

## ***Council Minutes –19 March 2025***

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 19 March 2025, commencing at 1.00pm in the Hine Paaka Council Chamber, Te Whare Whakatare, 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), Sarah Mosley (GM People & Facilities), and Phillipa Clark (Governance Team Leader).

Staff present for the duration of their reports: Brad Thomson (District Planning Manager), Lauren Wright (Planner), Mark Low (Strategy & Policy Manager), Tayyaba Latif (Policy Advisor), Mark Chamberlain (Roading Manager), Erin Register (Finance Manager) and Tania Paddock (Legal Counsel).

### **1 Apologies**

Nil.

### **2 Extraordinary Business**

Nil.

### **3 Declarations of Interest**

Nil.

### **Business transacted with the public excluded – 1.00pm**

**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:

<b>Item No</b>	<b>General subject of each matter to be considered:</b>	<b>In accordance with Section 48(1) of the Act, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter:</b>	
<b>14</b>	Council 5/03/25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Birdsong Initiative Trust</li><li>• H&amp;S report</li><li>• ACL</li></ul>	Section 7(2)(h) Section 7(2)(a) Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities Protection of privacy of natural persons Commercial activities

McMillan/Wilson

Carried

Council resumed in open meeting at 1.09pm.

#### **4 Confirmation of Minutes**

**- Council – 5/03/25**

**That** the minutes of the Council meeting held on 5 March 2025, be taken as read and confirmed.

Hooper/Cameron

Carried

#### **5 Road Safety Co-ordinating Committee – 4/03/25**

Council noted safety concerns with the SH77/Thompsons Track intersection and that a request for improved signage has been made. The Committee will be asked to ensure this, and the issue of trees obstructing signage, is dealt with quickly.

**That** Council receives the minutes of the Ashburton District Road Safety Co-ordinating Committee meeting held on 4 March 2025.

McMillan/Todd

Carried

#### **6 Stockwater Transition Working Group – 6/03/25**

**That** Council receives the minutes of the Stockwater Transition Working Group meeting held on 6 March 2025.

Wilson/Cameron

Carried

#### **7 Methven Community Board – 10/03/25**

**That** Council receives the minutes of the Methven Community Board meeting held on 10 March 2025.

Cameron/Todd

Carried

#### **8 Local Water Done Well – Service Delivery models for consultation**

**1. That** Council receives the information in the Local Water Done Well: Service Delivery Models for Consultation Report.

Cameron/McMillan

Carried

**2. That** Council confirms water services for Ashburton District's Local Water Done Well to be three waters, specifically the drinking water, wastewater and stormwater activities.

Lovett/Braam

Carried

**3. That** Council consults the community on the following two delivery models in the public consultation process:

**a.** Stand-alone Business unit

**b.** Water Services Council-Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) Model

Ellis/Hooper

Carried

**4. That** Council selects the Stand-alone Business Unit within Council as its proposal for public consultation.

Hooper/Cameron

Carried

#### **9 Ashburton Residential and Business Land Assessment**

**That** Council receives the Ashburton Residential and Business Land Assessment produced by Property Economics in December 2024 as attached in Appendix 1.

Braam/Cameron

Carried

## 10 Proposed Private District Plan Change 6 – Pajanti Ltd

**That** Council adopts the Commissioner’s recommendations, attached to this report, in respect of Plan Change 6 to the Ashburton District Plan, comprising the rezoning of 259 Alford Forest Road from Residential D to Residential C and the addition of the following new rules:

- Rule 4.9.18 (Residential Chapter): Pajanti Outline Development Plan, Ashburton
  - Any development within the Pajanti Outline Development Plan shall be undertaken in general accordance with that Outline Development Plan attached in Appendix 4-7.
- Rule 9.8.12 (Subdivision Chapter) Plan: Pajanti Outline Development Plan
  - Any subdivision and/or development within the Pajanti Outline Development Plan shall be in general accordance with the Outline Development Plan in Appendix 4-7
- Inclusion of a new Outline Development Plan as Appendix 4-7 showing the proposed roading layout, right of way location, and building line restriction along the western boundary.
- The insertion of new rule 4.9.18 will require subsequent renumbering of the Residential Zone rules. This will maintain consistency within the District Plan by grouping all rules relating to developments being undertaken in general accordance with outline development plans being located together.

Braam/Todd

Carried

## 11 Naming of Road – Camrose Development

**That** Council approves the application to name the right-of-way to be developed as part of subdivision SUB22/0077, known as Camrose Estate, located off Grace Ireland Drive, Methven, as Don Church Lane.

Mayor/Hooper

Carried

## 12 Financial Report – February 2025

Officers were asked to check and report back on

- Permanent variance due to unbudgeted freeholding of 2 Glasgow leases
- Permanent variance due to vacant tenancy (L1 Te Whare Whakatere)

**That** Council receives the financial variance report for February 2025.

McMillan/Cameron

Carried

## 13 Mayor’s report

### • LGNZ Superlocal Conference 2025

**That** the Mayor and Chief Executive, along with Deputy Mayor Liz McMillan, Crs Leen Braam and Russell Ellis be appointed as Ashburton District Council’s 2025 LGNZ Conference delegates.

Todd/Lovett

Carried

Post meeting note: the Deputy Mayor is now unavailable and Cr Mackle will attend.

### • 2022-2025 Council term

The Mayor took the opportunity to record his intention to retire from Council at the end of this term.

**That** Council receives the Mayor’s report.

Mayor/Cameron

Carried

**Business transacted with the public excluded –3.08pm**

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<b>15</b>	MCB – 10/03/24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Birdsong Initiative Trust</li></ul>	Section 7(2)(h)	Protection of privacy of natural persons
<b>16</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Ashburton Bridge Project – community engagement	Section 7(2)(g)	Maintain legal professional privilege
<b>17</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bridge and Local Road Partner Agreement	Section 7(2)(h)	Conduct of negotiations

Lovett/Todd

Carried

Council concluded at 4.52pm.

**[Confirmed by Council on 2 April 2025]**

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MAYOR