
Council Minutes – 16 February 2022

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 16 February 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

Neil McCann (GM Infrastructure Services), Paul Brake (GM Business Support) (via MS Teams), Jane Donaldson (GM Strategy & Compliance), Sarah Mosley (Manager People & Capability), Ruben Garcia (Communications Manager) (via MS Teams) and Carol McAtamney (Governance Support).

Staff present for the duration of their reports: Toni Durham (Strategy & Policy Manager), Richard Mabon (Senior Policy Advisor), Mel Neumann (Policy Advisory), Janice McKay (Corporate Planner) and Andrew Guthrie (Assets Manager), Rhys Roberts (Technical Support Officer-Roading), Erin Register (Finance Manager).

1 Apologies

Nil.

2 Extraordinary Business

Nil.

3 Declarations of Interest

PUBLIC FORUM

Mrs Hilda Liddall – 1.03pm-1.16pm

Mrs Liddall addressed the meeting to request the reconsideration of the development contributions totalling \$4,892 (GST inclusive) on the basis that she was not aware that such a fee when undertaking a new residential building project and as such this amount had not been included in their building budget.

PRESENTATION – Waka Kotahi

James Caygill (Director Regional Relationships) – 1.17pm to 2.10pm

National Focus for 2022

- Undertaking Land Transport revenue review which is expected to be completed by August 2022
- Reducing emissions – Emissions Reduction Plan to be finalised in May 2022
- Speed management programme – Road to Zero
- Safety camera transfer from NZ Police to Waka Kotahi and expansion of the network
- Vehicle safety rating update

Ashburton

Second Bridge

- Co-funding approved to complete Detailed Business Case. Work is expected to take 18 months to complete (mid 2023), with pre-implementation work expected to being in 24-27 NLTP period.

- Council questioned the length of time for the business case to be prepared. Mr Caygill advised that the case would also include preliminary design of a second bridge but he would go back and see what can be done to speed the process up.

Walnut Avenue Upgrade

- Expected to be completed late 2022/early 2023
- The project has a budget of \$10.5m which includes two intersection upgrades and a rail crossing
- The high cost of the upgrade was questioned as Council's entire budget is \$16m for our entire road maintenance programme which covers 2,263km.
- Due to the upgrade the entranceway to the Domain is required to be relocated onto Walnut Avenue. This project has stalled due the quote amount for the work well exceeding the amount budgeted for. A contribution from Waka Kotahi was discussed. A case could be put forward to transfer any funds leftover from the intersection upgrade into the Domain entrance project.

Tinwald Improvements

- The proposed location of the cycleway on Melcombe Street was questioned, it is felt that this would be better located on the east side of SH1 between the railway and the road.
- The possibility of passing bays to be established on the bridge was also discussed. Mr Caygill will investigate and report back.

SH1 Safety Improvements

- Community engagement was undertaken in 2017/18 on several proposed safety improvements along SH1 including flexible median safety barriers, wide centrelines, safe turnaround facilities, new roundabout. A copy of the feedback documentation was tabled at the meeting.
- The corridor between the Selwyn and Rakaia Rivers has been prioritised, followed by Selwyn to Rolleston and then Rakaia to Ashburton.
- Concerns as to the suitability of the proposed location for the weigh bridge at Rakaia were raised. The latest design is proposing two split sides for the site, one on either side of the overhead bridge. The main concern was locating the south bound station in between the Rakaia Bridge and the Overhead Bridge.

Maintenance and Renewals

- Emergency Works Update
- When SH1, Rakaia Bridge is out – option to helicopter staff in to operate Gorge Bridge
- Possibility of looking at signals that can be activated remotely
- Weigh Right – developing option for two station, one North and one South of Rakaia Rail overbridge

Methven Speed Limit

- A petition to reduce the speed limit on SH77 from Methven to Holmes Road with approximately 500 signatures was presented to Waka Kotahi.
- Under the current legal process a change would be unlikely to be able to be implemented prior to 2024.
- Work is currently being undertaken on changing the existing legal process on how speed limits are reviewed with the aim to have limits reviewed at a regional level.
- The implementation of a footpath along the side of the road is to be investigated by Waka Kotahi

The presentation concluded at 2.10pm.

4 Confirmation of Minutes – 02/02/22

Amended Point 5 – change Council organised events in public places to Council *approved* events

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 2 February 2022, as amended, be taken as read and confirmed.

McMillan/Letham

Carried

5 Methven Community Board – 31/01/22

That Council receives the minutes of the Methven Community Board meeting held on 31 January 2022.

McMillan/Letham

Carried

- **NZTA SH77 100km Speed Limit Issue**

That Council supports the Methven Community Board's intention to write to Waka Kotahi urging them to reduce the speed limit on SH77 between the Ōpuke Hot Pools and the Methven township's 50km zone.

McMillan/Rawlinson

Carried

6 Road Safety Coordinating Committee – 1/02/22

That Council receives the minutes of the Ashburton District Road Safety Co-ordinating Committee meeting held on 1 February 2022.

Lovett/Rawlinson

Carried

7 Audit & Risk Committee – 09/02/22

That Council receives the minutes of the Audit & Risk Committee meeting held on 9 February 2022.

Falloon/Cameron

Carried

- **Fraud and Corruption Policy**

That Council adopts the Fraud and Corruption Policy.

Wilson/Braam

Carried

- **Equal Employment Opportunities Policy**

That Council receives the Equal Employment Opportunities Policy.

Braam/Lovett

Carried

8 Development Contributions Reconsideration

1. **That** Council declines reconsideration of the development contribution of \$4,892 (GST inclusive) payable by Hilda Liddall on the residential development at 5 Murdoch Place, Mayfield.
2. **That** Council directs Officers to enter into a payment plan with Mrs Liddall, noting that Council will withhold Code Compliance Certificate under section 208(b) of the Local Government Act 2022 until the development contribution is fully paid.

Falloon/Braam

Carried

9 Mid-Year Performance

That Council receives the mid-year non-financial performance report.

Cameron/Rawlinson

Carried

10 Ashburton Car Club Gravel Sprint Event

That Council permits the following road to be closed from 8.00am Saturday 26 February 2022 until 6.00pm the same day to allow the Gravel Sprint event to be held:-

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

McKay/Lovett

Carried

11 Mayor's Report

The Mayor advised that he had not participated in the Greenhouse Gas Webinar on 8 February as stated in his report.

That Council receives the Mayor's report

Mayor/McMillan

Carried

12 Financial Variance Reports

That Council receives the November and December 2021 financial variance reports.

Falloon/Lovett

Carried

Business transacted with the public excluded – 3.15pm.

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 2/02/22 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Audit and Risk CommitteeLibrary & Civic Centre PCGMethven Exploratory Bore Drilling Contract	Section 7(2)(h) Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities Commercial activities

McMillan/Braam

Carried

Council adjourned for afternoon tea from 3.15pm to 3.34pm

Business transacted with the public excluded now in open meeting

- Methven Exploratory Bore Drilling Contract**
 - That** Council notes the content and structure of the draft contract titled Exploratory Bore Drilling – Methven & Methven Springfield Water Supplies; and
 - That** Council delegates signing of the *Exploratory Bore Drilling – Methven & Methven Springfield Water Supplies* contract (once finalised), to the Chief Executive.

McMillan/Letham

Carried

The meeting concluded at 4.30pm.

Confirmed 2 March 2022



MAYOR