
Council Minutes – 19 May 2021

Present

His Worship the Mayor Neil Brown; 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), Paul Brake (GM Business Support), Jane Donaldson (GM Strategy & Compliance), Sarah Mosley (Manager People & Capability), Andrew Guthrie (Assets Manager), Ruben Garcia (Communications Manager) and Phillipa Clark (Governance Team Leader).

Staff present for the duration of their reports: Rick Catchpowle (Environmental Monitoring Manager), Terry O'Neill (District Forester) and Rachel Sparks (Finance Manager).

Presentations

SPARK – 1.15pm to 1.33pm

CDHB – 2.28pm to 3pm

Rural Transport – 3.05pm to 4pm

1 Apologies

Nil.

2 Extraordinary Business

Nil.

3 Declarations of Interest

Nil.

4 Confirmation of Minutes – 5/05/21

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 5 May 2021, be taken as read and confirmed.

McMillan/Rawlinson

Carried

SPARK Presentation – landline upgrade

The Mayor welcomed Leela Gantman, Sam Smith and Janet Lord (*via MS Teams*)

A video gave an overview of the technology change that's happening in Ashburton that will see landlines upgraded through removal of the public switch telephone network via copper lines.

Summary of proposal –

- Most people have now moved to wireless or fibre and the remaining SPARK customers are to be moved (approx. 1060 customers in Ashburton)
- Landline phones can be retained but will be connected to the internet. SPARK is now at the stage of proactively doing this taking a staged, suburb by suburb approach
- Customers have the choice of wireless or fibre and were given notice on 29 April of changes happening over the next 5 months. There will be a 'soft' disconnection in September which will still allow emergency services calls to be made from existing landlines. A month's notice will be given before final disconnection.

- Most people have now moved to wireless or fibre and the remaining SPARK customers are to be moved. Having mobile phones that are kept charged in case of power outages and emergencies will be encouraged and promoted by SPARK to all customers.
- SPARK are using their local store as an additional means of transitioning the change and are working with aged and disability support agencies to ensure vulnerable people are assisted. In-home visits will be made and special requirements such as financial hardship will be met.
- The suggestion from ADC to include Ashburton's citizens advice bureau and the Library's digital technology service was acknowledged and will be taken up by SPARK.
- Areas within the Ashburton district that don't currently have the option to make the change will be de-prioritised until a solution for that area is found.

The presentation concluded at 1.33pm.

5 Methven Community Board – 3/05/21

That Council receives the minutes of the Methven Community Board meeting held on 3 May 2021.

Cameron/Lovett

Carried

6 Ashburton Road Safety Co-ordinating Committee – 4/05/21

That Council receives the minutes of the Ashburton Road Safety Co-ordinating Committee meeting held on 4 May 2021.

Lovett/Falloon

Carried

7 Ashburton Airport Authority Subcommittee – 10/05/21

That Council receives the minutes of the Ashburton Airport Authority Subcommittee meeting held on 10 May 2021.

Braam/Letham

Carried

• Airport lease agreements

That Council requires that the full market rates be applied to all new leases at the Ashburton Airport.

Falloon/Braam

Carried

8 Street Plaques highlighting the History of Ashburton District

Council supported the joint agency approach to look at ways in which the history of Ashburton could be promoted in the town centre. It was further agreed to invite Ashburton resident David Stewart to be involved on the basis that he has expressed interest in this project and has provided some supporting information.

- 1. That** Council, Historic Places Mid Canterbury and Ashburton Museum & Historical Society Inc. work together jointly to further promote the history of Ashburton into the town centre.
- 2. That** a street plaque working group be formed to include Councillors Cameron and Rawlinson, a representative each from Historic Places Mid Canterbury and Ashburton Museum & Historical Society Inc, and Mr David Stewart.

Rawlinson/Cameron

Carried

Post meeting note: Mr Stewart has accepted Council's invitation to be involved with the working group.

9 Dog Control Fees & Charges for Registration Period 1/07/21 – 30/06/22

1. **That** Council adopts the dog registration and control fees and charges for 2021/22 as set out in Appendix 1.
2. **That** the dog registration and control fees and charges for 2021/22 are publicly notified.

McKay/Falloon

Carried

10 Section 17A Review of Forestry

1. **That** Council receives the 2021 Service Delivery Review of Forestry.
2. **That** Council continues to deliver the Forestry activity in-house.
3. **That** Council determines its future strategic approach to the Forestry activity by 30 June 2022.

Falloon/McMillan

Carried

11 Financial Variance Report

That the financial variance report for 31 March 2021 be received.

Falloon/Lovett

Carried

12 Mayor's Report

That the Mayor's report be received.

Mayor/Wilson

Carried

Council adjourned from 2.13pm until 2.28pm

CDHB Presentation – C-19 vaccine roll-out

Bernie Marra (CDHB), Rachel Eaton (Life Pharmacy) and Tony Dann (Eastfield Health) provided an update on the local response to the vaccine roll-out which will see a joint approach between the CDHB and primary health teams locally.

Summary

- CDHB has a vaccine clinic at Ashburton Hospital and, on a smaller scale, vaccinations are being administered at Life Pharmacy
- The challenge is the management of the vaccine which has a controlled approach with its movement, processes and protocols.
- Licensing a pharmacy to provide the vaccine is complex – Life Pharmacy is currently the only pharmacy in NZ offering the vaccine, working closely with the CDHB team and dealing with the logistics of having sufficient vaccines to meet their bookings . When they find bookings free at the end of the day there's a contingency plan to vaccinate older people and those who have been prioritised
- Using the 0800 national booking system is a requirement – it enables the Ministry of Health to forecast vaccination requirements and may also provide people with a choice of clinics. An online booking system was trialled for CDHB but discounted after a privacy breach occurred
- Planning for rural and remote people is underway looking at the volume of people in rural areas who need to be vaccinated. Consideration is being given to the use of short term pop-up clinics
- Demand on health workers is high and in this district there will be a call made for people with relevant experience to be taken on and trained to give vaccinations.

The Mayor thanked the presenters who advised that they will continue to keep Council informed of their work and the progress being made with Ashburton's vaccination roll-out.

Business transacted with the public excluded – 3pm

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 5/05/21 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Freeholding Glasgow leaseSale of forestry land [now in open meeting] <ul style="list-style-type: none">Contract ROAD0205 – sealed road rehabEA Shareholders Committee appointments	Section 7(2)(h) Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities Commercial activities
15	Library & Civic Centre PCG 4/05/21	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
16	Caring for Communities Welfare Recovery Group 20/04/21	Section 7(2)(a)	Protection of privacy of natural persons
17	Ashburton Airport Authority Subcommittee 10/05/21	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities

That Mark Wareing is present in the public excluded session for the duration of his presentation.

Braam/Rawlinson

Carried

Business transacted with the public excluded now in open meeting

- Ashburton Airport Skydiving activities**

That the Ashburton Airport Subcommittee seeks submissions from airport users on the resumption of skydiving operations at the Ashburton airport, and reviews submissions before making a decision.

McKay/Lovett

Carried

The meeting concluded at 4.43pm.

Confirmed 2 June 2021



MAYOR