

Council Minutes – 17 April 2024

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 17 April 2024, commencing at 1pm 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, Tony Todd and Richard Wilson.

In attendance

Hamish Riach (Chief Executive), Toni Durham (GM Democracy & Engagement), Jane Donaldson (GM Strategy & Compliance), Leanne Macdonald (GM Business Support), Neil McCann (GM Infrastructure & Open Spaces), Richard Wood (Acting GM People & Facilities) and Phillipa Clark (Governance Team Leader).

Staff present for the duration of their reports: Mark Low (Strategy & Policy Manager), Tayyaba Latif (Policy Advisor), Ian Soper (Open Spaces Manager) and Mark Chamberlain (Roading Manager).

Approximately 7 members of public attended for part of the meeting.

1 Apologies

Cr Rob Mackle

Sustained

2 Extraordinary Business

Nil.

3 Declarations of Interest

Nil.

Presentation

- Mid Canterbury Citizens Advice Bureau – 2.26pm – 2.49pm

Public Forum

• Hakatere Community

Gary Clancy, a Hakatere resident, spoke about concerns shared by the majority of people in the Hakatere community that the reserve has been blocked off without any consultation. The community's petition requests that the bollards be removed and the reserve area be reinstated as a camping ground. In their view, complaints reportedly made to Council about the anti-social behaviour of some campers are not sufficiently compelling to have had the reserve closed to campers.

The Hakatere community would like to see Council improve the access to the reserve and picnic tables with the ability for people to drive onto the grass. They believe could be achieved if the bollards are moved or relocated to the 5 metre distance initially proposed. They also want to see camping reinstated. While there are toilet facilities, the community accept that more controls may need to be put in place for campers – for example restriction to self-contained vehicles and an online payment system similar to that of the Lower Hakatere camp site.

The presentation concluded at 1.22pm.

- **Tinwald School Board of Trustees**

Board of Trustees representatives Chris Hill (Presiding Member) and Dave Leslie spoke about the School's safety concerns with traffic on Grahams Road, specifically between Thomson and Harland Streets. Anecdotal monitoring during times when children are arriving and leaving school has given an indication of the number of vehicles travelling this route. The general consensus of the School and community is that vehicles frequently exceed 50km/hr.

They asked if Council would conduct an independent traffic review and consult with the School on the possibility of relocating a pedestrian crossing and introducing a 30km/hr zone starting west of Thomson Street and finishing east of Harland Street. An additional pedestrian crossing near the Kindergarten on Thomson Street is also suggested.

The Mayor advised that he will raise the issue in his discussions with the Police Senior Sergeant and will refer it to the Ashburton District Road Safety Co-ordinating Committee for further consideration and response.

The presentation concluded at 1.39pm.

4 Confirmation of Minutes – 3/04/24

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 3 April 2024, be taken as read and confirmed.

Lovett/McMillan

Carried

5 Audit & Risk Committee – 27/03/24

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

Cameron/Ellis

Carried

- **NZTA Waka Kotahi Investment Audit Report**

That Council receives the NZTA Waka Kotahi Investment Audit Report.

Hooper/Cameron

Carried

- **Ashburton Contracting Ltd Draft Statement of Intent 2024-25**

1. **That** Council approves the Ashburton Contracting Limited 2024-25 draft Statement of Intent.
2. **That** Council formally advises the ACT Board of any comments on the draft Statement of Intent before 1 May 2024

Braam/Todd

Carried

- **Transwaste Interim Dividend 2024**

That Council receives the Transwaste dividends report.

McMillan/Cameron

Carried

6 Heritage Mid Canterbury Working Group – 27/03/24

That Council receives the minutes of the Heritage Mid Canterbury Working Group meeting held on 27 March 2024.

Cameron/Wilson

Carried

7 Hakatere Community Petition

Council agreed that the situation with the bollards and the need for improved access to the reserve needs to be addressed. The Mayor proposed a working group be formed, to include Hakatere residents, to review the bollard placement and the feasibility of reinstating camping at the reserve with the outcome of discussion and a proposed solution to be reported back to Council.

1. **That** Council receives the Hakatere community petition.
2. **That** Council forms a working group to progress a solution for the Hakatere Community, consisting of Councillors Lovett, Todd and Wilson, with Cr Ellis as an alternate member, along with three community members and relevant staff.

