
Council Minutes – 18 May 2022

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 18 May 2022, commencing at 1pm in the Council Chamber, 137 Havelock Street, Ashburton.

Present

His Worship the Mayor, Neil Brown; Deputy Mayor Liz McMillan; Councillors Carolyn Cameron, John Falloon, Lynette Lovett and Stuart Wilson.

Via MS Teams: Crs Diane Rawlinson and Angus McKay.

In attendance

Hamish Riach (Chief Executive), Jane Donaldson (GM Strategy & Compliance), Neil McCann (GM Infrastructure Services), Sarah Mosley (Manager People & Capability), Toni Durham (Acting GM Business Support) and Phillipa Clark (Governance Team Leader).

Staff present for the duration of their reports: Andrew Guthrie (Assets Manager), Hernando Marilla (Operations Manager), Richard Mabon (Senior Policy Advisor), Mel Neumann (Policy Advisor), Rick Catchpole (Regulatory Manager), Colin Windleborn (Commercial Manager) and Michelle Hyde (Property Officer).

Via MS Teams: Steve Fabish (GM Community Services) and Erin Register (Finance Manager).

Presentation

Electricity Ashburton – 2.07pm-2.44pm.

1 Apologies

Crs Leen Braam and Rodger Letham

Sustained

2 Extraordinary Business

Council noted that the public forum presenter is unavailable today and will be given an alternative meeting date.

3 Declarations of Interest

Nil.

4 Confirmation of Minutes – 4/05/22

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 4 May 2022, be taken as read and confirmed.

Wilson/Cameron

Carried

5 Methven Community Board

That Council receives the minutes of the Methven Community Board meeting held on 2 May 2022.

Cameron/McMillan

Carried

6 Ashburton District Road Safety Co-ordinating Committee

That Council receives the minutes of the Road Safety Coordinating Committee meeting held on 3 May 2022.

Wilson/Cameron

Carried

7 Audit & Risk Committee

That Council receives the minutes of the Audit & Risk Committee meeting held on 11 May 2022.

Cameron/Falloon

Carried

- **Taxation update**

That Council seeks advice on whether it has the ability to instruct a council controlled organisation to make donations on Council's behalf.

Cameron/Falloon

Carried

8 Trading in Public Places Bylaw

1. **That** Council adopts the Draft Trading in Public Places Bylaw for consultation from 23 May to 23 June 2022.
2. **That** Council adopts the Draft Trading in Public Places Bylaw Consultation Document.

McMillan/Lovett

Carried

9 Waste Management & Minimisation Plan 2022

1. **That** Council adopts the Draft WMMP and Consultation Document for consultation with the community from the 23 May – 23 June 2022.

McKay/Falloon

Carried

10 Pudding Hill Intake Proposed Closure Investigations

Officers will bring the results of the investigation to Council for decision and consideration will be given to finding a way of having councillors with specific interest and knowledge of the stockwater area to be informally involved. Council acknowledged that, as the decision-maker, it won't be directly involved in meetings between staff and constituents.

Council will receive progress reports on the investigations through the activity briefings.

That Council approves commencement of investigations into the closure of the Pudding Hill Stockwater Intake (Hart Road) in accordance with Option One of this report.

Wilson/McMillan

Carried

11 Naming of Roads – Strowan Fields Development

That the roads to vest in Council as part of subdivisions SUB21/0029 and SUB21/0062 within the subdivision known as Strowan Fields be named Strowan Avenue and Orwell Way.

Cameron/Lovett

Carried

12 Dog Control Fees 2022-2023

1. **That** Council adopts the dog registration and control fees and charges for 2022/23 as set out in Appendix 1.
2. **That** the dog registration and control fees and charges for 2022/23 are publicly notified.

McMillan/Falloon

Carried

13 Bancorp Treasury Report

That Council receives the Bancorp Treasury report for March 2022.

Cameron/Lovett

Carried

14 Financial Variance Report

The Finance Manager was asked to clarify the budget shown in the Youth Council activity area, which appears to have been exceeded. Council will be updated in the June Activity Briefing report.

That Council receives the Financial Variance report and EA Networks Centre income and expenditure report for March 2022.

Falloon/Wilson

Carried

Electricity Ashburton

Roger Sutton (Chief Executive) and Richard Fitzgerald (Director) presented an update on the electricity sector and spoke about the interest being shown by developers looking to set up solar farms (on less productive land) in the region.

Key points from discussion –

- EV charging infrastructure / location and commercial viability of charging system
- Household energy assessments – aiming to make this achievable for households
- Fixed charges increases
- Emissions reduction
- Water storage opportunities in the district
- Roadside pole placement concerns

The presentation concluded at 2.44pm.

Welcome to staff – 2.45pm

Sarah Mosley introduced new staff: Marilyn Hill (Accounts Officer – Processing), Laurene Anderson (Accounts Officer), Taare Parekura (Building Official) and Laurelle Whitewell (Customer Services Officer).

Council also acknowledged the long service of Gordon Tupper (Information Systems Manager) – 15 years, and Mike Farrell (Building Official) – 15 years.

15 Mayor's Report

• Proposed LGNZ Remit

That Council supports the remit proposal from Gisborne District Council and recommends that it be submitted to Local Government New Zealand for consideration at the Annual General Meeting on 23 July 2022.

McMillan/Falloon

Carried

That Council receives the Mayor's report.

Mayor/Cameron

Carried

Council adjourned for afternoon tea from 2.55pm to 3.26pm.

Business transacted with the public excluded – 3.26pm

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:	
16	Council 4/05/22 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ashburton Contracting Ltd	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities

17	Audit & Risk Committee 11/05/22	Sections 7(2)(h) Section 7(2)(a)	Commercial activities Protection of privacy of natural persons
18	Library & Civic Centre PCG 12/04/22	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
19	Freeholding Glasgow Lease	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities

Wilson/McMillan

Carried

Business transacted with the public excluded now in open meeting

- **Review of Corporate Risk Register**

That Council seeks a report on the review of Council's corporate risk register in relation to Council's insurances.

Falloon/Wilson

Carried

- **Boer War memorial** [Library & Civic Centre PCG 12/04/22]

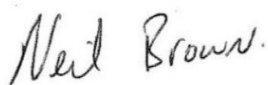
That Council approves the relocation of the Boer War memorial to Baring Square West, subject to resource consent and public consultation.

McMillan/Lovett

Carried

The meeting concluded at 4.11pm.

Confirmed 1 June 2022



MAYOR