
Council Minutes – 13 August 2020

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Thursday 13 August 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, Rodger Letham, Lynette Lovett, Angus McKay, Liz McMillan (via Zoom), 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), Sarah Mosley (Manager People & Capability), Toni Durham (Strategy & Policy Manager) and Phillipa Clark (Governance Team Leader).

Staff present for the duration of their reports: Andrew Guthrie (Assets Manager), Brian Fauth (Roading Manager), Martin Lo (Graduate Engineer), Richard Mabon (Senior Policy Advisor), Bevan Rickerby (Economic Development Manager), Colin Windleborn (Commercial Manager), Tania Paddock (In-house Counsel).

MCB Chairman, Dan McLaughlin attended.

Presentations

- Key Research – 1.30pm
- Ashburton Housing & Support Trust – 3.30pm

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 (supplementary to item 9):

- Rates remission policy – results of consultation

Lovett/Braam

Carried

3 Declarations of Interest

Nil.

4 Confirmation of Minutes – 25/06/20

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 25 June 2020, be taken as read and confirmed.

Cameron/Lovett

Carried

5 Confirmation of Minutes – 30/07/20

That the minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting held on 30 July 2020, be taken as read and confirmed.

Braam/Cameron

Carried

6 Environmental Services Committee – 9/07/20

That the minutes of the Environmental Services Committee meeting held on 9 July 2020, be received.

Braam/Rawlinson

Carried

7 Community Services Committee – 9/07/20

That the minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting held on 9 July 2020, be received.

Cameron/Braam

Carried

8 Infrastructure Services Committee – 9/07/20

That the minutes of the Infrastructure Services Committee meeting held on 9 July 2020, be received.

Wilson/Rawlinson

Carried

- **District speed review**

1. **That** Council adopts the speed limit changes as shown in the appended speed limit maps (Appendix 1).
2. **That** Council amends the Transportation Bylaw, as per the maps contained within Appendix 1, and this is publically notified.

Wilson/Lovett

Carried

The Roding Manager reported that central government have indicated they want a 30km/hour restriction past urban schools and 60km/hour past rural schools. This direction is yet to be confirmed by NZTA and would be the subject of a further report to Council. There is still discussion to be had with the schools on where signs will go, and whether variable signs will be used.

Council agreed that with uncertainty around the central government timeline, Council's recommendation to set a 40km/hour limit past urban schools should proceed.

That Council develops the placement of the school zone speed limits with schools and stakeholders, with speed limits outside rural schools set at 60 km/h, and 40 km/h outside urban schools.

Cameron/Braam

Carried

That Council installs variable speed limit signs outside schools.

Falloon/Lovett

Carried

That Council retains the speed limit along the Arundel Rakaia Gorge Road at Mount Somers, between Hoods Road and Ashburton Gorge Road, at 100 kilometres per hour; and that officers be directed to investigate road treatment options with the Mount Somers Citizen Association.

Falloon/Rawlinson

Carried

9 Audit, Risk & Finance Committee – 9/07/20

That the minutes of the Audit, Risk & Finance Committee meeting held on 9 July 2020, be received.

Braam/Falloon

Carried

- **Ashburton hospital helipad**

That the item of business being discussed be adjourned to the Extraordinary Council meeting on 27 August 2020.

Cameron/Braam

Carried

Extraordinary Business

- **Rates remission policy – supplementary report**

The Strategy & Policy Manager reported that targeted consultation has been undertaken with 27 stakeholder organisations and the wider community. There were no responses and the recommendation to amend the Rates Remission Policy remains.

1. **That** Council receives the report.
2. **That** Council amends the criteria and process in the Rates Remission Policy for 2020-21 only, for penalty write-offs for instalment 1-4 of the 2020-21 rates, specifically;
 - 2.1 **That** Council waives the restriction to allow for penalty waivers to be applied if applicants have already received a waiver in the past 24 months, with the maximum number of write-offs available being for the rates instalments 1-4 in the 2020-21 rating year.

McKay/Lovett

Carried

10 Methven Community Board

That the minutes of the Methven Community Board meeting held on 29 June 2020, be received.

McMillan/Letham

Carried

- **Discretionary grant applications**

That the Methven Community Board's unspent discretionary funds be carried over in the 2020/21 financial year.

Letham/Falloon

Carried

11 Annual Residents' Survey 2019-20

Michael Hooker from Key Research presented the results of the annual residents' survey.

- 950 responses (23% response rate which is fairly standard)
- Data collected in four separate periods – Sept / Dec 2019 and Mar / Jun 2020
- Overall satisfaction has dropped to about where it was in 2018
- Top performing areas – cemeteries, public library, emergency management, grants and funding, domain
- Improvements over past 12 months - advocacy, arts and culture, economic development, museum and social services
- Roading is the most significant area of dissatisfaction
- Satisfaction with rates spend is right on target
- Satisfaction with EA Networks Centre is above target
- Overall performance measure has declined potentially due to low levels of satisfaction with roading network
- Possibly a more engaged/considered sample (a more critical audience)
- 15 of 18 LTP measures are met or exceeded – good news
- Importantly residents are saying that Ashburton is a good place to live.

