
Council Minutes – 28 July 2021

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 28 July 2021, commencing at 1.00pm, in the Council Chamber, 137 Havelock Street, Ashburton.

Present

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

In attendance

Hamish Riach (Chief Executive), Paul Brake (GM Business Support), Jane Donaldson (GM Strategy & Compliance), Neil McCann (GM Infrastructure Services), Steve Fabish (GM Community Services), Ruben Garcia (Communications Manager) and Carol McAtamney (Governance Support).

Staff present for the duration of their reports: Andy Guthrie (Assets Manager), Mel Neumann (Policy Advisor), Rachel Sparks (Finance Manager), Ian Hyde (District Planning Manager), Colin Windleborn (Commercial Manager), Michelle Hyde (Property Officer), Zane Adam (Property Officer), Brian Fauth (Contracts Manager), Jeremy Lambert (Roading Engineer – South), Simon Worthington (Economic Development Manager).

Methven Community Board Chair, Dan McLaughlin, and one member of the public.

Presentations

ChristchurchNZ – 2.39pm-3.04pm

Marsh Insurance – 4.45pm- 5.40pm.

1 Apologies

Cr Falloon

Sustained

2 Extraordinary Business

Nil.

3 Declarations of Interest

Nil.

The Mayor welcomed the Chair of the Methven Community Board and invited him to be present for discussion on the 5Ms Water Treatment Plant and the Methven reservoir reports.

That Council grants speaking rights to the Methven Community Board Chairman, Dan McLaughlin.

Letham/McMillan

Carried

4 Confirmation of Minutes – 30/06/21

Methven Strategic Plan – Cr McKay asked that it be clarified that he voted against the motion because it was suggested the Methven Community Board would be meeting the costs which he is opposed to.

Ashburton Museum & Art Gallery Merger – Cr Wilson questioned why the amendment to the motion, showing the full debated process, had been omitted from the open minutes.

The Chief Executive suggested that the matter be further discussed when the public excluded minutes are received and procedural advice can be provided.

That the matter lies on the table and is uplifted for discussion with public excluded item 15.

Wilson/Cameron

Carried

5 Audit and Risk Committee – 23/06/21

That Council receives the minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 23 June 2021.

Braam/Wilson

Carried

6 Ashburton Airport Authority Subcommittee – 30/06/21

That Council receives the minutes of the Ashburton Airport Authority Subcommittee meeting held on 30 June 2021.

Braam/Lovett

Carried

7 Town Centre Subcommittee – 6/07/21

That Council receives the minutes of the Town Centre Subcommittee meeting held on 6 July 2021.

Cameron/Rawlinson

Carried

8 Backflow Prevention Policy

That Council rolls over the current Backflow Prevention Policy with minor amendments, as attached in Appendix 1.

McKay/Braam

Carried

9 Bancorp Treasury Report

That the Bancorp Treasury report (June 2021) be received.

Braam/Rawlinson

Carried

10 Natural and Built Environment Submission

Officers advised of minor amendments made to the circulated submission:

- Title should be Natural and Built Environments Bill Exposure Draft
- Point 10 ‘..... excluding (not including) those currently administered by Regional Councils

Additional point to be included:

- Council does not expect additional costs to be put upon people of the district because of this proposed Bill.
- Submission to be co-signed by Mayor and Chief Executive.

That Council

1. Receives the report; and
2. Approves the submission to the Parliamentary Select Committee for the Environment on the Exposure Draft for the Natural and Built Environment Bill.

Braam/Rawlinson

Carried

12 Naming of Road – 181 Archibald Street, Tinwald

The District Planning Manager reported that subsequent to the recommendation being circulated for Road Two it was discovered that the preferred option, Carr Street is a street name in Methven and the second preference, Winslow Road, is a street name in Hinds.

That the two roads to vest in Council as part of the development of 181 Archibald Street, as detailed within Subdivision Sub21/0047 and as identified on the attached site plan, shall be named Saleyards Road and Sheep Pen Street.

