

Council Minutes – 15 December 2021

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 15 December 2021, commencing at 10am 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), Paul Brake (GM Business Support), Jane Donaldson (GM Strategy & Compliance), Steve Fabish (GM Community Services), Neil McCann (GM Infrastructure Services), Sarah Mosley (Manager People & Capability), Ruben Garcia (Communications Manager) and Phillipa Clark (Governance Team Leader).

Staff present for the duration of their reports: Colin Windleborn (Commercial Manager), Michelle Hydes (Property Officer), Toni Durham (Strategy & Policy Manager), Emily Read (Corporate Planner), Rachel Thomas (Policy Advisor), Mel Neumann (Policy Advisor), Shirin Khosraviani (Art Gallery & Museum Director), Erin Register (Finance Manager), Brian Fauth (Roading Manager) and Ewen Cox (Compliance Co-ordinator).

Presentations

Public Forum (Rakaia Rugby Club) – 1pm-1.18pm

RDR Management Ltd: 3.30pm-4.05pm

1 Apologies

Nil.

2 Extraordinary Business

Nil.

3 Declarations of Interest

Nil.

Business transacted with the public excluded – 10am

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:	
17	Council 1/12/21 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Lake Clearwater [Now in open meeting] <ul style="list-style-type: none">Ashburton Domain entrance	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
18	Freeholding Glasgow Lease	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
19	Freeholding Glasgow Lease	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
20	C-19 Economic Recovery Advisory Group	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities

21	Caring for Communities Welfare Recovery Group	Section 7(2)(a)	Protection of privacy of natural persons
22	CWMS Zone Committee Refresh process	Section 7(2)(a)	Protection of privacy of natural persons
23	Contract CON00108 – 3Waters treatment & network operations & maintenance	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
24	Library & Civic Centre Te Pātaka o Kā Tuhihi - Te Waharoa a Hine Paaka	Section 7(2)(h)	

Mayor/McMillan

Carried

Council resumed in open meeting at 1pm.

The Mayor gave notice that the agenda will be re-ordered to take item 6 (Adoption of the Annual Report) as the final item in open meeting.

PUBLIC FORUM – Rakaia Recreation Centre

Mark Hanrahan and Mark Boag (Rakaia Rugby Club) provided information on the Club's progress with construction of the new Rakaia Recreation Centre which will replace the existing facilities. The new building incorporates public amenities and the Club is seeking Council funding for this.

The (2011/12) feasibility study has been revisited and the community has been consulted on the building's design throughout the concept and preliminary plan stages. Sport NZ and Sport Mid Canterbury have been involved and the Club has received support from other sporting groups and organisations. The project's completion is anticipated by April 2023.

The Club is seeking financial contribution from Council of \$265k to meet the cost of the public toilets. Further support will be sought from Council, in the form of a repayable term loan of up to \$150k (if needed) as well as 'in-kind' advice. The Club has good capital reserves and a fundraising plan that includes seeking funding from other sources. The biggest challenge now is to price and tender the project.

Bruce Perry (Rakaia Reserve Board) spoke about the Board's support for the Rugby Club's project, noting that the Club's existing facilities are past their 'use-by' and most likely do not meet earthquake building standards (an assessment hasn't been undertaken). The proposed new recreation centre facilities will be a more suitable venue for indoor and outdoor activities. The Board endorses the Club's request for Council to fund the new toilet block which will provide public access 24/7.

The Mayor advised that Council officers will be asked to prepare an issues and options report for funding the public toilet block and the loan request.

The presentation concluded at 1.18pm.

4 Confirmation of Minutes – 1/12/21

Amended to clarify that the 3Waters Reform resolution supporting the Waka Kotahi model was opposed by Crs Cameron, Rawlinson & Wilson.

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 1 December 2021, as amended, be taken as read and confirmed.

McMillan/Cameron

Carried

5 Methven Community Board – 29/11/21

That Council receives the minutes of the Methven Community Board meeting held on 29 November 2021, be received.

McMillan/Letham

Carried

7 Implementation of My Vaccine Passes for Council facilities

1. **That** Council receives the report.

