

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE [UNCONFIRMED MINUTES]

REPORT and **MINUTES** of a meeting of the **ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, 5 Baring Square West, Ashburton, on Thursday 29 April 2010, commencing at 1.30 pm.

PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor, M B O'Malley; Councillors R J Kilworth (Chair), L J Leadley, B A Tasker, R C Beavan, I J Burgess, J A Kingsbury, P W Reveley and J Sparks.

Also in attendance Crs N A Brown, K W P Lowe and K L Holmes; Environmental Services Manager, Building Services Manager, Regulatory Manager, Senior District Planner and Committee Secretary.

APOLOGY: Cr J Everest (lateness) **Sustained**

Confirmation of Minutes

"That the minutes of the Environmental Services Committee meeting held on 18 March 2010, be taken as read and confirmed."

Leadley/Burgess **Carried**

Lochlea Investments Limited Subdivision – Naming of Roads

- "1. That the report be received.
2. That the new roads identified A, B and C on the accompanying subdivision plan for resource consent SUB07/0162 be named Charlesworth Drive, Primrose Place and Verona Place respectively.
3. That the Developer is responsible to erect name plates at the intersection with Racecourse Road and intersections within the subdivision to indicate the names of the roads and that this is done after consultation with and to the satisfaction of the Council's Roading Manager.
4. That the Developer be responsible for paying to the Council all costs associated with the manufacture and erection of all necessary name plates."

Tasker/Kingsbury **Carried**

Baring Square East Project – Carry-over of unspent funds to the 2010-11 year

"That \$60,300 + GST be carried over to the 2010-11 year for completion of detailed design for the upgrade of Baring Square East."

Sparks/Kingsbury **Carried**

Over-Spend on Proposed District Plan

The Committee heard that the over-expenditure of the District Plan review budget arose because of unplanned but necessary work on the Airport designation, the Ashburton Business Estate and some roading hierarchy work.

"That the Committee acknowledges the over expenditure of \$62,512 as at 31 March 2010."

Beavan/Burgess **Carried**

Warrant of Authority – Environmental Health Officer

“That the contractor scheduled below be authorised under seal of the Ashburton District Council to act under the following legislation”:

- As an EHO under Sections 23 & 28 of the Health Act 1956.
- As an Enforcement Officer under Section 38 of the Resource Management Act 1991 and Section 177 of the Local Government Act 2002.
- As a Litter Control Officer under Section 5 of the Litter Act 1979.
- Has the authority to enter private land under Sections 171 to 174 of the Local Government Act 2002.
- Has the authority to seize property under Sections 164 to 166 of the Local Government Act 2002.
- Has authority to enter any dwellinghouse, buildings, land, ships or other premises under Section 128 of the Health Act 1956.
- As an Agent and Authorised Officer of Ashburton District Council under Sections 111 & 222 of the Building Act 2004.
- As an Officer under the Food Act 1981 Part 3 Sections 12 & 13.
- As an inspector under section 103 of the Sale of Liquor Act 1989.
- As an Authorised Officer under the Ashburton District Council Bylaws 2008.

This Warrant is issued pursuant to Sections 23 & 28 of the Health Act 1956, Section 206 of the Building Act 2004, Section 38(5) of the Resource Management Act 1991, Section 5(3) of the Litter Act 1979 and Sections 174 and 177 of the Local Government Act 2002.

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The officer above may exercise all powers and duties including such power to enter land, conduct inspections, issue notices as provided by and for the purpose of the Acts and associated Regulations and Bylaws listed.”

Leadley/Burgess

Carried

Road Closure – Hampstead School Board of Trustees

“That the following road be closed to ordinary vehicular traffic from 7.30am to 8.00 pm on Saturday 1 May 2010, for the purpose of allowing the Hampstead School Board of Trustees to hold the Hampstead School Car Show

TANCRED STREET, from West Street, Ashburton, to just south of the New World car park entrance.

Tasker/Reveley

Carried

Activity Reports

“That the reports be received.”

Tasker/Burgess

Carried

Building & Resource Consents

The Building Services Manager reported that the building consents are continuing to rise and a record number of inspections were carried out in the reporting period.

The Senior District Planner said that resource consents have also risen significantly and this has been partly attributed to the Proposed District Plan being released.

The Committee agreed that the department’s newsletter, which is circulated to around 200 people in the building industry locally, is providing good information on consent processes and legislation.

Cr Everest attended the meeting at 1.52 pm.

Art Gallery / Museum

A pre-hearing meeting with the applicants and submitters was held on 19 April. Further meetings will be held prior to the hearing.

District Plan

The Proposed District Plan, which was notified last week, has attracted a significant number of enquiries, especially from land owners in the Rural A Zone. The Senior District Planner advised that he will be meeting with land owners to discuss the implications of the changes proposed in the draft Plan. Mr Stevenson said that subdivision applications are increasing ahead of the Plan becoming operative and submissions received to date are mostly concerned with the loss of financial value of the land.

The Committee refrained from further discussion, noting that Councillors will be required to sit on hearing panels.

Consent applicants' survey

Cr Brown asked whether a survey could be developed for building consent applicants and their feedback sought on the building consent process.

The Environmental Services Manager agreed there would be value in such a survey. Mr McKenzie said it would need to be structured then analysed and currently the department does not have the resources to undertake this.

Overhanging vegetation

The Regulatory Manager acknowledged that Council also has a number of trees that have been found to be overhanging footpaths and walkways. Most have been trimmed and others are being followed up. Over 200 notices have been sent to property owners whose trees also need trimming with only a few still to comply with the bylaw.

Nuisance complaints

Cr Lowe referred to a property in Methven which is unsightly, insanitary and potentially hazardous.

The Environmental Services Manager advised that Council has the ability to take action, although this is made more difficult if the building is vacant. It was noted that the building owner has been asked to secure the building.

The Mayor also raised the issue of bylaw compliance and asked whether Council receives reports from the Police on the number of infringements that are being issued for breaching the liquor bylaw and littering.

The Regulatory Manager explained that infringements can only be issued if offending is observed and the offender identified. Mr Humphries said that training of Council officers is almost complete and they will then be able to issue infringements.

Liquor Licensing

Cr Burgess sought the Committee's agreement to increase the frequency of DLA meetings to ensure that current issues can be addressed more promptly if required.

"That the Committee endorses that the District Licensing Agency meetings be held more frequently."

Burgess/Kingsbury

Carried

Animal Control

The Regulatory Manager reported that the animal control contractor has been instructed to target specific areas of the district for whole day visits and this has resulted in a number of unregistered dogs being identified. Mr Humphries also advised that Federated Farmers have been contacted in reference to problems with dog attacks on farms and their response is awaited.

Business transacted with the public excluded (2.30 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:	
11	Methven Trotting Club	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities

Burgess/Beavan

Carried

The meeting concluded at 2.40 pm.