

Council Minutes – 29 June 2022

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 29 June 2022, 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, John Falloon, Rodger Letham, Angus McKay, Lynette Lovett, Diane Rawlinson and Stuart Wilson.

At the Mayor's request, the Deputy Mayor chaired the meeting.

In attendance

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

Staff present for the duration of their reports: Erin Register (Finance Manager), Janice McKay (Communications Manager), Clare Harden (Community Administration Officer) and Tania Paddock (Legal Counsel).

Presentations

Fonterra: 1.55pm-2.30pm

Ashburton Police: 3.35pm-4.18pm

1 Apologies

Nil.

2 Extraordinary Business

Nil.

3 Declarations of Interest

Nil.

4 Confirmation of Minutes – 15/06/22

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 15 June 2022, be taken as read and confirmed.

Rawlinson/Cameron

Carried

5 Audit & Risk Committee – 22/06/22

That Council receives the minutes of the Audit & Risk Committee meeting held on 22 June 2022.

Cameron/Falloon

Carried

6 Methven Community Board

That Council receives the minutes of the Methven Community Board meeting held on 13 June 2022.

Letham/Lovett

Carried

7 Annual Plan 2022/23

In supporting the recommendation to adopt the Annual Plan, Council noted that the Chief Executive will be authorised to make any minor editing changes to the Plan.

That Council adopts the Ashburton District Council Annual Plan 2022/23.

Mayor/Braam

Carried

8 Setting of the Rates 2022/23

That Council sets the following rates under the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 on rating units in the district for the financial year commencing 1 July 2022 and ending on 30 June 2023.

All section references are to sections in the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002. All amounts are GST inclusive.

- The definition of connected and serviceable is contained in Council's Funding Impact Statement – Rating Policy and Schedule of Rates.
- The definition of separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit is contained in Council's Funding Impact Statement – Rating Policy and Schedule of Rates.
- The definition for the amenity rating area is contained within Council's Funding Impact Statement – Rating Policy and Schedule of Rates.

Uniform Annual General Charge (UAGC)

A uniform annual general charge of \$697.00 per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit, set under section 15.

The Uniform Annual General Charge (UAGC) funds wholly or in part the following activities of Council:

- Recreation facilities
- Community development
- Public conveniences
- Civil defence
- Community grants
- Library
- Arts and culture
- Democracy and governance

General rate

A general rate set under section 13 of \$0.000404 per dollar of capital value on each separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit in the district.

The general rate will be used to fund either wholly or in part the following activities of Council:

- Footpaths
- Stormwater
- Solid waste management
- Civil defence
- Community development
- Environmental services
- Cemeteries
- Water Resources
- Stockwater
- Reserves and campgrounds
- Parks and reserves
- Democracy and governance
- Elderly Persons Housing
- Business development
- District promotion

Roading rate

A targeted rate for road services set under section 16 of \$0.000433 per dollar of capital value on each separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit in the district.

Water supply rates

The following differential targeted rates are set under section 16 for each water supply area listed below. In each case the differential categories are:

- a) Connected rating units
- b) Serviceable rating units

The targeted rates are set as a fixed amount per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit. Rating units outside the defined water supply areas listed below, but which are nonetheless connected to a water supply scheme servicing a particular water supply area, will be charged the connected rate for that water supply area.

	Connected	Serviceable
Ashburton urban	\$514.20	\$257.10
Lake Hood	\$514.20	\$257.10
Methven	\$514.20	\$257.10
Rakaia	\$514.20	\$257.10
Fairton	\$514.20	\$257.10
Hakatere	\$514.20	\$257.10
Hinds	\$514.20	\$257.10
Mayfield	\$514.20	\$257.10
Chertsey	\$514.20	\$257.10
Mt Somers	\$514.20	\$257.10
Dromore	\$514.20	\$257.10

Water meters – Extraordinary supply

In addition to the above targeted rates, a targeted rate for water supply, set under section 19, will apply for:

- a) Rating units which fall outside a defined water supply area, but which are nonetheless connected to a water supply scheme servicing a water supply area (except Methven-Springfield, Montalto, Lyndhurst and Barrhill).
- b) Rating units which are used for non-residential purposes and which are connected to a water supply scheme in a water supply area (except Methven-Springfield, Montalto, Lyndhurst and Barrhill).

The rate is 96 cents per 1,000 litres of water consumed in excess of 90 cubic metres consumed in the quarterly periods during each year. The quarterly periods are 1 July to 30 September, 1 October to 31 December, 1 January to 31 March, and 1 April to 30 June.

