

## *Council Minutes – 21 April 2021*

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 21 April, commencing at 1.00pm, in the Council Chamber, 137 Havelock Street, Ashburton.

### **Present**

Deputy Mayor Liz McMillan (Chair); Councillors Leen Braam, Carolyn Cameron, John Falloon, Lynette Lovett, Angus McKay, Diane Rawlinson and Stuart Wilson.

### **In attendance**

Hamish Riach (Chief Executive), Paul Brake (GM Business Support), Steve Fabish (GM Community Services), Jane Donaldson (GM Strategy & Compliance), Neil McCann (GM Infrastructure Services), Sarah Mosley (Manager People & Capability) and Phillipa Clark (Governance Team Leader).

Staff present for the duration of their reports: Ruben Garcia (Communications Manager), Brian Fauth (Roading Manager), Ian Hyde (District Planning Manager), Toni Durham (Strategy & Policy Manager) and Craig Goodwin (Waste Recovery Manager).

### **Presentations**

Public Forum – 1.05pm to 1.17pm

ECan Climate Change Campaign – 1.48pm to 2.20pm

Ashburton Water Zone Committee – 2.24pm to 2.33pm

### **1 Apologies**

His Worship the Mayor, Neil Brown (absent on Council business)

Cr Letham (lateness – 2.32pm) and Cr Wilson (early departure – 2.33pm)

Sustained

### **2 Extraordinary Business**

Nil.

### **3 Declarations of Interest**

Nil.

### **Public Forum**

Bev and Lindsay Bagrie, Drumblade Farm, 2017 Boundary Road. *(Presentation tabled)*

Mr & Mrs Bagrie (the applicants) presented their concerns at the delay in resolving their stockwater race closure application. The application relates to a private drain (Moffats Drain) which runs through the middle of their property and carries surplus water from the stockwater race system. The drain used to be spring fed and was dry between 2010 and 2015. After Council diverted water races into a neighbouring irrigation race the drain started to run again.

The applicants have asked for a list of property owners supplied by this race and for the results of the closure survey. To date this information hasn't been provided. They further requested clarification on who administers the drain (ADC or ECan) including whether Council has a resource consent authorising use of the drain for stockwater run-off.

ECan have suggested leaving the drain as a swale. The applicants would accept the drain staying but require the diversion of water to be stopped to enable them to put a pivot on for effluent and fertiliser dispersal.

In conclusion the applicants advised that the proposed diversion has cost them \$4,000 to date. They commented that the work on their property is close to the road and can be observed, but they believe that (unapproved) diversions go unseen on some other properties.

The Group Manager Infrastructure Services acknowledged their comments. He advised that the closure is complex and discussions are ongoing with property owners to verify information including identifying biodiversity and wetland features. Council officers are following policy and will provide progress reports to Council and a response to the Bagries.

Mr & Mrs Bagrie were thanked for their attendance and left the meeting at 1.17pm.

#### **4 Confirmation of Minutes – 7/04/21**

Public forum: Note Richard Wilson was present.

**That** the minutes of the Council meeting held on 7 April 2021, as amended, be taken as read and confirmed.

Wilson/Cameron

Carried

#### **5 Sealing Accessways**

**That** Council continues with the current method of sealing accessways, where Council shares the local cost component of reconstruction and sealing of vehicle accessways, when agreed by the property owner.

Falloon/Braam

Carried

#### **6 Naming of Road – Camrose Estate Subdivision (Stage 6)**

Council noted that only one name option was provided for each road. To avoid a precedent being set, Officers were asked to ensure that future road naming applications provide three options, in accordance with policy.

**That** the two roads to vest in Council as part of the development of the Camrose Estate subdivision approved under Subdivision SUBA20/0012 and as identified on the attached site plan shall be named Arrowsmith Drive and Burbank Place.

Braam/Rawlinson

Carried

#### **7 Naming of Road – Lake Hood Aquatic Park (Stage 14)**

**That** Road 2 to vest in Council in Stage 14 of the Lake Hood Aquatic Park development, approved under Subdivision SUB20/0045, be named Kennedy Quay.

Wilson/Lovett

Carried

#### **8 Appointment of Recovery Manager**

**That** Council appoint Toni Durham as the Local Recovery Manager.

McKay/Braam

Carried

#### **10 Transwaste Canterbury Limited Dividends**

**That** Council receives the Transwaste dividends report.

Lovett/Falloon

Carried

## 12 Rangitata Awa Restoration Group

The Chief Executive gave assurance that Council's caution around extractor cap levels and a desire for farming/landowner representation on the Steering Group will be relayed to the Steering and Working Groups.

