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## *Council Minutes – 1 September 2021*

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 1 September 2021, via Zoom, commencing at 1.00pm.

### **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), Paul Brake (GM Business Support), Jane Donaldson (GM Strategy & Compliance), Steve Fabish (GM Community Services), Neil McCann (GM Infrastructure Services), Sarah Mosley (Manager People & Capability), Ruben Garcia (Communications Manager) and Phillipa Clark (Governance Team Leader).

Staff present for the duration of their reports: Toni Durham (Recovery Manager/Strategy & Policy Manager), Emily Read (Corporate Planner), Richard Mabon (Senior Policy Advisor), Mel Neumann (Policy Advisor), Ian Hyde (District Planning Manager), Ian Soper (Open Spaces Manager), Simon Worthington (Economic Development Manager), Brian Fauth (Roading Manager), Colin Windleborn (Commercial Manager).

Jeanette Ward – Abley (1.30pm-1.52pm)

### **1 Apologies**

Nil.

### **2 Extraordinary Business**

**That** pursuant to Section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 the following item be introduced as extraordinary business:

- Update from CE on Council services under alert level 3

Mayor/McMillan

Carried

### **3 Declarations of Interest**

Nil.

### **4 Confirmation of Minutes – 18/08/21**

**That** the minutes of the Council meeting held on 18 August 2021, be taken as read and confirmed.

Wilson/McMillan

Carried

### **5 Audit & Risk Committee – 11/08/21**

**That** Council receives the minutes of the Audit & Risk Committee meeting held on 11 August 2021.

Falloon/Braam

Carried

### **6 Youth Council – 12/08/21**

**That** receives the minutes of the Youth Council meeting held on 12 August 2021.

Rawlinson/Lovett

Carried

## 7 Recovery Exit Strategy – May 2021 flood event

The Recovery Manager reported that of the 168 applications for funding assistance 79 came from the Ashburton district, with only 60 across Canterbury being successful. Council will continue to be updated on flood recovery work through the activity briefings.

The strategy will be updated to include a reference to damage that occurred around the Hinds River.

On behalf of Council, the Mayor thanked the recovery team for their response and the work undertaken.

**That** Council receives the Recovery Exit Strategy for the May 2021 flood event.

McKay/Cameron

Carried

## 8 Open Spaces Bylaw

**That** Council adopts the final Open Spaces Bylaw.

Rawlinson/Braam

Carried

## 10 Rangitata Camping Ground Fees Review

The Commercial Manager advised that the fees will be reviewed again at the end of the financial year. Council agreed that an incremental increase each year is preferable to waiting several years and having larger increases.

**That** Council adopts option 2 and amends the Rangitata Camping Ground fees for 2021/22 (GST inclusive) as follows:

	1/7/21-30/6/21	LTP 2021/22	Option 2 Fee
Unpowered –Adult) per person per night)	\$7.50	\$14.00	\$10.00
Unpowered –Child (5-17 years per night)	New charge	\$7.00	\$3.00
Unpowered –Child (under 4)	New charge	Free	Free
Powered –Adult (per person per night)	\$8.50	\$18.00	12.50
Powered – Child (5-17 years per night)	New charge	\$9.00	\$5.00
Powered –Child (under 4)	New charge	Free	Free
Storage per day (unpowered only)	\$1.50	\$4.00	\$2.00
Seasonal (49 days) unpowered	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$450.00
Seasonal (49 days) powered	\$630.00	\$630.00	\$550.00

Falloon/Rawlinson

Carried

## 9 Ashburton Parking Strategy and Ashburton Town Centre Parking Management Plan

Jeanette Ward joined the meeting and responded to questions.

- Changing demographics / ageing population – this impacts on how mobility parking and mobility scooter spaces are provided plus the proposal for drivers over 80 to have some priority parking. Something for both public and private sectors to take into consideration. Noted that Council staff worked with mobility parking advisors. The Strategy recognises that increased residential density near the CBD could occur and a longer term action for Council could look at the potential for residents parking in the town centre.

- Parks located to support businesses – achieved through time restrictions and locating within reasonable walking distances.
- Concern about loss of 40 car parks in CBD as a result of revitalisation – when new street designs were developed in 2017, it was accepted that in order to create more planting and provide rain gardens (mostly on Burnett / Tancred) there would be a reduction in parking spaces.
- Parking survey – once streetscapes works are finished and the Civic building has moved, a further parking survey will be undertaken. Data is already available from the in-ground parking sensors.
- EV parking – community feedback will be looked at. Also, there’s rapidly developing research which looks at optimum numbers of EV parking for a community.

