

## SERVICES AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE – 1/02/07

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**REPORT** and **MINUTES** of a meeting of the **SERVICES AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, 5 Baring Square West, Ashburton, on Thursday 1 February, 2007, commencing at 1.30 pm.

**PRESENT:** Mayor M B O'Malley; Councillors B A Tasker (Chair), D N Nelson, N A Brown, I J Burgess, K L Holmes, L J Leadley, K W P Lowe and P W Reveley.

Also in attendance – Crs R C Beavan, D Glass, R J Kilworth and M J Urquhart; Operations Manager, Community Consultation Manager and Committee Secretary.

### ***Extraordinary Business***

“That pursuant to Section 46A of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 the following items be introduced as extraordinary business and considered later in the meeting.

- Town Centre Subcommittee  
*Reason To consider recommendations from the 1/02/07 Subcommittee meeting*
- Transwaste (to be taken with the public excluded Section 7(2)(h))  
*Reason To consider a request for lease of a Council owned building.”*

Leadley/Nelson

**Carried**

### ***Confirmation of Minutes***

#### **Mt Somers Water Supply**

Cr Reveley explained that further information had been sought on the status of the project to see whether any sharing of water between stockwater and water supply is needed – ie to get a “win-win” for all users.

“That the minutes of the Services and Operations Committee meeting held on 23 November, 2006, as amended, be taken as read and confirmed.”

Nelson/Holmes

**Carried**

#### **Additional Information**

The Water Services Manager advises that the Mount Somers water supply issues and options report is still in preparation. Progress has been delayed pending investigation into the likelihood of finding suitable deep groundwater sources. Results of this aspect of the investigation have not been promising to date but work on the wider investigation is continuing. The scope of the investigation includes identifying possible synergies between Mount Somers water supply and the local stockwater network (eg the possibility of a combined potable water / stockwater intake).

### ***Matters Arising***

#### **Thompsons Track / Ashburton Staveley Intersection**

The Operations Manager was reminded of the need to remove overgrown vegetation from this intersection.

#### **Ashburton Airport**

The Operations Manager reported that the existing bore at the airport is operational and will continue in its current form. He suggested that application for a resource consent should be progressed so that if problems with supply occur again, the design and process will be in place.

Cr Leadley said that it was the level of the aquifer which caused concern last year. He supported the decision to progress with the application for resource consent as a safeguard.

**Closure of Stockwater Race – Hepburns Road / Ashburton Airport Area**

"That the Special Consultative Procedure be commenced to close the stockwater race running from Lot 1 DP 53734 at Hepburns Road to a junction situated on Pt Rural Section 23472 on Seafield Road."

Leadley/Reveley

**Carried**

**Closure of Stockwater Race – Collisons Road Area**

"That the Special Consultative Procedure be commenced to close the stockwater race running from Rural Section 26849 above Chertsey Road, running parallel to Collisons Road to the end of the race on Sec 2A Bruce Settlement."

Brown/Reveley

**Carried**

**Smoking in Council Parks – Friedlander Park**

With representatives of Community Public Health and the Cancer Society in attendance, the Mayor advised that both agencies are in support of the proposal and have offered to provide assistance with promotion and signage.

It was suggested that publicity on the ban and installation of signage in Friedlander Park be programmed to coincide with World Smoke Free Day on 31 May 2007. Representatives from Hampstead School will be invited.

"That the playground at Friedlander Park be declared a smoke-free area through voluntary compliance and, if the concept proves successful, all other children's playgrounds in the District be made smoke-free before the end of 2007."

Mayor/Burgess

**Carried**

**Activity Reports**

That the reports be received.

Nelson/Holmes

**Carried**

**Development in Ashburton District**

The Operations Manager reported on his meeting with Transit to further progress the site agreement for a grade separated intersection if and when required. Flexibility to make use of the local roading network to remove pressure from the intersection, along with cost share with Transit is being sought.

Prior to Christmas, Racecourse Road residents were provided with information on servicing costs and asked to consider the possibility of a group approach to development. Mr Rouse said that few responses have been received and it is proposed to allow a time extension for the 12 property owners affected.

Stage 4 of the Transportation Study is to be completed in approximately one month and it is proposed to invite the service providers to attend the 15 March meeting of the Committee.

**NRRP**

The Mayor reported that the Mayoral Forum in February will be discussing the proposed Plan and the need for a unified Canterbury response.

### **Ocean Farm**

Mr Paul Sanderson, the new appointee to the position of Farm Manager, was welcomed to the meeting.

### **High Intensity Rainfall Event**

The Operations Manager reported that significant localised flooding occurred on 30 December during a heavy rainfall event. He noted that the Queens Drive / Pages Road intersection had been severely affected and remedial work at this corner, along with the cleaning of Mill Creek will be investigated and budget provision included in the annual plan.

### **State Highway One**

The Operations Manager was asked to investigate the possibility of bringing forward the installation of traffic lights proposed for the SH1 / Agnes Street intersection on a cost share basis with Transit. Mr Rouse advised that the issue with access onto the highway in Tinwald will be reported on in the Transportation Study, the results of which will be known in March. He agreed to start preliminary discussions with Transit to gauge their position on a cost share.

