

MINUTES of the Inaugural Meeting of the **ASHBURTON DISTRICT COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber, 5 Baring Square West, Ashburton, on Thursday 25 October, 2007, commencing at 1.30 pm.

PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor, Mr M B O'Malley; Councillors R C Beavan, N A Brown, I J Burgess, K L Holmes, J A Everest, R J Kilworth, J A Kingsbury, L J Leadley, K W P Lowe, P W Reveley, J Sparks and B A Tasker.

Also in attendance Chief Executive, Democracy & Community Services Manager, Operations Manager and Committee Secretary.

The Chief Executive, Mr B Lester, took the chair and declared the meeting open. He welcomed the Mayor and new and returning Councillors, retiring Councillors, family members and friends, members of the public and the Media.

Mr Lester introduced a representative from the Ashburton Ministers' Association, Rev Alan Judge, who was invited to offer a prayer for the well-being of the Council and its members for the next three years.

Chief Executive's Report

Declaration by Mayor and Members of the Ashburton District Council

The statutory declaration was made by the Mayor as required by cl. 14, Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002 and witnessed by the Chief Executive.

The Chief Executive congratulated the Mayor on his appointment and presented him with the Mayoral Chain.

The schedule of the statutory declarations made by the Mayor and 12 Councillors pursuant to cl. 14, Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002 is attached. **Page**

The Mayor took the chair and welcomed the new and re-elected Councillors. He thanked the Chief Executive and Rev Judge and also acknowledged the presence of families, members of the public and the media.

The Chief Executive formally drew to Councillors' attention the legislation relevant to the carrying out of their duties.

"That the information be received."

Mayor/Leadley

Carried

Appointment of Deputy Mayor

"That Councillor Leadley be appointed Deputy Mayor."

Mayor/Tasker

Carried

Appointment of Committee Chairmen and Appointment to Committees

"1. Services & Operations Committee

That for the Services and Operations Committee, Cr Tasker be appointed as Chairman;

That Cr Leadley be appointed as Deputy Chairman; and

That Crs Brown, Burgess, Everest, Holmes Lowe and Reveley be members.

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2. Finance and Community Services Committee

That for the Finance and Community Services Committee, Cr Holmes be appointed as Chairman;

That Cr Brown be appointed as Deputy Chairman; and

That Crs Beavan, Everest, Kilworth, Kingsbury, Lowe and Sparks be members.

3. Environmental Services Committee

That for the Environmental Services Committee, Cr Kilworth be appointed as Chairman;

That Cr Beavan be appointed as Deputy Chairman; and

That Crs Burgess, Kingsbury, Leadley, Reveley, Sparks and Tasker be members.”

Mayor/Leadley

Carried

Executive & Conduct Review Committees

“1. That the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and three Committee Chairmen be appointed as the Executive Committee.

2. That the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and three Committee Chairmen be appointed as the Conduct Review Committee.”

Brown/Burgess

Carried

Subcommittees

Reporting to Services and Operations Committee

“That the following subcommittees be set up to report to the **Services and Operations Committee** –

WATER SUB-COMMITTEE

6

(Including potable water, stock water, NRRP water submissions, water development)

Crs Leadley [C], Brown, Everest, Lowe, Reveley, Tasker

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

4

Crs Lowe [C], Brown, Leadley, Reveley

FARM MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

4

Crs Brown [C], Leadley, Lowe, Reveley

Reporting to Finance and Community Services Committee

“That the following subcommittees be set up to report to the **Finance and Community Services Committee** –

HOUSING AND SOCIAL SERVICES SUB-COMMITTEE

6

(Including: pensioner housing, developing ‘social’ policies, working with other agencies (ie Safer Community Council), have one member from Youth Council

Crs Beavan [C], Leadley [Safer Community Council], Burgess & Kingsbury [Pensioner Housing], Sparks [Youth Council], Tasker

