
Council Minutes –18 December 2024

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 18 December 2024, commencing at 1.00pm in the Hine Paaka Council Chamber, Te Whare Whakatere, 2 Baring Square East, Ashburton.

Present

His Worship the Mayor, Neil Brown; Deputy Mayor Liz McMillan and 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), Ian Hyde (GM Compliance & Development), Neil McCann (GM Infrastructure & Open Spaces), Sarah Mosley (GM People & Facilities), Tania Paddock (Acting GM Business Support) and Carol McAtamney (Governance Support).

Staff present for the duration of their reports: Crissie Drummond (Infrastructure Services Support Lead), Mark Low (Strategy & Policy Manager), Lou Dunstan (Policy Advisor), Mel Neumann (Policy Advisor) Renee Julius (Property Manager), Mercedes Walkham (Welcoming Communities Advisor) and Brad Thomson (District Planning Manager).

1 Apologies

Nil.

2 Extraordinary Business

Nil.

3 Declarations of Interest

Nil

4 Confirmation of Minutes

- Council – 4/12/24

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 4 December 2024, be taken as read and confirmed.

McMillan/Braam

Carried

5 Audit & Risk Committee – 27/11/24

That Council receives the minutes of the Audit & Risk Committee meeting held on 27 November 2024.

Cameron/Lovett

Carried

6 Methven Community Board – 2/12/24

That Council receives the minutes of the Methven Community Board meeting held on 2 December 2024.

Todd/McMillan

Carried

7 Road Safety Co-ordinating Committee – 3/12/24

That Council receives the minutes of the Ashburton District Road Safety Co-ordinating Committee meeting held on 3 December 2024.

Hooper/Todd

Carried

8 Stockwater Transition Working Group – 5/12/24

That Council receives the minutes of the Stockwater Transition Working Group meeting held on 5 December 2024.

Cameron/Wilson

Carried

9 Three Waters Committee – 5/12/24

That Council receives the minutes of the Three Waters Committee meeting held on 5 December 2024.

Lovett/Ellis

Carried

- Appointment of Deputy Chair**

That Councillor Liz McMillan be appointed as the Three Waters Committee Deputy Chair.

Ellis/Braam

Carried

10 Heritage Mid Canterbury Working Group – 5/12/24

Council asked the Mayor to write a letter that can be included in the cavity alongside the new time capsule in Te Whare Whakatare. The letter from past Borough Council Mayor Darcy Digby, recently retrieved from the time capsule from the former Borough (subsequently District Council building), is also to be included.

That Council receives the minutes of the Heritage Mid Canterbury Working Group meeting held on 5 December 2024.

Cameron/Todd

Carried

- Heritage town walk brochures**

That funding of \$1,010 plus GST be provided from the Heritage budget for printing the Historic Places Mid Canterbury heritage town walk brochures.

Cameron/McMillan

Carried

11 Stockwater Exit Transition Plan

That Council adopts the Stockwater Exit Transition Plan.

Wilson/Cameron

Carried

12 Mini Golf Course Project

- That** Council engages Creo to construct an 18-hole Mini Golf Course that incorporates accessibility provisions wherever possible, while retaining course challenge and the diverse terrain of the location at EA Networks Centre (Option 3).

McMillan/Lovett

Carried

2. **That** Council delegates authority to the Mayor & Cr Braam to approve final course hole features and designs of the project.

McMillan/Cameron

Carried

3. **That** Council approves up to \$500,000 from the Reserves Contributions Reserve for a Hakatere, Ashburton District themed mini golf course and associated project costs, with the proviso that Council propagate the plants and utilize staff where possible.

McMillan/Braam

Carried

13 **EA Networks Centre Masterplan**

That Council adopts the EA Networks Centre & Surrounding Land 30 Year Masterplan, as attached in Appendix 1.

Todd/Lovett

Carried

14 **Draft Elderly Persons Housing Policy**

That Council adopts the Elderly Persons Housing Policy 2024.

Braam/Cameron

Carried

15 **Ashburton District Welcoming Community Plan**

It was reported that Council recently achieved Level 3 accreditation.

That Council adopts the Welcoming Communities Plan 2024.

Cameron/McMillan

Carried

16 **Road Naming – Carlisle Estate**

That the road to vest in Council as part of subdivision SUB22/0054, located on Nixon Street, Tinwald and known as Carlisle Estate be named Carlisle Place.

Hooper/Todd

Carried

17 **Deputy Mayor's report**

That Council receives the Deputy Mayor's report.

Cameron/Lovett

Carried

18 **Mayor's report**

The report was amended to note that the Mayor was unable to attend the farewell function for Mel Brooks on 17 December.

That Council receives the Mayor's report.

Mayor/Hooper

Carried

Business transacted with the public excluded – 2.10pm

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:	
19	Council – 4/12/24 • Sale of former Council site [Now in open meeting] • Award of Contract WATE0283	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
20	Audit & Risk Committee 27/11/24	Section 7(2)(a)	Protection of privacy of natural persons

McMillan/Todd

Carried

Business transacted with the public excluded now in open meeting

- **Sale of former Council administration building site [22/11/24]**
- 1. **That** Council approves, in principle, the acceptance of the unconditional offer from Alexandre Germanovitch to purchase the former Council administration building site at 137 to 147 Havelock Street, Ashburton (being Records of Title CB77/248, CB581/16, CB8K/1233 and CB445/230) for the sum of \$2,300,000 plus GST (if any).
- 2. **That** Council delegates authority Chief Executive to finalise the terms of the Agreement for Sale and Purchase.

Todd/Lovett

Carried

There being no resolutions passed, Council resumed in open meeting and concluded at 2.11pm.

[Confirmed by Council on 5 February 2025]

MAYOR