

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 2 August, 2007, commencing at 1.30 pm.

PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor, M B O'Malley; Councillors K L Holmes, (Chair), D N Nelson, N A Brown, 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; Community Services Manager, Finance Manager, Property Manager, Community Consultation Manager, Acting Corporate Services Manager, District Librarian, and Committee Secretary. Two members of the public attended.

APOLOGY: Cr R J Kilworth

Sustained

Confirmation of Minutes

“That the minutes of the Finance and Corporate Services Committee meeting held on 21 June 2007, be taken as read and confirmed.”

Nelson/Beavan

Carried

Carry-over of Funds from 2006 / 2007 Budget

In addition to the projects listed, it was reported that funding of \$17,483 has been included in the carry-over request for the painting of the Tinwald Hall.

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

Glass/Urquhart

Carried

Argyle Park – Golfing Petition

It was reported that the petition presented to Council in December 2006, requesting that an area of Argyle Park be set aside to allow golfing, was signed by approximately 350 people.

Additional information – the Petition presented to Council on 14 December 2006 made the following comment:

For many years amateur golfers have enjoyed the freedom to make full use of our excellent reserves and domains to practice their chosen sport. It is acknowledged that the parks are being used for recreation by growing numbers of people – and dogs – and that ideally golfers should remain separate from other users. We believe that the north-western end of Argyle Park provides an ideal area to set aside for this activity. It is our observation that the area is not heavily used, in fact rarely used, apart from dog walking and that other users would not be inconvenienced. It is also clear of areas which could be potentially damaged being bordered on one side by the reserves and on the other by a market garden. Practising golf in parks has been a permitted activity until recently and we believe that golfers should again be given the opportunity to use this under-utilised reserve to practice this popular outdoor sport.

The Committee was presented with a plan showing two areas of the park considered to be sufficiently separated from residential housing and other parts of the park used for sport. The Property Manager advised that if Council approves part of the Park being designated for golfing, this activity would not have exclusive use of the area.

Concerns raised included the possibility of people and animals being hit by stray golf balls and whether Council would be liable for this. It was noted that the north western section of the park, which is a designated open space area is regularly used by walkers.

The Corporate Services Manager said that any liability would be in respect to personal injury and therefore covered by ACC; Council would be meeting its responsibility if the effects of golf being played in the area are explained adequately and appropriate signage is erected.

The Chief Executive attended the meeting at 1.45 pm.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

"That Council resolves to make part of Argyle Park (area B on the attached plan) available for practising golf."
Urquhart/Brown
Carried

Activity Reports

"That the reports be received."

Nelson/Glass

Carried

Financial reports

The Finance Manager presented the preliminary financial report to 30 June 2007.

Rates rebate

Processing rates rebates commenced on 1 August, and public notice has been given of the availability of this scheme for home owners with a household income of around \$20,000 per annum. The Committee heard that eligibility for the rebate could also assist low income ratepayers to meet the criteria for the "Healthy Homes" project.

Total Mobility Committee

Cr Beavan briefly reported on his attendance at the Total Mobility Committee's AGM this week. The Committee has received a budget increase of around \$11,000 this year.

Albert St subdivision

The Property Manager reported that the subdivision plan has been lodged and once approved the work will be tendered. The road servicing the two new houses in the subdivision will be formed as part of the overall subdivision work. It is anticipated that the contract will be let in October this year.

Submission to Police Act Review

The Chief Executive reported that the submission prepared by the Council working group and the Community Consultation Manager was forwarded to meet the 31 July deadline, however there would be opportunity to amend and replace the document if Councillors had any issues of concern.

No amendments were made to the submission.

"That the submission prepared to the Police Act Review 2007 be adopted.

Nelson/Mayor

Carried

Items taken with the public excluded (2.36 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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Brown/Glass

Carried

The Committee adjourned for afternoon tea at 2.36 pm and resumed at 2.56 pm.

The meeting concluded at 4.50 pm.