
Council Minutes – 6 April 2022

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 6 April 2022, commencing at 1pm in the Council Chamber, 137 Havelock Street, Ashburton.

Present

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

In attendance

Hamish Riach (Chief Executive), Jane Donaldson (GM Strategy & Compliance), Steve Fabish (GM Community Services), Neil McCann (GM Infrastructure Services), Dan Huisman (Senior Communications Advisor) and Phillipa Clark (Governance Team Leader).

Staff present for the duration of their reports: Toni Durham (Strategy & Policy Manager), Janice McKay (Corporate Planner), Mel Neumann (Policy Advisor), Richard Mabon (Senior Policy Advisor), Simon Worthington (Economic Development Manager) and Erin Register (Finance Manager).

Via MS Teams: Paul Brake (GM Business Support) and Sarah Mosley (Manager People & Capability).

1 Apologies

Nil.

2 Extraordinary Business

Nil.

3 Declarations of Interest

Nil.

4 Confirmation of Minutes – 16/03/22

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 16 March 2022, be taken as read and confirmed.

McMillan/Wilson

Carried

5 Confirmation of Minutes – 29/03/22

That the minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting held on 29 March 2022, be taken as read and confirmed.

Rawlinson/Lovett

Carried

6 Audit & Risk Committee – 23/03/22

That the minutes of the Audit & Risk Committee meeting held on 23 March 2022, be received.

Falloon/Braam

Carried

- **Ashburton Contracting Ltd – draft Statement of Intent 2022-23**

That Council approves the Ashburton Contracting Limited draft Statement of Intent for 2022-23 and formally advises the Ashburton Contracting Ltd Board of this decision before 28 April 2022.

Wilson/Falloon

7 Methven Community Board – 14/03/22

That the minutes of the Methven Community Board meeting held on 14 March 2022, be received.

McMillan/Letham Carried

8 Adoption of Draft Annual Plan 2022-23

That Council adopts the Draft Annual Plan 2022-23 and Consultation Document for consultation with the community from 7 April until 6 May 2022.

Mayor/Braam Carried

9 Climate Change Policy

The proposed policy wasn't fully supported by Councillors who commented that it should be tailored to suit this district and expanded to recognise the benefits as well as the negatives of climate change (such as a longer growing season / greater productivity).

Officers advised that a good reason for having a resilience plan is that it shows what staff are working on in the climate change space, and holds staff accountable through reporting to Council.

That Council receives the Climate Change Policy Review Background Report attached in appendix 1.

Cameron/Braam Carried

That Council adopts the Climate Change Policy 2022 as attached in appendix 2

Cameron/Braam Carried

Crs McKay and Wilson recorded their votes against the motion

That Council resolves to develop a 'Resilience Action Plan' to give effect to the Climate Change Policy.

Cameron/Braam Carried

Crs Falloon and McKay recorded their votes against the motion.

10 Economic Development Quarterly Report

That Council receives the Economic Development quarterly update.

Braam/Lovett Carried

11 Three Waters Reform

That Council receives the DIA's response to Ashburton District Council's submission feedback provided in September 2021 on the Three Waters Reform proposals at that time.

Falloon/McMillan Carried

Welcome to staff – 3.04pm

Sarah Mosley introduced Glen Smith and asked Council to acknowledge his long service (5 years) as a Building Official.

12 Road Closure – Standing Quarter Mile Sprint

That Council permits the following roads to be closed from 9.00am Saturday 23 April 2022 until 4.00pm the same day to allow the Standing ¼ Mile Sprint event to be held:

Winslow Willowby Road, from approximately 500 metres away from State Highway 1 to Longbeach Road.

Wilson/McKay Carried

Council adjourned for afternoon tea from 3.07pm until 3.25pm.

13 Financial Variance Reports

That Council receives the financial variance reports, and the EA Networks Centre income and expenditure reports, for January and February 2022.

Lovett/Letham Carried

14 Mayor's Report

- **LGNZ Conference and AGM**

That the Mayor be authorised to have Council's proxy vote at the Local Government New Zealand annual general meeting 2022, and the Deputy Mayor be the alternate proxy.

McKay/Cameron Carried

That Council receives the Mayor's report.

Brown/McMillan Carried

Business transacted with the public excluded – 3.49pm.

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 16/03/22 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ashburton Contracting Ltd	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
17	Audit & Risk Committee 23/03/22	Sections 7(2)(a) &(h)	Protection of privacy of natural persons & Commercial activities
18	Award of Contract WATE0220	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
19	Camping ground operations	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities

McMillan/Rawlinson Carried

Business transacted with the public excluded now in open meeting

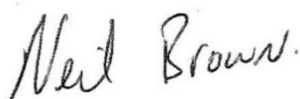
- **Operation of Rangitata Camping Ground**

That Council reduces the opening of the Rangitata camping ground to seasonal only, closing the camping ground over the three months from 1 May 2022 until 1 August 2022 until alternative options can be more fully investigated and implemented.

Falloon/Letham Carried

The meeting concluded at 4.24pm.

Confirmed 20 April 2022



MAYOR