PROPERTY AND INVESTMENTS SUB-COMMITTEE

4

(Including: forestry, Ashburton Contracting Limited)

Crs Holmes [C], Mayor, Brown, Kilworth

Cont’d

ARTS AND CULTURE ASSESSMENT SUB-COMMITTEE <i>(Including: Museum)</i> Crs Kilworth [C], Kingsbury, Sparks	3
ASHBURTON AIRPORT AUTHORITY SUB-COMMITTEE <i>(Includes external members)</i> Crs Leadley [C], Brown, Holmes	3
AUDIT AND BUDGET SUB-COMMITTEE <i>(Including: review expenditure, budget, LTCCP overview, internal controls, audit, risk management)</i> Crs Holmes [C], Mayor, Brown, Kilworth	Mayor + 3
COMMUNITY AWARDS SUB-COMMITTEE Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Crs Burgess, Lowe	4
RURAL TRAVEL FUND ALLOCATION <i>(Includes external members)</i> Crs Lowe [C], Everest	2
CREATIVE COMMUNITY FUND ALLOCATION <i>(Includes: external members)</i> Crs Beavan [C], Sparks	2

Reporting to Environmental Services Committee

“That the following subcommittees be set up to report to the **Environmental Services Committee** –

TOWN CENTRE SUB-COMMITTEE <i>(Including: focus on urban design / planning, car parking, green space, festive lighting etc have one member from Youth Council)</i> Crs Leadley [C], Holmes, Kilworth, Kingsbury, Sparks	5
BYLAW REVIEW SUB-COMMITTEE <i>(Fixed term, co-ordinate process)</i> Crs Beavan [C], Burgess, Kingsbury, Sparks	4
DISTRICT PLAN SUB-COMMITTEE Crs Kilworth [C], Beavan, Leadley, Tasker	4
ASHBURTON DISTRICT LICENSING AGENCY <i>(Including: statutory requirements)</i> Crs Burgess [C], Kingsbury, Reveley, Sparks	4
HERITAGE ASSESSMENT SUB-COMMITTEE <i>(Including: work with external groups, recommend funding allocation, consider Heritage items / issues for recommendation)</i> Crs Beavan [C], Sparks, Tasker	3

Mayor/Holmes

Carried

Methven Community Board

“That Crs Lowe and Tasker be appointed as Council’s representatives on the Methven Community Board.”

Holmes/Burgess

Carried

Council Representatives on Joint Committees (with other Authorities)

“That Council’s representatives on Joint Committees be confirmed as follows –

CANTERBURY WASTE JOINT COMMITTEE	1	Cr Tasker
CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE (ECan)	1	Cr Leadley
CIVIL DEFENCE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT GROUP	1	Cr Lowe
REGIONAL LAND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE (ECan)	1	Mayor (Cr Tasker Alternate)
ROAD SAFETY COORDINATING COMMITTEE	2	(One of whom to preferably be Chairperson) Crs Tasker [C], Lowe
TOTAL MOBILITY (ECan)	1	Cr Beavan
ZONE 5 LGNZ	2	Mayor & Deputy Mayor
AIR PLAN JOINT WORKING COMMITTEE	3	Burgess, Kilworth, Leadley

Kilworth/Tasker

Carried

Council Representatives on Reserve Boards

“That Council’s representatives on Reserve Boards be confirmed as follows –

ALFORD FOREST	Cr Lowe	MAYFIELD	Cr Tasker
CHERTSEY	Cr Brown	METHVEN	Cr Lowe
DORIE	Cr Brown	MT SOMERS	Cr Lowe
EALING	Cr Everest	PENDARVES	Cr Brown
GREENSTREET	Cr Lowe	RAKAIA	Cr Brown
HIGHBANK	Cr Lowe	RUAPUNA	Cr Tasker
HINDS	Cr Everest	SEAFIELD	Cr Brown
LYNNFORD	Cr Reveley	TINWALD	(2) Crs Leadley, Kilworth
MARONAN	Cr Reveley		

