

Council Minutes – 7 June 2023

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 7 June 2023, 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, Russell Ellis, Phill Hooper, Lynette Lovett, Rob Mackle, Tony Todd and Richard Wilson.

In attendance

Hamish Riach (Chief Executive), Toni Durham (GM Democracy & Engagement), Leanne Macdonald (GM Business Support), Neil McCann (GM Infrastructure & Open Spaces), Sarah Mosley (GM People & Facilities), Ian Hyde (Planning Manager), Janice McKay (Communications Manager) and Phillipa Clark (Governance Team Leader).

Staff present for the duration of their reports: Mark Low (Strategy & Policy Manager), Femke van der Valk (Policy Advisor) and Erin Register (Finance Manager)

Presentations

Canterbury Mayoral Forum – 1.26pm-1.40pm

Tuia – 2.48pm-3.07pm

1 Apologies

Nil.

2 Extraordinary Business

Nil.

3 Declarations of Interest

Nil.

4 Confirmation of Minutes – 17/05/23

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 17 May 2023, be taken as read and confirmed.

McMillan/Braam

Carried

5 Biodiversity Advisory Group – 8/05/23

That Council receives the minutes of the Biodiversity Advisory Group meeting held on 8 May 2023.

Braam/Lovett

Carried

6 Creative Communities Fund Assessment Committee – 4/05/23

That Council receives the minutes of the Creative Communities Fund Assessment Committee meeting held on 4 May 2023.

Todd/Braam

Carried

8 Review of Local Alcohol Policy

The Mayor proposed that 12am be applied to the one-way door policy which would then be consulted on.

Officers advised that no feedback had been received from stakeholders opposing the existing 1am restriction and it is generally agreed the time works well. Officers will check the rationale for 1am being applied when the policy was previously reviewed.

1. **That** Council approves the draft Local Alcohol Policy for consultation from 14 June to 14 July 2023.
2. **That** Council adopts the Local Alcohol Policy consultation document.

Lovett/Cameron

Carried

9 Financial Reports

Council received the financial variance and the EA Networks Centre income and expenditure reports for April 2023.

Roading – officers were asked to provide a breakdown on the roading loan. This will be investigated and reported back.

EA Networks Centre income and expenditure – the Mayor asked for this report to be instead referred to the Audit & Risk Committee which would enable more detailed discussion. It was acknowledged that the Committee's terms of reference don't currently provide for this.

That the EANC income and expenditure report be referred to the Audit & Risk Committee and that the Committee's terms of reference be amended accordingly.

Cameron/Wilson

Carried

10 Deputy Mayor's report

The Deputy Mayor referred to the Bike Skills Park meeting on 1 June, noting that information provided by the Timaru Bike Skills group has been valuable. There is considerable interest in developing the skills park locally, including from service clubs. Work is underway to identify a suitable site.

That the Deputy Mayor's report be received.

McMillan/Hooper

Carried

7 Canterbury Mayoral Forum's Plan for Canterbury 2023-2025 1.26pm -

Timaru District Mayor, Nigel Bowen was welcomed to the meeting.

Mayor Bowen spoke about the work that the Canterbury Mayoral Forum undertook three years ago on the *Plan for Canterbury*. The review in January looked at creating flexibility and priorities, and the Plan is considered to be fit for purpose.

The CMF is continuing to advocate for policies that work for Canterbury.

Mayor Bowen was questioned on the public transport system operating in Timaru (an Uber-based system). He confirmed that it is successful but the challenge now is the higher cost due to demand (600-700 people using the buses daily). The trial has been extended and the model is being looked at by other councils. It was further reported that the feasibility of a public train service in Canterbury will be discussed by the Regional Transport Committee.

That Council receives the Canterbury Mayoral Forum's *Plan for Canterbury 2023-2025*.

Hooper/McMillan

Carried

11 Mayor's report

- **LGNZ Annual General Meeting**

That the Mayor be authorised to vote on behalf of Council at the Local Government New Zealand AGM 2023, and (in the Mayor's absence) the Deputy Mayor be the alternate presiding delegate.

Ellis/Todd

Carried

Governance Structure

Council's [schedule of elected member appointments for 2022-25](#) has been updated to include Cr Mackle's appointments.

- **LGNZ Ākona**

That Council registers for the Local Government NZ Ākona learning and development programme for a 12 month period at a cost of \$8,500 plus gst.

Mayor/McMillan

Carried

That the Mayor's report be received.

Mayor/Todd

Carried

Business transacted with the public excluded – 1.55pm

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:	
12	Council 17/05/23 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Waitaha Health Board• EANC maintenance• ABE land• Library & Civic Centre PCG [Now in open meeting]• Service lane – Kermod St	Section 7(2)(a) Section 7(2)(h) Section 7(2)(h) Section 7(2)(h)	Protection of privacy of natural persons Commercial activities Commercial activities Commercial activities
13	Solid Waste Services Contract	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
14	West St carpark	Section 7(2)(h)	Conduct of negotiations

Lovett/Braam

Carried

Council resumed in open meeting at 2.46pm.

Tuia presentation – 2.48pm

Poppy Surridge, the Mayor's 2023 Tuia appointee provided Council with an overview of her involvement and attendance at a recent wananga in Hamilton. Poppy is excited to be this year's Tuia. The Hamilton wananga was an opportunity for Tuia reps to better understand their history and to be given an insight into generational trauma which still plays out in young Maori lives today.

Poppy commented positively on her experiences and thanked the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for their support.

Welcome to Staff

Katie Perry, People & Capability Manager introduced new staff members – Ian Coleman (Horticulturist), Amanda Tondelo (Horticulturist), Sharne Adams (Accounts Administrator) and Lily Wang (Digital Communications Officer).

Business transacted with the public excluded now in open meeting

- **Extension of Contract – Ashburton Solid Waste Services 2017-2024**

That Council approves the extension of the Ashburton District Solid Waste Services 2017-24, Contract RR-AO 16/10 to Enviro NZ for a further two years, with a finish date of 31 August 2026.

Ellis/Cameron

Carried

The meeting concluded at 3.09pm

[Confirmed by Council on 28 June 2023]

MAYOR