

Council

29 October 2020



Council Minutes – 29 October 2020

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Thursday 29 October 2020, commencing at 1.00pm, in the Council Chamber, 137 Havelock Street, Ashburton.

Present

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

In attendance

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

Staff present for the duration of their reports: Brian Fauth (Roading Manager), Colin Windleborn (Commercial Manager), Ian Hyde (Planning Manager), Richard Mabon (Senior Policy Advisor) and Mel Neumann (Policy Advisor).

Presentations

- Zoe Clulee – Outward Bound (2.30pm – 2.52pm)
- EA Networks (4.25pm – 5.00pm)

1 Apologies

Cr Rodger Letham

Sustained

2 Extraordinary Business

- Public forum withdrawn from the agenda, due to unavailability of the speakers.
- A recommendation to include a Zone Water Management Committee matter as part of the Mayor's report was later withdrawn. An update on Zone Committee activities will be reported to Council in December.

3 Declarations of Interest

Item 28: Cr McKay gave notice he will withdraw from debate and decision.

4 Confirmation of Minutes – 24/09/20

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 24 September 2020, be taken as read and confirmed.

Rawlinson/McMillan

Carried

5 Confirmation of Minutes – 8/10/20

That the minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting held on 8 October 2020, be taken as read and confirmed.

McMillan/Cameron

Carried

6 Community Services Committee – 8/10/20

That the minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting held on 8 October 2020, be received.

McKay/Cameron

Carried

7 Infrastructure Services Committee – 8/10/20

That the minutes of the Infrastructure Services Committee meeting held on 8 October 2020, be received.

Wilson/Lovett

Carried

- **Pressure Sewer Systems Policy**

That Council adopts the Pressure Sewer Systems Policy 2020.

Lovett/Braam

Carried

- **Walking & Cycling Strategy**

The draft Strategy was updated to include reference to Waka Kotahi (NZTA) being the primary funder for the development of improved walking and cycling network investment, through road user charges and fuel taxes.

Additional maps were tabled showing the Tinwald connection and legend for the proposed projects.

A suggestion that the strategy be amended to bring forward work on the Racecourse Rd shared pathway was not fully supported. The project remains in the draft strategy as low priority for completion in the medium term.

That Council approves the draft Ashburton Walking and Cycling Strategy to proceed to public consultation.

Braam/Rawlinson

Carried

8 Audit, Risk & Finance Committee – 13/10/20

That the minutes of the Audit, Risk & Finance Committee meeting held on 13 October 2020, be received.

Braam/Falloon

Carried

- **Ng King Bros Chinese Market Garden Settlement – additional funding**

That Council approves an additional budget of \$15,000 from the property reserve to make up the shortfall in the funds required to complete the restoration of the Ng King Bros Chinese Market Garden Settlement buildings.

Braam/McMillan

Carried

9 Methven Community Board

Council received the minutes of the Methven Community Board meeting held on 28 September 2020.

That Dan McLaughlin, Methven Community Board Chair be given speaking rights

Cameron/McMillan

Carried

The Chair commented on the Board's progress and the importance of having terms of reference that better define their activities. While there is more work to be done in this area, he considers that the Board is going in the right direction.

- **MCB Delegations**

1. **That** the Methven Community Board delegations report be received.

2. **That** the Methven Community Board terms of reference be approved and included in Council's Delegations Manual.

McMillan/Braam

Carried

- **Amendment to Methven Community Board Rating Map**

That Council approves the proposed minor amendment to the Methven Community Board rating map, as attached in Appendix 1, and directs officers to send this to the Local Government Commission for the final determination.

McMillan/Lovett

Carried

10 **Ashburton Domain Development Plan**

1. That Council adopts the Ashburton Domain Development Plan.

McKay/Rawlinson

Carried

Cr Braam recorded his vote against the motion.

2. That improvement projects will be price checked prior to inclusion and consideration in the LTP 2021-31 process, and the public be encouraged to submit their priorities through the LTP process.

McKay/Rawlinson

Carried

3. That this year's (2020/21) funding for Ashburton Domain related projects be re-prioritised for the following projects:

- Project 5 - New entry and access road;
- Project 8 - waterway enhancement; and
- Project 7 – Walnut Ave promenade.

McKay/Braam

Carried

11 **Baring Square East rejuvenation consultation**

1. That Council approves the final design brief for Baring Square East, taking into account the following:

- 1.1 Three concrete arbours are removed from the site with the remaining retained as a key vertical feature of the square.
- 1.2 The John Grigg statue and Llew Summers 'Love' sculpture are retained within Baring Square East.
- 1.3 Retaining the Legion of Frontiersmen and Boer War memorials in the current locations on Baring Square East.
- 1.4 Continue with lifting the water feature pavers, the basalt paving and seating as per the concept plan, and include shaded areas for some seats.
- 1.5 Continue with the concept plan proposal for a one-way traffic flow along Baring Square East, with entry from Cameron Street and exit onto Havelock Street.
The final design must include 45° angle parking and an allowance for bollards at the Baring Square East and Cameron Street / Havelock Street intersections.
- 1.6 The final design retains the current layout of Baring Square East and uses the existing established exotic plants for structure and natives in the lower-lying plant form to reflect the district well and simplify the design.
- 1.7 The final design reflects the concept plan for the civic plaza and allows for future use with power and lighting in relevant locations.
- 1.8 The final design reflects the concept plan for the civic plaza and allows for future use with input sought from Council's Events team and the Ashburton Trust Event Centre team on power and lighting needs.

2. **That** Council officers undertake a condition assessment of the John Grigg statue and incorporate remedial work, if required, into future budgets.
3. **That** Council brings forward the review of the Mobile Shops and Hawkers Bylaw to 2022.

