

**REPORT** and **MINUTES** of a meeting of the **SERVICES AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, 5 Baring Square West, Ashburton, on Thursday 15 March, 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 and M J Urquhart; Operations Manager and Committee Secretary.

**APOLOGY:** Cr R J Kilworth

**Carried**

### ***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.

- Provision of temporary taxi stands in Ashburton CBD

*Reason To relocate existing taxi stands on Burnett Street to allow demolition and construction work to commence on the Somerset building*

Leadley/Nelson

**Carried**

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

“That the minutes of the Services and Operations Committee meeting held on 1 February, 2007, be taken as read and confirmed.”

Nelson/Holmes

**Carried**

### ***Matters Arising***

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

The Operations Manager confirmed that residents will be contacted by the Consultants investigating the Mt Somers scheme as part of the overall investigation. The Committee was reminded that the proposal to combine the potable and stockwater schemes resulted from issues identified at Mt Somers. Considerable investigation on the stockwater races was undertaken with adjacent landowners and this information has formed the basis of a preliminary brief for the consultants. Mr Rouse said that the project is still in its early stages and as it progresses the community will be consulted and asked to confirm that problems with the schemes have been correctly identified.

#### **Thompsons Track**

It was noted that removal of gravel and vegetation has not yet been carried out. The Operations Manager will pursue this.

#### **Transit NZ**

Transit has advised that additional work on the Transportation Study is required. The Committee will be updated by Transit representatives at the April meeting.

### **Smokefree Committee**

Cr Beavan reported on his involvement with the 'World Smoke-free Day' Committee which includes representatives of Community Public Health, Cancer Society, Youth Council, Plunket, PSS, Social Services and Hampstead School. The group is formed each year to coordinate World 'Smoke-free Day' activities. This Group will be involved in the official declaration of the playground in Friedlander Park becoming 'smoke-free' on 31 May 2007.

### ***Provision of Temporary Taxi Stands in the Ashburton CBD During Reconstruction of the Somerset Hotel***

The Operations Manager reported that demolition of the Somerset building on the corner of East and Burnett Streets is due to commence this month and contractors require the two taxi stands located outside the present building to be relocated.

Concern was expressed that consultation on the proposal to relocate the two parks to the opposite side of Burnett Street had not been completed with the adjacent businesses. It was considered that with the likelihood of increased heavy traffic in the vicinity of the demolition site, relocating the taxi stands further east of the area would be a better option.

- “1. That from on or about 30 March 2007, the existing designation of taxi stand on the two car parks on Burnett Street, north east side, outside the Somerset Tavern be removed, and these be reinstated to metered car parks.
2. That on or about 30 March 2007 the two metered car parks on the south west side on Burnett Street starting at approximately 42 m from the intersections of the boundary of East Street and Burnett Street and finishing 55 m from the same boundary point be designated as taxi stands.
3. That on completion of the construction of the new building on the present Somerset Hotel site, that the present status for car parks and taxi stands in the first block of Burnett Street south east of East Street be reinstated.”

Leadley/Nelson

### **AMENDMENT**

- “1. That from on or about 30 March 2007, the existing designation of taxi stand on the two car parks on Burnett Street, north east side, outside the Somerset Tavern be removed, and these be reinstated to metered car parks.
2. That on or about 30 March 2007 the two metered car parks on the south west side on Burnett Street, starting at approximately 85m from the intersections of the boundary of East Street and Burnett Street and finishing approximately 97m from the same boundary point, be designated as taxi stands.
3. That on completion of the construction of the new building on the present Somerset Hotel site, that the present status for car parks and taxi stands in the first block of Burnett Street south east of East Street be reinstated.”

Mayor/Lowe

**Carried**

The Roading & Street Services Manager attended the meeting at 1.59 pm. Mr Robertson supported the Committee's amended recommendation to relocate the taxi stands further along Burnett Street and agreed to undertake the necessary consultation.

The original motion was withdrawn by the mover and seconder and substituted by the amended motion.

## **Activity Reports**

“That the reports be received.”

Nelson/Burgess

**Carried**

### **Budget**

The Operations Manager reported that a new contract is being developed for the Ashburton resource recovery park and an Extraordinary meeting of Council may be required on 10 May to consider and award the tender.

### **Transit NZ**

Transit’s State Highway Programme has been released for public comment. The focus of Council’s submission will be on the transportation study.

The Operations Manager received a request for urgent attention to be given to the Park Street / Kermode Street intersection signage as well as road markings in the Dobson Street industrial area.

### **NRRP**

The hearing of submissions for the groundwater management chapter of the Natural Resources Regional Plan is soon to commence and the Operations Manager will present the Council’s submission on 30 March. A joint approach to consultation is being developed with a number of interested parties.

### **Police Traffic Report**

The Operations Manager reported that he has held discussions with the Ashburton Police regarding the provision of traffic accident reports. The process for accessing the data required by Council is being addressed.

### **Seal Extension**

It was reported that area wide pavement treatment programmed for Hackthorne Road has not been carried out. The Operations Manager agreed to follow up and report back to the Committee.

### **Water Consumption**

A draft water conservation notice to go out to all householders was tabled.

### **Rakaia Water Supply upgrade**

An application for central government funding assistance will be lodged in May, however the outcome may not be known until September this year. The Operations Manager confirmed that individual households on the scheme will be provided with detail on work carried out to date, along with the subsidy information and its likely impact on the programme.

### **Ashburton Wastewater Upgrade**

The Committee requested the opportunity to make regular site visits as significant milestones are reached during the upgrade.

### **Stormwater**

Council staff are working with representatives of the Historic Places Trust to preserve the brick arch stormwater drain in Chalmers Avenue.

### **Waste Minimisation Bill**

The Operations Manager reported that he will present Council's submission on the Bill to the Select Committee on 22 March.

### **Ashburton Domain Management Plan**

A report on a likely timeframe for a review of the Management Plan will be given to the Committee at its next meeting.

The Committee adjourned for afternoon tea at 3.19 pm and resumed at 3.35 pm.

### ***Items transacted with the public excluded (3.35 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:

<b>General subject of each matter to be considered</b>	<b>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</b>	<b>Grounds under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</b>
<b>Confirmation of minutes 1/02/07</b> [now in open meeting] Extraordinary Business – Transwaste	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
<b>Contract Renewal</b> (Utility Operation & Maintenance)	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
<b>Assigning of Contract 403</b> (Operation & Maintenance Services Ashburton RRP)	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities

Leadley/Holmes

Carried

The Committee resumed in open meeting at 3.53 pm.

### ***Recycling Presentation – Sheryl Stevens***

Mrs Sheryl Stevens was welcomed to the meeting to provide an update on her involvement with waste minimisation activities, including those she observed on a recent visit to India.

The presentation and meeting concluded at 4.38 pm.