

FINANCE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

REPORT and **MINUTES** of a meeting of the **FINANCE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, 5 Baring Square West, Ashburton, on Thursday 11 February 2010, commencing at 1.32 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors K L Holmes (Chair), R C Beavan, N A Brown, R J Kilworth, J A Everest, J A Kingsbury and J A Sparks.

Also in attendance Councillors L J Leadley, I J Burgess, P W Reveley and B A Tasker; Finance Manager, Corporate Services Manager, Manager Democracy & Community Services, Community Planning Manager and Community Services Officer.

APOLOGIES: Mayor B O'Malley and Cr Lowe (lateness)

Sustained

Confirmation of Minutes

Rakaia Community Strategic Plan: Cr Kingsbury advised that it should read "John Stubbs' parents' memorial plaque". Cr Kingsbury also advised that she is not in the cycleway Working Group.

"That the minutes of the Finance and Community Services Committee meeting held on 10 December 2009, as amended, be taken as read and confirmed."

Brown/Sparks

Carried

The Mayor and Cr Lowe attended the meeting at 1:34 pm.

Matters Arising

SPARC

The Manager Democracy & Community Services has spoken with MP Jo Goodhew who is handling the enquiry and will express her reservations to SPARC.

Library Publicity

The Manager Democracy & Community Services discussed library events publicity with library staff. He reported that there was extensive publicity for the Martin Crump event on 18 October, including leaflets, library website, NZ Book Month website, daily diary, pamphlets and posters. The suggestion of Councillors as part of the "Surprise speakers" activities has been passed onto the library.

Corporate Services Activity Reports

The Customer Services Manager, Records & Administration Manager and Records Officer attended the meeting.

"That the Corporate Services activity reports be received."

Brown/Beavan

Carried

Rakaia memorial wall

Cr Kingsbury questioned what was happening with the records for the names on the Rakaia Memorial Wall. The Corporate Services Manager and Records and Administration Manager both reported that they were unaware of this and would investigate further.

Administration

Valuations have been received for Willowby Hall and Ruapuna Hall, both of which are independently owned. Committees have been advised of increases in indemnity of 10% for Ruapuna and 73% for Willowby due to the large increase in the replacement value of the halls.

The Customer Services Manager and Records Officer left the meeting at 1.40 pm.

Methven i-Site Relocation – Funding

Cr Kilworth expressed concern for setting a precedent. The Finance Manager reported that costs of signage were clarified within the Tourism budget. Any costs incurred by the Roothing department, were likely in relation to liaison with NZTA.

“That the Finance and Community Services Committee recommends Council applies the budget provision for District signage for the 2009/ 10 and 2010/ 11 years to the fit-out costs for the Methven i-Site relocation.”

Kilworth/Lowe

Carried

Smoke Free Playgrounds

A Leadley (Community and Public Health) was in attendance.

“That the Finance and Community Services Committee recommends Council adopts the “Smoke-free Playgrounds and Sports field Policy as contained in this report.”

O’Malley/Beavan

Carried

Road Closure – New Zealand Ploughing Association

“That the following road be closed to ordinary vehicular traffic from 7am on Thursday 15 April 2010 to 3pm on Sunday 18 April 2010, for the purpose of allowing the New Zealand Ploughing Association to hold the New Zealand and World Ploughing Championships.

- RAKAIA RIVER ROAD, from Rakaia Barrhill Methven Road to O’Briens Road.”

Kilworth/Kingsbury

Carried

Road Closure – Methven Motorcycle Street Race

“That the following roads be closed to ordinary vehicular traffic from 9.15am to 3.45pm on Saturday 3 April 2010, for the purpose of allowing the Methven Lions Club to hold the Methven Motorcycle Street Race

METHVEN CHERTSEY ROAD, from Main Street to Mackie Street

MACKIE STREET, from Methven Chertsey Road to Barkers Road

BARKERS ROAD, from Main Street to Hall Street

HALL STREET, from Barkers Road to Main Street

STATE HIGHWAY 77 (MAIN STREET), from Lampard Street to Bank Street

KILWORTH STREET, from Mackie Street to Methven Chertsey Road

FOREST DRIVE, from McMillan Street to Main Street.”

Lowe/Everest

Carried

Democracy & Community Services Activity Reports

“That the Democracy & Community Services activity reports be received.”

Brown/Kingsbury

Carried

Resource consent application

The Senior District Planner, Mark Stevenson, was in attendance.

A new date is to be scheduled for the pre-hearing of the Ashburton Art Gallery and Heritage Centre resource consent application. ADC (applicant) has received a letter on behalf of the submitters outlining several issues to be addressed before the matter can continue, and notifying that a submitter was not available on the scheduled date due to a specialist appointment. A new date has not yet been scheduled. Mr Stevenson recommended that the applicant obtain legal advice on the matters brought to attention. This could ultimately mean re-notification because the hours of operation have changed, and there is debate whether this is significant for renotification with the Council’s position being that the alterations are insignificant. The Mayor stated the need to be up front in light of public consultation as groups have the understanding that the process is going to go smoothly. Any delays will cause immense frustration for parties. Cr Holmes reminded the meeting that this application is subject to the resource consent process.

Children’s Library

The District Librarian, Jill Watson, was in attendance.

Cr Kilworth congratulated the library on the event over the holidays.

Ashburton Youth Health Trust

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

“That the Ashburton Youth Health Trust be advised that Council nominates Cr Kingsbury as its Trustee representative.”		
	Holmes/Everest	Carried

Finance Activity Reports

“That the Finance activity reports be received.”

Brown/Beavan

Carried

Council borrowing

The Finance Manager reported that there is an upfront cost of pursuing bonds but he is unsure of the figures as yet. Mr Brake said that he expects the trust deed to be in place in the next month. The cost of trust deed set up would be bundled into the interest rate. Bonds allow Council to borrow for longer terms at fixed rates than banks can provide. Mr Brake reported that it is expected that Council will have a mixture of bank and bonds.

Art Gallery / Museum

The Property Manager reported that there is no hold up of plans for marking up and will be passed to the Architect in the near future.

Staff accommodation building project

Mr Rooney reported that no progress has been made on a final solution for new premises. He reported that there has been much consultation and consideration of rearranging of staff within the existing building, and allocation of existing tea room into work space.

Methven Gun Club

Mr Rooney met with the Methven Gun Club and is working with them to move their club.

Camping Grounds

Mr Rooney has met with the owners at Kowhai Flat Camping Ground and has agreed to upgrade signage. He also advised them that he has budgeted for funding in the future for new toilets. Mr Rooney reported that the land owners are happy to continue making their land available for camping. Mr Rooney has also met with property owners at Black Hill and reported that they are no longer willing to have campers on their property.

Business transacted with the public excluded (2:05 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:

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:	
8.1	Confirmation of Minutes – 29/10/09 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Police report• Lake Hood administration• Former County building update [now in open meeting]• Freeholding 14-16 Bryant St• Sale of Council land – Klondyke• Ashburton airport – District Plan review	Section 7(2)(f) Section 7(2)(h) Section 7(2)(h)	Maintain conduct of public affairs Commercial activities Commercial activities
8.2	Audit & Budget Subcommittee	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
8.3	Property & Investment Subcommittee	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
8.4	Property Matter	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities

Brown / Kilworth

Carried

The meeting concluded at 2:52pm.