

Council

17 March 2021



Council Minutes – 17 March 2021

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 17 March, 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 (via Zoom), Angus McKay, Liz McMillan, Diane Rawlinson (via Zoom) and Stuart Wilson.

In attendance

Hamish Riach (Chief Executive), Paul Brake (GM Business Support), Steve Fabish (GM Community Services), Jane Donaldson (GM Strategy & Compliance), Neil McCann (GM Infrastructure Services), Sarah Mosley (Manager People & Capability) and Carol McAtamney (Governance Support).

Staff present for the duration of their reports: Toni Durham (Strategy & Policy Manager), Richard Mabon (Senior Policy Advisor), Emily Reed (Corporate Planner), Mel Neumann (Policy Advisor), Colin Windleborn (Commercial Manager), Brian Fauth (Roading Manager) and Rhys Roberts (Technical Support Officer – Roading).

Presentations

Waka Kotahi/NZTA – 2.20pm-3.00pm

Ashburton Air Cadets – 3.00pm – 3.16pm

1 Apologies

Nil.

2 Extraordinary Business

Nil.

3 Declarations of Interest

Nil.

4 Confirmation of Minutes – 03/03/21

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 3 March 2021, be taken as read and confirmed.

McMillan/Braam

Carried

5 Long-Term Plan 2021-31 Consultation Document

An updated consultation document was tabled.

Elderly Persons Housing – Changes to Option 1:

- Self-sustaining in 2 years. This will raise an additional \$1.96 million across the 10 years of the plan, resulting in only \$135,000 needed from the general rate and loan funding of \$1.4 million
- General rate is not required from 2023/24.

That Council adopts the Long-Term Plan 2021-31 consultation document, and undertakes consultation with the community using the Special Consultative Procedure from 19 March to 19 April 2021.

Braam/Falloon

Carried

Drinking Water Meters

Concerns were raised as to the interpretation of the summary statement in regard to the installation of drinking water meters on every property. To highlight that Council's reason for installing the meters is for leak detection, it was agreed that the wording "*we do not plan to charge for ordinary water connections*" will be shown in bold in the consultation document.

Amendment

1. **That** Council adopts the Long-Term Plan 2021-31 consultation document, as amended to highlight that Council does not plan to charge for ordinary water meter connections; and
2. **That** Council undertakes consultation with the community on the Long-Term Plan 2021-31, using the Special Consultative Procedure, from 19 March to 19 April 2021.

McKay/Cameron

Carried

A show of hands gave 6 for the amendment and 3 against.

The amendment became the substantive motion and was carried.

6 Infrastructure and Financial Strategies

That Council adopts the draft Infrastructure Strategy and draft Financial Strategy to underpin the development of the Long-Term Plan 2021-31.

Falloon/Braam

Carried

7 Treasury Management Policy 2021

It was noted that Point 11 should have stated that Officers recommend Option Two, not Option One as stated in the report.

1. **That** Council adopts the Treasury Management Policy 2021 (as set out in Appendix One).
2. **That** Council undertakes no public consultation on the Treasury Management Policy 2021.
3. **That** Council receives the *Operating Guidelines to the Treasury Management Policy* (as set out in Appendix Two).

Cameron/Braam

Carried

8 Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Policy

Appendix 2 – Request for CCTV Images Process

- Elected members to be included as authorised persons who can request access to CCTV images

1. **That** Council adopts the amended Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Policy.
2. **That** Council receives the amended Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Guidelines.

McMillan/Falloon

Carried

Presentation – Waka Kotahi/NZTA (2.20pm – 3.00pm)

The Mayor welcomed representatives of Waka Kotahi/NZTA – Michael Blyleven (NZ Upgrade Programme Canterbury Team Leader), Grace Ryan (Consultants Design team) and Fiona McLeod (Comms and Engagement).

- NZ Upgrade Programme is investing \$6.8 billion to save lives, get communities moving and boost productivity
- Two projects in Ashburton - SH1 Walnut Avenue and Tinwald Corridor
- SH1 Walnut Avenue – replace roundabout with traffic signals
 - Design is complete except for rail signs. Working with KiwiRail on the design as it is a specialist task.
 - Plan to enable some works to go ahead in the meantime
 - Construction tender to go to market in the near future
 - Work expected to commence mid-year and to be completed by the end of 2022 (18 month work period)
- Tinwald Corridor
 - Proposed option is to provide signals at Agnes/Lagmhor intersection to improve safety and access
 - Improves access to Graham Street with a right-turn bay and gaps in the southbound traffic
 - Promotes a safe cycle route via Melcombe Street, which emerged as the preferred option from the ADC walking and cycling strategy
 - Promote viaduct as one way for outbound north turning traffic onto SH1, remove southbound right turn – relocate this further down SH1
 - Next steps are to undertake consultation, consider feedback, design the preferred option and finalised the business case for approval
 - Public consultation day scheduled for Tuesday 23 March, 3.00pm to 6.30pm at the Tinwald School
 - Work expected to commence in approximately six months' time and to be completed by November 2023.