Water meters – Residential D and Rural A supply

In addition to the above targeted rates, a targeted rate for water supply, set under section 19, will apply for:

- a) Rating units which fall outside a defined water supply area, but which are nonetheless connected to a water supply scheme servicing a water supply area (except Methven-Springfield, Montalto, Lyndhurst and Barrhill).

- b) Rating units which are used for non-residential purposes and which are connected to a water supply scheme in a water supply area (except Methven-Springfield, Montalto, Lyndhurst and Barrhill).

The rate is 96 cents per 1,000 litres of water consumed in excess of 438 cubic metres per annum. The period is 1 July – 30 June.

Methven-Springfield water supply rate

A targeted rate under section 16 of \$3,165.88 on all rating units connected to the Methven-Springfield water supply scheme, plus \$263.90 per 1,000 litres of water supplied in excess of 12,000 litres to any rating unit within the Methven/Springfield water supply scheme.

Montalto water supply rate

A targeted rate under section 16 of \$1,834.42 per rating unit in the Montalto water supply scheme, plus \$59.60 per hectare of land in the Montalto water supply scheme.

Lyndhurst water rate

A targeted rate under section 16 of \$163.40 on all rating units connected to the Lyndhurst water supply.

Barrhill village water rate

A targeted rate under section 16 of \$469.20 on all rating units within the proposed scheme boundary for the Barrhill Village water supply.

Wastewater disposal rates

The following differential targeted rates are set under section 16 for wastewater (sewage) disposal for the Ashburton urban area, Methven and Rakaia townships, and a further loan rate in the Rakaia township, as listed below. In each case the differential categories are:

- c) Connected rating units
- d) Serviceable rating units

The targeted rates are set as a fixed amount per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit.

	Connected	Serviceable
Ashburton	\$484.80	\$242.40
Methven	\$484.80	\$242.40
Rakaia	\$484.80	\$242.40
Rakaia loan rate	\$147.50	\$73.80

The following additional targeted rates are set under section 16 for wastewater disposal on connected rating units within the Ashburton urban area, Methven and Rakaia townships as listed below. These rates are set differentially based on location and the number of urinals / pans in excess of three, in each rating unit, as listed below.

	Urinal / pan charge from 4+
Ashburton	\$161.60
Methven	\$161.60
Rakaia	\$161.60

Solid waste collection rates

The following rates are set under section 16 for waste collection for each area to which the service is provided as listed below. The targeted rates are set as a fixed amount per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit.

Ashburton urban	\$235.30
Ashburton CBD (inner)	\$428.60
Methven	\$235.30
Rakaia	\$235.30
Hinds	\$235.30
Mayfield	\$235.30
Mt Somers	\$235.30
Chertsey	\$235.30
Fairton	\$235.30
Lake Clearwater	\$144.60
Rangitata	\$163.30
Ashburton District extended	\$235.30

Stockwater rate

A targeted rate under section 16 on all rating units within the general stockwater scheme.

The rate is to be determined in accordance with the following factors:

- e) A rate of \$209.56 where the total length of any stockwater races, aqueducts or water channels that pass through, along, or adjacent to, or abuts the rating unit does not exceed 246 metres in length; and
- f) A rate of 62 cents per metre where the total length of any stockwater races, aqueducts or water channels that pass through, along or adjacent to, or abuts the rating unit exceeds 246 metres in length; and
- g) A rate of \$119.10 for each pond service, pipe service, ram service, pump service, water wheel or windmill; and
- h) A rate of \$62.00 for each dip service or extension pump service using water from the Council's water race system.

Amenity rates

Targeted rates for amenity services under section 16 are as follows.

Ashburton CBD (inner) footpath cleaning rate

\$0.000450 per dollar on the capital value of every business rating unit within the Ashburton CBD (inner) rating area (as more particularly described by reference to the Ashburton District Council Rating Areas Map Book), for footpath services.

Ashburton urban amenity rate

\$0.000745 per dollar of capital value of every rating unit in the Ashburton urban area excluding Lake Hood (as more particularly described by reference to the Ashburton District Council Rating Areas Map Book) to meet the costs of stormwater services, footpaths and parks and open spaces funding.

Ashburton urban amenity rate – Lake Hood

\$0.000745 per dollar of capital value of every rating unit in the Ashburton (as more particularly described by reference to the Ashburton District Council Rating Areas Map Book) to meet the costs of stormwater services, footpaths, and parks and open spaces funding.

Ashburton business amenity rate

\$0.000326 per dollar of capital value of every business rating unit within the Ashburton urban area excluding Lake Hood (as more particularly described by reference to the Ashburton District Council Rating Areas Map Book) for the provision of district promotion and public conveniences.

