
Council Minutes – 20 August 2024

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 20 August 2024, commencing at 1pm in the Hine Paaka Council Chamber, Te Whare Whakatere, 2 Baring Square East, Ashburton.

Present

His Worship the Mayor, Neil Brown; Deputy Mayor Liz McMillan and Councillors Leen Braam, Carolyn Cameron, Russell Ellis, Phill Hooper, Lynette Lovett, Rob Mackle, Tony Todd and Richard Wilson.

In attendance

Hamish Riach (Chief Executive), Toni Durham (GM Democracy & Engagement), Ian Hyde (GM Compliance & Development), 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 Low (Strategy & Policy Manager), Richard Mabon (Senior Policy Advisor), Hernando Marilla (Operations Manager), Femke van der Valk (Corporate Planner), Andrew Guthrie (Assets Manager), Mark Chamberlain (Roading Manager), Erin Register (Finance Manager) and Katie Perry (People & Capability Manager)

One member of the public.

1 Apologies

Nil.

2 Extraordinary Business

Nil.

3 Declarations of Interest

Cr Wilson gave notice he will withdraw from the meeting for item 17.

Presentation

- **HEB Construction Ltd** – 3pm – 3.33pm

4 Confirmation of Minutes

- **Council – 7/08/24**

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 7 August 2024, be taken as read and confirmed.

Hooper/McMillan

Carried

5 Audit & Risk Committee – 31/07/24

That Council receives the minutes of the Audit & Risk Committee meeting held on Wednesday 31 July 2024.

Ellis/Lovett

Carried

- **Biennial Building Consent Authority Audit**

That Council receives the Building Consent Authority Audit report 2024.

Cameron/Ellis

Carried

6 Upper Hakatere Reserve

Cr Ellis reported on the site meeting he had with several Hakatere residents on 17 August. From that meeting, the residents have asked that Council be advised that some members of the community are still not happy with the decisions that are to be made – they want camping to be permitted at the upper reserve and they want all of the bollards removed.

Council was reminded that the consensus of the Working Group is to prohibit camping on the upper reserve and to remove a number of bollards for a trial period

That Council revokes cl2 of the Hakatere Reserve Working Group resolution, 26 June 2024, in respect to the repositioning of the bollards.

Cameron/McMillan Carried

That Council approves the removal of 31 bollards from the Upper Hakatere Reserve, as identified on the attached plan, for a trial period over the 2024/25 summer period.

Ellis/Braam Carried

That Council reconfirms that camping is not permitted at the Upper Hakatere reserve and continues to monitor the area for illegal camping.

Braam/Todd Carried

That Council receives the minutes of the Hakatere Working Group meeting held on 6 August 2024

Ellis/Lovett Carried

7 Solid Waste Bylaw Review – draft for consultation

Cl. 8.4.1 (Appendix 1) will be deleted from the draft bylaw (event organisers to consult with Council to determine if an event management plan is required). This is consistent with the workshop discussion.

It was further noted that an amended but still non-mandatory approach to dealing with construction waste has been included as cl. 8.5.1. The preference is to see good practice continue to grow, rather than Council following regulatory process.

Council asked that Schedule 2 has an additional clause to make it clear that flax and cabbage tree leaves can't be added to the FOGO bins.

1. That Council, having considered the tests for review set out in section 155 of the Local Government Act 2002, determines that the preferred course of action is to amend the Solid Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw 2018.

2. That Council confirms that the draft amendments to the Solid Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw 2018 set out in Appendix 1 is the preferred form of Bylaw for public consultation.

Braam/Ellis Carried

8 End of Year Performance Report

Council asked for additional information to be provided in future reports –

- Pipes, roading and footpaths to be renewed (show per metre replacement detail)
- Details on which playgrounds have had upgrades
- Public conveniences – add Digby Park toilets
- Parks & Open Spaces – add detail on 'other park projects'

It was noted that the Annual Report will have further detail on each of the key projects.

