

## COUNCIL MEETING

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**MINUTES** of a Meeting of the **ASHBURTON DISTRICT COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber, 5 Baring Square West, Ashburton, on Thursday 27 September 2007, commencing at 1.30 pm.

**PRESENT:** His Worship the Mayor, Mr M B O'Malley; Councillors R C Beavan, I J Burgess, D Glass, K L Holmes, R J Kilworth, L J Leadley, K W P Lowe, D N Nelson, B A Tasker, P W Reveley and M J Urquhart.

Also in attendance Chief Executive, Corporate Services Manager, Operations Manager, Property Manager, Community Consultation Manager, Water Services Manager and Chief Executive's Secretary.

**APOLOGY:** Cr N A Brown **Sustained**

The opening prayer was offered by Pastor David Bayne.

The Mayor thanked Councillors for their support and services to Council over the past three years and acknowledged the impending retirements of Crs Glass, Nelson and Urquhart. He also thanked the local media for their support during the past triennium, acknowledging their very good working relationship with Council and their diligence in informing the wider members of the public of Council's business.

### ***Extraordinary Business***

"That pursuant to Section 7(2)(A) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 the following item be introduced as extraordinary business and considered with the public excluded as item 5.4:

- Report of Executive Committee - Staff Matter  
Section 7(2)(a) Protection of privacy of natural persons

Holmes/Burgess **Carried**

### ***Confirmation of Minutes***

#### **Council Meeting 16/08/07**

- **Healthy Homes**

Cr Beavan reported that 145 applications were received for funding from the Healthy Homes scheme. A report will be provided to the Finance and Community Services Committee on the outcome of the funding allocation process.

"That the minutes of the meeting of Ashburton District Council held on 16 August, 2007, as amended, be taken as read and confirmed."

Leadley/Tasker **Carried**

### ***Mayor's Report***

"That the report be received."

Leadley/Holmes **Carried**

### ***Chief Executive's Report***

"That the report be received."

Holmes/Kilworth **Carried**

### **Zone 5 Meeting**

Councillors agreed that when Zone meetings are held as far afield as Blenheim, alternatives to travelling by road should be considered.

It was noted that Ashburton District Council will register an interest in hosting a Zone meeting in Ashburton in 2008.

### **Economic Development Agencies**

The Chief Executive advised that further alternatives for a regional co-ordinating body will be discussed at the Mayoral Forum on 1 October. Any recommendations will then come back to Council for decision.

### **Canterbury Water Strategy**

Cr Glass questioned ECan's role in the water strategy work and how results will be reported to the public. The Chief Executive responded that ECan is involved in the strategy development, but that the reporting is to the Mayoral Forum. Stage III, when completed, will be publicly available, and part of Stage IV is about public information/education.

### **Civil Defence – Exercise Pandora**

Cr Tasker acknowledged the work of Council staff involved in this exercise.

### ***Services and Operations Committee – 30 August 2007***

“That the report and minutes of the Services and Operations Committee meeting held on 30 August 2007, be received.”

Tasker/Nelson

**Carried**

### ***Environmental Services Committee – 6 September 2007***

“That the report and minutes of the Environmental Services Committee meeting held on 6 September, 2007, be received.”

Kilworth/Beavan

**Carried**

### ***Finance & Corporate Services Committee – 13 September 2007***

“That the report and minutes of the Finance and Corporate Services Committee meeting held on 13 September 2007, be received.”

Holmes/Nelson

**Carried**

### **Ashburton Bowling Club Lease**

An amended recommendation was tabled by the Property Manager.

“That a new lease be entered into with the Ashburton Bowling Club for the bowling greens at the Ashburton Domain for a 21 year period; to be effective from 1 July 2007, subject to

- A. i) the rental for the first year to be set at 2% of the present rateable value ( $\$7.98\text{m}^2 \times 4900\text{m}^2 = \$39,102 \times 2\% = \$782.04$ ) plus GST;
- ii) rent reviews to be undertaken thereafter in accordance with a formula to be developed as policy for all Domain rentals; and
- B A policy for all Domain rentals be drafted and submitted to Council for approval by 31 March 2008.