1. **That** Council's representation on the Rangitata Awa Restoration Governance Group be confirmed as follows:

- i) Steering Group – CE, Hamish Riach
- ii) Working Group – District Planning Manager, Ian Hyde.

Falloon/Braam

Carried

## 9 Regional Climate Change Engagement Campaign

Fiona Shanhun and Tafflyn Bradford-James presented on the ECan-led campaign, to be launched at the Mayoral Forum on 28 May. They spoke about this being a community campaign and the importance of it being relevant to local people who will be encouraged to contribute questions. Initially, questions will be responded to by ECan but local based questions will also be shared with Council.

The campaign team have started a conversation with Rununga but would be interested in Council contributing with its Runanga partners as well. The team will also be speaking with MfE to see how the campaign could fit into the national climate change response.

A powerpoint presentation showed data on emissions and warming projections based on current and other scenarios. Dr Shanhun responded to the suggestion that the temperatures shown in the presentation were misrepresentative of local average temperatures and explained that the data shows global temperatures and comparison of averages since 1909 (NZ's average has increased by at least 1.1<sup>o</sup> since 1909). In her view, the data used is robust and is in keeping with Council's Climate Change policy, but consultation will be undertaken with the ADC team to verify this.

The proposal to participate in the joint campaign wasn't fully supported by Councillors who commented on a lack of regional understanding, particularly in the city, about work that has been done in this district on stopbanks and coastal erosion.

1. **That** Council agrees to participate as a partner in the regional climate change campaign, led by Environment Canterbury.
2. **That** Council approves the use of the Ashburton District Council logo on the campaign website and social media channels.

Cameron/Braam

Carried

Cr McKay recorded his vote against the motion.

## 11 Ashburton Zone Water Management Committee Progress Report

Bill Thomas presented the Zone Committee's progress report for the 2020 year, acknowledging the retirements of Karl Russell (Te Runanga o Arowhenua) and John Waugh (Fish & Game), both of whom were significant contributors to the Zone. He noted that the process has commenced to fill the two vacancies, with possibly a third to be added.

The Zone Committee sees the need for 'good news' and 'success' stories to be shared and made public, e.g. the nitrate level close to the coast which is below the proposed NPS standards. The Zone Committee would support contribution to the MAR rate from the wider community to reflect the number of beneficiaries from this project – i.e. there are high levels of nitrates in Tinwald water – they will benefit from MAR but won't be rated.

Cr Letham attended at 2.32pm.

**That** Council receives the Ashburton Water Zone Committee progress report 2020.

Cameron/Rawlinson Carried

Cr Wilson left the meeting at 2.33pm.

### 13 Mayor's Report

**That** the Mayor's report be received.

McKay/Cameron Carried

### 14 Councillor Reports

**That** the report be received.

Lovett/Braam Carried

### Welcome to new staff (2.43pm)

Sarah Mosely, Manager People & Capability, introduced new staff – Sikandar Hirani (Planning Administration Officer), Lucas de Souza (Monitoring Enforcement Officer) and Ian Soper (Open Spaces Manager).

Council adjourned for afternoon tea from 2.45pm to 3.10pm.

### Business transacted with the public excluded – 3.10pm

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:	
15	Council 7/04/21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Contract REFU0026 – RRP storage bunker</li><li>Library &amp; Civic Centre contract</li></ul>	Section 7(2)(h) Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities Commercial activities
16	Library & Civic Centre PCG 13/04/21	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
17	Library & Civic Centre PCG Probity Role	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities

Falloon/Rawlinson Carried

### Business transacted with the public excluded now in open meeting

#### • Contract REFU0026 Ashburton RRP 2021 – storage bunker roof

**That** Council awards the tender for the submitted price of One Hundred and Seventy Five Thousand and Two Hundred and Seventy Nine Dollars and Thirty Five cents excluding GST (\$175,279.35 ex GST) to Joseph Builders Ltd.

Braam/Letham Carried

#### • Ashburton Streetscape Renewal Project

**That** from the approved contingency, the following expenditure items be approved:

- \$489,560 to install new traffic signal infrastructure at the East Street/Havelock Street and East Street/Moore Street intersections;
- \$85,572 for the extension of the shared footpath on East Street between Moore and Kermod Streets; and
- \$181,240 to avoid total closure of the four East Street intersections during construction.

Falloon/Letham Carried

- **Library & Civic Centre Probity Officer Role**


**That** Council disestablishes the probity officer's role on the Ashburton Library and Civic Centre Project Control Group.

Braam/Lovett

Carried

The meeting concluded at 3.33pm.

Confirmed 5 May 2021



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MAYOR