### **Land Transport Programme**

It was reported that the proposed seal extension on Highbank Cairnbrae Road did not meet the required b/c rating for a subsidy and work will not now proceed in the current year. The proposed Dobson Street West extension has been delayed awaiting consent from DOC for road designation to be applied. The Operations Manager reported that this non capital work cannot be reallocated, however the option available to Council is to apply for additional road maintenance funding and carry out some of the AWPT planned for this year.

- “1. That the Highbank Cairnbrae Road seal extension be deleted from the programme of seal extension for 2006/07.
2. That the construction of Dobson Street West between Electricity Ashburton Ltd and Robinson Street be delayed until the 2007/08 financial year.
3. That application be made to Land Transport NZ Ltd for additional funding in the sum of \$118,000 (including the local share) for the maintenance chip seal category of work, with the local share being removed from the 2006 / 07 budgeted work programme from the Highbank Cairnbrae Road seal extension and Dobson Street new construction.
4. That Cairnbrae Road, from Line Road to Pole Road, be included.”

Holmes/Lowe

**Carried**

The Operations Manager confirmed that the Dobson Street extension will be reprogrammed into the 2007/08 budget.

Clarification was sought on whether Council’s policy for prioritising unsealed roads still applies. The Operations Manager explained that the policy was prepared for sealing and AWPT. He confirmed that it does not meet Transit’s subsidy requirements, but does assist Council to rank roads in order of importance.

The Committee discussed the need for accurate calculations of b/c ratings when submitting for subsidy.

It was agreed to convene a meeting of the Rural Water Subcommittee members as soon as possible to look in detail at the overall rural roading programme and priority for unsealed roads and AWPT in the coming financial year. The outcome of the meeting is to be reported back through the budget round.

### **General Maintenance**

Cr Leadley reported that a pothole in Christies Road has been repaired at least 12 times in the past 18 months and he asked what Council's policy is for repeatedly carrying out repairs such as this. The Operations Manager agreed to follow this up.

It was reported that the Rakaia Community Association has indicated that it will be forwarding a request to Council seeking that the kerb and channel proposed for the 2007/08 year be brought forward to address flooding issues and the work programmed this year be deferred until 2007/08.

### **Traffic Services**

Information was sought on when new signs will be placed at the entrances to the Ashburton district. It was noted that budget provision was made and a meeting of the parties involved (Ashburton District Tourism and Council's Roading and Property departments) is scheduled for February. The Operations Manager will report back to the Committee.

The Committee adjourned for afternoon tea at 2.58 pm and resumed at 3.18 pm.

### **Contract 491 – Cyclic Renewals**

The Operations Manager reported that the contractor has completed remedial work as requested and both parties have agreed payment. The 12 month maintenance period commenced at the beginning of December 2006.

### **Rakaia Water Supply**

The Operations Manager was requested to undertake consultation with the Rakaia Community Association following discussion at a recent Community Association meeting. Residents want to know what is proposed for the old water tower and tanks.

### **Mt Somers**

Investigation into the stockwater and water supply activities is underway and staff are awaiting a report from Opus. The Committee will be advised when the information is to hand.

### **Recyclables**

The Committee agreed that a review of the amount of recyclables being stockpiled at the Ashburton RRP needs to be undertaken and the requirement that items are disposed of after 30 days enforced.

### **Methven Landfill**

The Operations Manager reported that the six waste management options for Methven have been considered by the Board members who have agreed that consultation will proceed on this basis.

“That the options provided for waste services in Methven form the basis of further consultation.”

Burgess/Holmes

**Carried**

The consultation document will be forwarded to the Board and signed off by Council on 1 March.

**CRM Reports**

A detailed CRM report for the period 1 July to 31 December 2006, was tabled. The Operations Manager said that it is proposed to carry out random audits of contractors to ensure work is being carried out in accordance with service requests.

**Methven Community Board**

Minutes of the Board meeting held on 29 January 2007, were tabled. In addition to the recommendation for waste options, the Board sought the Committee’s agreement to extending the Patton Street footpath to Forest Drive.

“That staff investigate the possibility of a pedestrian bridge on Patton Street / Forest Drive corner; any budget implications to be reported through the annual plan process.”

Lowe/Leadley **Carried**

***Extraordinary Business - Town Centre Subcommittee***

A meeting of the Town Centre Subcommittee was held on 1 February 2007, and the following recommendations were referred to the Committee.

“That a consultants report be sought on parking options in the Ashburton business area for presentation to the Subcommittee as soon as possible.”

Leadley/Nelson **Carried**

“That the Community Consultation Manager undertakes to establish a reference group of key stakeholder groups to develop an issues an options proposal as outlined in the report of 1 February 2007.”

Mayor/Holmes **Carried**

“That the Councillors Leadley and Holmes be appointed as Council’s representatives on the Reference Group.”

Brown/Mayor **Carried**

“That two car parks located in the West St car park, at the Burnett Street and Tancred Street crossings, be designated for mobility card holders.”

Leadley/Burgess **Carried**

***Items transacted with the public excluded (4.08 pm)***

“That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely – the general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48 (1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Grounds under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
Confirmation of Minutes – 13/07/06	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
• Water monitoring		
Ashburton Wastewater Upgrade	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities

Brown/Holmes **Carried**

The meeting concluded at 4.22 pm.