That Council receives the 2019/20 Annual Residents' Survey report.

McKay/Falloon

Carried

12 EA Networks Centre electric vehicle (EV) charging stations

1. **That** Council approves the granting of a right to convey electricity easement in favour of Electricity Ashburton Limited (trading as EA Networks) over Lot 2 Deposited Plan 2894 (as contained within Record of Title CB257/195) for the purposes of an electric vehicle charging station and associated infrastructure, subject to section 48 of the Reserves Act 1977 ("the Methven Easement").

2. **That** Council agrees that notification of the intention to grant the Methven Easement is not required, as the statutory test in section 48(3) of the Reserves Act 1977 is met, for reasons set out in the report.
3. **That** Council exercises the authority delegated to administering bodies by the Minister of Conservation for the granting of the Methven Easement over reserve land.
4. **That** Council approves the granting of a right to convey electricity easement in favour of Electricity Ashburton Limited (trading as EA Networks) over Lot 3 Deposited Plan 55869 (as contained within Record of Title CB33B/384) for the purposes of an electric vehicle charging station and associated infrastructure.

Braam/Falloon

Carried

13 Ashburton Car Club – Standing Quarter Mile Sprint

That Council permits Winslow Willowby Road to be closed from 9.00am until 5.00pm on Saturday 29 August 2020 to allow the Standing Quarter Mile Sprint to be held:

Winslow Willowby Road, from Longbeach Road intersection to approximately 500 metres from the intersection with State Highway 1.

McKay/Wilson

Carried

14 Mayor's Report

That Council receives the Mayor's report.

Mayor/Braam

Carried

- **Mayor's diary**

The event scheduled on 12 August in Timaru was cancelled, due to the unavailability of the Prime Minister.

Business transacted with the public excluded – 2.16pm

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 25/06/20	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
16	Extraordinary Council 30/06/20	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
17	Community Services Committee 9/07/20	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
18	Infrastructure Services Committee 9/07/20	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
19	Audit, Risk & Finance Committee 3/09/20	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
21	Award tender for removal of ex i-Site building	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities

Falloon/McKay

Carried

Welcome to new and long-serving staff

The Manager People & Capability introduced new staff – Mel Neumann (Graduate Policy Advisor), Angelica McCormick (Aquatics Manager) and Angus Heard (Gym Instructor).

Council acknowledged the long service of Nicky Farrell (Senior Librarian – 40 years), Robyn Brake (Customer Services Officer – 10 years), Amanda Watson (Customer Services Team Leader – 5 years), Bert Hofmans (Open Spaces Planner – 5 years) and Rhonda Stirling (Customer Services Officer) who is retiring after 14 years).

Council adjourned for afternoon tea from 3pm to 3.18pm.

Business transacted with the public excluded – 3.18pm

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20	Elderly Persons Housing & Ashburton Housing Support Trust	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
22	Reserve revocation and land disposal	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
23	Leasing options on Council land	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
24	Museum operations	Sections 7(2)(a) & (h)	Commercial activities, and protection of privacy of natural persons

That representatives of the Ashburton Housing Support Trust be in attendance for the duration of their presentation (3.30pm-3.57pm).

Mayor/Wilson

Carried

Business transacted with the public excluded now in open meeting

- **Waireka Croquet Club loan**

That Council grants the Waireka Croquet Club a one-off discretionary grant of \$10,000 towards the purchase of the second-hand lawn mower, construction of the shed and installation of the security cameras. This funding is conditional on the Club receiving approval for the location of the building with Council's Commercial Property, Open Spaces and Building teams.

McKay/Lovett

Carried

- **Internal/External Borrowing**

1. **That** Council confirms the conversion of internal debt to external debt subject to being able to borrow from the Local Government Funding Agency.
2. **That** Council uplifts the 2020/21 debt requirement ahead of the project funding requirements.
3. **That** Council replaces long term debt level number two "Net interest costs to be less than 25% of total rates revenue" with "net interest costs to be less than 30% of total rates revenue."
4. **That** Council removes long term debt level limit number three being "Net debt shall not exceed 175% of total revenue".

Falloon/Mayor

Carried

- **Tender for removal of ex i-Site building**

That Council accepts the offer for the purchase and removal of the former i-Site building from Mid Canterbury Aero Club of \$1,000 and provide a loan to the Club for the removal of the building of up to \$150,000 to be repaid on terms to be agreed upon.

McKay/Braam

Carried

A show of hands gave 8 for and 2 against the motion

- **Reserve revocation**

That in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 24 of the Reserves Act 1977, Council resolves that the land held by Council as a recreation reserve described in the Schedule is surplus to requirements as it is no longer being used for its classification as recreation reserve and as the land serves no other reserve purpose and further that the Council requests that the Minister of Conservation revokes the reservation over the land.

Falloon/Cameron

Carried

- **Options for leasing Council land**

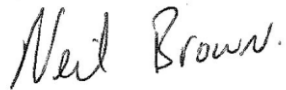
That any lease of Council's South Street property includes a restraint of trade prohibiting the maintenance or compliance testing of vehicles at that property.

Falloon/McKay

Carried

The meeting concluded at 4.20pm.

Confirmed 24 September 2020



MAYOR