
Council Minutes –18 June 2025

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 18 June 2025, commencing at 1.00pm in the Hine Paaka Council Chamber, Te Whare Whakatere, 2 Baring Square East, Ashburton.

Present

His Worship the Mayor, Neil Brown; Deputy Mayor Liz McMillan and Councillors Leen Braam, Carolyn Cameron, Russell Ellis, Phill Hooper, Lynette Lovett, Rob Mackle, Tony Todd and Richard Wilson.

In attendance

Hamish Riach (Chief Executive), Helen Barnes (GM Business Support), Toni Durham (GM Democracy & Engagement), Ian Hyde (GM Compliance & Development), Neil McCann (GM Infrastructure & Open Spaces), and Phillipa Clark (Governance Team Leader).

Staff present for the duration of their reports: Mark Low (Strategy & Policy Manager), Richard Mabon (Senior Policy Advisor), Tayyaba Latif (Policy Advisor), Lou Dunstan (Policy Advisor), Mark Chamberlain (Roading Manager) and Tania Paddock (Legal Counsel).

Deputation: Methven Community Board members Kelvin Holmes, Megan Fitzgerald, Allan Lock and Robin Jenkinson.

1 Apologies

Nil.

2 Extraordinary Business

Nil.

3 Declarations of Interest

Item 18 – The Mayor declared an interest and gave notice that he will leave the meeting for this item.

4 Confirmation of Minutes – 4/06/25

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 4 June 2025, be taken as read and confirmed.

Hooper/McMillan

Carried

5 Methven Community Board – 26/05/25

That Council receives the minutes of the Methven Community Board meeting held on 26 May 2025.

Cameron/Lovett

Carried

6 Road Safety Co-ordinating Committee – 3/06/25

That Council receives the minutes of the Ashburton District Road Safety Co-ordinating Committee meeting held on 3 June 2025.

McMillan/Todd

Carried

7 Methven Community Strategic Plan

Methven Community Board Chair and Members were welcomed and invited to present the Methven community's strategic plan.

1. **That** Council receives the report.
2. **That** Council endorses the Methven Community Strategic Plan 2025.

Cameron/Hooper

Carried

8 Use of Pole Mounted Banners Policy

That Council revokes the Policy on the Use of Pole Mounted Banners.

Hooper/Braam

Lost

That Council adopts the amended Policy attached as Appendix 1.

Cameron/McMillan

Carried

Cr Hooper recorded his vote against the motion.

9 Options for event related closure of East Street South

That Council deems events requiring the closure of East Street, south of Havelock Street and involving trade and associated equipment such as caravans, stalls, tents or other structures, are not permitted on East Street, Ashburton, south of the intersection of East Street and Havelock Street between the hours of 8am and 5.30pm, Monday to Saturday.

Cameron/Lovett

Carried

10 Mayor's Report

• LGNZ AGM

That the Mayor be authorised to vote on behalf of Council at the Local Government New Zealand Annual General Meeting on 16 July 2025, and (in the Mayor's absence) the Deputy Mayor be the alternate presiding delegate.

Todd/Mackle

Carried

• Contract evaluation

That Council appoints the Mayor, Cr Braam and Cr Wilson to observe the tender evaluation process for the Road Network Maintenance and Operations contract.

Todd/McMillan

Carried

That Council receives the Mayor's report.

Mayor/Cameron

Carried

Business transacted with the public excluded 2.08pm.

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely – 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	Council 4/06/25 • Airport lease reviews [Now in open meeting] • Community Grants & Funding • Contract WWAT0429 • Civic Financial Services AGM • Notice of Appeal HHWET/RDML	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
12	Methven Community Board - Birdsong Trust – leases	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
13	Art Gallery & Museum plant	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
14	Award of Contract WWAT0391 - wastewater pipeline renewals	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
15	Award of Contract WATE0391 - Watermain renewals	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
16	Award of Contract ROAD0420 - Road resurfacing 2025/27	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
17	Ashburton Oval Pavilion	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
18	Eastfield Shareholding	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities

McMillan/Ellis

Carried

Business transacted with the public excluded now in open meeting

- Award of Contract WWAT0391 – wastewater pipeline renewals 2025/26**

That Council awards Contract WWAT0391 - Wastewater Pipeline Renewals 2025/26 to Tru-Line Civil Limited in the amount of Two million, five hundred and seventy two thousand and four hundred and sixty three dollars and sixty seven cents (\$2,572,463.67) excluding GST.

Hooper/Wilson

Carried

- Award of Contract WATE0417 – watermain renewals 2025/26 (package 1)**

That Council awards the contract WATE0417 – Watermain Renewals 2025-2026 (Package 1) to Rooney Earthmoving Limited for the amount of Four million, two hundred and thirty-eight thousand four hundred and fifteen dollars and fifteen cents. (\$4,238,415.15) excluding GST.

Hooper/Braam

Carried

- Award of Contract ROAD0420 – road resurfacing Ashburton District 2025/27**

That Council awards the tender from Ashburton Contracting Limited for contract ROAD0420 Road Resurfacing Ashburton District 2025-27 for the value \$7,071,954.56.

McMillan/Cameron

Carried

Council concluded at 4.55pm.

[Confirmed by Council on 6 August 2025]

MAYOR