

FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE [\[Unconfirmed minutes\]](#)

REPORT and MINUTES of a meeting of the **FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, 5 Baring Square West, Ashburton, on Thursday 10 May, 2007, commencing at 1.30 pm.

PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor, M B O'Malley; Councillors K L Holmes, (Chair), N A Brown, D N Nelson, R J Kilworth, M J Urquhart, R C Beavan, D Glass and P W Reveley.

Also in attendance Councillors L J Leadley, I J Burgess, K W P Lowe and B A Tasker; Corporate Services Manager, Finance Manager, Property Manager, and Committee Secretary.

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:

- **Attendance at LGNZ Conference and AGM**

Reason To meet the timeframe for registration of delegates.

Kilworth/Brown

Carried

Confirmation of Minutes

“That the minutes of the Finance and Corporate Services Committee meeting held on 29 March 2007, be taken as read and confirmed.”

Brown/Urquhart

Carried

Rates Postponement

The Finance Manager reported that the rates postponement consortium, to which Council belongs, is seeking feedback from member councils on a proposal to expand the scheme that assists ratepayers facing hardship with their power bills.

The proposal was generally supported by Committee members although there was some opposition to Council having a role in deferring electricity payments on behalf of ratepayers.

“That Council supports in principal expanding the rates postponement scheme to include energy costs, and supports further investigation to this effect.”

Urquhart/Glass

Carried

Crs Brown and Reveley recorded their votes against the motion.

The Chief Executive attended the meeting at 1.55 pm.

Ashburton Aquatic Park Charitable Trust Loan

Cr Leadley declared an interest as a Trustee and withdrew from discussion and decision.

“That Council confirms the current interest rate calculation (1% above the Bank of New Zealand one year term deposit rate at the start of the interest period) for the next five years.

Glass/Brown

Carried

Crs Lowe and Burgess left the meeting at 1.58 pm.

Council Controlled Organisations

“That Council resolves to continue to exempt the Ashburton Community Water Trust and the Ashburton Enterprise Agency from the requirements of a council controlled organisation, as permitted under section 7 of the Local Government Act 2002.”

Kilworth/Urquhart

Carried

Information Board Funding Contribution

Cr Holmes declared an interest and withdrew from discussion and decision.

Cr Brown took the Chair.

The Property Manager reported on the Pakehe Lion’s request for a funding contribution to assist with the provision of a signboard/shelter on the Green near the Information Centre. He acknowledged Councillors’ concern that the proposed construction is too small to be an effective bus shelter.

There was further concern that the Committee was being asked to approve a construction that has not yet been granted a resource consent, as it is the consent process that determines whether or not such a sign would be appropriate on the Green.

“That the item of business being discussed lie on the table until resource consent provisions have been negotiated.”

Kilworth/Beavan

Lost

It was reported that the applicants are aware of the resource consent requirement, and they have advised that funding the consent will depend on the success of their request to Council.

“That the Committee approves a contribution of \$800 towards the construction of an information board adjacent to the Information Centre.”

Mayor/Urquhart

Carried

Crs Beavan and Nelson recorded their votes against the motion.

Cr Holmes took the Chair.

Extraordinary Business

Attendance at Local Government New Zealand Conference & AGM

- “1. That the Mayor, Chief Executive and Councillors Leadley, Glass and Brown represent the Ashburton District Council at the Local Government New Zealand Conference in 2007.
2. That the Mayor be the Presiding Delegate to vote on behalf of the Ashburton District Council at the Annual General Meeting.
3. That the Chief Executive be the Alternate Delegate to vote at the Annual General Meeting in the absence of the Presiding Delegate.”

Holmes/Kilworth

Carried

Activity Reports

Finance reports to 31/03/07

The Finance Manager advised that he has signed up with Kiwibank for investment purposes. He agreed to review Council’s main banking contract and will provide the Committee with a report at its next meeting.

Forestry

The Committee requested a summary of the salvage logging income shown in the variance report. An update on Council's forestry blocks was also sought so that options for unplanted land can be considered. Both matters will be followed up for the next meeting.

Solar Street Light

The first solar street light for the district is soon to be placed outside the Dorie School on a trial basis. The light will be fixed to a standard wooden pole.

Sound System

The Chief Executive acknowledged that Council's sound system used at the recent Anzac Day ceremonies was inadequate and this is being addressed with the supplier. It is proposed to increase the number of sound system speakers next year.

Internet

The Information Systems Manager reported that maps and aerial photographs, along with property and rates information will soon be available for the public to download from the Internet.

Creative Communities

The Creative Communities Assessment Committee met on 1 May 2007, to consider 13 applications for funding. A presentation evening for the successful applications will be held at the Council on 16 May, commencing at 5 pm.

Youth Council

Minutes of the Youth Council meeting held on 2 April 2007, were received.

Items taken with the public excluded (2.53 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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Glass/Kilworth

Carried

The Committee adjourned for afternoon tea at 2.55 pm and resumed at 3.16 pm

Business transacted with the public excluded now in open meeting

Sale of ADC Land – Surveyors Road

"That the sale of a 4,046² block of land described as Lot 5 DP1756, be sold to the adjoining owner (BJ & MA Stock) at a price of \$4,900 plus GST, subject to the land being amalgamated into the adjoining title."

Kilworth/Nelson

Carried

The Committee resumed in open meeting at 3.55 pm.