

Council Minutes – 5 April 2023

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 5 April 2023, commencing at 1.00pm in the Council Chamber, 137 Havelock Street, Ashburton.

Present

His Worship the Mayor, Neil Brown (Chair), Deputy Mayor Liz McMillan; Councillors Leen Braam, Carolyn Cameron, Russell Ellis, Phill Hooper, Lynette Lovett, Tony Todd and Richard Wilson.

In attendance

Hamish Riach (Chief Executive), Jane Donaldson (GM Strategy & Compliance), Toni Durham (GM Democracy & Engagement), Neil McCann (GM Infrastructure & Open Spaces), Janice McKay (Communications Manager) and Phillipa Clark (Governance Team Leader).

Staff present for the duration of their reports: Richard Mabon (Senior Policy Advisor), Tayyaba Latiff (Policy Advisor), Tania Paddock (Legal Counsel), Hayley Beduinheiz (Accountant).

1 Apologies

Nil.

2 Extraordinary Business

Nil.

3 Declarations of Interest

Item 21 – Cr Lovett declared a conflict of interest and gave notice that she will withdraw from the meeting for this matter.

4 Confirmation of Minutes – 15/03/23

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 15 March 2023, be taken as read and confirmed.

McMillan/Braam

Carried

5 Audit & Risk Committee – 23/03/23

That Council receives the minutes of the Audit & Risk Committee meeting held on 23 March 2023.

Ellis/Braam

Carried

• Ashburton Contracting Ltd – Draft Statement of Intent 2023/24

1. **That** Council receives the Ashburton Contracting Limited 2023-24 draft Statement of Intent.

2. **That** Council formally advises the ACL Board of any comments on the draft Statement of Intent before 2 May 2023, including the insertion of a note acknowledging the potential impact from the three waters reform.

Cameron/Lovett

Carried

6 Methven Community Board – 13/03/23

That Council receives the minutes of the Methven Community Board meeting held on 13 March 2023.

McMillan/Todd

Carried

7 Consultation for the Annual Plan 2023/24

That Council decides not to consult on the Annual Plan 2023-24 in accordance with section 95 (2a) of the Local Government Act, 2002.

Braam/Todd

Carried

8 Draft Transportation & Parking Bylaw 2015 – public consultation

The summary consultation document will be circulated to elected members prior to consultation commencing.

That Council approves the draft Transportation and Parking Bylaw 2015 for public consultation, commencing 13 April 2023.

Cameron/Lovett

Carried

9 Explanatory Bylaw Review

That Council adopts the amended Explanatory Bylaw as attached in Appendix 1.

Braam/McMillan

Carried

10 Draft Revenue & Financing Policy (Drinking Water) – public consultation

It was noted that officers have identified four options (2, 3, 4 and 5) that would achieve the outcomes of this decision. References to 2A, 2B, 2C and 2D in the recommendation have been replaced.

The Mayor advised that the recommendations will be taken separately.

1. **That** Council supports public consultation on the District Water Group (DWG) option in preference to retaining the status quo for Methven-Springfield water.

Braam/Ellis

Carried

Council supported the inclusion of an additional 'Option 6' – an allocation model reflecting the 1.2m³/ day allocation plus one extra unit charge. It was suggested this would better address affordability and is more equitable.

- **That** Council selects Option 2 (*12+1 model*), Option 5 (*6+1 model*) and Option 6 (*1.2+1 model*) as the preferred options for public consultation.

Wilson/Lovett

Carried

- **That** Council supports public consultation on the policy that serviceable properties will not be charged a half charge in the Methven-Springfield supply area.

Wilson/Ellis

Carried

- **That** Council approves the draft Revenue and Financing Policy – Drinking Water attached as Appendix 1 (as amended) for public consultation, commencing 6 April 2023.

McMillan/Braam

Carried

11 Local Governance Statement 2022/25

That Council adopts the Local Governance Statement 2022-25.

McMillan/Todd

Carried

12 Licence to Occupy – Tinwald stock effluent disposal facility

Clarification was sought on whether the access issues for trucks using the disposal facility have been fixed. An update will be provided in the next Rooding Activity Briefings.

That Council enters into a Licence to Occupy with Carrfields Investment Limited for the power supply for the Tinwald stock effluent disposal facility for a term of 30 years, plus a further right of renewal of 30 years.

Braam/Lovett

Carried

13 Rakaia Rugby Club Lease

That Council approves the granting of a Deed of Lease under section 54(1) of the Reserves Act 1977 to Rakaia Rugby Club Incorporated for part of the Rakaia Domain (as contained within Reserve 4638) for a term of 10 years, plus two rights of renewal of 10 years each.

Braam/Mayor

Carried

14 Economic Development quarterly report – October-December 2022

The Mayor requested a report on all known, upcoming events. The Events Advisor will be asked to report this through the May Activity Briefings.

- **That** Council receives the October, November & December 2022 Economic Development quarterly update.

Cameron/Todd

Carried

15 Financial Reports

It was noted that the stockwater operating expenditure has a permanent variance with a budget overspend (109%). A report will be brought to Council, in due course, to consider whether additional budget is required this year.

That Council receives the February 2022 financial variance report and EA Networks Centre income and expenditure report.

Ellis/Hooper

Carried

16 Mayor's report

- **Second urban bridge**

The Mayor commented on a positive meeting in Wellington with the Minister of Transport. The Minister was advised that the business case is well advanced and that work could start within the year, subject to detailed design and consents being completed. Waka Kotahi are to form a group to look at funding options that can be reported back to the Minister.

- **Hokonui radio**

The Mayor noted that Phill Hooper will finish in his radio host role this week. On behalf of Council the Mayor thanked Phill for his 16 years of service to the community that has included hosting Council's weekly radio slot.

That Council receives the Mayor's report.

Mayor/McMillan

Carried

Business transacted with the public excluded – 2.37pm

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:	
17	Council – 15/03/23	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
18	Library & Civic Centre PCG – 21/02/23	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
19	Kainga Ora	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
20	Community House lease	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities

Ellis/Braam

Carried

Council resumed in open meeting at 3.01pm.

Welcome to Staff

Katie Perry, People & Capability Manager, introduced new staff – Sharon Watson (Youth Employment Coach), Jo Waby (Applications Specialist), Gabby Sloan (Applications Officer-Roading), Toby Cairns (Lifeguard), Hunter Choie (Lifeguard) and Jason Blissett (Assistant Sexton).

Council also acknowledged the long-service of Library Assistant Celeste Bennett (20 years) and Children's Librarian Jonathon Nixon (5 years).

Council adjourned for afternoon tea from 3.08pm until 3.25pm.

That Council resumes with the public excluded at 3.25pm.

Mayor/McMillan

Carried

Business transacted with the public excluded now in open meeting

• Te Pātaka o kā Tuhituhi – Te Waharoa a Hine Paaka

That Council releases a media statement and update on Te Pātaka o kā Tuhituhi – Te Waharoa a Hine Paaka, noting


- the final budget is likely to exceed the current project budget of \$56.75m in the order of 10%;
- the completion of the building is anticipated by the end of this year; and
- the Government's contribution of \$20m means the overall impact on Ashburton ratepayers is still less than the original budget.

Cameron/Ellis

Carried

The meeting concluded at 3.35pm.

[Confirmed by Council 19 April 2023]



MAYOR