

Council

17 February 2021



Council Minutes – 17 February 2021

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

Present

His Worship the Mayor, Neil Brown; Councillors Leen Braam, Carolyn Cameron, John Falloon, Rodger Letham, Lynette Lovett, Angus McKay, Liz McMillan, Diane Rawlinson and Stuart Wilson.

In attendance

Hamish Riach (Chief Executive), Steve Fabish (GM Community Services), Jane Donaldson (GM Strategy & Compliance), Sarah Mosley (Manager People & Capability), Toni Durham (Strategy & Policy Manager) and Phillipa Clark (Governance Team Leader).

Staff present for the duration of their reports: Richard Mabon (Senior Policy Advisor), Andrew Guthrie (Assets Manager), Colin Windleborn (Commercial Manager), Michelle Hydes and Ann Smith (Property Officers).

Presentation

Ashburton Service Level Alliance (1.30pm-2.07pm)

1 Apologies

Nil.

2 Extraordinary Business

That pursuant to Section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 the following items be introduced as extraordinary business:

- Street plaques to highlight history of Ashburton
- Buying local – procurement processes

Cameron/Falloon

Carried

3 Declarations of Interest

Item 18 – The Mayor declared an interest and gave notice that he will leave the meeting for this item and the Deputy Mayor will take the Chair.

4 Confirmation of Minutes – 3/02/21

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 3 February 2021, be taken as read and confirmed.

Wilson/McMillan

Carried

5 Methven Community Board – 1/02/21

That the minutes of the Methven Community Board meeting held on 1 February 2021, be received.

McMillan/Letham

Carried

6 Ashburton District Road Safety Co-ordinating Committee – 2/02/21

That the minutes of the Road Safety Co-ordinating Committee meeting held on Tuesday 2 February 2021, be received.

Cameron/Lovett

Carried

7 Biodiversity Advisory Group – 2/02/21

That the minutes of the Biodiversity Advisory Group meeting held on Tuesday 2 February 2021, be received.

Rawlinson/Lovett

Carried

8 Review of Rates Remission Policy 2021

The Mayor reported that he has asked for this report to be revised after discussion with the Chief Executive.

That the matter lies on the table until the Council meeting on 3 March 2021.

Mayor/McKay

Carried

9 Review of Rates Postponement Policy 2018

- 1. That** Council make no changes to the Rates Postponement Policy 2018.
- 2. That** Council undertake no consultation on the Rates Postponement Policy 2018.
- 3. That** Council review the Rates Postponement Policy 2018 in 2024.

Braam/McKay

Carried

10 Mid Year Performance Report

• Local infrastructure

Officers were asked to check whether tankered water is checked for compliance before being added to a water supply.

That Council receives the mid-year non-financial performance report.

Cameron/McKay

Carried

Presentation – Ashburton Service Level Alliance

The Mayor welcomed representatives of ASLA – Gordon Guthrie (Chair) and Jenny Gill, and the Canterbury Clinical Network (CCN) Service Level Alliance Co-ordinator, Jules Wilkie.

Jules presented information on the CCN work programme and outlined the Alliance's partnership approach with its member organisations. A copy of the powerpoint presentation has been circulated.

ASLA would welcome feedback from Council and consumers about the health needs in the community.

[The Ashburton Service Level Alliance was established in 2015 to recommend how to best allocate Ashburton health services funding, systematise service provision across the district, and ensure access and service equity to the population within the funding available].

11 Water Services Bill Submission

1. That Council:

1.1 Receives the report;

1.2 Approves the submission to the Health Committee about the Water Services Bill attached as Appendix One.

Braam/Lovett

Carried

12 Financial Variance Report – December 2020

That Council receives the variance report for the period ending 31 December 2020.

Falloon/Rawlinson

Carried

13 Road Closure – Ashburton Car Club gravel sprint

That Council permits the following roads to be closed from 8.00am Saturday 6 March 2021 until 6.00pm the same day to allow the Gravel Sprint event to be held:

Lower Downs Road, from Quarry Road to approximately #518 Upper Downs Road.

McKay/Wilson

Carried

14 Mayor's Report

• Regional Land Transport Plan 2021-2031

Council supported the Mayor's recommendation that the submission will request that the second urban bridge remains in the plan as proposed, and that a four lane highway be put forward as Council's preferred approach for improving safety between Rolleston and Ashburton.

It was agreed that submissions should also be made for pedestrian-safe refuges on SH1 (Ashburton/Tinwald) and SH77 (Methven), along with improvements to pedestrian and cycle access on the existing Ashburton bridge.

The Group Manager Infrastructure Services reported that a draft submission will be presented to Council on 3 March. He explained that the pedestrian / cycle safety projects are a separate funding category and will be raised with NZTA separately. A further request for the speed limit to be lowered through Rakaia and on the Rakaia bridge will be included in this correspondence.

That Council's submission on the Regional Land Transport Plan 2021-2031 include the following points:

- Second urban Ashburton bridge – to remain in the Plan on the current timetable.
- Safe walkways – request that safe walkways be established on the existing Ashburton bridge cycle pedestrian lanes
- Pedestrian crossing points – request that safe crossing points be constructed at the following locations:
 - West Street, Ashburton (adjacent to the Art Gallery & Heritage Centre)
 - SH1 / Archibald Street, Tinwald
 - SH77, Methven – adjacent to the Methven skate/bike park
 - SH1, Rakaia
- SH1 (Rolleston-Ashburton) – request that the safety improvements being proposed be in the form of a four lane highway.

McKay/Falloon

Carried

• Councillor reports

Council briefly discussed the process for reporting back on their attendance at external / ad hoc meetings.

A recommendation that an item be included on Council agendas for Councillors to provide reports on meetings they are delegated to attend (McKay/Cameron) was lost. Notwithstanding that, Councillors will be reminded of reporting requirements following elected members' attendance at meetings, conferences, seminars and courses. There will be opportunity for this to be discussed in a workshop.

That the Mayor's report be received.

Mayor/McMillan

Carried

Council adjourned for afternoon tea from 2.53pm until 3.15pm.

The Mayor left the meeting from 2.53pm to 4pm.

Extraordinary Business

- **Street plaques highlighting the history of Ashburton**

An update was sought on the pre-scoping report (requested by Council in April 2020) to look at incorporating heritage street plaques into the CBD.

Council heard that the matter has been referred to the Community Services Group and the pre-scoping report will be provided to Council on 7 April 2021.

- **Procurement Policy**

An update was sought on the percentage of 'local buying' and whether there has been a change in procurement practices since Council reviewed the policy (April 2020) to include a 5% weighting on local suppliers.

Council heard that an update will be provided to the Activity Briefings meeting on 24 March 2021.

Business transacted with the public excluded – 3.21pm

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 3/02/21 • Library & Civic Centre PCG 19/01/21	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
16	Extraordinary Council 23/12/20	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
17	Library & Civic Centre PCG	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
18	Freeholding Glasgow lease		

Lovett/Falloon

Carried

The meeting concluded at 4.14pm.

Confirmed 3 March 2021



MAYOR