

REPORT and **MINUTES** of a meeting of the **SERVICES AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, 5 Baring Square West, Ashburton, on Thursday 19 July, 2007, commencing at 1.34 pm.

PRESENT: His Worship the 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 Councillors M A Urquhart, D Glass and R J Kilworth; Operations Manager and Committee Secretary.

Cr Angus McKay attended.

APOLOGY: Cr R C Beavan

Sustained

Confirmation of Minutes

It was noted that the Mayor had left the meeting at 2.15 pm and returned prior to discussion on the proposed NRRP item.

“That the minutes of the Services and Operations Committee meeting held on 7 June, 2007, as amended, be taken as read and confirmed.”

Nelson/Burgess

Carried

Matters Arising

Farm Rd footpath

Cr Leadley reported that the footpath was reopened after reinstatement work had been completed, however within a week was closed again. He sought clarification on whose responsibility it is to monitor this work and why it took nine months to replace an electricity cable.

The Operations Manager said that Electricity Ashburton has advised that sealing work will be undertaken. A 10 day time limit has been put in place, after which time Council will reinstate the seal and recover costs from Electricity Ashburton.

The Operations Manager will also investigate whether there are policies / protocols in place for work carried out by other contracts.

Application for Water Connections – Barkers Road, Mt Hutt Station Road, Methven

“It is recommended that:

1. the metered water connections to the Methven water supply be approved;
2. a 50mm nominal bore rider main be extended along Barkers Road to the right of way of the development to serve four lots;
3. a metered connection to be provided from the existing main on Mt Hutt Station Road to serve the fifth lot;
4. all costs associated with design, construction, supervision and provision of as-built drawings be met by the developer.
5. the rider main be constructed to Council standards and upon satisfactory completion be vested in Council.
6. the work be subject to all consents being provided.”

Lowe/Mayor

Carried

Ashton Beach – Replacement of Vandalised Public Toilet Block

“That the toilet block at the Ashton Beach site be replaced with a new purpose-built structure, at or near the same location as the original vandalised toilet block.”

Nelson/Burgess

Carried

Activity Reports

“That the reports be received.”

Holmes/Nelson

Carried

The Mayor left the meeting at 1.53 pm.

Development in Ashburton district

It was reported that Council staff will be meeting with Racecourse Road residents landowners on Monday 30 July.

The Mayor returned to the meeting at 1.55 pm.

NRRP

The Operations Manager reported on the presentation of submissions which took place on 3 July. Regional evidence was presented by the Mayor on behalf of the stakeholder group and this was followed by Council’s presentation of stand-alone evidence on augmentation.

Access to Marae

Design work has been completed and approved by Transit. The Operations Manager said that agencies including Internal Affairs, Ngai Tahu and Electricity Ashburton have been approached for funding contributions, however this has been unsuccessful. Work will proceed following the Marae Committee’s sign-off on the design.

Pits for private use

The Operations Manager reported that work on preparing tendering documents for access to Council pits has not been completed. To date a number of pits have been identified and discussions have been held with ECan about the consents required.

Land Transport

The Chief Executive reported that LTNZ has indicated there could be some flexibility for councils accessing regional funding for significant maintenance activities. This will be pursued by Council staff and reported back to the Committee.

The Committee discussed the Dobson Street extension work and agreed that consultation with beneficiaries needs to take place. The Operations Manager agreed to give priority to this.

Land Transport Technical Review

The Committee received the review of LTNZ’s roading maintenance programme undertaken in the district in November 2006. The recommendations in the report will be followed up by the Operations Manager.

Traffic accident report

The Committee received the traffic accident report for the period 10 March – 29 June 2007.

General maintenance

The Operations Manager agreed to follow up reports of deterioration in grading work being carried out and the monitoring of these contracts. It was noted that two accidents occurred recently on Griggs Road.

It was further reported that there are still a number of properties in the district who have not responded to Council's request to reduce the height of trees causing shading and roads affected by this are being over-gritted.

MSW

The Operations Manager will follow up concerns relating to the positioning of signs at the Beach Road thresholds. It was reported that the 8 metre space between signs restricts heavy vehicles, however these vehicles can be accommodated by removing the signs following their application for an overweight vehicle permit.

Ashburton wastewater

The Committee questioned the \$140,000 budget from the stockwater account for the wastewater site. The Operations Manager will report back through the Wastewater Development Subcommittee and a visit to Ashton Farm will be arranged for Councillors.

Solid waste

A Methven Community Board Working Party meeting was held on 16 July and a second workshop is scheduled to further develop solid waste options for Methven.

The Operations Manager said that the unexplained budget item for Mayfield landfill is for the installation of a light at the recyclable drop-off centre.

Parks and reserves

Reports of vandalism caused by vehicles and motorbikes at the area north of the Ashburton Bridge, the Tinwald Domain and Smallbone Drive were discussed. The Mayor said he would be speaking directly to the Police on this issue.

Road Safety

“That a letter be sent to ACADS thanking them for their organisation of the after-ball parties.”

Leadley/Nelson

Carried

The Committee adjourned for afternoon tea at 3.07 pm and resumed at 3.25 pm.

Items transacted with the public excluded 3.25 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:

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:
8	Contract DW-AJ10 Supply & installation of standby generators [now in open meeting]	Section 7(2)(h) Commercial activities
9	Contract 497 Mill Creek bank protection [now in open meeting]	Section 7(2)(h) Commercial activities
10	Contract 419 Pavement marking maintenance [now in open meeting]	Section 7(2)(h) Commercial activities

Brown/Burgess

Carried

Business transacted with the public excluded now in open meeting

DW-AJ10 Supply and Installation of Standby Generators – Tender Award

- “1. That Council accepts the tender for DW-AJ10 Supply and Installation of Standby Generators from Ashburton Contracting Limited in the amount of \$ 218,050.93 excluding GST;
2. That the individual 2006/07 budget provisions for the installation of standby generators be carried forward to the 2007/08 year; and
3. That additional expenditure be approved for the 2007/08 year in amounts as follows: Chertsey - \$14,700; Dromore - \$6,700; Fairton – \$16,300; Hakatere - \$11,100; Mayfield - \$16,600; and Methven Springfield - \$7,000.”

Nelson/Leadley

Carried

Contract 497 – Mill Creek Bank Protection Belt Road / Hanrahan Street

- “1. That the tender for Mill Creek Bank Protection Works 06/07 - Belt Road to Hanrahan Street from Ashburton Contracting Limited in the amount of \$365,776.58 excluding GST be declined;
2. That the original budget of \$104,000 is carried forward to the 2007/08 year and made available to mitigate any **immediate threat** to structures adjoining Mill Creek within the Belt Road, Hanrahan Street section;
3. That a price for localised bank stabilisation be negotiated with Ashburton Contracting Limited, and programmed for completion by 29 September 2007;
4. That further programming of capital works on Mill Creek be deferred pending the completion of the Ashburton Urban Stormwater Strategy.”

Brown/Holmes

Carried

Contract 419 : Pavement Marking Maintenance, Ashburton District 2004/05 to 2006/07 – extension of contract duration

“That the Committee approves that the duration of contract 419 “Pavement Marking Maintenance, Ashburton District 2004/05 to 2006/07” be extended for a further 12 months to 30 June 2008.”

Nelson/Leadley

Carried

The meeting concluded at 3.40 pm.