

REPORT and MINUTES of a meeting of the **SERVICES AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, 5 Baring Square West, Ashburton, on Thursday 30 August, 2007, commencing at 1.30 pm.

PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor M B O'Malley; Councillors B A Tasker (Chair), D N Nelson, I J Burgess, L J Leadley, K W P Lowe and P W Reveley.

Also in attendance Councillors R C Beavan, M A Urquhart, D Glass and R J Kilworth; Chief Executive, Operations Manager and Committee Secretary.

Methven Community Board Chairman, Mr Martin Nordqvist.

APOLOGIES: Crs N A Brown and K L Holmes

Sustained

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 with the public excluded.

- Budget
Section 7(2)(h) Commercial activities

Nelson/Leadley

Carried

Confirmation of Minutes

“That the minutes of the Services and Operations Committee meeting held on 19 July, 2007, be taken as read and confirmed.”

Nelson/Burgess

Carried

Matters Arising

Beach Road thresholds

It was reported that since the completion of threshold work there has been no apparent issue of traffic being obstructed. The Operations Manager confirmed that requests from heavy vehicle users to remove the signs will be accommodated.

Options to Increase Solid Waste Management Services in Methven

Mr Nordqvist took the opportunity to acknowledge the assistance given to the Board by staff throughout the process of developing solid waste options for Methven. With work now in progress he asked that the signage be put in place as soon as possible. The Operations Manager confirmed that this would be undertaken within the existing budget.

“That the following recommendations from the Methven Community be approved:

1. The installation of up to four additional litter bins in the Methven urban area;
2. The establishment of two strategically located satellite recyclable materials (limited) drop off centres;
3. The installation of enclosed residual waste bins at the existing recyclable materials drop off centre;
4. Residual waste disposed of in the enclosed residual waste bins be accepted only in Council prepaid bags during hours of operation;

5. The existing recyclable materials drop off centre be increased in size to accommodate:
 - enclosed residual waste bins
 - improved vehicle access
 - to meet increased use of the site
 - future proof the site with respect to possible additional activities;
6. The upgrading of site security at the recyclable material drop off centre;
7. Additional funding in the sum of \$4,000 to be made available for additional litter bins in the 2007/08 financial year;
8. Recommendations 2 to 6 to be considered through the 2008/09 Annual Plan preparation process.”

Lowe/Burgess

Carried

Lifting of Weight Restrictions on Br # 42, Hinds River on Hackthorne Rd

“That as permitted by regulation 11(10) of the Heavy Motor Vehicle Regulation 1974, the weight and speed restriction on Bridge #42 over Hinds River on the Hackthorne Road shall be removed; this change to come into effect from Saturday 1 September 2007.”

Nelson/Reveley

Carried

Activity Reports

“That the reports be received.”

Leadley/Burgess

Carried

NE Ashburton

The Operations Manager reported that letters have been sent to all of the NE Ashburton business park submitters, regarding work recently completed on the buffer and mound locations, and he will be available to meet with them next week, if required.

The Mayor left the meeting at 1.50 pm.

Racecourse Road

The Operations Manager reported that he has met with landowners to discuss an integrated approach to the development. Preliminary results of the invited feedback show that there is one significant landowner wishing to proceed with the subdivision in the near future and there is still opportunity to facilitate an integrated infrastructure development.

Mr Rouse said Council’s role at this stage is to provide information as for any other subdivision. He said that infrastructure development within the footprint of the subdivision will be funded by the developer, constructed to Council’s standards, then vested in Council ownership. Any additional capacity required for further development would be funded by Council.

Proposed NRRP

The Operations Manager reported that Ashburton is the lead Council preparing evidence for water efficiency hearing.

The Mayor returned to the meeting at 1.58 pm.

Hakaterē Marae entranceway

A number of organisations have been approached for assistance, however the only positive response has been the 50% cost share offer of Electricity Ashburton.

The Mayor expressed his disappointment that no outside agency was prepared to provide funding assistance and said that this district is under-represented when it comes to distribution of taxpayer funding.

“That the price from Fulton Hogan Ltd in the sum of \$35,693.02 (excluding GST) be accepted.”

Mayor/Nelson

Carried

State Highway Work

Cr Leadley referred to the work programmed at Chertsey which will see the removal of trees on the reserve roadside boundary and allow the Chertsey Reserve Board to carry out planned development. He reported the Chertsey Reserve Board has been unable bury the potable water pipe because of the trees.

Accident Report

The Committee noted that a number of serious accidents which occurred within the reporting period were not included in the accident report.

Major Drainage Control

The Operations Manager reported that four tenders have been received and evaluated. The preferred contract is below budget.

Reseals

The Operations Manager acknowledged that some second coat reseal work has not been carried out in new subdivisions. He confirmed that Council is responsible for funding this work.

Bridges

The Operations Manager will follow up reported concerns with bridges over the RDR.

Minor Improvements

The Committee agreed that work programmed at Victoria / Cass / Wills Streets is not a priority at this stage and would not be required until the town centre programme is confirmed.

“That the minor improvements schedule for 2007/08 be approved.”

Mayor/Leadley

Carried

Town Centre Subcommittee

• Ashburton Parking – Issues & Options report

An issues and options report is to be prepared with the assistance a CBD Parking Reference Group which includes community representatives, staff and elected representatives. Two workshops are programmed and the outcome will be reported to the Town Centre Subcommittee and this Committee on 1 November 2007.

A report sought on the parking meter budget has not yet been prepared.

- **Proposed site development of Somerset Hotel**

1. That the matter lie on the table until the Council meeting on 27 September 2007;
2. That the Roading and Street Services Manager be requested to relay to the contractor Council’s concerns with the proposal to close part of the street and the lack of consultation with property owners and tenants.”

Leadley/Nelson

Carried

Tinwald borefield development

The Operations Manager reported that bore drilling commenced on 28 May. In response to the Committee’s concern that results show a flow rate of only 20 litres / second, Mr Rouse said that having an alternative source on the other side of the river is important in terms of risk management for the overall supply.

Stockwater

A meeting of the Rural Water Subcommittee will be held prior to the 27 September meeting of Council to address issues resulting from the Acton Main survey.

At the conclusion of the open meeting the Chairman, Cr Tasker, thanked Councillors for their involvement and in particular acknowledged the contribution of the Deputy Chair, Cr Nelson.

The Committee adjourned for afternoon tea at 2.52 pm and resumed at 3.12 pm.
Cr Urquhart left the meeting at 2.52 pm.

Items transacted with the public excluded (3.12 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:
9	Confirmation of minutes 19/07/07 [Matters now in open meeting] Contract DW-AJ10 Contract 497 Contract 419	
10	Extraordinary Business Budget matter	Section 7(2)(h) Commercial activities

Nelson/Burgess

Carried

The meeting concluded at 3.52 pm.