McMillan/Lovett

Carried

13 5Ms Water Treatment Plant – Feasibility Study

Officers reported that in addition to the 5Ms Water Treatment Plant feasibility study the option of exploratory drilling has been investigated. An approach has been made by a company offering to take on the risk of this exercise as a personal venture. To date, the proposed drilling locations the Company has submitted are not considered suitable for a community bore.

It was suggested that the two proposed projects, the design of a single treatment facility and exploratory drilling, could be progressed in tandem. This option would mean that if drilling was not successful the project of installing a membrane treatment plant would have commenced and be on its way to fruition.

Cr McKay gave notice that he would be amending the motion and would like to see investigation into the feasibility of using the Spaxton intake as an alternative source.

1. **That** Council receives the report titled *5Ms Water Treatment Plant Feasibility Study Report, July 2021, Beca Limited; and*
2. **That** no further work be undertaken on the larger 5Ms water treatment Plant concept; and
3. **That** detailed design of a treatment upgrade solution for the Methven and Methven Springfield schemes proceeds on basis of a single treatment facility.
4. **That** the physical works budgets for the Methven, and Methven Springfield water treatment upgrades be brought forward to the 2021/22 financial year.
5. **That** Council investigates the viability of a bore to run parallel with the design.

McMillan/Braam

Amendment

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4. **That** the physical works budgets for the Methven, and Methven Springfield water treatment upgrades be brought forward to the 2021/22 financial year.
5. **That** Council investigate the viability of a bore to run parallel with the design.
6. **That** transferring the Methven/Springfield take point to the Spaxton take point be investigated by staff.

McKay/Cameron

Carried

The amendment become the substantive motion and was carried.

11 Christchurch NZ Quarterly Update

Loren Heaphy and Bruce Moffat were welcomed to the meeting at 2.39pm.

Covid continues to put the Australian inbound tourist market under pressure. Inbound International from Australia for the reported period (March-May 2021) was 69% visiting friends and relatives, 13% leisure and the remainder being business travel.

The impact on the Ashburton district was quite significant. For the period when the Trans-Tasman travel bubble opened and 30 May when it started its closures the international visitor spend was \$791,000 which was down 36% from the same quarter in 2020 and 78% down from 2019. It is expected that the border closures will have a significant effect on Methven and Mt Hutt over the ski season.

That the ChristchurchNZ quarterly report be received.

Lovett/McMillan

Carried

Welcome to new staff (3.04pm)

Jim Henderson, People & Capability Officer, introduced new staff – Hayley Lam (GIS Graduate), Margo Tercier (GIS Graduate) and Daniel Leggett (Swim School Manager).

Council acknowledged the long service of Colin Windleborn (Commercial Manager) - 5 years, Andrea McMurray (Systems Officer – Animal Control) - 15 years, and Rhonda Gallagher (Supervisor Open Spaces) - 20 years.

Council adjourned for afternoon tea from 3.09pm to 3.25pm.

13 Mayor's Report

• Three Waters Reform

It was noted that central government has committed a further \$2.5 billion to the scheme (not \$1.5m as shown in the report).

The Mayor provided an update following his attendance at the LGNZ Conference, reporting that the LGNZ Association has created a Heads of Agreement between themselves and the Sovereign in Right of New Zealand for partnering commitment to support three water service delivery reform.

The Mayor reported that a number of councils have expressed their concerns and disappointment at this Agreement as there had been little to no discussion undertaken with LGNZ members prior to it being signed by the Association. The Association has clarified that the agreement is non-binding for individual councils.

That the Mayor's report be received.

