

Council Minutes – 17 May 2023

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 17 May 2023, commencing at 1.00pm in the Council Chamber, 137 Havelock Street, Ashburton.

Present

Deputy Mayor Liz McMillan (Chair); Councillors Leen Braam, Carolyn Cameron, Russell Ellis, Phill Hooper, Lynette Lovett, Rob Mackle, Tony Todd and Richard Wilson.

In attendance

Hamish Riach (Chief Executive), Jane Donaldson (GM Compliance & Development), Toni Durham (GM Democracy & Engagement), Leanne Macdonald (GM Business Support), Neil McCann (GM Infrastructure & Open Spaces), Sarah Mosley (GM People & Facilities), Janice McKay (Communications Manager) and Phillipa Clark (Governance Team Leader).

Staff present for the duration of their reports: Mark Chamberlain (Roading Manager), Mark Low (Strategy & Policy Manager), Emily Reed (Corporate Planner), Femke van der Valk (Policy Advisor), Rachel Carr (Welcoming Communities Advisor) and Richard Wood (Sports Facilities Manager).

Declaration by Councillor Rob Mackle

The statutory declaration was made by Cr Rob Mackle, as required by cl. 14, Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002, and witnessed by the Deputy Mayor and Chief Executive.

Presentations

Waitaha Primary Health – 1.25pm-1.48pm

Welcoming Communities – 2pm-2.20pm

Kermode St Properties – 3.30pm-3.46pm

1 Apologies

His Worship the Mayor, Neil Brown

Sustained

2 Extraordinary Business

The Chair gave notice that the Waitaha Primary Health presentation will be taken with the public excluded.

3 Declarations of Interest

Nil.

4 Confirmation of Minutes – 3/05/23

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 3 May 2023, be taken as read and confirmed.

Cameron/Lovett

Carried

5 Methven Community Board – 1/05/23

That Council receives the minutes of the Methven Community Board meeting held on 10 May 2023.

Ellis/Braam

Carried

6 Road Safety Co-ordinating Committee – 2/05/23

That Council receives the minutes of the Road Safety Co-ordinating Committee meeting held on 2 May 2023.

Hooper/Wilson Carried

7 Audit & Risk Committee – 10/05/23

That Council receives the minutes of the Audit & Risk Committee meeting held on 10 May 2023.

Cameron/Ellis Carried

8 Emergency Works Funding

That Council funds the local share of \$932,602 for the emergency works in 2022/23 from the dividend reserve.

Braam/Todd Carried

9 Engine Braking Noise

Council supported the proposal to work with Waka Kotahi and there was also a view that the agency should be asked to install “No Engine Brake” signs on the SH1 approaches to Ashburton.

The Roading Manager advised that the use of signs won’t necessarily mean a reduction in use of engine brakes and, in Waka Kotahi’s view, signs have no effect. Council could choose to install signs at its own cost, but the recommendation is to instead work with trucking operators and industry groups to educate and influence driver behaviour.

That Council works with Waka Kotahi and the heavy transport industry to reduce engine braking noise on SH1 entering Ashburton.

Braam/Lovett Carried

A show of hands gave 5 for and 4 against the motion.

Business transacted with the public excluded – 1.25pm

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:	
16	Waitaha Primary Health	Section 7(2)(a)	Protection of privacy of natural persons

That Bill Eschenbach is present for this item.

Todd/Ellis Carried

Council resumed in open meeting at 1.48pm.

10 Draft Economic Development Strategy

That Council approves the draft Economic Development Strategy for public consultation.

Braam/Lovett Carried

11 Alcohol Control Bylaw

- That** Council adopts the Alcohol Control Bylaw as attached in Appendix 1.
- That** Council resolves the adopted Alcohol Control Bylaw comes into force on 1 June 2023.

Todd/Braam Carried

12 Councillors' Report

That Council receives the Councillors' report.

Lovett/Ellis

Carried

13 Mayor's report

That Council receives the Mayor's report.

Cameron/Todd

Carried

Waitaha Primary Health Board

1. **That** Council invites applications from persons interested in representing the Ashburton District on the Waitaha Primary Health Board.
2. **That** the Executive Committee be delegated to consider the applications and recommend suitable candidate(s) for the role of the Ashburton District community representative.

McMillan/Cameron

Carried

Welcoming Communities – MBIE

Council welcomed Alesano Schuster Nakhid to the meeting.

As a Senior Advisor with MBIE / Immigration NZ's Refugee and Migrant Support, Alesano spoke about the purpose of the welcoming communities programme, noting that one third of NZ councils are now involved.

Ashburton's programme is successful and the district is now recognised as a leader in the welcoming communities space, nationally and internationally. The challenge now is ensuring migrants want to stay – there are still issues of anxiety, prejudice and vulnerability. Creating a welcoming, inclusive environment is crucial and building social infrastructure requires the same amount of focus, investment and commitment as other infrastructure.

Council agreed there is a role for the Settlement Steering Group to advocate on behalf of migrant families who may need more funding and assistance to access tertiary education.

With Council in the process of reviewing its Welcoming Plan, Alesano advised that Ashburton has the potential to apply for and become the first 'Advanced Welcoming Community'.

Council adjourned for afternoon tea from 2.20pm until 2.45pm.

Business transacted with the public excluded – 2.48pm

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:

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14	EA Networks Centre – plant	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
15	ABE Sale of land	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
16	Land purchase	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
17	Council – 19/04/23 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ACL Ltd• Executive Committee 15/03/23 [now in open meeting]• Ashburton water renewals tender	Section 7(2)(h) Section 7(2)(a)	Commercial activities Protection of privacy of natural persons
18	Audit & Risk Committee 10/05/23	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
19	Methven Community Board 1/05/23	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities

20	Library & Civic Centre PCG 18/04/23	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
21	Library & Civic Centre PCG 2/05/23	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
22	Ashburton Settlement Steering Group	Section 7(2)(a)	Protection of privacy of natural persons

That Peter Gluyas is present for this item.

Braam/Lovett

Carried

Business transacted with the public excluded now in open meeting

Service lane request – Kermode Properties Ltd

That Council acquires the 38m² area of land from Kermode Properties Limited to widen the service lane and create one vehicle crossing at the sum of \$12,000 plus GST.

Cameron/Braam

Carried

The meeting concluded at 4.20pm.

[Confirmed by Council 7 June 2023]

MAYOR