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## *Council Minutes – 3 March 2021*

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 3 March, 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), Paul Brake (GM Business Support), Steve Fabish (GM Community Services), Jane Donaldson (GM Strategy & Compliance), Neil McCann (GM Infrastructure Services), Sarah Mosley (Manager People & Capability) and Phillipa Clark (Governance Team Leader).

Staff present for the duration of their reports: Toni Durham (Strategy & Policy Manager), Richard Mabon (Senior Policy Advisor), Mel Neumann (Policy Advisor), Colin Windleborn (Commercial Manager), Zane Adam and Michelle Hydes (Property Officers) and Brian Fauth (Roading Manager).

### **1 Apologies**

Nil.

### **2 Extraordinary Business**

The Mayor advised that the Air Cadets presentation and the welcome to new and long-serving staff will be deferred until the 17 March meeting, due to Alert Level 2 restrictions being in place this week.

### **3 Declarations of Interest**

Item 14 – The Mayor declared a non-pecuniary 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 – 17/02/21**

**That** the minutes of the Council meeting held on 17 February 2021, be taken as read and confirmed.

McMillan/Cameron

Carried

### **5 Audit & Risk Committee – 10/02/21**

**That** Council receives the minutes of the Audit & Risk Committee meeting held on 10 February 2021.

Braam/Falloon

### **6 Youth Council – 3/02/21**

It was noted that the minutes will be amended to record that Crs Rawlinson & Lovett were in attendance.

**That** Council receives the minutes of the Youth Council meeting held on 3 February 2021.

Rawlinson/Lovett

Carried

## 7 **Review of Rates Remission Policy 2021**

**That** the matter from 17 February 2021 be uplifted for debate.

McKay/Wilson

Carried

The Senior Policy Advisor tabled alterations to clauses 23 and 28. This will provide flexibility for dealing with customers, with quarterly and annual allowances, who must provide evidence that the leak has been fixed. A back-dating option will be provided for those (other than under clause 23).

Officers propose to develop some principles that can be put into the policy at a later date.

**That** Council adopts the draft Rates Remission Policy 2021 attached as Appendix One for public consultation.

Cameron/Braam

Carried

## 8 **Community Engagement Policy (Significance and Engagement Policy)**

**That** Council adopts the Draft Community Engagement Policy 2021 for consultation.

McKay/Falloon

## 9 **Canterbury Regional Land Transport Plan 2021-31**

Council agreed to some additional comment being included in the submission:

- reference to Selwyn and Rakaia bridges
- reference to the economy south of Ashburton district is also reliant on the district's bridges
- reference to increased freight and larger trucks
- emphasise that Council's concern is about saving lives
- acknowledge funding that the RLTP provides this district for general maintenance
- seek more detail on what's proposed in the remaining 7 years of the Plan

A copy of the updated submission will be circulated to Councillors.

1. **That** Council:

1.1 **Receives** the report.

1.2 **Approves** the submission, with agreed additions, to the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee on the draft Canterbury Regional Land Transport Plan 2021-31.

McKay/Cameron

Carried

## 10 **Elderly Persons Housing – Section 17A review 2021**

1. **That** Council receives the Section 17A Elderly Persons Housing review report.

2. **That** Council agrees to consult with the community through the Long-Term Plan 2021-31 on an increase of rents in year 1 of the LTP, to \$110 for a single and \$130 for a double unit, and thereafter \$10 per annum.

3. **That** Council directs officers to draft the Elderly Persons Housing Policy 2021 to reflect this proposal.

Braam/Cameron

Carried

Clarification was sought on whether financial sustainability was looked at when the S17A review was undertaken in 2017. Officers will advise.

## 11 Library & Civic Centre Project Control Group – Terms of Reference

The inclusion of the Baring Square East project within the PCG's terms of reference wasn't fully supported. The Chief Executive acknowledged concerns noting that the PCG provides oversight of the projects, but decision-making will continue to be that of full Council.

**That** Council adopts the amended Library & Civic Centre Project Control Group Terms of Reference (2021), attached as Appendix 1.

McMillan/Lovett

Carried

Cr Cameron, McKay and Wilson recorded their votes against the motion.

## 12 Mayor's Report

### • Rural & Provincial

The meeting in Wellington has been cancelled due to the Alert Level changes. Instead the meeting will be held via Zoom on Friday.

### • Reserve Bank

The Mayor will provide Council with more information on 17 March, following the meeting with the Reserve Bank Governors in February.

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

Mayor/McMillan

Carried

## 13 Financial Variance Report – January 2021

**That** Council receives the variance report for the period ending 31 January 2021.

Cameron/Wilson

Carried

## Business transacted with the public excluded – 2.17pm.

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:

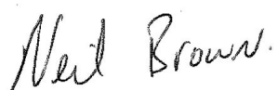
Item No	General subject of each matter to be considered:	In accordance with Section 48(1) of the Act, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter:	
14	Council 17/02/21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Freeholding Glasgow lease</li><li>Sale of land</li></ul>	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
15	Audit & Risk Committee 10/02/21	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
16	Caring for Communities Welfare Recovery Group	Section 7(2)(a)	Protection of privacy of natural persons
17	Library & Civic Centre PCG 16/02/21	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
18	NZTA organisation and budget update	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
19	Ashburton Contracting Ltd	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities

Cameron/McMillan

Carried

The meeting concluded at 4.32pm.

Confirmed 17 March 2021



MAYOR

