officer.

APOLOGIES: Cr Beavan, G Robertson and E Neil **Sustained**

Introductions

Stacey was welcomed to the meeting. Introductions and a brief personal background were made by all present.

Minutes

"That the minutes of the Ashburton Youth Council held on Monday, 11 June 2007, be taken as read and confirmed."

Bourke / Obafemi **Carried**

Matters for Discussion

Community Restorative Garden

Libby gave an update on the proposed Ashburton Safer Community Council's Community Restorative Garden project. The working party has met and is in the beginning stage of planning a site etc for the garden.

Youth Council Membership

Members discussed further ways to entice people to join the Youth Council. Once the school holidays end the Administration Officer will follow up her visit to Ashburton College and contact Mt Hutt College for further support and ideas.

Truancy Service

Libby gave an update on how members are aiming to help the District Truancy Service. Members have collected posters from Service and will meet with the Ashburton College Principal to discuss what help members can give to the school to help with truancy.

Youth Council Events

Members discussed ideas for another Youth Council function, with Friday 21 September being a possible date for the next event. Venues, entertainment, type of function and name changes were all discussed.

The Administration Officer will gather quotes from sports clubs around town for venue hireage. Youth Council members agreed to meet on Tuesday 17 July at 5.30 pm to further discuss and plan their next function.

General Business

Chantelle O'Brien, Youth worker from ACADS regrettably announced this to be her final Youth Council meeting. The Youth Council are very thankful for all her support and hard work and wish her all the very best.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Ashburton Youth Council will be held on Monday 6 August, 2007, in the Council Chambers commencing at 7.00 pm.

The meeting concluded at 7.45 pm.