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## ***Council Minutes – 1 December 2021***

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 1 December 2021, commencing at 1pm in the Council Chamber, 137 Havelock Street, Ashburton.

### **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 (Strategy & Policy Manager), Richard Mabon (Senior Policy Advisor), Andrew Guthrie (Assets Manager), Tania Paddock (Legal Counsel), Colin Windleborn (Commercial Manager), Zane Adam (Property Officer) and Ian Hyde (Planning Manager).

MCB members Dan McLaughlin and Sonia McAlpine.

### **Presentations**

Methven Community Board – 1.45pm-2pm

#### **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:

- Hinds and Rakaia swimming pools – demolition of changing rooms

McMillan/Wilson

Carried

#### **3 Declarations of Interest**

Nil.

#### **4 Confirmation of Minutes – 17/11/21**

**That** the minutes of the Council meeting held on 17 November 2021, be taken as read and confirmed.

Braam/Letham

Carried

#### **5 Youth Council – 10/11/21**

**That** Council receives the minutes of the Youth Council meeting held on 10 November 2021, be received.

Lovett/Rawlinson

Carried

## Extraordinary Business –

### Demolition of the Hinds and Rakaia pool changing rooms

1. **That** Council provides funding of \$27,800 for the demolition costs of the Hinds and Rakaia pools changing rooms and to provide fencing and portaloos.
2. **That** this be funded from Property Reserve Account.

Wilson/Rawlinson

Carried

## 6 Surface Water Strategy – Progress Report

Council agreed that it would be useful to workshop and review parts of the Strategy in more depth before developing solutions.

The Assets Manager explained that the work is resource intense and a lot of the actions within the strategy have tensions between them. After the workshop in the new year officers will look at what resources are required to achieve outcomes.

It was further noted that the issue of flooding on McKee Street, reported by the Methven Community Board, isn't identified in the Strategy but will instead be investigated by Roading and reported back to the Board in the new year.

1. **That** Council receives the Surface Water Strategy – Progress Report to 30 June 2021.
2. **That** Council workshops the Surface Water Strategy in the new year.
3. **That** the progress report is provided to key stakeholders.

McKay/Cameron

Carried

## 7 Three Waters Reform – next steps

Council generally supported the inclusion of an additional clause (3) after informal workshop discussion this morning. The workshop looked at alternative three waters models that have been identified by various councils.

**That** Council approves joining the multi Council campaign to convince the Government to alter its intention to proceed with legislation that will compel councils to transfer their 3 Waters assets into the ownership and/or operational control of another legal entity without the agreement of an affected council to that transfer.

Falloon/McMillan

Carried

**That** Council notes that the cost to Ashburton District Council to participate in the campaign fund is \$15,000; this fund to be held in trust and administered by Timaru District Council.

Falloon/McMillan

Carried

**That** Council notes its opposition to the current proposal for reform of the three waters assets, but if reform is to proceed, Council's preference is the Waka Kotahi type model whereby Council continues to manage the assets with funding support from the Crown with investment decided on the merits of various business cases.

Falloon/McMillan

Carried

Crs Cameron, Rawlinson & Wilson recorded their votes against the motion supporting the Waka Kotahi model.

## 8 Community Events Grant – Christmas Market

1. **That** Council allocates \$1,643.75 in event funding for the Christmas Market as per the following category:

1.1. Community Development – Events - \$1,643.75.

2. **That** the funding be made subject to the event being operated under the relevant COVID 19 regulations.

Cameron/Braam

Carried

## Methven Community Board – 1.45pm

Board Chairman Dan McLaughlin and Deputy Chair Sonia McAlpine were welcomed to the meeting. Council received updates on –

- *MCB discretionary grants* – around 46k distributed over the past 12 months, including funding to Methven Lions for the walkway project. The Lions Club have undertaken significant work to the value of approximately 200k. The Methven skatepark is another successful project and recipient of Board funding.
- *Methven development* – sections in the new subdivisions have sold quickly, with only 8 remaining. The Board is concerned that population data in the LTP doesn't reflect the actual population increase occurring.
- *MethvenNZ website* – the Board received funding to update the website which includes an events calendar. The impact of Covid on Methven businesses has been significant.

The Mayor thanked the presenters and acknowledged the good work being carried out by the Community Board. He commented on the recent opening of the Opuke hot pools being a highlight for Methven, and the work Council will undertake to upgrade Methven's water filtration and storage.

## 10 Mayor's Report

### • Civil Defence Emergency Management Committee

The Mayor reported that the Committee was presented with an update on the government's consideration of three papers seeking resolution of strategic issues and matters identified and highlighted by the Canterbury flood events in May-June. One relates to the SH1 corridor and supports the second bridge across Ashburton River. The papers will be forwarded to the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to be progressed.

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

Mayor/McMillan

Carried

## Business transacted with the public excluded – 2.13pm.

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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| 12      | Council 17/11/21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Refugee Resettlement Group</li><li>• Library &amp; Civic Centre PCG 9/11/21</li><li>• ACL Operations report</li></ul> | Section 7(2)(a)<br>Section 7(2)(h)<br>Section 7(2)(h)   | Protection of privacy of natural persons<br>Commercial activities<br>Commercial activities |
| 13      | Ashburton Domain   | Section 7(2)(h)   | Commercial activities  |
| 14      | Lake Clearwater Huts Settlement  | Section 7(2)(h)   | Commercial activities  |

McMillan/Braam

Carried

**Business transacted with the public excluded now in open meeting**

- **Ashburton Domain - new entrance and access road**

**That** Council delays the Ashburton Domain road and Walnut Avenue promenade projects and considers them as part of the 2022/23 Annual Plan process.

Braam/Wilson

Carried

The meeting concluded at 2.50pm.

Confirmed 15 December 2021



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MAYOR