Leadley/Kilworth

Carried

Council Representatives on Hall Committees

“That Council’s representatives on Hall Committees be confirmed as follows –

LAGMHOR/WESTERFIELD	Cr Reveley
MAYFIELD	Cr Tasker
METHVEN	Cr Lowe
RAKAIA	Cr Brown
TINWALD	Cr Burgess

Kilworth/Burgess

Carried

Council Representatives on Other Associated Organisations

“That Council’s representatives on other associated organisations be confirmed as follows –

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM LIAISON	2	Crs Kilworth, Sparks
ASHBURTON CONTRACTING LIMITED LIAISON GROUP <i>(Shareholder liaison with Ashburton Contracting Limited)</i>	3 plus	CEO & Finance Manager Mayor, Crs Holmes, Kilworth
ASHBURTON SAFER COMMUNITY COUNCIL	2	Crs Leadley [C], Beavan
DISTRICT HEALTH COMMITTEE <i>(Oversight of the District’s health services)</i>	4	Crs, Burgess, Kilworth, Kingsbury, Sparks

Cont’d

ASHBURTON TOURISM BOARD	1	Cr Kingsbury
ENTERPRISE ASHBURTON BOARD	1	Cr Holmes
ENTERPRISE ASHBURTON TRUST	(Mayor or nominee plus 1 other)	Mayor, Cr Holmes
YOUTH COUNCIL	2	Crs Kilworth [C], Sparks
ECAN RIVER RATING AREAS		
• Ashburton	Cr Leadley	• Lower Hinds
• Staveley	Cr Lowe	• Upper Hinds
• Mt Harding	Cr Lowe	• Lower Rakaia
• Double Hill	Cr Tasker	• Lagmhor Hinds

Holmes/Leadley

Carried

Council Representatives on Other Community Organisations

“That Council’s representatives on other Community Organisations be confirmed as follows –

ASHBURTON AQUATIC PARK TRUST APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE	1	* Mayor [C]
ASHBURTON ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM TRUST	1	Cr Kilworth
ASHBURTON COMMUNITY WATER TRUST	1	* Mayor
ASHBURTON DOMAIN OVAL PAVILION TRUST	1	Cr Burgess (nomination)
ASHBURTON PERFORMING ARTS THEATRE CHARITABLE TRUST (Mayor usually appoints representatives)	2	Russell Anstiss John Rollinson
ASHBURTON SENIOR CENTRE TRUST	1	* Mayor
CANTERBURY/WESTLAND SPORTS TRUST (Joint with Selwyn D C)	1	(Selwyn)
COMMUNITY POOL BOARD OF CONTROL	3	Crs Burgess, Everest, Holmes
DOMAIN HOCKEY & CRICKET PAVILION COMMITTEE	1	Cr Burgess
HINDS RATEPAYERS GROUP	2	Crs Everest, Reveley
HISTORIC PLACES TRUST	1	Cr Beavan
K88 TRUST	1	* Mayor
MAYFIELD RATEPAYERS GROUP	1	Cr Reveley
MID-CANTERBURY COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL	1	Cr Kilworth
MT SOMERS CITIZENS ASSOCIATION INC	2	Crs Lowe, Tasker
RAKAIA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC	2	Crs Brown, Everest
RANGITATA DIVERSION RACE BOARD OF DIRECTORS	1	Mayor (CEO alternate)

Leadley/Brown

Carried

Council Representatives on Advisory Groups

“That Council’s representatives on the Property Advisory Group be confirmed as follows –

ELECTRICITY ASHBURTON SHAREHOLDERS COMMITTEE	3	B McPherson (to 30/06/08) C Procter (to 1/11/09) C Robertson (to 30/06/10)
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Meeting Schedule

“That Council adopts the 2007 Schedule of Meetings for the period 29 October to 18 December 2007.”