Holmes/Lowe

**Carried**

### **Carry-Over of Funds from 2006/ 07 Budget**

- “1. That the requested carry-overs as detailed in this report be approved; and
2. That the favourable variance from the waste water cyclic renewals be carried forward and used to fund farm development costs at Ocean Farm and wastewater project costs if required.”

Holmes/Nelson

**Carried**

### **Ashburton District Speed Limits Bylaw – Adoption of Changes – Covering Racecourse Road, East Street and Hendersons Road Areas**

“That the Ashburton District Speed Limits Bylaw 2005 be amended as follows:

- 1 The maximum speed limit on Racecourse Road from the intersection with West Street to a location 160 m north-west of the intersection of Belt Road is changed from 70 kilometres per hour to 50 kilometres per hour.
- 2 The maximum speed limit on East Street of 50 kilometres per hour is extended to the north east to include the Seafield Road intersection.
- 3 The maximum speed limit on Bremners Road for the first 40 metres to the north-east from the Seafield Road intersection is changed to 50 kilometres per hour.
- 4 The maximum speed limit for the first 144 metres of Seafield Road from East Street intersection is changed to 50 kilometres per hour.
- 5 The maximum speed limit on Hendersons Road for the 500 metres south-east of the Maronan Road intersection be set at 70 kilometres per hour.
- 6 The above amendments to the Bylaw shall become effective from Wednesday 3 October 2007.

Tasker/Nelson

**Carried**

The Mayor left the meeting at 2.20 pm.

### **Racecourse Road Development – Proposed Subdivision and Development of Land and Infrastructure**

- “1. That involvement in infrastructure development be limited to providing assistance to landowners when they decide to subdivide and facilitate an integrated approach; and
2. That Council approves the following for the purposes of discussion with the developer and their subdivision concept design development:
  - i) one new entry/exit road off Racecourse Road and an extension of Hanrahan Street into the proposed development;
  - ii) the extension of the Ashburton potable water supply from Belt Road along Racecourse Road to Farm Road; along Farm Road to Middle Road; Carters Road, and along Allens Road and Middle Road to the pumping and treatment facilities;
  - iii) Council facilitating the design of a wastewater pumping station and the pumping out of catchment wastewater from the proposed development and any future wastewater connections;

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- iv) the development of stormwater treatment and disposal systems that meet the requirements of the area of land which is the subject of the proposed development; and
- v) the recovery of all costs associated with the servicing of the proposed development.

Tasker/Kilworth

**Carried**

The Mayor returned to the meeting at 2.40 pm.

***Closure of Stockwater Race – Mackies Road Area***

"That the special consultative procedure be commenced to close the stockwater race running from Lot 2 DP 22175 above Mackies Road, running parallel to Farquhars Road to a junction below Mitcham Road on Lot 1 DP 323353."

Leadley/Tasker

**Carried**

***Closure of Stockwater Race – Denshires Road South***

"That the special consultative procedure be commenced to close the stockwater race running from Lot 2 DP 8998 above Denshires Road South, running parallel to Wrights Road to the end of the race on Lot 2 DP 300866."

Leadley/Lowe

**Carried**

***Acton Stockwater Main – Irrigation Scheme Survey***

- "1. That Council agrees in principle, for the purposes of undertaking a pre-feasibility study, that the Acton water race network be used as a conduit to supply irrigation water;
- 2. That Council approves budget provision in the amount of \$7,500 to complete a pre-feasibility study; and that funding be met from the Stockwater Management Investigations budget area."

Tasker/Glass

**Carried**

***Warrants of Authority – Operations Department***

- "1. That **Bryan Pitt**, Water Ranger, be authorised under the seal of the Ashburton District Council to act as indicated below:
  - Authority to enter private land under Sections 171-173 and 182 of the Local Government Act 2002.
  - Authorised Officer under the Ashburton District Council Bylaw 1999.
  - Litter Control Officer under Section 5 of the Litter Control Act 1979.

This warrant is issued pursuant to Sections 174 and 177 of the Local Government Act 2002.