Council asked for the draft Strategy to include reference to the whole district and that people be given the opportunity to feedback on parking needs in the rural townships. An additional question will be added to the consultation document for that purpose. Officers will circulate the suggested changes to Councillors before finalising the document.

**That** Council adopts the Draft Ashburton District Parking Strategy and Draft Ashburton Town Centre Parking Management Plan and summary for public consultation.

McKay/Cameron

Carried

#### **11 Renaming of road within subdivision at 181 Archibald Street, Tinwald**

- 1. That** the resolution of Council at the meeting of 28/07/2021 naming roads associated with Sub21/0047 is in part revoked; and
- 2. That** the road currently named Sheep Pen Street be renamed Drivers Lane.

Cameron/Braam

Carried

#### **12 Naming of right-of-way – 172 Walnut Avenue**

**That** the right of way proposed to be created as part of Subdivision Sub21/0031, at 172 Walnut Avenue, be named Georgia Lane.

McKay/Rawlinson

Carried

#### **13 Naming of road – 178 Racecourse Road**

**That** the road to vest in Council as part of Subdivision SUBA19/0007, at 178 Racecourse Road, be named Meadowlands Green.

Braam/Lovett

Carried

#### **14 Naming of road – 59 South Belt, Methven**

**That** the road to vest in Council as part of Subdivision Sub20/0042, at 59 South Belt in Methven, be named Elmwood Farm Lane.

McMillan/Braam

Carried

#### **15 Ashburton Car Club road closure – standing quarter mile sprint**

This event has been postponed until 2 October 2021 and the change of date will be notified. No objections have been received to the road closure.

1. **That** Council permits the following road to be closed from 9.00am Saturday 2 October 2021 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/Falloon

Carried

## 16 New slogan for Ashburton

Councillors speaking in support of the recommendation agreed that successful marketing of the district would be better achieved through this approach. However, there was some concern that while Council can't impose a slogan on the community, discarding the whole slogan approach would limit the ability to improve the district's image.

The Economic Development Manager confirmed that ChChNZ will be part of the marketing process. As part of the government's Covid response, this agency has recently received funding of \$1.5m, some of which will be used to assist councils develop their 'stories'.

**That** Council adopts option 4 and dispenses with the use of slogans in its marketing efforts and utilises a storytelling approach to selling the region, its businesses and its people.

Braam/Lovett

Carried

Cr Cameron recorded her vote against the motion.

## 17 Mayor's Report

- **Wakanui working group**

**That** Council appoints Cr Lynette Lovett as Council's representative on the Wakanui Working Group.

Lovett/Rawlinson

Carried

Cr McKay recorded his vote against the motion and questioned the ability of this project to restore reliable water flows. [Amended 15/09/21]

- **Tinwald corridor**

The Mayor asked for an update on this project to be reported to the September activity briefings.

**That** the Mayor's report be received.

Mayor/Lovett

Carried

## Extraordinary business

### **Covid- 19 Alert Level 3 – Council services**

The Chief Executive outlined the status of Council services with the move to alert level 3 –

- the majority of Council facilities remain closed and the majority of staff continue to work from home (approximately 30 staff are back in order to prepare for opening in level 2)
- the administration building is closed to the public, with a limited number of staff present
- Open Spaces staff have resumed work
- Refuse and recycling kerbside collection now includes the green (glass) bins
- Resource recovery parks are open for refuse and greenwaste, with safety / distancing measures and contactless payment
- public toilets on the main freight routes are open
- work has resumed on the major projects – the library & civic building, the relief sewer, and the CBD upgrade (where some double shifts and a change to the work programme will possibly allow some gains on the two weeks lost in level 4)
- regulatory services have resumed inspections (with restrictions around safety)

**That** the Chief Executive's update be received.

Mayor/McMillan

Carried

**Business transacted with the public excluded – 2.33pm**

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>19</b>	Executive Committee 12 & 25/08/21 Emergency relief funding	Section 7(2)(a)	Protection of privacy of natural persons
<b>20</b>	Council 18/08/21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Executive Committee</li><li>• EA Shareholders Committee</li><li>• Freeholding of Glasgow lease</li><li>• Ashburton Contracting Ltd</li></ul> [Now in open meeting] <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Property Holdings Policy (28/07/21)</li></ul>	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
<b>21</b>	Audit & Risk Committee 11/08/21	Section 7(2)(a)	Protection of privacy of natural persons
<b>22</b>	C-19 Economic Recovery Advisory group 12/08/21	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities

McMillan/Wilson

Carried

The meeting concluded at 2.56pm.

Confirmed 15 September 2021



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