
Council Minutes – 7 September 2022

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 7 September 2022, commencing at 1.00pm in the Council Chamber, 137 Havelock Street, Ashburton.

Present

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

In attendance

Hamish Riach (Chief Executive), Jane Donaldson (GM Strategy & Compliance), Leanne Macdonald (GM Business Support), Steve Fabish (GM Community Services), 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), Mel Neumann (Policy Advisor), Tania Paddock (Legal Counsel), Janice McKay (Communications Manager), Mark Chamberlain (Roading Manager), Simon Worthington (Economic Development Manager), Erin Register (Finance Manager), Martin Low (Roading & Safety Engineer), Tayla Hampton (Applications Officer-Roading).

Three members of public.

PUBLIC FORUM

Longbeach School Ambassadors accompanied by their teacher Harriet Sutton.

The Year 7/8 students - Holly Burrows (Head Girl), Edward Pottinger (Head Boy), Tayla Quaid (Reporter), Rose McKay (Historian), Addison Griffiths (Secretary) and Harry O'Connell (Treasurer) spoke about their roles, having been elected as a group to work collaboratively and positively influence their school.

The students are particularly concerned that the 100km/hr speed limit is still in place outside the school, noting that this issue was first raised with Council by the School Principal in 2009 and again in 2020. The 100km/hr speed limit on both roads near the school is a significant danger for children who have to regularly cross them. The students observed that some of the other rural schools in the district have had their speed limits reduced and asked when Council would do this for Longbeach.

The Mayor advised that Council will be considering a report today on a speed management plan which will include setting speed limits in areas surrounding schools. The plan will be consulted on with the community before any changes are made. Longbeach School, which is in the category for a reduction to 60km/hr, will have the opportunity to make comment too.

Council thanked the Ambassadors for their very well presented and informative update. Council will ensure the students are kept informed of the interim speed management plan consultation.

The presentation concluded at 1.12pm.

1 Apologies

Nil.

2 Extraordinary Business

Nil.

3 **Declarations of Interest**

Item 6 – Cr Cameron declared an interest and gave notice she would withdraw from debate and decision.

4 **Confirmation of Minutes – 17/08/22**

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 17 August 2022, be taken as read and confirmed.

Cameron/Rawlinson

Carried

5 **Biodiversity Advisory Group – 18/08/22**

That Council receives the minutes of the Biodiversity Advisory Group meeting held on 18 August 2022.

Lovett/Rawlinson

Carried

• **Biodiversity Advisory Group Terms of Reference**

Council heard that the Biodiversity Advisory Group have asked that future applications for biodiversity grants be referred to the Group for comment, before Council considers and makes decisions on the funding allocations. The terms of reference will be amended to reflect this.

That Council adopts the Biodiversity Advisory Group Terms of Reference, as amended.

Wilson/Lovett

Carried

That the minutes of the Biodiversity Advisory Group meeting held on 18 August 2022 be taken as read and confirmed.

Lovett/Rawlinson

Carried

6 **Road Closure – Ashburton Market Day**

Cr Cameron left the meeting.

The Mayor asked whether officers have further comment, noting that the application and objections have been subject to full consideration in this morning's Hearing.

Council noted that in order for the event to proceed, officers would require acceptable traffic management and health and safety plans, and evidence of insurance payment in sufficient time for this to be reviewed and processed.

The Group Manager Infrastructure Services advised that approval for the road closure would also need to be subject to a number of conditions to address any potential damage to the roads, footpaths and surrounding grass and gardens. Maintaining access to shops and footpaths would be a requirement too.

That Council approves the closure of the following roads in the Ashburton CBD from 7.00am until 6.00pm on Monday 26 September 2022, for the Ashburton Market Day, on the condition that Council receives acceptable traffic management and health and safety plans, along with evidence of insurance payment, by Friday 16 September 2022

East Street, from Moore Street to Havelock Street
Tancred Street, from East Street to Cass Street
Burnett Street, from East Street to Cass Street.

Mayor/Letham

Carried

A show of hands gave 5 for and 3 against the motion (with one abstention)
Crs Braam and Falloon recorded their votes against the motion

The Hearing Panel's Determination is appended.

7 **Interim Speed Management Plan**

The Roading Manager advised that Council was unable to reduce the speed limit near Longbeach School under the previous rules, but that ability now exists. The School will be invited to comment on the Plan and resubmit their request for a speed limit reduction.

Council was assured that the interim speed limit management plan consultation document will reflect the intention for any proposed changes to be reported back, and that Council, rather than officers, will be making the final speed management decisions.

1. **That** Council receives the proposals for the interim speed management plan for local roads in the district.
2. **That** Council proceeds to public consultation for the proposed interim speed management plan.

McMillan/Braam

Carried

8 **Better Off Funding proposed projects**

The application for funding will be made by 30 September, for all the projects listed. If approval from DIA is not received for a particular part, Council would then need to find agreement acceptable to DIA, or consider whether or not a project can proceed.

The Chief Executive advised that, separate to the funding application, officers will identify an internal process to determine the priorities of each project and seek Council's support for this.

1. **That** Council approves the proposed project list in Appendix One for application to Better-Off Funding - Tranche 1.
2. **That** Council amends the Better-Off Funding Agreement as contained in Appendix Three.
3. **That** if required, Council delegates authority to the Mayor and Chief Executive to further negotiate and finalise the terms of the Funding Agreement with the Department of Internal Affairs.

Braam/Lovett

Carried

9 **Dangerous & Insanitary Buildings Policy**

That Council rolls over the current Dangerous & Insanitary Buildings Policy with minor updates and no consultation (as attached in appendix 1).

Falloon/Rawlinson

Carried

The Mayor left the meeting and the Deputy Mayor took the Chair at 2.38pm.

10 **End-of-year Performance Report**

That Council receives the end-of-year non-financial performance report.

Wilson/Lovett

Carried

11 **Ashburton Welcome Signs**

That Council considers the 'Ashburton Welcome Signs' project as part of the 2023/24 Annual Plan process.

Cameron/Rawlinson

Carried

12 **Use of the Council Coat of Arms**

That Council approves the use of the Ashburton District Council Coat of Arms by the No.24 (District of Ashburton) Squadron Air Training Corps.

McKay/Braam

Carried

13 Financial Reports

That Council receives the June 2022 Preliminary Variance report and the EA Networks Centre income and expenditure report.

Falloon/Braam

Carried

14 Mayor's Report

That Council receives the Mayor's report.

McMillan/Rawlinson

Carried

Council adjourned for afternoon tea from 3.17pm to 3.35pm.

Business transacted with the public excluded – 3.35pm

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 17/08/22 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Ashburton Contracting LtdLand acquisitionOval pavilionGlasgow lease freeholdingCE Fixed term process & 6 month review [now in open meeting] <ul style="list-style-type: none">Award of 3Waters professional services contract 2022/25Ashburton Water Zone Committee Appointments	Section 7(2)(h) Section 7(2)(h) Section 7(2)(h) Section 7(2)(h) Section 7(2)(a)	Commercial activities Commercial activities Commercial activities Commercial activities Protection of privacy of natural persons
16	Library & Civic Centre PCG 16/08/22	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities

Lovett/Rawlinson

Carried

The meeting concluded at 4pm.

[Confirmed by Council on 21 September 2022]

MAYOR