

## *Council Minutes – 20 March 2024*

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 20 March 2023, commencing at 1pm in the Hine Paaka Council Chamber, Te Whare Whakatere, 2 Baring Square East, Ashburton.

### **Present**

His Worship the Mayor, Neil Brown; Deputy Mayor Liz McMillan and Councillors Leen Braam, Carolyn Cameron, Russell Ellis, Phill Hooper, Lynette Lovett, Rob Mackle and Richard Wilson.

### **In attendance**

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

Staff present for the duration of their reports: Ian Hyde (Planning Manager), Nicholas Law (Senior Planner), Mark Chamberlain (Roading Manager), Mark Low (Strategy & Policy Manager), Femke van der Valk (Corporate Planner), Ian Soper (Open Spaces Manager), Christian Chukwuka (Ecologist/Biodiversity Officer) and Renee Julius (Property Manager).

### **1 Apologies**

Cr Tony Todd (absence) and Cr Phill Hooper (early departure) Sustained

### **2 Extraordinary Business**

Nil.

### **3 Declarations of Interest**

Nil.

### **Presentations**

- Civic Financial Services – 1.06pm-1.20pm
- Ashburton Water Zone Committee – 2.32pm-2.50pm

### **4 Confirmation of Minutes – 6/03/24**

**That** the minutes of the Council meeting held on 6 March 2024, be taken as read and confirmed.

Cameron/McMillan Carried

### **5 Methven Community Board – 11/03/24**

**That** Council receives the minutes of the Methven Community Board meeting held on Monday 11 March 2024.

Cameron/Lovett Carried

### **Civic Financial Services**

Chief Executive, Charlie Howe provided an overview of Riskpool, the public liability insurance for councils. Council was reminded that the mutual liability fund provided cover to member councils from July 1997 until June 2017 when members decided to close down the scheme. Weather tightness had become an issue throughout NZ, the fund couldn't cope with the demand, and insurers no longer wanted to be involved. During the wind-up period, there have been some late notified claims.

A call was made on member councils in December for payment and all responded. Riskpool will continue to keep member councils informed and ADC will be provided with the detail of the approximately 60 claims made from this district.

The presentation concluded at 1.20pm.

## 6 District Plan Change 5

1. **That** Council adopts the Commissioner's recommendations attached to this report in respect of Plan Change 5 to the Ashburton District Plan comprising alterations to:

- Provision of cycle parking and mobility parking standards
- Provision for the assessment of high trip generation activities
- Consequential amendments to various sections resulting from the implementation of the National Policy Statement on Urban Development
- Updates to the Roding Hierarchy tables in the Transportation section.

Ellis/Cameron

Carried

## 7 Adoption of Long-Term Plan 2024-34 – Supporting Information

The Strategy & Policy Manager presented information that will be consulted on as part of the Long-Term Plan, including rating systems maps and proposed fees and charges.

Officers will clarify the following –

- 1) Clarification on whether the new (\$75) event application fee would be charged to 'not for profit' organisations.
- 2) Whether a hyperlink to Infometrics data can be included in the Financial Strategy (pg 173)
- 3) Whether a comment can be included (fees & charges) to encourage events at the Ashburton Airport.

The Mayor questioned the need to extend the Rakaia waste services collection area to the extent proposed and suggested that it instead be reduced to a distance of approximately 1km from the wastewater treatment area.

**That** the Rakaia waste collection rating map show the area of service extended approximately 1km from the existing boundary to the new subdivision.

Mayor/Cameron

Carried

The Chief Executive recorded his thanks to the Officers who have been involved in getting the Long-Term Plan to this stage. Council is looking forward to feedback from the community.

1. **That** Council adopts the LTP 2024-34 supporting information for consultation.
2. **That** Council approves the Rating Map revisions, as amended, as outlined for consultation

Mayor/Lovett

Carried

## 8 Adoption of Long-Term Plan 2024-34 Consultation Document

1. **That** Council adopts the Long-Term Plan 2024-34 consultation document and undertakes consultation with the community from 27 March to 28 April 2024.

Cameron/Ellis

Carried

## 9 Adoption of Biodiversity Strategy 2024

Council agreed to amend references to significant natural areas to show that consideration is being given central government's intentions. With a 12 month review clause in the Strategy, Council will await further direction from the Minister before reconsidering the future of SNAs.

*[Sections 1.1A, 1.1# and the Glossary were amended]*

**That** Council adopts the Biodiversity Strategy 2024.

Lovett/McMillan

Carried

## Ashburton Water Zone Committee

Zone Committee Chair, Bill Thomas presented the Committee's Annual Progress Report 2022-23 and 2024 update. *[Powerpoint presentation circulated]*

## 10 Stockwater Closure – SKW/008/23 – Ashburton River Road

1. **That** Council approves the closure of the stockwater race starting on PN: 25334 – Ashburton River Road, Methven to a junction on PN: 379 – 50 McNeill's Road, Methven, being a total of 9,623m.
2. **That** the closure be effective from 21 September 2024.

Wilson/Braam

Carried

Cr Hooper left the meeting at 3.03pm.

## 11 Stockwater Closure – SKW/010/23 Wilkinsons Road

1. **That** Council approves the closure of the stockwater race starting on PN: 24668 – Wilkinson Road, Chertsey to two points on PN: 20140 – Chertsey Kyle Road, Chertsey, being a total of 5,220m.
2. **That** the closure be effective from 21 June 2024.

Lovett/Ellis

Carried

Council adjourned for afternoon tea from 3.08pm to 3.29pm.

## 12 Ashburton Car Club road closure – street sprints

**That** Council permits the temporary road closure of Smallbone Drive, Robinson Street, Watson Street and McNally Street from 7.00 pm on Friday, 26 April 2024 until 8.00 pm on Sunday, 28 April 2024 and the temporary road closure of Range Street from 6.00 pm Saturday, 27 April 2024 until 6.30 am on Sunday, 28 April 2024 to allow the Street Sprint Meeting to be held.

Ellis/Cameron

Carried

## 13 Mayor's Report

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

Mayor/Cameron

Carried

### Business transacted with the public excluded – 3.32pm

**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:	
15	Council – 6/03/24	Sections 7(2)(a) & h)	Protection of privacy of natural persons & Commercial activities
16	EPH Friendship funding	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
17	Service Provider – CE Performance Review	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
18	West Street carpark	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
19	CE 6 Month Performance Review	Section 7(2)(a)	Protection of privacy of natural persons

Ellis/McMillan

Carried

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

- **EPH Units at 1-16 Friendship Lane – Funding for redevelopment**
  1. **That** Council approves the required loan funding of \$1,631,194 spread over the life of the project, including the current annual plan 2023/24.
  2. **That** Council approves any under-spend of the \$800,000 loan currently budgeted in the 2023/24 annual plan, be carried into 2024/25 for the continuation of the project.

Braam/Ellis

Carried

Council resumed in open meeting and concluded at 4.15pm.

**[Confirmed by Council 3 April 2024]**

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MAYOR