
Council Minutes – 20 October 2021

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 20 October 2021, commencing at 1pm in the Council Chamber, 137 Havelock Street, Ashburton.

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), Steve Fabish (GM Community Services), Neil McCann (GM Infrastructure Services), Sarah Mosley (Manager People & Capability), Ruben Garcia (Communications Manager) and Phillipa Clark (Governance Team Leader).

Staff present for the duration of their reports: Simon Worthington (Economic Development Manager), Richard Fitzgerald (Agricultural Portfolio Advisor), Shirin Khosraviani (Art Gallery & Museum Director), Connor Lysaght (Archives Officer), Toni Durham (Strategy & Policy Manager), Rick Catchpowle (Environmental Monitoring Manager), Andrew Guthrie (Assets Manager), Mel Neumann (Policy Advisor), Rhys Roberts (Technical Support Officer), Tania Paddock (Legal Counsel), Colin Windleborn (Commercial Manager) and Michelle Hydes (Property Officer).

Two members of the public (for item 7)

Presentations

ChristchurchNZ 2.48pm – 3.06pm

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 with the public excluded (item 24):

- Ashburton relief sewer – Section 7(2)(h) Commercial activities

Braam/McMillan

Carried

The Mayor gave notice that the items 5 and 6 will be taken in reverse order.

It was further noted that Michael Baker is unable to attend today's meeting.

3 Declarations of Interest

Nil.

4 Confirmation of Minutes – 6/10/21

- *Ashburton-Tinwald connectivity*

The minutes were amended to record that the data showing that 80% of vehicle movements across the bridge are local was captured from Monday to Thursday.

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 6 October 2021, as amended, be taken as read and confirmed.

Braam/Cameron

Carried

6 **Freshwater Nitrate – 2.4mg and Economic Impact for Ashburton District**

The Chief Executive confirmed that officers will continue facilitate discussion and bring together the expertise of farmers and other stakeholders. Council will be kept informed through regular reports.

1. **That** Council receives the report and refers it to the Canterbury Mayoral Forum and other relevant stakeholders (both political and industry organisations) for consideration and comment; and
2. **That** Council directs Council staff to work with stakeholders to promote the report and work through the implications of its contents.

Falloon/Braam

Carried

5 **Resilient Business Programme**

Cr Braam left the meeting at 2.20pm.

Council's involvement with the Programme was generally supported with Councillors commenting that the report highlights the potential for opportunities to be created and for Council to take on board and promote farmers' views. Those speaking against the recommendation suggested that Council shouldn't be involved as this isn't core Council business.

That Council receives the Resilient Business Programme update report.

Cameron/Rawlinson

Carried

Crs Lovett and Wilson recorded their votes against the motion.

7 **Interpretation Panels – Street Plaques Working Group**

Members of the Street Plaques Working Group were welcomed to the meeting. Samples of the interpretation panels were displayed.

That Council grants speaking rights to Glenn Vallender and Dave Stewart.

McMillan/Cameron

Carried

1. **That** Council renames the Working Group as the 'Heritage Mid Canterbury Working Group'.
2. **That** Council supports Option 2: Continue with panels, as outlined in the report.
3. **That** the Working Group update Council on further developments by March 2022.

Cameron/Rawlinson

Carried

Cr Braam returned to the meeting at 2.33pm.

8 **Naming of Building – Ashburton Library & Civic Centre**

It was noted that 'ngā' in the original name 'Te Pātaka o ngā Tuhituhi' has been amended to 'kā' to reflect the southern Kāi Tahu dialect use of the 'k' instead of 'ng'.

That Council accepts the names gifted by Te Rūnanga o Arowhenua for the Ashburton Library and Civic Centre building which is currently under construction:

a) Te Pātaka o Kā Tuhituhi (Library)

and

b) Te Waharoa a Hine Paaka (Civic Centre).

Mayor/McMillan

Carried

9 Delegations Manual

1. **That** Council delegates to the Chief Executive the power to approve contract progress payments greater than \$1,500,000 that are within approved budgeted levels.
2. **That** the amendment to the Delegations Manual be approved.

Lovett/Falloon Carried

12 ChristchurchNZ Quarterly Report

Bruce Moffat attended the meeting. An apology was received for Loren Heaphy.

That Council receives the quarterly ChristchurchNZ report for October 2021.

Rawlinson/McMillan Carried

Council adjourned from 3.06pm until 3.24pm.

10 Wastewater Drainage Bylaw

That Council rolls over the current Wastewater Drainage Bylaw with minor amendments.

Falloon/Braam Carried

11 Dog Control Bylaw & Dog Control Policy

It was agreed that reference to 'District Council' will be removed to show 'Ashburton Dog Park' on the map and Schedule 1.

Officers agreed to look at the possibility of including signage at the Awa Awa Rata Reserve [[Amended 3/11/21](#)] where dogs are allowed on a leash.

That Council adopts the final Dog Control Bylaw and Policy, as attached in Appendix 1 and Appendix 2.

Lovett/Braam Carried

Cr McKay opposed dogs being allowed off leash at the Company Road dog exercise area and recorded his vote against the motion.

13 Ashburton Car Club Road Closure

That Council permits the following roads to be closed from 8.30am on Sunday 21 November 2021 until 5.30pm the same day to allow the Gravel Bent Sprint Meeting to be held:

Le Bretons Road from Christys Road intersection

Le Bretons Road from Denshires Road South intersection

Chertsey Road from Le Bretons Road intersection for two kilometres.

McKay/Letham Carried

14 Mayor's Report

It was noted that the Mayor participated in an online LGNZ meeting on 18 October, and was unable to attend the Methven Community Board meeting that morning.

That the Mayor's report be received

Mayor/McMillan Carried

15 Councillor Reports

That the Councillors' reports be received.

Cameron/Rawlinson

Carried

Business transacted with the public excluded – 3.53pm

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:	
16	Council 6/10/21 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Ashburton Business EstateLibrary & Civic Centre PCG 14/09/21Economic Recovery Advisory Group	Section 7(2)(h) Section 7(2)(h) Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities Commercial activities Commercial activities
17	Freeholding Glasgow Lease	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
18	Fairfield Rail Hub	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
19	ACL Director Remuneration	Section 7(2)(a)	Protection of privacy of natural persons
20	Eastfield Investments AGM	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
21	Library & Civic Centre PCG 12/10/21	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
22	Caring for Communities Group	Section 7(2)(a)	Protection of privacy of natural persons
23	Economic Recovery Advisory Group	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
24	Extraordinary business – Ashburton relief sewer	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities

Mayor/Braam

Carried

Business transacted with the public excluded now in open meeting

- Railyard Relocation – Fairfield Freight Hub**

That Council agrees to contribute \$2.330 million towards relocating the current rail container terminal to the Talley's site just north of Ashburton township, and provide loan funding of \$3 million to the project.

Falloon/Braam

Carried

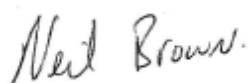
- Ashburton Contracting Ltd Directors' Fees**

That the Ashburton Contracting Limited Directors' fees are set at \$35,000 and the Chairman's fee at \$70,000 per annum, effective from 1 November 2021.

McKay/Falloon

The meeting concluded at 4.58pm.

Confirmed 3 November 2021



MAYOR