
MINUTES of a Meeting of the **ASHBURTON DISTRICT COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber, 5 Baring Square West, Ashburton, on Thursday 12 April 2007, commencing at 1.30 pm.

PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor, Mr M B O’Malley; Councillors R C Beavan, N A Brown, I J Burgess, D Glass, K L Holmes, R J Kilworth, L J Leadley, K W P Lowe, D N Nelson, B A Tasker, P W Reveley and M J Urquhart.

Also in attendance Chief Executive, Corporate Services Manager, Operations Manager, Community Consultation Manager, Property Manager and Committee Secretary.

The opening prayer was offered by Rev David Brown.

Extraordinary Business

“That pursuant to Section 46A (7)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 the following item be introduced as extraordinary business and considered with the public excluded as item 5.2:

- **Forestry Matter** Section 7(2)(h) Commercial activities

Reason Market opportunity

Nelson/Lowe

Carried

Confirmation of Minutes

Council Meeting 1/03/07

“That the minutes of the Meeting of Ashburton District Council held on 1 March, 2007, be taken as read and confirmed.”

Leadley/Tasker

Carried

Matters Arising

ECan Representation Review

It was reported that the decision of the Local Government Commission became available this morning. The Commission has found in favour of the Canterbury Regional Council’s proposed boundaries, rejecting the joint submission of the seven Canterbury territorial authorities.

Transit Highway Programme

A draft programme has been received and is being reviewed by staff. This will be reported back to the Services and Operations Committee in June.

Mayor’s Report

“That the report be received.”

Leadley/Kilworth

Carried

Office of Auditor General – Advisory Committee

The Mayor has accepted an invitation to become a member of the Advisory Committee which reports directly to the Auditor General on local government matters. The Committee is made up of three Mayors and three local government CEOs.

Chief Executive's Report

"That the report be received."

Holmes/Nelson

Carried

Regional Policy Statement and Regional Bio-diversity Strategy

A review of these documents is currently being undertaken by the Canterbury Regional Council and it is proposed that ECan staff will meet here for a workshop next month. The Chief Executive agreed to provide Councillors with copies of the draft documents which are now available.

Inquiry into Local Government Funding

Submissions are due by 30 April 2007, and a Council workshop to prepare a submission will be held on 26 April.

Services and Operations Committee – 15 March 2007

"That the report and minutes of the Services and Operations Committee meeting held on 15 March 2007, be received."

Tasker/Nelson

Carried

Smokefree Day

As part of the activities organised for World Smokefree Day on 31 May, the Mayor will be officially designating the Friedlander Park playground as a smokefree area. The event will take place between 12 noon and 1 pm on Thursday 31 May.

Environmental Services Committee – 22 March 2007

"That the report and minutes of the Environmental Services Committee meeting held on 22 March, 2007, be received."

Kilworth/Beavan

Carried

Finance & Corporate Services Committee – 29 March 2007

"That the report and minutes of the Finance and Corporate Services Committee meeting held on 29 March 2007, be received."

Holmes/Brown

Carried

Youth Council

At its last meeting the Youth Council appointed Elizabeth Gerrard as Chairman and Ellen Sole Co-Chair. The Youth Council is seeking to attract new future members and as part of the process has asked for a meeting between the Mayor and the Principals of the two Colleges in this district.

Statement of Proposals for Draft Annual Plan and Fees And Charges For 2007 / 2008 and Amendment to the Ashburton District Community Plan 2006-2016

1. That the draft Annual Plan 2007/2008, as amended, be adopted for public consultation from 16 April - 18 May 2007.
2. That the Statements of Proposal to amend the Ashburton District Community Plan 2006-2016 be adopted for public consultation from 16 April - 18 May 2007, with submission hearing dates being 29, 30 and 31 May 2007."

Holmes/Brown

Carried

Fluoridation Referendum 2007

“That the report be received.”

Kilworth/Tasker

Carried

Schedule of Elected Member Expenses and Reimbursements

“That the schedule of elected member expenses and reimbursements, in relation to the period 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008, be adopted.”

Tasker/Holmes

Carried

Items taken with the public excluded (2.03 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: |
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| 5.1.1 | Council 1/03/07 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Staff Matters• Economic Development• Property Matter [now in open meeting] <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Canterbury Waste Services Submission• Occupancy of worked out gravel pits | Section 7(2)(a) Protection of privacy of natural persons Section 7(2)(h) Commercial activities Section 7(2)(h) Commercial activities |
| 5.1.2 | Services & Operations 15/03/07 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Utility Operation & Maintenance contract• Contract 403 – Ashburton RRP | Section 7(2)(h) Commercial activities Section 7(2)(h) Commercial activities |
| 5.1.3 | Finance & Corporate Services 29/03/07 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Property Matters | Section 7(2)(h) Commercial activities |
| 5.2 | Extraordinary Business – Forestry Matter | Section 7(2)(h) Commercial activities |

Holmes/Nelson

Carried

Business transacted with the public excluded now in open meeting

Extraordinary Business – Unscheduled Harvest of Various Plantations

“That harvesting work be brought forward and that Blakely Pacific Ltd be contracted to complete the work.”

Nelson/Lowe

Carried

Confirmed this 31st day of May 2007 by

MAYOR