

Council Minutes – 21 December 2022

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 21 December 2022, commencing at 1.00pm in the Council Chamber, 137 Havelock Street, Ashburton.

Present

His Worship the Mayor, Neil Brown (Chair); Councillors Leen Braam, Carolyn Cameron, Russell Ellis, Phill Hooper, Lynette Lovett, Tony Todd and Richard Wilson.

In attendance

Hamish Riach (Chief Executive), Leanne Macdonald (GM Business Support), Neil McCann (GM Infrastructure & Open Spaces), Ian Hyde (Acting GM Strategy & Compliance), Sarah Mosley (GM People & Facilities) and Carol McAtamney (Governance Support).

Staff present for the duration of their reports: Toni Durham (Strategy & Policy Manager), Femka van der Valk (Policy Advisor), Tayyaba Latiff (Policy Advisor), Mark Chamberlain (Roading Manager), Tania Paddock (Legal Counsel/Acting Property Manager), Janice McKay (Communications Manager), Erin Register (Finance Manager), Crissie Drummond (Infrastructure Services Support Lead), Ann Smith (Property Officer) and Michelle Hydes (Property Advisor).

Three members of the public attended.

Acknowledgement of Councillor Rodger Letham

Council observed a moment's silence for Councillor Rodger Letham. Cr Letham was elected to the Ashburton District Council in 2019 and re-elected in October 2022.

Declaration by Councillor Leen Braam

The statutory declaration was made by Cr Leen Braam, as required by cl. 14, Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002, and witnessed by the Mayor and Chief Executive.

Presentations

Bancorp – 1.51pm – 2.26pm

Mid Canterbury Catchment Collective – 2.35pm – 3.03pm

1 Apologies

Deputy Mayor Liz McMillan

Sustained

2 Extraordinary Business

Nil.

3 Declarations of Interest

Item 16 – Cr Ellis gave notice that he will withdraw from debate and decision.

4 Confirmation of Minutes – 7/12/22

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 7 December 2022, be taken as read and confirmed.

Todd/Cameron

Carried

5 Methven Community Board – 12/12/22

That Council receives the minutes of the Methven Community Board meeting held on 12 December 2022.

Cameron/Lovett

Carried

6 Use of Footpaths for Alfresco Dining Policy

1. **That** Council adopts the Draft Use of Footpaths for Alfresco Dining Policy 2022 as attached in appendix 1.
2. **That** Council begins charging licence to occupy fees for the new licence to occupy holders from 1 July 2023.

Lovett/Braam

Carried

7 Shade Initiatives – UV/Sun Protection

That Council approves the mainstreaming of shade initiatives at an operational level, subject to approved budget, with there not being a requirement to develop a policy.

Braam/Todd

Carried

8 Interim Speed Management Plan

1. **That** Council adopts lowering the speed limits around schools.

Todd/Cameron

Carried

2. **That** Council adopts the lowering to 30km/h around urban and rural schools.

Ellis/Braam

Carried

Cr Lovett recorded her vote against the motion (#2).

3. **That** Council adopts a variable speed limit for rural schools and a permanent speed limit for urban schools.

Braam/Ellis

Carried

4. **That** Council adopts the principle on urban fringes as proposed with a 1km radius from a township's boundary

Lovett/Ellis

Carried

5. **That** Council adopts the principle on speed reduction in developed urban areas with a high number of users as proposed.

Ellis/Braam

Carried

9 Stockwater Race Closure – Anama Area

1. **That** Council declines the application to close the stockwater race starting on PN: 21870, 3133 Arundel Rakaia Gorge Road, and finishing on PN: 24028, 323 Anama Settlement Road, at this time.
2. **That** Council forms and facilitates a focus group (chaired by the Mayor), which includes supporting and opposing property owners, to seek possible alternative options to supplying stockwater water.
3. **That** the closure application be reviewed in 18 months' time to ensure the application is progressing.

Cameron/Todd

Carried

Bancorp

Miles O'Connor was welcomed to the meeting

- Overview of Bancorp Treasury Service
- Services to Ashburton District (12 years)
- Recent market developments
- Recession expected next year
- Mortgage rate increases expected to get worse next year.
- May 2023 peak for OCR
- Consumer confidence lowest it has ever been
- Forecast is gloomy

11 Financial Reports – October & November 2022

That Council receives the financial variance reports and EA Networks centre income and expenditure reports for October and November 2022.

Cameron/Lovett

Carried

Mid Canterbury Catchment Collective

Angela Cushnie and Janine Holland were welcomed to the meeting and gave an overview on the recently formed Mid Canterbury Catchment Collective

- Purpose - to encourage and coordinate an integrated catchment – by-collective approach to intergenerational land and water stewardship between the Rakaia and Rangitata Rivers from mountains to sea
- Next steps – engage with stakeholders, develop a long-term strategy and support catchment communities.
- Community led and solution focused built on collaboration and trust
- Current Catchment Groups/Communities
 - Foothills
 - Hekeao Hinds Hill Country
 - Hekeao Hinds Lowlands
 - Existing Landcare groups – Upper Rangitata Landcare group and Whitcombe Landcare Group in the Rakaia gorge

Council adjourned for afternoon tea at 3.04pm and resumed at 3.20pm.

12 Councillor Reports

That the reports be received.

Lovett/Cameron

Carried

13 Mayor's Report

- **Appointment to Regional Event Funding Panel**

That Councillor Phill Hooper be appointed as Council's representative on the Regional Events Funding panel until the Panel is wound up in 2023.

Braam/Todd

Carried

That Council receives the Mayor's report.

Mayor/Braam

Carried

10 Adoption of Annual Report 2021-22

Pressure on Audit NZ office, which spills over onto organisations that they are auditing. Which caused the Government granted 2 months additional time for audits to be completed. In light of these circumstances CE expressed thanks and appreciation to the Finance team for the tremendous effort they have undertaken to get this finalised within the statutory deadline/requirements.

Echoed by the Mayor.

Next year deadline being moved back to 31 October.

That Council adopts the 2021/22 Annual Report for Ashburton District Council.

Cameron/Lovett

Carried

Business transacted with the public excluded – 3.36pm.

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:	
14	Council 7/12/22	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
15	Walnut Ave Pavilion	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
16	Community House MC Charitable Trust	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
17	Library & Civic Centre PCG – 13/12/22	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
18	Baring Square East upgrade – award of contract	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities

Todd/Braam

Carried

Business transacted with the public excluded now in open meeting

- **Baring Sq East upgrade – award of contract**

1. **That** Council approves the carry-over of \$1,006,650 from the 2021/22 budget for the Baring Square East Redevelopment project.
2. **That** Council approves the awarding of the contract for the Ashburton Baring Square East Redevelopment to Tru-Line Civil in the amount of Two Million, Four hundred and forty-nine thousand, nine hundred and three dollars and forty-four cents (\$2,449,903.44).
3. **That** Council approves an additional \$140,513.55 for the project, to be loan funded.

Braam/Lovett

Carried

The meeting concluded at 4.27 pm.

[Confirmed by Council on 1 February 2023]

MAYOR