

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

REPORT and **MINUTES** of a meeting of the **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, 5 Baring Square West, Ashburton, on Thursday 1 November, 2007, commencing at 1.30 pm.

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

Also in attendance Councillors R J Kilworth, J A Kingsbury and J Sparks; Chief Executive, Roading & Street Services Manager, Water Services Manager and Committee Secretary.

APOLOGY: Cr R C Beavan (lateness)

Sustained

Confirmation of Minutes

“That the minutes of the Services and Operations Committee meeting held on 30 August, 2007, be taken as read and confirmed.”

Burgess/Leadley

Carried

Matters Arising

RDR bridges

The Roading and Street Services Manager reported that there are 22 RDR bridges. The deck and foundation structures are owned by RDR and the historical agreement which exists between Council and RDR Management Ltd gives Council ownership and responsibility for the handrails and sealed surfaces on the bridges.

NE Ashburton

The Chief Executive reported that Council had corresponded with submitters has taken place on the mound location and to clarify Council's position. Residents and submitters were given the opportunity for further meetings with Council staff, however no requests were received.

Marae entranceway sealing

It was reported that work on the entranceway sealing will commence once Electricity Ashburton contractors have relocated two power poles from the area; it is anticipated this will be completed in December.

Tinwald borefield

The Water Services Manager reported that the flow rate did not increase and the 70-80 litres/sec was not achieved. The outcome of this work will be further addressed by the Water Subcommittee prior to reporting back to the Operations Committee in December.

Road Closure – Ashburton Car Club

“That the following road be closed to ordinary vehicular traffic from 9.00 am to 6.30 pm on Saturday 10 November 2007, for the purpose of allowing the Ashburton Car Club and ATV Club to hold a Gravel Sprint

RUTHERFORDS ROAD, from Lambies Road to Boyds Road.”

Holmes/Reveley

Carried

Road Closure – Ashburton Car Club

“That the following road be closed to ordinary vehicular traffic from 9.00 am to 6.00 pm on Saturday 8 December 2007, for the purpose of allowing the Ashburton Car Club to hold a Standing and Flying Quarter Mile Street meeting:

CHERTSEY ROAD, from Singletree Road to Taverners Road.”

Brown/Burgess

Carried

REVOCAION OF RESOLUTION

The Ashburton Car Club’s application for a road closure to allow the Standing and Flying Quarter Mile Street meeting was re-advertised on 7 November 2007, to correctly show that Chertsey Road would be closed from Wards Road to Taverners Road. Further objections may be lodged by Wednesday 21 November.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

- “1. That the Committee’s decision of 1 November 2007 be revoked; and
2. That Chertsey Road, from Wards Road to Taverners Road, be closed to ordinary vehicular traffic from 9.00 am to 6.00 pm on Saturday 8 December 2007, for the purpose of allowing the Ashburton Car Club to hold a Standing and Flying Quarter Mile Street meeting.”

Cr Beavan attended the meeting at 1.40 pm.

Activity Reports

“That the reports be received.”

Leadley/Holmes

Carried

Waste Minimisation Solid Waste Bill

The Chief Executive reported that a submission was prepared along lines of initial proposal, largely focused on elements of definition. Council has requested to be heard at the submission hearing. The submission will be circulated to Councillors.

Central Parking Working Group

The outcome of the central parking study was discussed by the Town Centre Subcommittee on 30 October. A recommendation seeking approval for detailed investigation to be carried out will be considered by the Environmental Services Committee on 8 November.

Vandalism

It was reported that a spate of vandalism has occurred recently in the town centre which has been attended to by Parks staff and contractors.

Cr Leadley advised that the issue of vandalism and graffiti has been the subject of recent discussion by the Safer Community Council. SCC will be funding a graffiti project this year.

Minor safety work

The Roading and Street Services Manager reported that plans for the Grahams Road / Stranges Road intersection work are completed to go to tender. The land acquisition is to be finalised and it is anticipated that work will commence in January 2008.

Footpaths, kerb and channel

The Committee received the report of the Methven Community Board meeting, held on 29 October 2007. The Board has requested the construction of a new footpath in front of the Harmony Gardens on South Belt and has recommended that the priority of footpath work programmed in the 2007/08 Annual Plan be amended to meet this request.

- “1. That the proposal to construct a new footpath on McMillan Street, from South Belt to Bank Street, Methven, be removed from the 2007/ 08 Annual Plan programme; and
2. That a new footpath be constructed on South Belt, from Jackson Street to Main Street , in lieu of the McMillan Street work, and included in the 2007/ 08 Annual Plan.”

Lowe/Burgess

Carried

Water pipeline renewals

The Water Services Manager reported that tenders received were significantly over-budget and have been declined. The contract will be re-advertised and this will impact on programmed completion dates.

Water supplies

The Committee requested a weekly report on the volume of water being used in each supply around the district. It was further agreed this information, be included in the media along with updates on hosing restriction requirements throughout the summer months.

The Chief Executive reported that the Drinking Water Standards legislation has now been passed by Government. A summary of implications resulting from this legislation will be provided to the Committee. The presentation from Opus Consultants on the Drinking Water Standards is still to be programmed.

Solid waste

It was reported that the ‘Community Recycling Network Tour’ would include a visit to Ashburton on 12 November and Councillors have been invited to take part. Further information will be circulated.

The Roading and Street Services Manager confirmed that the Ashburton RRP closes at 5 pm agreed to follow up reported concerns that gates have been closed early on occasions.

The Chief Executive reported that he has been advised by Wastebusters that the current baler is not meeting the demand for increased volumes of cardboard and plastics. Staff are investigating options and a further report will be made to Council.

Items transacted with the public excluded (3.10 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 30/08/07 Budget matter	Section 7(2)(h) Commercial activities

Holmes/Brown

Carried

There being no resolutions passed the Committee resumed in open meeting and concluded at 3.11 pm.