
Extraordinary Council Meeting – 19/03/20

Minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting held on Thursday 19 March 2020, commencing at 1.00pm, in the Council Chamber, 137 Havelock Street, Ashburton.

Present

His Worship the Mayor, Neil Brown; Councillors Leen Braam, Carolyn Cameron, John Falloon, Rodger Letham, Lynette Lovett, Angus McKay, Liz McMillan, Diane Rawlinson and Stuart Wilson.

In attendance

Hamish Riach (Chief Executive), Jane Donaldson (GM Strategy & Compliance), Paul Brake (GM Business Support), Gordon Tupper (Information Systems Manager), Ruben Garcia (Communications Manager) and Phillipa Clark (Governance Team Leader).

1 Apologies

Nil.

2 Extraordinary Business

Nil.

3 Declarations of Interest

Nil.

4 Amendment to Standing Orders – audio-visual attendance at meetings

That Council amends the Ashburton District Council Standing Orders to enable elected members to join meetings by audio or audio-visual means.

Braam/Letham

Council generally agreed that the inclusion of the audio-visual attendance provision would be useful in the current circumstances but there was some concern that it may see councillors choosing not to attend meetings in the future.

Amendment

That Council amends the Ashburton District Council Standing Orders to enable elected members to join meetings by audio or audio-visual means, with this decision to be reviewed in October 2020, or sooner if required.

Wilson/Lovett

A show of hands gave 6 for the amendment and 4 against

The amendment became the substantive motion and was carried.

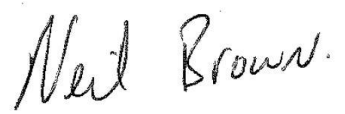
That the quorum for Council's standing committees (Audit, Risk & Finance, Bylaw and Policy, Community Services, Environmental Services and Infrastructure Services) each reduce in membership by one member, with this decision to be reviewed in October 2020, or sooner if required.

McKay/Cameron

Carried

The meeting concluded at 1.23pm.

Confirmed 9 April 2020

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MAYOR