
Council Minutes – 21 May 2020

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Thursday 21 May 2020, commencing at 9.30am, 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, Diane Rawlinson and Stuart Wilson.

In attendance

Hamish Riach (Chief Executive), Jane Donaldson (GM Strategy & Compliance), 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: Rick Catchpowle (Environmental Monitoring Manager), Michael Wong (Building Services Manager), Bevan Rickerby (Economic Development Manager), Colin Windleborn (Commercial Manager).

Presentations

- Methven Community Board – 9.35am to 9.42am
- EMC Board – 9.56am – 10.15am

1 Apologies

Nil.

2 Extraordinary Business

Items 10 and 22 were withdrawn from agenda. The minutes will be included in the Covid-19 Response Committee agenda on 28 May.

Item 21 - ACL representatives will be in attendance.

3 Declarations of Interest

Nil.

4 Confirmation of Minutes – 9/04/20

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 9 April 2020, be taken as read and confirmed.

Wilson/McMillan

Carried

5 COVID-19 Response Committee – 16/04/20

That the minutes of the COVID-19 Response Committee meeting held on 16 April 2020, be received.

Rawlinson/Cameron

Carried

6 COVID-19 Response Committee – 23/04/20

That the minutes of the COVID-19 Response Committee meeting held on 23 April 2020, be received.

McMillan/Lovett

Carried

7 COVID-19 Response Committee – 30/04/20

That the minutes of the COVID-19 Response Committee meeting held on 30 April 2020, be received.

Wilson/Braam

Carried

8 COVID-19 Response Committee – 7/05/20

That the minutes of the COVID-19 Response Committee meeting held on 7 May 2020, be received.

Cameron/Rawlinson

Carried

9 COVID-19 Response Committee – 14/05/20

That the minutes of the COVID-19 Response Committee meeting held on 14 May 2020, be received.

McMillan/Braam

Carried

11 Dog Control Services – Fees and charges for 2020/21

1 **That** Council adopts the dog registration and control fees and charges for 2020/21 as set out in Appendix 1.

2 **That** the dog registration and control fees and charges for 2020/21 are publically notified.

McKay/Rawlinson

Carried

14 Methven Community Board

Dan McLaughlin and Kelvin Holmes briefly updated Council on Community Board matters. With meetings currently suspended, the Board's focus has been on promoting the Methven 'Ignite Change' programme and actively promoting Methven. The Board recognises the impact that Covid-19 will have on tourism, retail and hospitality in Methven.

The Board will be advised on the outcome of Council's 'shovel-ready' grant applications for the Methven water projects. Should the applications be unsuccessful Council will be proceeding with both projects.

The Board acknowledged Council's decision to increase its discretionary fund.

12 IANZ Accreditation Audit

1. **That** Council receives the IANZ report.

2. **That** Council be notified when the non-compliances are cleared by IANZ.

Braam/Wilson

Carried

15 Mayor's Report

• **LGNZ annual general meeting**

That the Mayor be authorised to have Council's proxy vote at the Local Government New Zealand annual general meeting 2020, and the Deputy Mayor be the alternate proxy.

Wilson/McMillan

Carried

• **Meetings**

It was noted that the Mayor was unable to attend the Advance Ashburton meeting on 18 May, and the Anzac Day wreath laying took place on 28 April.

That Council receives the Mayor's report.

Mayor/McMillan

Carried

13 Experience Mid Canterbury Quarterly Update – May 2020

James Urquhart and Bruce Moffat joined the meeting via Zoom. Key points from the update and EMC's response to the coronavirus pandemic were noted

- Tourism, hospitality and retail has taken a hit
- EMC reacted quickly with its campaign as soon as Level 3 was lifted. Currently have a major campaign across South Island and moving into North Island on Monday. Using platform of YouTube
- Supporting with another campaign on Facebook called Through-place – across Auckland, Wellington, Waikato, Christchurch, Queenstown, Southland districts. Expect the growth through the domestic market to be slow.
- Expect by Mid June likely to see more people willing to travel around wider Canterbury area and South Island.
- Looking at positives - have a lot of work to do to get domestic visitor to understand value.
- Some operators in district have stopped as they can't currently meet compliance costs.
- EMC have started work with Flight Centre as a strategic partner – looking to build some packages (ski Mt Hutt / accommodation).
- NZSki don't do packages but are partnering with House of Travel and are looking at another opportunity with a local accommodation provider.
- Freedom camping statistics reflect a number of tourists temporarily staying in district as they moved closer to Christchurch awaiting flights out of NZ.
- Pre C-19, 89% of district's spend was by the domestic market – hope to see that support again.

That the Experience Mid Canterbury report be received.

McMillan/Letham

Carried

Council adjourned for morning tea from 10.15am to 10.35am.

Business transacted with the public excluded – 10.35am

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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| 16 | Council 9/04/20 | Section 7(2)(h) | Commercial activities |
| 17 | COVID-19 Response Committee 16/04/20 [Now in open meeting] | Section 7(2)(h) | Commercial activities |
| 18 | COVID-19 Response Committee 23/04/20 | Section 7(2)(a) | Protection privacy natural persons |
| 19 | COVID-19 Response Committee 30/04/20 | Section 7(2)(h) | Commercial activities |
| 20 | Land Acquisition | Section 7(2)(h) | Commercial activities |
| 21 | Ashburton Contracting Ltd | Section 7(2)(h) | Commercial activities |

That ACL Chairman Alister Lilley and General Manager Gary Casey be present for item 21.

McMillan/Letham

Carried

Business transacted with the public excluded now in open meeting

- **Compulsory land acquisition**

That Council:

1. In exercise of the powers conferred on it by the Local Government Act 2002 and the Public Works Act 1981 ("PWA"), Council resolves to acquire the Land described in the Schedule for Road.
2. The Council resolves to commence the compulsory acquisition process for the Land pursuant to its powers under section 189 of the Local Government Act 2002 and Section 16 of the PWA by:
 - a. Publicly advertising for the known whereabouts of the registered owners;

- b. If, after a period of 3 months, no one has come forward to claim title, then the Chief Executive be authorised to serve notices under Section 23 of the PWA by way of public notification;
 - c. If, after the closing of the objection period, no one has come forward to claim title and no objections have been lodged with the Environment Court, then the Chief Executive be authorised to take the Land by Proclamation in accordance with Section 26 PWA.
3. If persons are identified who have the right to claim title to the Land, or objections to the taking are received, then Council Officers are authorised to negotiate land purchase with the claimant, subject to final approval of any agreement by Council.

SCHEDULE

Area Description

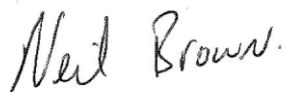
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Braam/Letham

Carried

The meeting concluded at 12.30pm.

Confirmed 25 June 2020



MAYOR