- 2. That **Robert Stanley Rouse**, Operations Manager, **David Hedley Robertson**, Roading and Street Services Manager, **Anthony John MacPherson**, Roading and Street Services Contracts Engineer, **Rodger Wayne Harris**, Roading and Street Services Contracts Officer, be authorised under the seal of the Ashburton District Council to act as indicated below:

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- Authority to enter private land under Sections 171-173 and 182 of the Local Government Act 2002.
- Authorised Officer under the Ashburton District Council Bylaw 1999.
- Litter Control Officer under Section 5 of the Litter Control Act 1979.
- Authorised Officer under Section 356 of the Local Government Act 1974.

This warrant is issued pursuant to Sections 174 and 177 of the Local Government Act 2002, Section 5(3) of the Litter Act 1979 and Section 356 of the Local Government Act 1974.

3. That **Andrew Roderick Guthrie**, Water Services Manager; **Barry John Marshall**, Water Services Engineer; **Maree Christina Crozier McNally**, Water Services Assets Information Officer; and **Mireea Vasile Tataru**, Water Services Field Assistant, be authorised under the seal of the Ashburton District Council to act as indicated below:

- Authority to enter private land under Sections 171-173 and 182 of the Local Government Act 2002.
- Authorised Officer under the Ashburton District Council Bylaw 1999.

These warrants are issued pursuant to Sections 174 and 177 of the Local Government Act 2002.”

Tasker/Kilworth

**Carried**

### ***Ashburton District Rural Fire Plan Review***

“That Council adopts the revised Readiness and Response sections of the Ashburton District Council Rural Fire Authority Rural Fire Plan as presented.”

Nelson/Lowe

**Carried**

### ***Council Grant Scheme 2007/2008***

“That the report of the Working Party meeting held on 13 September, 2007, be received and the grants listed confirmed.”

Holmes/Glass

**Carried**

### ***Heritage Grant Scheme 2007/2008***

- “1. That the Heritage grant application by A R Taylor and P W Wilson be declined as it does not meet the criteria for specialised maintenance.
2. That the Heritage grant for the current year be allocated as follows:

St Marks Church, Elizabeth Avenue, Rakaia	\$5,000.00
Methven Public Library, Main Street, Methven	\$1,012.00
Ashburton College Menorlue Community Learning Centre	\$1,500.00
Methven Historical Society, Bank Street, Methven	\$1,888.00
3. That Longbeach Estate Ltd application be kept on hold until further information has been provided in respect to the Flourmill and Waterwheel restoration
4. That the balance of the unallocated funding of \$34,797 be carried over.”

Kilworth/Tasker

**Carried**

The meeting adjourned for afternoon tea at 2.55 pm and resumed at 3.15 pm.

### **Items taken with the public excluded (3.15 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:

<b>Item no</b>	<b>General subject of each matter to be considered:</b>	<b>In accordance with Section 48(1) of the Act, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter:</b>
<b>5.1.1</b>	<b>Council 16/08/07</b> [Now in open meeting] <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Transit Agreement</li><li>• Sale of Council land – Hackthorne &amp; Lismore Rds</li><li>• Sale of Council land – Fords Rd / Hassal St</li><li>• Easement to drill for and take water</li><li>• Land Status of Plantations due for harvest</li><li>• Electricity Ashburton Shareholder</li><li>• ACL – Appointment of Directors</li><li>• NE Ashburton Industrial Park</li></ul>	
<b>5.1.2</b>	<b>Services &amp; Operations 30/08/07</b> Extraordinary Business (Budget)	Section 7(2)(h) Commercial activities
<b>5.1.3</b>	<b>Finance &amp; Corporate Svs 13/09/07</b>	Section 7(2)(h) Commercial activities
<b>5.2</b>	<b>Property Matter</b>	Section 7(2)(h) Commercial activities
<b>5.3</b>	<b>Property Matter</b>	Section 7(2)(h) Commercial activities

Burgess/Urquhart

Carried

### **Business transacted with the public excluded now in open meeting**

#### **Mt Hutt Land Acquisition**

“That no further action be taken at this time to acquire the land at Mt Hutt currently leased to the Canterbury University Students’ Association, being Sec 2 SO20239 RS40604 containing 237.7 ha.”

Nelson / Glass

Carried

Cr Lowe recorded his vote against the motion.

The meeting concluded at 5.18 pm.

Confirmed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of November 2007 by

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MAYOR