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## ***Council Minutes – 5 November 2025***

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 5 November 2025, commencing at 1.00pm in the Hine Paaka Council Chamber, Te Whare Whakatere, 2 Baring Square East, Ashburton.

### **Present**

Her Worship the Mayor, Liz McMillan; and Councillors Carolyn Cameron, Russell Ellis, Deb Gilkison, Phill Hooper, Julie Moffett, Jeanette Maxwell, Tony Todd and Richard Wilson.

### **In attendance**

Hamish Riach (Chief Executive), Helen Barnes (GM Business Support), Toni Durham (GM Democracy & Engagement), Ian Hyde (GM Compliance & Development), Neil McCann (GM Infrastructure & Open Spaces), Sarah Mosley (GM People & Facilities), Tania Paddock (General Counsel) and Phillipa Clark (Governance Team Leader).

Staff present for the duration of their reports: Gordon Cruickshank (Financial Performance Manager).

### **1 Apologies**

Cr Phill Everest

Sustained

### **2 Extraordinary Business**

Nil.

### **3 Declarations of Interest**

Nil.

### **4 Confirmation of Minutes – 29/10/25**

**That** the minutes of the Inaugural Council meeting held on 29 October 2025, be taken as read and confirmed.

Cameron/Todd

Carried

### **5 Governance Structure for the 2025-28 Triennium**

**That** Council adopts the 2025-28 governance structure and elected member appointments.

Wilson/Maxwell

Carried

### **6 Elected Members' Remuneration following the 2025 Triennial Elections**

- 1. That** Council receives the elected members' remuneration report.
- 2. That** Council advises the Remuneration Authority that its governance arrangements for the nine councillors includes four (4) positions of additional responsibility.
- 3. That** Council approves the allocation of the full remuneration pool on the following basis:
  - a) Executive Committee Members (x 4)                      \$57,420

b) Councillor base remuneration (x 5) \$52,149

4. **That** Council provides a vehicle for the Mayor with full private use.
5. **That** the Ashburton District Council governance pool proposal be submitted to the Remuneration Authority for approval and inclusion in the next amending determination.
6. **That** Council notes that the proposed allocation of the remuneration pool is subject to a determination being issued by the Remuneration Authority, with additional payments (above the minimum Councillor base rate) being backdated once the determination has been issued.

Ellis/Hooper

Carried

## 7 2026 Schedule of Council Meetings

Council supported the proposal to use Tuesdays as a reserve day for meetings and workshops and noted that the Methven Community Board have agreed to the dates proposed for Board meetings.

**That** Council adopts the 2026 schedule of Council and Methven Community Board meetings.

Todd/Moffett

Carried

## 8 Service Provisions over Christmas and New Year 2025-26

**That** Council receives this report.

Hooper/Cameron

Carried

## 9 Road Closure – Ashburton Car Club Standing ¼ Mile Sprint

**That** Council permits the temporary closure of a portion of Somerton Road on Saturday 29 November 2025, from 9am to 4.30pm to allow the Quarter Mile Sprint to be held.

Ellis/Todd

Carried

## 10 Financial Report

**That** Council receives the 30 September 2025 financial variance report.

Gilkison/Cameron

Carried

## Business transacted with the public excluded 1.39pm

**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:	
11	Freeholding of Glasgow Lease	Section 7(2)(i)	Conduct of negotiations
12	Plains Museum Trust appointments	Section 7(2)(a)	Protection of privacy of natural persons

Ellis/Hooper

Carried

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

- **Plains Museum Trust Appointments**

1. **That** Council appoints Stefan van Vliet and Alden Thomas to the Plains Museum Trust as its community representatives until the 2028 Local Government elections.

Hooper/Todd

Carried

**[Confirmed by Council 3 December 2025]**

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MAYOR