Lovett/Todd

Carried

Later in the meeting it came to Council's attention that Cr Lovett may be on leave when the working group meets. With agreement from the mover and seconder, Cr Russell Ellis was included as an alternate member.

8 Reserve Classification Programme

Nicki Malone (Xyst) joined the meeting at 1.55pm *via MS Teams*

That Council:

1. confirms the **50 parcels** of land that will continue to be held under the Local Government Act 2002 as described in **Appendix C** of the agenda report (dated 17 April 2024).
2. approves the **17 parcels** of land to be declared reserve and classified according to their primary purpose, pursuant to section 14(1) of the Reserves Act 1977 as described in **Appendix D** of the agenda report (dated 17 April 2024).
3. approves public notification of the proposal to declare and classify eight parcels of land according to their primary purpose, pursuant to section 14(2) of the Reserves Act 1977 as described in **Appendix E** of the agenda report (dated 17 April 2024).
4. approves public notification of the proposal to declare reserves and classify part of two land parcels at Ashton Beach and part of **one** land parcel at Wakanui Beach, all marked in blue pursuant to section 14(2) of the Reserves Act 1977 as described in **Appendix F** of the agenda report (dated 17 April 2024) and subject to surveying.
5. approves the classification of **118** parcels of reserve land pursuant to sections 16(1) and 16(2A) of the Reserves Act 1977, as described in **Appendix G** of the agenda report (dated 17 April 2024).
6. approves public notification of proposals to classify one parcel of reserve land pursuant to section 16(1) of the Reserves Act 1977, as described in **Attachment H** of the agenda report (dated 17 April 2024).
7. approves, subject to survey, classification of **one** land parcel at Mount Somers Cemetery pursuant to section 16(1) of the Reserves Act 1977, as described in **Appendix I** of the agenda report (dated 17 April 2024).
8. approves public notification of the proposal to reclassify two parcels of reserve land pursuant to section 24(2)(b) of the Reserves Act 1977, as described in **Appendix J** of the agenda report (dated 17 April 2024).
9. approves public notification of the proposal to reclassify parts of three parcels of reserve land, at Alford Forest Domain and Pendarves Domain, pursuant to section 24(2)(b) of the Reserves Act 1977 and as described in **Appendix K** of the agenda report (dated 17 April 2024) and subject to surveying.
10. appoints Crs Braam, Cameron, McMillan and Wilson as the Hearing Panel in preparation for any requests by submitters to speak to their objections or submissions on the proposed classifications that are to be publicly notified under the resolutions above, noting that the role of the hearings panel will be to hear submissions and make recommendations to the Council on classification decisions.

Todd/McMillan

Carried

9 Road Closure – Ashburton Car Club Quarter Mile Sprint

That Council permits the temporary road closure of Blands Road from Dip Road to Methven Highway from 9.00 am to 4.30pm on Saturday, 18 May 2024 to allow the Standing Quarter Mile Sprint Meeting to be held.

Ellis/Cameron

Carried

10 Mayor's Report

That the Mayor's report be received.

Mayor/Lovett

Carried

Business transacted with the public excluded – 2.11pm

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 – 3/04/24	Sections 7(2)(a) & h)	Protection of privacy of natural persons & Commercial activities
13	Audit & Risk Committee – 27/03/24	Sections 7(2)(a) & h)	Protection of privacy of natural persons & Commercial activities

Braam/McMillan

Carried

There being no matters requiring decision, Council resumed in open meeting and adjourned from 2.14pm to 2.26pm.

11 Citizens Advice Bureau Mid Canterbury

Sarah Clifford, CABMC Co-ordinator, was welcomed to the meeting and invited to present the agency's six month report to December 2023.

CAB has seen year on year increases in the number of people accessing their services and additional services continue to be provided. Council heard that Lottery Grants Board funding of \$15k was anticipated but only \$5k has been received. Sarah signalled that CABMC will be looking to obtain additional funding from Council to help meet the shortfall.

The presentation concluded at 2.49pm.

That Council receives the CAB Mid Canterbury report.

McMillan/Ellis

Carried

The meeting concluded at 2.50pm.

[Confirmed by Council on 1 May 2024]

MAYOR