

Community Services Committee Minutes

Minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting held on Thursday 27 August 2020, commencing at 2:17pm, in the Council Chamber, 137 Havelock Street, Ashburton.

Present

His Worship the Mayor, Neil Brown; Councillors Angus McKay (Chair), Carolyn Cameron, Leen Braam, Lynette Lovett and Diane Rawlinson.

Also present:

Councillors Liz McMillan, and Stuart Wilson.

In attendance

Hamish Riach (Chief Executive), Steve Fabish (GM Community Services), Jane Donaldson (GM Strategy & Compliance), Rick Catchpowle (Environmental Monitoring Manager), Paul Wilson (Acting Open Spaces Manager), Bevan Rickerby (Economic Development Manager) and Aisling O'Reilly (Governance Officer).

1 Apologies

Nil.

2 Extraordinary Business

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

- Kiwi Rail Land

McKay/Rawlinson

Carried

3 Declarations of Interest

Nil.

4 Confirmation of Minutes

That the minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting held on 9 July 2020, be taken as read and confirmed.

Rawlinson/Cameron

Carried

5 Biodiversity Advisory Group

Cr Lovett requested that officers' full names are written in the minutes in future.

That the minutes of the Biodiversity Advisory Group meeting held on 4 August 2020, be received.

Lovett/Rawlinson

Carried

6 Ashburton Youth Council

That minutes of the Ashburton Youth Council meeting held on 5 August and 1 July 2020, be received.

Rawlinson/Lovett

Carried

7 Covid-19 Pandemic Plan and Welfare Recovery

That the Covid-19 Pandemic Recovery Plan and welfare recovery update be received.

Cameron/Rawlinson

Carried

It was noted that a report would be brought to the Committee on how much Council are spending locally since level 4 lockdown.

8 Ashburton Domain vehicle access

Recommendation to Council

That the Ashburton Domain entrance at 337 West Street be closed to vehicles from 11pm to 6am year round.

Cameron/Braam

Carried

9 Festive lighting

Recommendation to Council

1. **That** Council agrees the fairy lights shall remain in the trees along the west side of East Street, from Cameron Street to Moore Street, on a permanent basis with an annual "health check"; and
2. **That** if turned on for every night of the year, it be for a 12 month trial period, after which staff report back to Council on the cost, impact on the trees and community feedback. At that stage Council will provide direction on the future arrangements for this activity.

Cameron/Rawlinson

Carried

10 Community Services end of year performance report

That the Community Services end of year non-financial performance report be received.

McKay/Rawlinson

Carried

Extraordinary Business

Kiwi Rail Land

In response to Councillors' concern about the state of railway land, Paul Wilson reported that he has been in discussion with Kiwi Rail. Costs have been identified for maintenance and improvements per year. A report will be brought to the Committee.

Business transacted with the public excluded 2:53pm

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	Minutes 9/07/20	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
12	Covid-19 Economic Recovery Advisory Group 5/08/20	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities

McKay/Rawlinson

Carried

The meeting concluded at 2:56pm.