
Council Minutes – 2 March 2022

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 2 March 2022, 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), Jane Donaldson (GM Strategy & Compliance), Steve Fabish (GM Community Services), Neil McCann (GM Infrastructure Services), Sarah Mosley (Manager People & Capability) and Phillipa Clark (Governance Team Leader).

Staff present for the duration of their reports: Toni Durham (Strategy & Policy Manager), Mel Neumann (Policy Advisor), Andrew Guthrie (Assets Manager), Ian Hyde (Planning Manager) and Bert Hofmans (Open Spaces Planner).

Via MS Teams: Paul Brake (GM Business Support), Ruben Garcia (Communications Manager)

Three members of the public attended.

Presentations

Ashburton Contracting Limited – 3.05pm – 3.50pm.

1 Apologies

Nil.

2 Extraordinary Business

Nil.

3 Declarations of Interest

Item 6 – Cr Letham declared a non pecuniary interest and will participate in the debate.

Former Councillor Jack Ross

Council observed a moment's silence for former Cr Jack Ross who was elected to the Ashburton District Council as an Ashburton Urban Ward Councillor in 1998, retiring in 2001.

Public Forum

Alan Totty attended on behalf of the Mt Somers Walkway Society (apology from the Society's President, Charles Ross).

Council received an update on the Sharplin Falls walking track project. The Society have applied for a Council community project grant but are concerned at the potential for their project to be delayed as the funding, if successful, won't be available until after 1 July 2022, and work needs to start shortly on the walkway bridges. The Society is also looking at the possibility of applying to the Tourism Infrastructure Fund and have had good responses from the Mid South Canterbury Trust and the Lion Foundation. .

Council acknowledged the request and asked for officers to prepare a report to further consider funding options.

The presentation concluded at 1.16pm.

4 Confirmation of Minutes – 16/02/22

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 16 February 2022, be taken as read and confirmed.

Braam/McMillan

Carried

5 Biodiversity Advisory Group – 1/02/22

Clarification was sought on the purpose of the Mid Canterbury Catchment Collective, formed in December 2021. It was noted that this group's objective is to collect data on water quality/quantity, including groundwater nitrates. Details on the Collective will be circulated to Council.

That Council receives the minutes of the Biodiversity Advisory Group meeting held on 1 February 2022.

Lovett/Rawlinson

Carried

6 Request for renaming of Mill Road and Ross Road

Councillors opposing the officer's recommendation cited examples of other road names in the district that are duplicated or similar sounding. It was further noted that RAPID numbering doesn't exist on either road.

Officers acknowledged that there are historical occurrences of conflicting names in the district and advised that there have been issues as a result of this.

That Council approves the request to rename the existing Ross Road as George Ross Road, and a section of Mill Road as Ross Road.

McKay/Braam

Carried

7 Naming of Road – Westview Drive

That the road to vest in Council as part of Subdivision Sub20/0040, at 46-56 Tinwald Westerfield Mayfield Road, be named Westview Drive.

Braam/Cameron

Carried

8 Ministry for Environment Submission (NES Sources of Human Drinking Water)

The draft submission was supported with minor amendment –

Q18 – reference to Canterbury being a nitrate hot spot will be amended to 'parts of Canterbury'

Q33 – note that the ability to inspect all bores is possible, but it's likely to be impractical.

That Council approves the draft submission to the Ministry for the Environment's consultation document *Improving the protection of drinking-water sources*.

Cameron/Braam

Carried

9 Canterbury Climate Change Risk Assessment

That Council receives the Canterbury Climate Change Risk Assessment Technical Report and the Summary Report.

McMillan/Braam

Carried

10 Ashton Beach Enhancement Project

That Council agrees to covenanting land at Ashton Beach (in accordance with Figure 1) and proceeds with the application for a Wildlife Act Authority.

Braam/Lovett

Carried

11 Mayor's Report

That the Mayor's report be received.

Mayor/Cameron

Carried

Welcome to staff – 2.38pm

Sarah Mosley, Manager People & Capability, introduced new staff – Dr Christian Chukwuka (Ecologist/Biodiversity Advisor) and Zani van der Westhuizen (Development Engineer).

Council also acknowledged the long service of Paul Stirling (Systems Team Leader) – 10 years and Brian Kerr (Business Systems Analyst) – 15 years.

Business transacted with the public excluded – 2.44pm.

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:	
13	Council 16/02/22 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Library & Civic Centre [Now in open meeting] <ul style="list-style-type: none">Methven exploratory bore drilling contracts	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
14	Ashburton Contracting Ltd	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities

Braam/McMillan

Carried

Council adjourned for afternoon tea from 2.44pm to 3.05pm.

The meeting concluded at 3.52pm.

Confirmed 16 March 2022



MAYOR