

Council Minutes – 1 February 2023

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 1 February 2023, 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, Liz McMillan, Tony Todd and Richard Wilson.

In attendance

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

Staff present for the duration of their reports: Mark Chamberlain (Roading Manager), Mark Smith (Corridor Manager-Roading), Tania Paddock (Legal Counsel), Renee Julius (Property Manager), Janice McKay (Communications Manager), Erin Register (Finance Manager).

Presentations

HEB – 1.45pm-3.07pm

1 Apologies

Nil.

2 Extraordinary Business

Nil.

3 Declarations of Interest

Nil.

4 Confirmation of Minutes – 21/12/22

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 21 December 2022, be taken as read and confirmed.

Braam/Todd

Carried

5 Canterbury Local Authorities Triennial Agreement 2023-25

That Council ratifies the Canterbury Local Authorities Triennial Agreement 2023-25.

Lovett/McMillan

Carried

6 Community Grants & Heritage Funding 2022-23

That Council allocates \$6,300 in Natural & Built Environment - Heritage funding for 2022/23 to the Ashburton Railway & Preservation Society.

Cameron/Ellis

Carried

7 Reserve Board & Memorial Hall Triennial Appointments

1. **That** Council receives the report.
2. **That** Council approves the appointments submitted by each of the Boards, as detailed in this report.

Lovett/Wilson

Carried

8 Ashburton Car Club Road Closure – Gravel Sprint Meeting

That Council permits the following road to be closed from 8.00 am Saturday 18 February 2023 until 6.00 pm the same day to allow the Gravel Sprint Meeting to be held:

Upper Downs Road, Mt Somers from Quarry Road to approximately # 518 Upper Downs Road.

Todd/Braam

Carried

9 Financial Reports – December 2022

Officers were asked to check and report back with details on the Water Zone Committee loan repayment (\$18,000).

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

Braam/Ellis

Carried

13 Mayor's Report

• **LGNZ sector meetings**

The Mayor and Chief Executive will attend both sector meetings.

1. **That** Councillors Wilson and Todd attend the Rural and Provincial meeting in Wellington, on 2/3 March 2023.
2. **That** Councillors Ellis, Lovett and Hooper attend the Zone 5&6 meeting in Queenstown on 20/21 April.

Cameron/Braam

Carried

• **Chamber of Commerce**

The Mayor briefly reported on the Canterbury Employees Chamber of Commerce meeting he attended yesterday. Police spoke to the meeting about the issue of rising crime and antisocial behaviour. While the focus was on Christchurch, the problems extend across Canterbury. A key concern of Police is the amount of time they are required to spend on domestic violence and mental health issues.

Zone Committee

That Richard Wilson be appointed as Council's representative on the Ashburton Water Zone Committee.

Cameron/Hooper

Carried

That Council receives the Mayor's report.

Mayor/McMillan

Carried

Council adjourned from 1.30pm to 1.45pm

HEB presentation

The Mayor welcomed Harry Alderson (GM Roding-NZ) and James Fabor (Contract Manager). An apology was received from David Simpson.

Key points from the presentation:

- Widespread concern about the network condition across NZ – there's a pothole 'invasion'
- If the current pattern of weather continues then continuing pothole problems can be expected
- Local approach to network management – HEB responsible for maintenance, HEB, FH and ACL for rehabilitation and ACL for resurfacing
- Ashburton district has had significantly more rain over the last two years (contributing factor to seal failures)
- HEB reviewed and improved methods after significant floods in 2022
- New equipment has been commissioned – this will allow for efficient removal of material that has built up on road shoulders over a period of time. Will use in the Canterbury region where it's suited to the low-lying geography
- Around 60km / year needs to be revisited and improved (based on theory of roads being constructed to last 25 years) – ideally 60km/year would be rehabilitated
- Heavy maintenance – this year around 11,500m² to be repaired
- Potential solutions – select priority of investment each year - focus on the best use of \$\$
- Focus on what will protect the network long term (e.g. drainage) it pays off further down the track (vs invasive payment repair where immediate improvement is shown)
- Parties continue to work on identifying efficiencies, improvements to make \$\$ go further
- Draw from other contracts across the country, particularly what worked in Selwyn
- Additional solutions – increased Waka Kotahi and ADC funding
- HEB are working closely with ADC's roading team and have the support of their parent company to make investment in machinery
- Challenging and exploring solutions and other options that may result in reshaping parameters of engagement. HEB's continued focus is on improving the condition of roads in this district.

Responding to questions from Council:

- Pothole repairs (12,651 last year) were a combination of repeat and new. The contractors don't have an expectation of every pothole repair being done once. The mix currently being used for repairs has been found to be the best and is delivering good outcomes (but twice the cost). In winter, repairs have to be repeated until the mix settles. The contractor knows which roads to revisit after a rain event.
- Inspections of unsealed roads show there are a number desperately needing metal. HEB have introduced to ADC a process of unsealed rehab which is performing well – spreading metal in key areas with an inspector driving the network to identify particular issues. HEB are formulating a plan for winter and a work programme for when the new budget takes effect from 1 July.

The presentation concluded and Council thanked Harry and James for their attendance.

Council adjourned for afternoon tea at 3.07pm until 3.31pm.

Business transacted with the public excluded – 3.31pm.

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:	
11	Council 21/12/22	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
12	Library & Civic Centre PCG 24/01/23	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
13	Sale of Land	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities

McMillan/Braam

Carried

The meeting concluded at 4.07pm.

[Confirmed by Council on 15 February 2023]

MAYOR