That Council receives the end-of-year non-financial performance report.

McMillan/Hooper

Carried

9 End of Year Strategy and Plan Progress Report 2023-24

- Provide the detail referred to in 2.2.5 / 2.2.6 (shown as completed in 2022)
- Lakes Camp (Ōtautari) & Clearwater (Te Puna a Taka) 30 Year Plan – Council asked whether the Ōtauwharekai Group has a role. Information was also requested on what actions have been completed to discourage inappropriate 4WD and motorbike activity at the Lakes.
- Town Centre Parking – Officers were asked to report back on parking data collected since the cameras were removed after the CBD upgrade, when the decision was made to go to ‘digital chalk’.

That Council receives the end-of-year strategy and plan progress report 2023-24.

Cameron/Lovett

Carried

10 Preliminary June 2024 Financial Variance Report

That Council receives the Preliminary June 2024 Financial Variance Report.

Todd/Hooper

Carried

11 Mayor’s Report

• LGNZ Annual General Meeting remits

The Mayor sought an indication (by a show of hands) of Council’s support or otherwise for the proposed remits:

- 1) Representation Reviews – *supported*
- 2) Community Services Card – *generally supported*
- 3) Local government constituencies & wards should not be subject to referendum – *not supported*
- 4) Entrenchment of Māori wards seats for local government – *not supported*
- 5) Graduated driver licensing system - *supported*
- 6) Proactive lever to mitigate the deterioration of unoccupied buildings - *supported*
- 7) Appropriate funding models for central government initiatives - *supported*
- 8) Goods and services tax (GST) revenue sharing with local government - *supported*

• Lake Camp Ōtautari Workshop

That Council requests an Officer’s report to understand the costs and implications of applying for a resource consent to divert Balmacaan Stream into Lake Camp.

McMillan/Braam

Carried

• Vehicle-kilometre allowance

That Council adopts the amended vehicle-kilometre allowance as set out in Clause 11 of the Local Government Members (2024/25) Amendment Determination 2024.

Wilson/Todd

Carried

That Council receives the Mayor’s report.

Mayor/Lovett

Carried

HEB presentation

The Mayor welcomed Harry Alderson (General Manager, Roading), Lee Hautler (SI Regional Manager – Road Maintenance) and James Faber (Contracts Manager). Powerpoint presentation.

Key points:

- Maintenance contract for Ashburton. Quality has improved through accurate capture of fault data – contract team is performing well
- Completed the 2022 Action Plan – have focused on quality assurance and now have a sealing resource based in Ashburton
- Operations Partnering Charter aligns with Council’s values
- Potholes are trending down (noting less rain this year) – focus continues to be needed on drainage and waterproofing
- Feedback shows potholes being addressed are smaller and more manageable
- Unsealed roads – now have good data insights with 3 years measuring
- Looking forward, will have more road closures for efficiency and improved safety
- Aim to have all pre-seal repairs completed by December (a first for Ashburton)

Council adjourned from 3.33pm until 3.55pm.

Business transacted with the public excluded – 3.55pm

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:	
12	Council – 7/08/24 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Glasgow lease freeholding• ABE sale of land	Section 7(2)(h) Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities Commercial activities
13	Audit & Risk Committee – 5/08/24 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Insurance• Health & Safety	Section 7(2)(h) Section 7(2)(a)	Commercial activities Protection of privacy of natural persons
14	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ADC Shareholding	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
15	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tradewaste Discharge	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• People & Capability Report	Section 7(2)(a)	Protection of privacy of natural persons
17	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• EA Shareholder Committee	Section 7(2)(a)	Protection of privacy of natural persons
18	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ABE Land Sale (tbc)	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ACL report to 30/06/24	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities

Ellis/Lovett

Carried

The meeting concluded at 5.21pm.

[Confirmed by Council on 4 September 2024]