Braam/McMillan

Carried

2. **That** Council introduces My Vaccine Passes at the following Council facilities:

- a) Ashburton Administration Building
- b) Ashburton Public Library
- c) Ashburton Art Gallery & Heritage Centre
- d) Ashburton District Council Chambers
- e) Mt Hutt Memorial Hall

Falloon/Wilson

Carried

3. **That** Council does not introduce My Vaccine Passes at the following Council facilities:

- a) Ashburton Domain Office and Yard
- b) Staffed camping grounds at Rangitata, Hakatere and Mt Somers
- c) Resource recovery parks and transfer stations
- d) Community and Memorial Halls
- e) Outdoor community swimming pools on Council land - Tinwald, Ruapuna, Rakaia, Hinds, Mt Somers
- f) Open space areas of Council parks & reserves, cemeteries, playgrounds, public conveniences, camping grounds (without staff), Ashburton Airport
- g) Elderly Persons Housing.

McKay/Cameron

Carried

3. **That** Council commences a contractual change with the contractor operating the Ashburton Holiday Park to introduce My Vaccine Pass to the Ashburton Holiday Park.

Braam/Rawlinson

Carried

5. **That** Council acknowledges that the introduction of My Vaccine Pass to members only club rooms and/or facilities on Council land as per a lease or licence to occupy is at the clubs' discretion.

Falloon/Wilson

Carried

Cr McKay recorded his vote against the motion.

6. **That** the above recommendations apply while our district is at either the Orange or Red level of the COVID Protection Framework, with delegation given to the Chief Executive to review, and possibly remove, the need for My Vaccine Passes at all or some facilities should the District move to the Green level.

Braam/Lovett

Carried

7. **That** the Chief Executive will enact any decision to introduce My Vaccine Pass at a facility as soon as practicable, taking into account all operational and legal matters.

Mayor/Braam

Carried

8 **Ashburton District Council Trail Maintenance Fund**

- 1. **That** Council agrees to receive the amount of approximately \$102,443.00 from the Braided Waters Trust, to be used over a 10 year period for the purpose of the repair and maintenance of the walking, hiking, cycling and mountain biking trails in Mid Canterbury
- 2. **That** the funds be distributed annually via Council's grants scheme.
- 3. **That** staff develop an application and funds distribution process, with grants being approved by Council.

Rawlinson/Lovett

Carried

9 Additional Roothing Funds 2021-22

1. **That** Council does not proceed with the Year 1 low cost-low risk improvement projects that did not receive Waka Kotahi funding, shown as \$775,665 in Year 1 of the Long-Term Plan 2021-31.
2. **That** Council redirects \$193,550 from the budgeted Year 1 Low Cost-Low Risk Improvements funding to the Ashburton - Tinwald Connectivity Detailed Business Case.
3. **That** Council funds the roading emergency works (from the May 2021 and July 2021 rain events) by redirecting \$582,115 from the budgeted Year 1 Low Cost-Low Risk Improvements funding, with the balance of \$961,793 to be allocated from Council's disaster 'self'-insurance reserve.

Letham/Cameron

Carried

10 Stockwater Race Closure – SKW/024/20

Cr McKay declared a conflict and refrained from the debate and decision.

It was noted that 17 of the 19 affected property owners have consented to the closure.

That Council approves the closure of the stockwater race from a junction at 198 Mill Road (Lot 17 DP 3820, PN: 3265), and finishing at 46 Tinwald Westerfield Mayfield Road (Lot 4 DP 540232, PN: 24422).

Lovett/Rawlinson

Carried

11 Health (Fluoridation of Drinking Water) Amendment Act 2021

That Council receives the report.

Cameron/McMillan

Carried

12 Civic Art Collection Management Policy

1. **That** Council adopts the draft Civic Art Collection Management Policy 2021.
2. **That** Council approves the information of the Civic Art Collection be accessible to the public on eHive.

Lovett/Braam

Carried

13 Ashburton District Demography and Positive Ageing

1. **That** Council receives the Demography and Positive Ageing Background Report as attached in Appendix 1.
2. **That** Council does not develop a Positive Ageing or Youth Plan.

Rawlinson/Lovett

Carried

Cr Cameron recorded her vote against the motion.

14 Communications Policy

That Council adopts the revised external Communications Policy.

