

## OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

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**REPORT** and **MINUTES** of a meeting of the **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, 5 Baring Square West, Ashburton, on Thursday 6 December, 2007, commencing at 9.30 am.

**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 C Beavan, R J Kilworth, and J Sparks; Chief Executive, Roading & Street Services Manager, Water Services Manager and Chief Executive's Secretary.

**APOLOGY:** Cr J Kingsbury

**Sustained**

### **Notification of Extraordinary Business**

"That pursuant to Section 46A (7)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 the following matter be introduced as extraordinary business and taken at the end of the meeting:

- **Recommendations from Emergency Management Sub-Committee on Review of Local Arrangements**

*Reason : To enable the review of Local Civil Defence arrangements to be completed with the recommended amendments to give effect to the changes.*

Lowe/Holmes

**Carried**

### **Confirmation of Minutes**

"That the minutes of the Operations Committee meeting held on 1 November, 2007, be taken as read and confirmed."

Leadley/Everest

**Carried**

### **Matters Arising**

#### **Waste Minimisation Solid Waste Bill**

The Operations Manager is attending the Hearing in Wellington on 6 December to present Council's submission to the Select Committee along with Wastebusters Trust.

#### **Minor Safety Works**

The Roading and Street Services Manager reported that land acquisition is not yet finalized for the Stranges Rd/Grahams Rd intersection. Affected land owner has been consulted and have agreed that tenders can be called, closing mid-January.

### **Draft 2008 / 09 District Land Transport Programme, Ashburton District**

"That the draft Ashburton District Land Transport Programme for 2008-2009 be approved for inclusion in the draft Annual Plan for 2008/2009."

Leadley/Brown

**Carried**

It was noted in discussion that the draft programme is still subject to full scrutiny by Council through the Annual Plan process. It was agreed that it is important to keep up with seal extension programmes in the district and to identify any additional roads that qualify to be added to the list. The Roading & Street Services Manager asks for suggestions of roads where counters could be installed to assist in this process.

The Mayor advised that the topic of Land Transport subsidy comes up for discussion at every central or general meeting of LGNZ. LGNZ continues to raise this issue with central government.

### **Activity Reports**

“That the reports be received.”

Holmes/Burgess

**Carried**

#### **North East Ashburton Industrial Park**

The Committee acknowledged the tremendous amount of work done by the Chief Executive, Operations Manager and staff to ensure the project is moving forward.

#### **Transit New Zealand Draft 2007/08 Land Transport Programme and 10 Year Financial Forecast**

Discussion took place on discussions with Transit NZ on access across SH1.

The Chief Executive advised that he had met with Transit representatives this week re North East, proposed Art Gallery/Museum site, CBD carparking, and Tinwald. Follow up discussions would be had, including impacts on the review of the District Plan.

The Roading and Street Services Manager reported that Opus would be sending information to him re Tinwald and Hinds for comment. Copies will be available to Councillors for their information.

The Committee discussed possible option of underpasses, although at this point in time this option is not included in Transit’s programme.

The Committee believes pressure should be put on Transit to reduce the 70k through Rakaia and Hinds, however it was noted that this could result in compressing traffic and providing fewer spaces for pedestrians to cross the road.

#### **Ashburton Resource Recovery Park Baler**

- “1. That Wastebusters will purchase the baler on the understanding that there will be no adjustment to contract rates;
2. That Council will fund the upgrading of the electricity supply to the recycling shed at a quote cost of \$22,319;
3. That funding for the electrical upgrade will be sourced from the \$25,000 budget provision for the upgrading of the existing baler; and
4. That the existing baler be sold at an estimated cost of \$35,000 and funding credited to the Waste minimisation /recycling budget activity area.”

#### **Regional Land Transport Programme and Land Transport Amendment Bill**

The Operations Manager will prepare submission to be forwarded by 14 December.

#### **Coordinated Incident Management System**

The Chief Executive reported that a small staff group had recently completed the CIMS training course. We will look to develop a version for small events while ensuring an ongoing fit with other agencies.

### **General Maintenance**

The section of Hakatere Potts Road known as Potts Cutting is still proving a problem due the grade of the road itself. There will be a report to the Services and Operations Committee meeting in February, on work to be done to stabilise this road as minor improvement works.

### **Reseals**

The Roothing and Street Services Engineer advised that contractors are trying to find an economic and practical solution for the seal “bleeding” occurring in some streets.

### **Traffic Services**

The matter of signs on school bus routes was raised. The Roothing and Street Services Manager advised that the normal process followed is that schools forward a plan of bus routes and Council liaises with the school about where signs should be placed. Council is happy to put as many signs out as necessary for safety.

### **Footpath Maintenance**

It was noted that some urban areas need spraying for weeds, eg water tank reserve on Alford Forest Road.

### **Water Consumption**

The Water Services Manager advised that schemes are coping quite well with water consumption at the moment but will be monitored leading up to Christmas to assess if restrictions necessary. This topic to be an item on the agenda for the Council meeting to be held on 18 December 2007.

### **Ashburton Water Supply - Nitrate**

The Water Services Manager advised that there have been no concerns raised regarding nitrate influence on groundwater in other water supplies in the district.

### **Mount Somers Water Supply Upgrade**

It was agreed that the upgrade is necessary. A report was tabled. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to Mt Somers residents informing of the upgrade steps and to keep them advised as milestones are achieved.

### **Ocean Farm**

It was agreed that the farm is in excellent condition and the contractor’s work should be acknowledged.

### **Pasture Establishment**

The Water Services Manager is to report back to the Committee on whether it is possible to irrigate using well water until the wastewater programme is up and running.

### **Mill Creek Bank Stabilisation** (carry over project)

The Water Services Manager advised that the work done has produced a very satisfactory result and the same procedure could be considered for future work.

### **Rakaia Resource Recovery Park**

The Roothing and Street Services Manager advised that the reason there is a higher tonnage of waste material transported to Kate Valley from Rakaia than Methven, was that people from other areas use the Rakaia resource recovery park as well as the residual refuse bag collection, and that Methven solid waste quantities cover residual refuse put out in bags for collection only.

### **DOC Fire Safety Margins**

It was agreed that when Council has received the revised maps from the Department of Conservation they will be distributed to appropriate people.

### **Canterbury Regional Wajax Competitions**

Cr Tasker advised that Ashburton is hoping to host the Wajax Competitions in 2008.

### **Young Persons Forum**

ACC commend the Ashburton District Council on its annual Young Persons Forum, and will co-operate with Council in sponsoring the leaflets from St Joseph's school.

## ***Extraordinary Business*** ***Emergency Management Sub-committee***

### **Civil Defence Emergency Management Local Arrangements Review:**

“That the Services and Operations Committee approve and adopt the Ashburton District Council CDEM Local Arrangements Review as submitted with the changes highlighted in the tabled report (2/9/1), subject to inclusion of the following additional changes considered by the sub-committee, at its meeting on 6 December 2007:

- Fire resources map – consistency with the word ‘volunteer’ for Brigades and Rural Fire Services
- Promotion of Kelvin Holmes as Alternate Controller
- Include reference to advertising public information / warnings on Christchurch and Timaru radio stations
- Investigate siting of Welfare Centre in Tinwald
- Update population statistics”

Lowe/Leadley

**Carried**

### **Fire Authority Requirement for adoption of Rural Fire Plan**

“That the Services and Operations Committee adopt the Readiness and Response sections of the Ashburton District Council Rural Fire Authority Rural Fire Plan 2007-2009 as presented and recommended from the sub-committee at its meeting on 6 December 2007.”

Lowe/Brown

**Carried**

The meeting concluded at 11.52 am.