Holmes/Kilworth

Carried

Nominations for Provincial Sector Elections – LGNZ

- “1. That the request for nominations be received.
2. That the Mayor be authorised to nominate or second any qualifying candidate as he sees fit.”

Tasker/Leadley

Carried

Albert Street Subdivision

The Property Manager attended the meeting.

Mr Rooney confirmed that the purpose of the on site water storage facility, referred to in the Schedule, is for storage of rainwater. Clause 1.2.3 in the Schedule will be amended to reflect this. He explained that Lot 55 had been excluded from the sale by tender process because of an expression of interest and possibility of a private treaty sale. Councillors did not support this and requested that Lot 55 be included in the public tender process.

- “1. That Council notes that tenders for the sale of Lots 4-11 and Lots 53, 54 and 55, will be called on 7 November 2007, closing 4 December 2007; and
2. That tenders will be referred to Council for consideration on 18 December 2007.”

Holmes/Kilworth

Carried

Road Closure – Ashburton Car Club

“That the following road be closed to ordinary vehicular traffic from 10.00 am to 6.00 pm on Sunday 28 October 2007, for the purpose of allowing the Ashburton Car Club to hold a Motorkhana meeting:

MALCOLM MCDOWELL AVENUE, from Bremners Road to the end of the road.”

Kilworth/Burgess

Carried

Glass Ban – Lions Club of Rakaia

“That pursuant to the provisions of Chapters 16 (A) 01.5 and 01.6 of the Ashburton District Council Bylaw 1999, a ban on the possession of glass drinking vessels and containers be imposed, from 6.00 pm to 12.00 midnight on Saturday 3 November 2007, within the Rakaia Domain.”

Leadley/Brown

Carried

The Community Planning Manager attended the meeting.

Art Gallery and Museum Complex – Statement of Proposal

“That Item 9, being the Statement of Proposal for the Art Gallery and Museum complex, becomes the business of open meeting.”

Kilworth/Tasker

Carried

It was reported that two minor changes were made to the document as a result of the audit process;

Page 6, inclusion of 3.2 Assessment of conflicts of interest arising from proposal

Page 13, 6.5 Assumptions – include reference to \$6m budget

The Mayor spoke briefly about the process undertaken by Council over the past 12 months which has resulted in the decision to develop a purpose built facility on the West Street site that will serve the community for the next 30-50 years. He noted that safeguards have been included to ensure the façade and character of the former County Council building are preserved and a “buy-back” clause will provide opportunity for the building to always remain in community ownership.

The Chief Executive advised that, if Council adopts the Statement of Proposal, it will become available for public comment until 30 November 2007. Submissions would be considered in December, and should the decision be made to proceed, the resource consent process would be commenced early in the new year. Mr Lester said that neighbours of the proposed new facility are in agreement with the process and will continue to be consulted.

“That Council adopts, for the purpose of community consultation, the Statement of Proposal to amend the Ashburton District Community Plan 2006-2016 that details:

1. The proposed sale of a strategic asset – the Ashburton Art Gallery and Museum building and land;
2. The proposed construction of a new Art Gallery and Museum building.”

Holmes/Kilworth

Carried

Presentation of Certificates to Retiring Councillors

Certificates of Service were presented to retiring Councillors Derek Glass and Darryl Nelson. It was noted that Michael Urquhart was unable to attend the meeting and that his term as a Councillor would be formally acknowledged at a later date.

Cr Tasker paid tribute to Mr Glass who served as a Member of the Council from 1995 to 2007. Cr Leadley paid tribute to Mr Nelson, who also served as a Member of the Council from 1995 to 2007.

In conclusion the Mayor thanked the retiring Councillors and their spouses for their involvement and contribution and invited Councillors and guests to join him for afternoon tea.

The meeting concluded at 2.46 pm.

Confirmed this 22nd day of November by

MAYOR

CHIEF EXECUTIVE