

Council Minutes – 4 October 2023

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 4 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, Phill Hooper, 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), Dan Huismann (Senior Communications Advisor) and Phillipa Clark (Governance Team Leader).

Staff present for the duration of their reports: Tania Paddock (Legal Counsel), Simon Worthington (Economic Development Manager), Mark Chamberlain (Roading Manager), Renee Julius (Property Manager), Katie Perry (People & Capability Manager) and Ann Smith (Community Liaison Officer).

1 Apologies

Cr Cameron (for part of the meeting)

Sustained

2 Extraordinary Business

Nil.

3 Declarations of Interest

Item 13 – Cr Ellis gave notice that he would withdraw from the debate and decision.

Presentation

Youth Council – 1.10pm-1.26pm

4 Confirmation of Minutes – 20/09/23

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 20 September 2023, be taken as read and confirmed.

McMillan/Cameron

Carried

5 Audit & Risk Committee – 13/09/23

That Council receives the minutes of the Audit & Risk Committee meeting held on 13 September 2023.

Cameron/Ellis

Carried

- **Riskpool progress update**

That Council receives the updates from Riskpool on the progress of winding up, and is aware of their ongoing liability.

McMillan/Cameron

Carried

6 Heritage Mid Canterbury Working Group – 13/09/23

That the Council receives the minutes of the Heritage Mid Canterbury Working Group meeting held on 13 September 2023.

Cameron/Todd

Carried

- **Potential projects with historical significance**

That Council considers the potential for the Whakanui Beach and 1914 Chertsey oil well sites to be included in the District Plan heritage listing review.

McMillan/Todd

Carried

- **Ng King Bros. Chinese Market Garden Settlement**

That Council funds the Ng King Bros. Chinese Market Garden Settlement up to \$2,500 from the heritage activity budget.

Braam/Cameron

Carried

- **Terms of Reference**

That Council adopts the Heritage Mid Canterbury Working Group terms of reference.

Cameron/Todd

Carried

7 Youth Council

Council welcomed Youth Councillors Maddie Page, Summer Foster, Sophia Aquila, Cherish Moti, Carina Lupse and Addison Judd. The presentation highlighted the Youth Council's desire to see –

- Affordable housing
- Visitor attractions (a waterpark would be good) and youth-friendly events
- Celebrating the cultures of people who have chosen to live here – 'language weeks' to promote the diversity of our district
- Road safety – reinforce speed limits around schools and increase pedestrian crossings
- Youth friendly spaces – such as Timezone or Laser Strike and youth friendly clothing stores and food
- Public transport is an issue – Youth Councillors like the My Way bus concept in Timaru and/or lime scooters / bikes that can be hired
- Improved access to healthcare – make it more appealing to attract health professionals through provision of scholarships for young people entering training in the health sector
- Rubbish bins – appears to be a need for more education and awareness of where bins are located and how they should be used
- More public toilets and consider their location
- Water quality – form a group of volunteers to help clean waterways

The Youth Council would like to have input into Council decision-making, especially on issues that concern young people.

In conclusion the Mayor thanked the Youth Councillors for their observations and suggestions. Council has taken on board the public transport issue and will share this with ECan as part of the wider public transport discussion.

The presentation concluded at 1.26pm.

8 Plains Museum Trust Lease

That Council approves the granting of a Deed of Lease under section 54(1) of the Reserves Act 1977 to the Plains Museum Trust for part of the Tinwald Domain (as contained within all or part of Reserve 41245, Part Rural Section 41347 and Rural Section 399930) for a term of 10 years, plus two rights of renewal of 10 years each.

Ellis/Cameron

Cameron

9 Speed Limit Changes

- 1. That** Council approves the speed limit changes to take effect from 1 November 2023 at:
- Ashbury Grove Subdivision, Tinwald - new 40 km/hr urban area.
 - Grahams Road, Tinwald 50 km/hr – reduce from 80 km/hr to 50 km/hr for 150m from existing 50 km/hr urban traffic area.
 - Strowan Fields Subdivision, Ashburton 40 km/hr – new 40 km/hr urban area.
 - Wakanui Road, Ashburton 50 km/hr – reduce from 60 km/hr to 50 km/hr for 140m from existing 50 km/hr urban traffic area.
 - Carrfields Subdivision, Tinwald 50 km/hr – extend 50 km/hr urban traffic area.
 - Westview Drive, Tinwald 40 km/hr – new 40 km/hr urban area.
 - Holmes Road, Methven 50 km/hr – reduce from 100 km/hr to 50 km/hr.
 - Albert Street, Ashburton 50 km/hr – reduce from 60 km/hr to 50 km/hr from existing 50 km/hr urban traffic area to existing 30 km/hr Ashburton Christian School speed limit.

Braam/Lovett

Carried

10 Mayor's Report

• 'Talk it up Tuesday' sessions

Council supported continuing the sessions with a further review of how it is working to be undertaken in the new year. The Mayor and Councillors will be rostered for the remainder of this year, taking into account the period when the library will be closed for relocation.

That Councillors resume the 'Talk it up Tuesday' sessions on a weekly basis from 1pm to 2pm, commencing 17 October 2023 in the Ashburton Public Library.

Todd/Cameron

Carried

• Mid Canterbury Vision presentation to Environment Canterbury

The Mayor reported on the meeting he attended, along with the Deputy Mayor and Chief Executive and representatives of the Mid Canterbury working group (formed to engage with ECan). The Group prepared a draft Vision to help ECan understand what's important to this district. The collective views and feedback from the wider community, including businesses and conservationists, are aligned to the four wellbeings and will contribute at the 'front-end' to ECan's Regional Policy Statement.

Formal consultation is to come, and there's ongoing work with iwi, as ECan works through the RPS process.

That Council receives the Mayor's report.

Mayor/Hooper

Carried

Business transacted with the public excluded – 1.46pm

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: | |
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| 11 | Council 20/09/23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Settlement Steering Group 29/08/23 • Library & Civic Centre PCG 12/09/23 • Sale of Council land | Section 7(2)(a) Section 7(2)(h) Section 7(2)(h) | Protection of privacy natural persons Commercial activities Commercial activities |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CE annual performance review [Now in open meeting] Sale of library site ACL Director appointments | Section 7(2)(a) | Protection of privacy natural persons |
| 12 | Audit & Risk Committee 13/09/23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EANC proposal EANC membership Health & Safety | Section 7(2)(a) Section 7(2)(h) Section 7(2)(a) | Protection of privacy of natural persons Commercial activities Protection of privacy of natural persons |
| 13 | Community grants & funding (Round 2) | Section 7(2)(h) | Commercial activities |
| 14 | Award Contract ROAD0298 – road resurfacing | Section 7(2)(h) | Commercial activities |
| 15 | ACL Directors’ fees | Section 7(2)(h) | Commercial activities |
| 16 | People & Capability annual report | Section 7(2)(a) | Protection of privacy natural persons |
| 17 | Lake Hood management | Section 7(2)(h) | Commercial activities |

Mayor/Ellis

Carried

Council resumed in open meeting at 3.08pm.

Welcome to Staff

Katie Perry, People & Capability Manager introduced new staff members – Ryan Henderson (Systems Officer Building) and Laurika Strydom (Information Management Officer).

Council also acknowledged Abbie Shirley (People & Capability Officer) for her five years of service.

Business transacted with the public excluded – 3.11pm

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McMillan/Lovett

Carried

Council adjourned for afternoon tea from 3.11pm to 3.25pm.

The meeting concluded at 4.07pm.

[Confirmed by Council on 18 October 2023]

MAYOR