McKay/Cameron

Carried

Business transacted with the public excluded – 3.45pm

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 30/06/21 Emergency Relief Funding Sale of Land Freeholding of Glasgow lease Land purchase	Section 7(2)(a) Section 7(2)(h) Section 7(2)(h) Section 7(2)(h)	Protection of privacy of natural persons Commercial activities Commercial activities Commercial activities
16	Emergency Relief Funding	Section 7(2)(a)	Protection of privacy of natural persons
17	Airport Authority Subcommittee 30/06/21	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
18	Caring for Communities Welfare Recovery Group 29/06/21	Section 7(2)(a)	Protection of privacy of natural persons

19	Town Centre Subcommittee 06/07/21	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
20	Library and Civic Centre 06/07/21	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
21	Ashburton Refugee Resettlement Steering Group	Section 7(2)(a)	Protection of privacy of natural persons
22	Ashburton Airport Skydiving	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
23	Freeholding Glasgow Lease	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
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25	Insurance Arrangements 2021-22	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
26	Awarding of Contract Wate0153 – Methven Reservoir Upgrade Stage 1	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
27	Awarding on Contract ROAD0205 – Sealed Road Rehabilitation Rural	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities

That Shaun Pont be present for item 20 and Dan McLaughlin be present for item 26.

Mayor/McMillan

Carried

Council adjourned at 5.53pm and resumed at 11.45am on Thursday 29 July 2021.

Confirmation of minutes – 30/06/21

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 30 June 2021, be taken as read and confirmed.

McKay/Braam

Carried

Business transacted with the public excluded now in open meeting

- **Ashburton Zone Water Management Committee Refresh 2021** [Council – 30/06/21]

That the Ashburton District Council:

- Receives** the report.
- Notes** the recommended changes to the CWMS Ashburton Zone Committee membership will also be received for approval by Environment Canterbury (ECan) at their 8 July meeting.
- Approves** the reappointment of Chris Allen and Angela Cushnie to the CWMS Ashburton Zone Committee.
- Approves** the appointment of Clare Buchanan, Adi Avnit and Sidinei Teixeira to the CWMS Ashburton Zone Committee.

Wilson/Lovett

Carried

- **Ashburton Museum and Art Gallery Merger** [Council – 30/06/21]

That the amendment to the Ashburton Museum and Art Gallery merger resolution (30/06/21) becomes the business of open meeting.

Wilson/Braam

AMENDMENT

That Council:

- Approve the Art Gallery becoming an in-house Council activity and that it is jointly managed with the Museum activity as per Option 4 in this report;*
- Create and appoint an Art Gallery and Museum Director, Deputy Museum and Art Gallery Director, and Art Gallery Curator and disestablish the Museum Director role (nett effect is one new position);*
- Adopt the Delegation and Management Agreement with the Ashburton Art Gallery as included in Appendix 1 of this report;*

4. *Delegate authority to the Chief Executive or his nominee for all other ancillary matters to give effect to the Art Gallery becoming an in-house Council activity.*

Cameron/Rawlinson **AMENDMENT LOST**

A show of hands gave 5 for and 5 against and on the Mayor's casting vote the amendment was lost.

The original motion was put and on a show of hands (6 for, 3 against and 1 abstention) became the substantive motion and was carried.

- **Ashburton Skydiving Activities**

1. **That** a Memorandum of Understanding be entered into with INFLITE Group for the operation of skydiving activities at Ashburton Airport.
2. **That** the current MOU with Skydiving Kiwis be terminated.

Braam/McKay

Carried

Cr Letham recorded his vote against the motion

- **Methven Reservoir Upgrade**

1. **That** Council awards the Methven Reservoir Upgrade Contract to Reliant Solutions Limited for \$1,380,549.44 for the construction of two new reservoirs.
2. **That** Council approves a technical supervision amount of \$92,584.00.
3. **That** Council approves additional borrowing of \$695,633.86.

McMillan/Letham

Carried

- **Award of Contract ROAD0205 – Sealed road rehabilitation rural 2021**

That Council accepts the tender from HEB Construction Ltd for the contract ROAD0205 Sealed Road Rehabilitation Rural 2021-2023 and awards the contract for \$2,287,151.30.

Mayor/Braam

Carried

The meeting concluded at 12.40pm.

Confirmed 18 August 2021



MAYOR