Ashburton business amenity rate – Lake Hood

\$0.000326 per dollar on the capital value of every business rating unit within the Ashburton urban area for Lake Hood (as more particularly described by reference to the Ashburton District Council Rating Areas Map Book) for the provision of district promotion and public conveniences.

Methven business amenity rate

\$0.000433 per dollar on the capital value of every business rating unit within the Methven township area (as more particularly described by reference to the Ashburton District Council Rating Areas Map Book) for the purposes of district promotion and public conveniences.

Methven amenity rate

\$0.000579 per dollar on the capital value of every rating unit within the Methven township (as more particularly described by reference to the Ashburton District Council Rating Areas Map Book) to meet the costs of stormwater services, footpaths, parks and open spaces and reserve board funding.

Rakaia business amenity rate

\$0.000338 per dollar on the capital value of every business rating unit within the Rakaia township area (as more particularly described by reference to the Ashburton District Council Rating Areas Map Book) for the provision of district promotion and public conveniences.

Rakaia amenity rate

\$0.000592 per dollar on the capital value of every rating unit within the Rakaia township (as more particularly described by reference to the Ashburton District Council Rating Areas Map Book) to meet the costs of stormwater services, footpaths, parks and open spaces and reserve board funding.

Hinds stormwater rate

\$0.000223 per dollar on the capital value of every rating unit within the Hinds township area for the provision of stormwater services.

Rural amenity rate

\$0.000039 per dollar on the capital value of every rating unit within the rural area, excluding the townships of Methven and Rakaia, for the provision of footpaths and parks and open spaces.

Methven Community Board rate

A targeted rate to fund the Methven Community Board under section 16 of \$148.80 per rating unit within the Methven township (as more particularly described by reference to the Ashburton District Council Rating Areas Map Book).

Mt Hutt Memorial Hall rate

A targeted rate to partially fund the Mt Hutt Memorial Hall under section 16 of \$0.000059 per dollar on the capital value of each rating unit in the Methven township (as more particularly described by reference to the Ashburton District Council Rating Areas Map Book).

Due dates for payment of rates

The rates will be payable in four equal instalments due on:

- 20 August 2022
- 20 November 2022
- 20 February 2023
- 20 May 2023

Where the 20th of a month in which rates are due does not fall on a working day, rate payments will be accepted without penalty up to and including the first working day after the 20th of that month.

Due dates for payment of water meter charges – Extraordinary Supplies

That water by meter charges are due on:

Quarterly period	Reading dates completed	Invoice date
1 July to 30 September 2022	15 October 2022	20 November 2022
1 October to 31 December 2022	15 January 2023	20 February 2023
1 January to 31 March 2023	15 April 2023	20 May 2023
1 April to 30 June 2023	15 July 2023	20 August 2023

Due dates for payment of water meter charges – Residential D and Rural A supplies

That water by meter charges are due on:

Annual period	Reading date completed	Invoice date
1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023	15 July 2023	20 August 2023

Penalties

In accordance with sections 57 and 58, the Council authorises the Finance Manager to add the following penalties on rates unpaid by the due date.

A 10% penalty will be added to instalment balances remaining unpaid as at the following dates:

- 21 August 2022
- 21 November 2022
- 21 February 2023
- 21 May 2023

In addition a further penalty of 10% will be added to any unpaid rates and charges levied prior to 30 June 2022, if still unpaid as at 31 August 2022.

Falloon/Braam

Carried

9 Protected Disclosures Policy

That Council adopts the Protected Disclosures Policy for Elected Members and the Chief Executive.

Wilson/Lovett

Carried

10 Elected Members' Remuneration 2022/23

That Council receives the Remuneration Authority (elected member remuneration 2022/23) report.

McKay/Rawlinson

Carried

11 Mayor's Report

• Water Services Entities Bill

That the Mayor and Chief Executive be authorised to approve Council's submission on the Water Services Entities Bill.

Mayor/Cameron

Carried

Post meeting note: the draft submission was forwarded to elected members on 15 July for feedback and finalised to meet the government's 22 July deadline.

• LGNZ Remits

Council's direction was sought on the five remits proposed for the AGM.

- 1) Central government funding for public transport – *majority no*
- 2) Review of government transport funding – *majority yes*
- 3) Illegal street racing – *majority yes*
- 4) Bylaw infringements – *majority yes*
- 5) Density and proximity of vaping retailers – *majority yes*

That Council receives the Mayor's report.

