

## ***Council Minutes – 18 October 2023***

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 18 October 2023, 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, Russell Ellis, Lynette Lovett, 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), 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 Advisory), Ian Hyde (Planning Manager), Tania Paddock (Legal Counsel) and Renee Julius (Property Manager).

### **1 Apologies**

Crs Phill Hooper and Rob Mackle

Sustained

### **2 Extraordinary Business**

Nil.

### **3 Declarations of Interest**

Nil.

### **4 Confirmation of Minutes – 4/10/23**

**That** the minutes of the Council meeting held on 4 October 2023, be taken as read and confirmed.

McMillan/Lovett

Carried

### **5 Methven Community Board – 16/10/23**

**That** Council receives the minutes of the Methven Community Board meeting held on 16 October 2023.

Cameron/Todd

Carried

#### **• 2024 Community Board meetings**

The Methven Community Board has chosen to retain a schedule of eight meetings in the 2024 year. Council's draft meeting calendar has been amended to reflect 'Option 1' from the Board's report.

**That** the Methven Community Board meeting dates for 2024, as scheduled in Option 1, be confirmed; and that Board meetings continue to be held on Mondays with a 9am start time.

McMillan/Braam

Carried

**6 Creative Communities Grants – Round 1 2023/24**

**That** the Council receives the minutes of the Creative Community Fund Assessment Committee meeting held on 22 September 2023.

Braam/Todd

Carried

**7 Draft Biodiversity Strategy for Public Consultation**

**That** Council approves the Biodiversity Strategy for public consultation from 23 October to 26 November 2023.

McMillan/Lovett

Carried

**8 Representation Review 2023-2025**

Officers noted that Council won't be meeting in July 2024 and that Council's proposal will need to be finalised by the end of July.

- 1. That** Council receives the report.
- 2. That** Council approves the proposed approach to the 2023 Representation Review, which includes the following elements:
  - a) Pre-engagement completed by end of December 2023
  - b) Initial proposal adopted by Council for consultation by end of April 2024
  - c) Final proposal notified by end of July 2024.

Braam/Cameron

Carried

**9 2024 Schedule of Council meetings**

**That** Council adopts the 2024 schedule of Council and Methven Community Board meetings.

McMillan/Todd

Carried

**10 Financial Reports**

Clarification was sought on the \$1.156M borrowings for the roading activity.

*Post meeting note:* this relates to flood money, a portion of which will be reimbursed by Waka Kotahi.

**That** Council receives the financial variance report for August 2023.

Cameron/Braam

Carried

**11 Mayor's Report**

• **Diwali**

It was reported that the Diwali event was cancelled on 14 October, due to the wind conditions. An alternative date is to be advised.

**That** Council receives the Mayor's report.

Mayor/Todd

Carried

**Business transacted with the public excluded – 1.32pm**

**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:	
<b>12</b>	Council 4/10/23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EANC proposal</li> <li>• EANC membership</li> <li>• People &amp; Capability annual report</li> <li>• Lake Hood management</li> </ul> [Now in open meeting] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community grants (Round 2)</li> <li>• Contract ROAD0298 2023-25</li> <li>• ACL Directors' fees</li> </ul>	Section 7(2)(a) Section 7(2)(h) Section 7(2)(a) Section 7(2)(h)	Protection of privacy natural persons Commercial activities Protection of privacy natural persons Commercial activities
<b>13</b>	Library & Civic Centre PCG 10/10/23	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
<b>14</b>	Sale of Council Land	Section 7(2)(g)	Maintain legal professional privilege
<b>15</b>	Methven Community Board 16/10/23 - Discretionary grant applications	Section 7(2)(a)	Protection of privacy of natural persons

Braam/Todd

Carried

### Business transacted with the public excluded now in open meeting

**That** the following resolution of Council become the business of open meeting –

- Sale of Ashburton Library site

Lovett/McMillan

Carried

The meeting concluded at 2.10pm.

Confirmed 31 October 2023




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MAYOR