Mayor/McKay

Carried

Welcome to staff – 2.55pm

Jim Henderson, People & Capability Advisor introduced new staff – James Hope (Curator), Grace Bolton (Information Management Officer), Suzanne Bendsorp (Administration Officer) and Prince Alex (Projects Engineer).

The long service of Ian Hydes (Planning Manager) – 10 years, and Michelle Hydes (Property Advisor) – 5 years was also acknowledged.

Council adjourned for afternoon tea from 2.58pm until 3.18pm.

6 Adoption of the Annual Report

The Audit Opinion was tabled.

That Council adopts the audited 2020/21 Annual Report for Ashburton District Council.

Falloon/Cameron

Carried

15 Mayor's Report

That the Mayor's report be received.

Mayor/Rawlinson

Carried

RDR Management Limited

Tony McCormick (Chief Executive) and Richard Wilson (Board Chair) presented a proposal to reallocate approximately 3 cumecs of water to managed aquifer recharge. The 'constrained' water, which is consented and contracted to Trustpower, is currently unable to be used for generation.

RDRML's water supply agreements specify the amount of water and what it is to be used for – stockwater, irrigation and hydro-generation (but not MAR).

RDRML is seeking approval from its four shareholders to vary the water supply agreement with Trustpower who have agreed to a three year trial of reassigning the constrained water to the MAR project.

At the conclusion of the presentation, Council agreed to consider this request in the new year. A report will be provided to the 2 February 2022 Council meeting.

Business transacted with the public excluded now in open meeting

Freeholding of Glasgow Lease Land – 199 Dobson Street

That Council approves the sale of the Lessor's interest in 199 Dobson Street, legally described as Lot 8 DP 17905 CBK9K/561, Lot 9 DP 17905 CB9K/562 and Lot 10 DP 179058 CB9K/563 containing approximately 2,477m² to the current Lessee, McPherson Lifestyle Properties Limited (the Lessee) at the current market freeholding value of \$384,000 plus GST (if any).

Lovett/Braam

Carried

Future role of the Economic Development Advisory Group

1. **That** the Covid-19 Economic Recovery Advisory Group cease to meet as a response group effective from this meeting on 22 November 2021.
2. **That** members (if interested) support the development of the Economic Development Strategy by bringing their sectors together for sector focussed workshops that can feed into the strategic development process.
3. **That** interested members reconvene as the Economic Development Advisory Group once the Economic Development Strategy is adopted. This group will support the activation of projects and work streams and will have a future focussed Kōpapa (principles).

McMillan/McKay

Carried

Winding up of the Caring for Communities Welfare Recovery Group

That the Caring for Communities Welfare Recovery Group ceases to meet as a recovery group, effective from 30 November 2021.

McMillan/Braam

Carried

CWMS Ashburton Zone Committee Refresh

That Council

1. notes the CWMS Zone Committee Refresh cycle has been adjusted to April – July 2022 from the previous cycle of September – November 2021, and that this results in two current Ashburton Zone Committee member appointments concluding seven months before the new Refresh cycle;
2. notes that an extension for these Zone Committee member appointments is being sought to ensure the Ashburton Zone Committee can continue to function with an effective membership ahead of the next Refresh cycle;
3. approves the extension of the appointment of the CWMS Ashburton Zone Committee members listed below 3.1 – 3.2 to 31 August 2022:
 - 3.1. William Thomas
 - 3.2. Genevieve de Spa;
4. notes that approval for the extension of the appointment of these CWMS Zone Committee members is required from Ashburton District Council and was approved by Environment Canterbury on Thursday 25 November 2021; and
5. agrees to the public release of the names of these CWMS Ashburton Zone Committee members once Ashburton District Council have approved an extension for these Zone Committee members.

Lovett/Wilson

Carried

Extension of Contract CON00108 – Ashburton District 3Waters treatment and network operations & maintenance

That Council approves the extension of Contract COO108 with Ashburton Contracting Limited for the Ashburton District Three Waters Treatment and Network Operations and Maintenance by four years, to end on 1 July 2029.

Falloon/Braam

Carried

The meeting concluded at 4.05pm.

Confirmed 2 February 2022



MAYOR