Braam/Lovett

Carried

12 Notification of Proposed Plan Change 4 to Ashburton District Plan – CBD Revitalisation

That Council notifies proposed Plan Change 4 to the Ashburton District Plan relating to amendments and alterations to the Business and Definitions Sections of the District Plan as proposed in the document accompanying this report, in accordance with the requirements of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Rawlinson/Braam

Carried

13 Millibrook Place Trees

The Group Manager Strategy & Compliance reported that officers are developing a code of practice for subdivisions as well as a tree and vegetation management policy. Council supported this approach to ensure appropriate planting of street trees.

That Council approves the removal of the six oak trees on Council's road reserve at the entrance to Millibrook Place and the replacement of these trees with ten flowering dogwoods.

Braam/Cameron

Carried

14 Naming of Road – 54 West Town Belt, Rakaia

That the road to vest in Council under Subdivision Consent SUB20/0003 at 54 West Town Belt be named Eliza Way.

Mayor/McMillan

Carried

15 Hinds Reserve Board – leases and licences to occupy

That Council approves the granting of leases under section 54(1) of the Reserves Act 1977 to the Hinds Bowling Club Incorporated, the Hinds Rifle Club and the Southern Rugby Club (Mid-Canterbury) Incorporated for part of the Hinds Domain (as contained within Rural Section 41165) for a term of up to 33 years.

Wilson/Lovett

Carried

16 Rakaia Reserve Board – leases and licences to occupy

That Council approves the granting of leases under section 54(1) of the Reserves Act 1977 to the Rakaia Bowling Club Incorporated, the Rakaia Pony Club the Rakaia Squash Club and the Rakaia Rugby Club Incorporated for part of the Rakaia Domain (as contained within Rural Section 41165) for a term of up to 33 years.

Brown/McMillan

Carried

17 Mt Somers Hall – earthquake strengthening

It was noted that the loan will be funded from the commercial property account in the first year; in the following year the loan and interest costs will be repaid from the rural amenity rate, in accordance with Council's Revenue & Financing Policy.

1. **That** Council approves funding of \$85,000 including GST for earthquake strengthening and redecoration of the Mt Somers Memorial Hall in the 2020-2021 financial year to enable provincial growth funded repair and redecoration work to run concurrently; and
2. **That** funding for the repairs be loan funded.

McMillan/Braam

Carried

18 **South Rakaia Bach Owners Association – emergency siren funding**

Councillors speaking against the proposal commented that, reportedly, the Association has sufficient funding to purchase a siren without Council's assistance. Those speaking in support noted that the discretionary grant policy doesn't require detailed financial information from applicants.

Officers suggested that the discretionary grant policy, which was recently amended, include a form that will request financial detail to be submitted. This will be progressed at officer level.

That Council approves funding of \$5,000 from the discretionary grant fund for the South Rakaia Bach owners to replace the emergency siren.

Lovett/McMillan

Carried

A show of hands gave 5 for and 4 against and motion was carried.

Outward Bound Scholarship

The Mayor welcomed Zoe Clulee, recipient of the Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs Outward Bound Scholarship.

Zoe spoke positively of her experience on the "Mind, Body & Soul" course and the mental and physical challenges that presented. Learnings that she has taken away include working within a team, setting goals and being able to share personal experiences with new friends.

Zoe expressed her gratitude and appreciation of the sponsors who gave her the opportunity to attend Outward Bound.

Welcome to new and long-serving staff (2.52pm)

The Manager People & Capability introduced new staff – Laurretta Artz (Accountant), Hanna Ashby-Coysh (GIS Officer), Moe Dahlan (Projects & Operations Engineer), Dambar Yadav (Utilities Contract Engineer) and Kate Fowler (Sports Facilities Manager).

Council adjourned for afternoon tea from 2.54pm until 3.15pm.

19 **Services provided over Christmas and New Year 2020-21**

That Council receives the report.

McMillan/Rawlinson

Carried

20 **Mayor's Report**

• **Canterbury water management strategy regional committee**

Cr McKay spoke in support of discharging the committee, a view that wasn't fully supported at the regional committee meeting.

The Mayor will have the opportunity to discuss this further at the Mayoral Forum in December.

• **Chorus cabinets** [amended heading 17/12/20]

The Mayor reported that the first of the Chorus sponsored artworks has been completed with a painting by Nick Lowrie on a Chorus box in the Business Estate. This is one of five artworks selected by the Mayor to be painted onto Chorus boxes throughout Ashburton.

That Council receives the Mayor's report.

Mayor/Lovett

Carried

Business transacted with the public excluded – 3.27pm

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:	
21	Council 24/09/20	Sections 7(2)(h) & (a)	Commercial activities & protection of privacy of natural persons
22	Extraordinary Council 8/10/20	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
23	Community Services Committee 8/10/20	Sections 7(2)(h) & (a)	Commercial activities & protection of privacy of natural persons
24	Audit, Risk & Finance Committee 13/10/20	Sections 7(2)(h) & (a)	Commercial activities & protection of privacy of natural persons
25	Ashburton Relief Sewer – tender process	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
26	Land purchase	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
27	Land purchase	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
28	Proposed Plan Change 3 to Ashburton District Plan	Section 7(2)(g)	Maintain legal professional privilege
29	EA Networks	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
30	Executive Committee 2/09/20 – CE Performance Review	Section 7(2)(a)	Protection of privacy natural persons

Mayor/McMillan

Carried

Business transacted with the public excluded now in open meeting

- **CCTV contract**

That Council renews the existing CCTV contract with Masterguard Security Cameras from 18 December 2020 for three years with the option of a further one year.

McKay/Braam

Carried

The meeting concluded at 5.11pm.

Confirmed 17 December 2020



MAYOR