

REPORT and **MINUTES** of a meeting of the **ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, 5 Baring Square West, Ashburton, on Thursday 6 September, 2007, commencing at 1.30 pm.

PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor, M B O'Malley; Councillors R J Kilworth (Chair), R C Beavan, L J Leadley, B A Tasker, K W P Lowe, M J Urquhart, D Glass and I J Burgess.

Also in attendance Crs P W Reveley, N A Brown and K L Holmes; Environmental Services Manager and Committee Secretary.

APOLOGY: Cr D N Nelson

Sustained

Confirmation of Minutes

Reference to the report on consents issued for domestic fire places in new buildings was made and the minutes were amended to show that it relates to solid fuel fire installations.

“That the minutes of the Environmental Services Committee meeting held on 14 June, 2007, as amended, be taken as read and confirmed.”

Beavan/Tasker

Carried

Naming of Private Right-of-Way – Ashburton Aquatic Park

The Environmental Services Manager reported that an application has been made by the developer of the Aquatic Park subdivision to name a new private right-of-way Stratford Lane.

The Committee recalled another right-of-way with a similar sounding name and agreed that confusion could result between the two in the event of an emergency. Confirmation of the existence of Stamford Lane was sought and the Committee deferred its decision until later in the meeting.

Naming of Right-of-Way – Harrison Street Subdivision

1. That the new right-of-way serving five lots off Harrison Street, being consent SUB07/0090 and former consent SUB07/0030, be named Ella Lane.
2. That the developer be responsible for the erection of name plates at the intersection with Harrison Street and the right of way, to indicate the name of the right of way and that this be done after consultation with and to the satisfaction of the Council's Roading Manager.
3. That the developer be responsible for the payment of all costs involved in complying with this right of way naming resolution.”

Urquhart/Tasker

Carried

Naming of Right-of-Way – Ashburton Staveley Road Subdivision

- “1. That the new right-of-way serving six lots off Ashburton Staveley Road, being consent SUB05/0046 be named Riverdowns Lane.
2. That the owner of Lot 23 be responsible for the erection of name plates, at the intersection with Ashburton Staveley Road and the right of way, to indicate the name of the right-of-way and that this be done after consultation with and to the satisfaction of the Council's Roading Manager.

3. That the owner of Lot 23 be responsible for the payment of all costs involved in complying with this right-of-way naming resolution.”

Lowe/Glass

Carried

Bio-Diversity Strategy for the Canterbury Region

The recommendation was not fully supported. Cr Lowe disagreed with the need for the Strategy and considered that many of the initiatives proposed are already being undertaken by other organisations.

The Committee heard that the workshops held to develop the Strategy had addressed similar views, however at the conclusion of the process the group had reached consensus on the document which, although non-binding, will provide opportunity for continued Council input and a coordinated approach to bio-diversity management across the region.

- “1. That the report be received.
2. That Council adopts the Biodiversity Strategy for the Canterbury Region.”

Glass/Leadley

Carried

Cr Lowe recorded his vote against the motion.

Activity Reports

“That the reports be received.”

Glass/Tasker

Carried

Building Consents

Building consents issued for July and August 2007, and comparative figures from 2006, were reported. It was noted that some duplication of statistics had occurred and this will be addressed by the Environmental Services Manager.

NE Ashburton Business Park Plan Change

It was reported that the hearing of submissions will take place in the Council Chambers during the week of 10-14 September 2007.

Small Villages Development

Community comments have been received and forwarded to Boffa Miskell. The Committee will receive a summary of comments followed by a presentation from the consultants. A new Development Plan will be released, incorporating the small village concept plans; this will become part of the overall District Plan review and public submission process.

Geo-conservation

Meetings with land owners whose properties contain significant natural areas are continuing. The Environmental Services Manager advised that Council was directed by the Environment Court to review these sites within five years of the District Plan becoming operative; the work is being carried out by Council’s Consultant Planner and an Ecologist contracted to assist.

Racecourse Rd Structure Plan

The Environmental Services Manager reported that land owners were asked to respond by 30 August 2007, to indicate whether they wished to be part of an integrated approach to infrastructural planning. As a result, Council will work on servicing options with two land owners whose properties make up a significant part of the development.

Methven Trotting Private Plan Change

It was reported that 10 submissions have been received and are being summarised prior to further submission notification.

Valetta Appeal

The Environmental Services Manager reported that the Environment Court decision to uphold Council's processes and award costs in favour of Council and the applicants, C and J Ryan, has been received. A copy of the decision and the accompanying legal opinion was tabled.

Cr Urquhart left the meeting at 2.20 pm.

Naming of Private Right-of-Way – Ashburton Aquatic Park

The Committee received confirmation that the right-of-way off Morris Road is named Stamford Lane and, on the basis of previous discussion, it was agreed to decline the applicant's request to name the right-of-way in the Aquatic Park subdivision Stratford Lane.

- “1. That the private right-of-way labelled “A” off Huntingdon Avenue within the subdivision of Ashburton Aquatic Park Ltd, created by resource consent decision SUB 050025, be named **Cotswold Lane**.
2. That the developer be responsible for erecting name plates on both Huntingdon Drive and at the intersection with Trent Place to indicate the name of the right-of-way; this to be done after consultation with and to the satisfaction of the Council's Roading Manager.
3. That the developer be responsible for the payment of all costs involved in complying with this right of way naming resolution.”

Leadley/Tasker

Carried

The Committee Chair, Cr Kilworth, thanked members for their attendance and input during the past term and acknowledged the support of Environmental Services staff.

The meeting concluded at 2.25 pm.