

---

## ***Council Minutes – 5 May 2021***

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 5 May 2021, commencing at 1.00pm, in the Council Chamber, 137 Havelock Street, Ashburton.

### **Present**

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

### **In attendance**

Hamish Riach (Chief Executive), Paul Brake (GM Business Support), Jane Donaldson (GM Strategy & Compliance), Neil McCann (GM Infrastructure Services), Sarah Mosley (Manager People & Capability), Ruben Garcia (Communications Manager) and Phillipa Clark (Governance Team Leader).

Staff present for the duration of their reports: Andrew Guthrie (Assets Manager), Brian Fauth (Roading Manager), Jeremy Lambert (Roading Engineer), Rachel Sparks (Finance Manager), Janice McKay (Welcoming Communities Advisor), Colin Windleborn (Commercial Manager) and Michelle Hyde (Property Officer).

### **Presentations**

SPARK (postponed)

Bancorp Treasury – 2.03pm to 2.40pm

ACL – 3.50pm – 4.36pm.

### **1 Apologies**

Cr Lynette Lovett (lateness – 1.31pm)

Sustained

### **2 Extraordinary Business**

Nil.

### **3 Declarations of Interest**

Items 15 and 17: Cr Falloon gave notice that he would withdraw from the debate and decision.

### **4 Confirmation of Minutes – 21/04/21**

**That** the minutes of the Council meeting held on 21 April 2021, be taken as read and confirmed.

McMillan/Cameron

Carried

### **5 Youth Council – 14/04/21**

**That** Council receives the minutes of the Youth Council meeting held on 14 April 2021.

Rawlinson/Cameron

Carried

### **6 Council Appointment – Refugee Resettlement**

**That** Council appoints Cr Carolyn Cameron to chair the Ashburton Refugee Resettlement Steering Group.

McMillan/Braam

Carried

## 7 Proposed Consent Conditions – Cracroft Stockwater Consent

The Assets Manager advised that there has been a temporary decommissioning of the facility but officers have since taken steps to ensure that if the old race is flooded, water wouldn't continue down the race and flood property. Some upcoming work is required to avoid issues for landowners and the race closure will be formalised.

Clarification was sought on the arrangements that Council has with its consent to take stockwater through the RDR at Klondyke. The Assets Manager explained that the agreement with RDR is complicated but, apart from the ongoing Klondyke supply, there are particular events (such as drought) where additional water can be extracted for stockwater.

Council heard that the low flow restriction will have little impact as the demand in this location is operating well below the limits.

Council generally agreed that the proposed changes are in keeping with the Rangitata Conservation Order, although there was some concern that this decision may create a precedent where stockwater extraction is reduced in favour of other uses.

**That** Council accepts the inclusion of 'low flow' conditions in CRC212909, as described in Option 1 of this report.

McKay/Braam

Carried

Cr Wilson recorded his abstention.

## 8 Local Government (Rating of Whenua Maori) Amendment Act

Cr Lovett attended the meeting at 1.31pm.

**That** Council receives the Local Government (Rating of Whenua Maori) Amendment Act report.

McMillan/Rawlinson

Carried

## 9 Proposed LGNZ Remit – Fireworks

**That** Council supports the remit proposal from Waimakariri District Council and recommends that it be submitted to Local Government New Zealand for consideration at the Annual General Meeting on 17 July 2021.

Braam/Rawlinson

Carried

## 10 Mayor's Report

### • ECan LTP

The Mayor reported that he and the Deputy Mayor presented Council's submission to ECan's Long Term Plan yesterday, highlighting the key concerns of Council in response to the proposed rate increase and expressing disappointment that there were no ECan-led community meetings held in Ashburton. The submission acknowledged the funding ECan provides for the Total Mobility and the Community Vehicle Trust schemes.

### • District slogan

The Mayor sought direction from Council on whether the district's branding and slogan needs review, noting that public comment on the existing slogan is currently being promoted through various media.

The need for a slogan wasn't fully supported, but Council agreed that discussion on this matter would be more appropriately progressed through a workshop. Councillors speaking in support of revamping the slogan commented that public feedback should be sought on suggested branding and/or a slogan that reflects the whole district.

**That** Council undertakes a workshop to examine the existing slogan and associated matters.

Cameron/Falloon

Carried

• **Local Government review**

The Chief Executive responded to questions about the review announcement. He advised that the sector has been advocating for overarching consideration of the future for local government that, ideally, would lead the other reforms (3Waters and RMA in particular). How this will look will need to be a conversation between central and local government, and iwi.

Council noted that Jim Palmer, former CE of Waimakariri DC, will chair the review committee.

**That** Mayors report be received.

Braam/Falloon

Carried

**11 Councillor Reports**

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

Mayor/Cameron

Carried

**12 Bancorp Treasury Report**

Miles O'Connor presented an overview of the service Bancorp is providing to Council through funding and interest rate risk management advice.

The presentation showed Council's debt majority profile gives for the long term (to 2028). Analysis has been done on longer hedging, and this shows a cost. To achieve balance and give reasonable certainty, the 8-9 year period is an appropriate maximum.

Comment on the 3Waters reform shows this could reduce local government debt, but at this stage it's not known what form that will take.

There's expectation that the OCR will rise next year and increased interest rates are pre-empted.

Miles was thanked for his attendance and the presentation concluded at 2.40pm.

**That** the Bancorp report be received.

Cameron/Lovett

Carried

**Business transacted with the public excluded – 2.41pm**

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:

<b>Item No</b>	<b>General subject of each matter to be considered:</b>	<b>In accordance with Section 48(1) of the Act, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter:</b>	
<b>13</b>	Council 21/04/21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Library &amp; Civic Centre PCG</li> </ul> <p>[now in open meeting]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contract REFU0026 – Ashburton RRP</li> <li>Ashburton streetscapes renewal</li> <li>Library &amp; Civic Centre probity role</li> </ul>	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
<b>14</b>	Contract ROAD0205 – sealed road rehabilitation procurement	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
<b>15</b>	Freeholding Glasgow Lease	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
<b>16</b>	Sale of Forestry Land	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
<b>17</b>	Electricity Ashburton Shareholders Committee	Section 7(2)(a)	Protection of privacy of natural persons

18	CE 6 month Performance Report	Section 7(2)(a)	Protection of privacy of natural persons
----	-------------------------------	-----------------	--

Braam/Wilson

Carried

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

- **Contract ROAD0205 – sealed road rehabilitation procurement**

**That** Council approve the deviations to the Ashburton District Council Transportation Procurement Strategy allowing Price Quality Method to be used as the supplier selection method, and the contract duration to be two years for Contract ROAD0205 – Sealed Road Rehabilitation Rural.

Falloon/Braam

Carried

- **EA Networks Shareholder Committee**

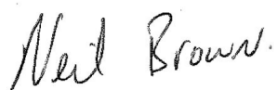
1. **That** Council reappoints Anne Marett for a further three-year term until June 2024; and David Ward for a further two-year term until June 2023.
2. **That** an appointments committee be set up consisting of the Mayor or Deputy Mayor and the Chair of the shareholders' Committee to undertake the process of identifying a suitable additional shareholder appointment and recommending that appointment to the Council.

McMillan/McKay

Carried

The meeting concluded at 4.50pm.

Confirmed 19 May 2021




---

MAYOR