No. 24 Ashburton Squadron, Air Training Corps (3.00pm)

Members of the No. 24 Ashburton Squadron, Air Training Corps joined the meeting to be presented with the District of Ashburton charter. The Charter, while mostly symbolic gives the squadron the right to parade the streets on ceremonial occasions such as Anzac Day and Armistice Day.

Welcome to new and long-serving staff (3.16pm) [amended 7/04/21]

Sarah Mosely, Manager People & Capability, introduced new staff – Penny Tuanui (Systems Officer, Building), Rebecca Skansie (Digital Access Coordinator), Jane Riach (Community Engagement Coordinator) and Rosie Twamley (Library Assistant).

Council also acknowledged the long service of Andrew Guthrie (Assets Manager) – 35 years, Stephanie Fechny (Property Information Officer) – 15 years, Jeremy Lambert (Roading Engineer) – 5 years, and Peter York (Planner), 5 years.

Council adjourned for afternoon tea from 3.22pm to 3.35pm.

9 Elderly Persons Housing Policy

That Council adopts the draft Elderly Persons Housing Policy for consultation through the Long-Term Plan.

Braam/McMillan

Carried

10 Development Contributions Policy

That Council adopts the draft Development and Financial Contributions Policy 2021 and Consultation Document for consultation from 19 March 2021 to 19 April 2021 under s.82 of the Local Government Act 2002.

McKay/Braam

Carried

11 Ashburton Car Club Road Closure – Ashburton Street Sprints

That Council permits the following roads in the Riverside Industrial Park be closed from 7.30pm Friday 7 May 2021 until 8.00pm Sunday 9 May 2021 to allow the Street Sprints to be held:-

Smallbone Drive, from River Terrace to Robinson Street

Robinson Street, from Smallbone Drive intersection to McNally Street

Watson Street, from Range Street to Robinson Street

McNally Street, from Range Street to end of the street

Range Street, from Robinson Street to Watson Street

McKay/Falloon

Carried

12 Flying Kiwi Motorcycles Ltd – NZ Land Speed Record

That Council permit the following road be closed from 8.00am Friday 9 April 2021 until 4.30pm Sunday 11 April 2021 to allow the NZ Land Speed Record attempt to be held:-

McCrorys Road, from Awaroa School Road to Kyle Road intersection

Braam/Letham

Carried

12 Mayor's Report

• Rangitata River Restoration Project

ADC has recently agreed to participate in the Rangitata River restoration project including representatives from Timaru DC, ECan, Arowhenua and various Government departments. The aim of the group is to develop draft visions and goals, river restoration plan and annual workplan for ultimate approval.

That a report be prepared on Council's participation in the Rangitata River restoration project.

McKay/Falloon

Carried

• Regional Event Fund

That Council appoints Deputy Mayor Liz McMillan as Council's representative on the Mid Canterbury Funding panel.

Wilson/Braam

Carried

That the Mayor's report be received.

Mayor/McMillan

Carried

Business transacted with the public excluded – 4.13pm.

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: | |
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| 14 | Council 17/02/21 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Freeholding Glasgow leaseSale of land | Section 7(2)(h) | Commercial activities |
| 15 | Audit & Risk Committee 10/02/21 | Section 7(2)(h) | Commercial activities |
| 16 | Caring for Communities Welfare Recovery Group | Section 7(2)(a) | Protection of privacy of natural persons |
| 17 | Library & Civic Centre PCG 16/02/21 | Section 7(2)(h) | Commercial activities |
| 18 | NZTA organisation and budget update | Section 7(2)(h) | Commercial activities |
| 19 | Ashburton Contracting Ltd | Section 7(2)(h) | Commercial activities |

Cameron/Braam

Carried

The meeting concluded at 4.24pm.

Confirmed 7 April 2021

Neil Brown.

MAYOR