McMillan/Cameron

Carried

Fonterra presentation – 1.55pm

Robb Stevens, Fonterra Manager Local Government & Stakeholder Affairs spoke about the company's Strategy, NZ Dairy industry mega trends, where milk from this region goes, factories, and the challenges going forward to meet the needs of the world's growing population and demand for sustainably produced and high quality milk.

- Strategy is underpinned by innovation, sustainability and efficiency.
- Strategy is to create value for farmers, customers and consumers.
- Investing 1b planned investment in sustainability. The big focus is on de-carbonising manufacturing plants. By 2037 have aim to get out of coal plants.
- Farmers and manufacturing sites have been reducing emissions and water footprints.
- Living water partnership with DOC – focusing on large scale improvements.
- Of the milk NZ produces, about 95% is exported off shore – 40 to 50 different countries.
- Cooperative difference – framework to improve farmers – a way to translate customer desires in a structured way to farmers. Gives farmers a runway for change.
- Outcome focus – want to see farm grown feed and managing nitrogen.
- Entering into a stage of rapid change. Increased compliance and complexity. Freshwater management, import restrictions, winter grazing management, increased cost of compliance plus legislative agenda (RMA, Freshwater, LG reform, modern slavery legislation), greenhouse gas emissions, access to skilled staff.
- Fonterra sees plant-based milk as being a complementary industry. It won't necessarily provide the micro-nutrients that milk does, but the product has a place in consumers' diets.
- Fonterra isn't planning to invest in infrastructure in the Ashburton district. With an assumption that milk volumes may decline, it will be important to keep existing plants at Clandeboye and Darfield full.

- Fonterra provides career pathways for young people and makes significant impact locally and nationally. The company acknowledges that there is a need to rebut some misinformation about the industry.

In conclusion, Robb thanked Council for the opportunity to speak today, and invited Council to share its ideas around opportunities and collaboration that could be considered with Fonterra.

LSV Presentation

The Mayor welcomed Christine Isherwood (MSD Co-ordinator) and Craig Thornley (SQLDR Officer Commanding Youth Development Unit). They together presented Deputy Mayor Liz McMillan with a photo of the LSV course group held at Burnham Camp in February-March 2022. As the group's Patron, Liz joined field exercises and spent time with the trainees which was greatly appreciated by the participants and the course co-ordinators. Her contribution was also recognised with a certificate previously presented.

Business transacted with the public excluded – 2.37pm.

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:	
12	Council 15/06/22 • Property matter [Now in open meeting] • Extension of Contract ROAD0145	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
13	Audit & Risk Committee 22/06/22	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
14	Council Grants 2022/23	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
15	Land Use Agreement	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities

McMillan/Mayor

Carried

Welcome to new and long-serving staff

Sarah Mosley introduced new staff – Rachel Carr (Welcoming Communities and Workforce Development Advisor), Ellen Nicol (Aquatics Manager) and Sonny Whitelaw (Marketing & Engagement Co-ordinator, Art Gallery & Museum).

Customer Services award

On behalf of the Customer Services Team, Amanda Watson (Team Leader) received Council's congratulations on winning the Association of Local Government Information Management (ALGIM) Supreme Award for best customer experience in 2022. ALGIM undertake 'mystery shopper' calls annually and then rank councils on how they handle those calls.

The Chief Executive, who was present at the ALGIM Awards Ceremony and accepted the award on behalf of Customer Services, also acknowledged the team members for doing their everyday job extremely well.

Council adjourned for afternoon tea from 3.14pm to 3.35pm.

Business transacted with the public excluded – 3.35pm.

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:	
	Police update	Section 7(2)(d)	Avoid prejudice to measures protecting health or safety of members of public

Mayor/Braam

Carried

Business transacted with the public excluded now in open meeting

Community Grants & Funding 2022/23

1. That Council allocates **\$199,495** in community grants and funding for 2022/23 as per the following categories:

- 1.1 Arts & Culture – Community Libraries Grant - \$15,000
- 1.2 Community Development – Agency Grant - \$61,000
- 1.3 Community Development – Community Projects Grant - \$38,370
- 1.4 Economic Development – Community Events Grant - \$6,000
- 1.5 Natural & Built Environment – Biodiversity Grant - \$15,000
- 1.6 Natural & Built Environment – Community Infrastructure Grant - \$62,000
- 1.7 Sport & Recreation – School Holiday Programme Grant - \$1,125
- 1.8 School Prize-giving - \$1,000.

Falloon/Lovett

Carried

The meeting concluded at 4.18pm.

[Confirmed by Council on 27 July 2022]

MAYOR