

Council Minutes –18 September 2024

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 18 September 2024, commencing at 10.30am 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: Tania Paddock (Legal Counsel), Mark Low (Strategy & Policy Manager), Rick Catchpole (Regulatory Manager), Simon Worthington (Economic Development Manager), Richard Wood (Sport & Recreation Manager), Ellen Nicol (Recreation Services Manager), Mark Chamberlain (Roading Manager) and Tayyaba Latif (Policy Advisor), Renee Julius (Property Manager) and Jacqui Watson (Property Legal Counsel).

1 Apologies

Nil.

2 Extraordinary Business

Nil.

3 Declarations of Interest

Item 4: The Mayor and Deputy Mayor gave notice of their conflicts of interest and both left the meeting for the duration of this item.

Election of Chairperson

That Councillor Ellis be elected as Chairperson, in the absence of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

Braam/Cameron

Carried

Business transacted with the public excluded – 10.33am

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:	
4	Sale of relocatable buildings	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities

Cameron/Lovett

Carried

Council adjourned from 12.27pm until 1pm.

The Mayor resumed the Chair.

5 Confirmation of Minutes

- **Council – 4/09/24**

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 4 September 2024, be taken as read and confirmed.

Lovett/Cameron

Carried

6 Methven Community Board – 9/09/24

That Council receives the minutes of the Methven Community Board meeting held on Wednesday 9 September 2024.

McMillan/Lovett

Carried

7 Road Safety Co-ordinating Committee – 3/09/24

That Council receives the minutes of the Ashburton District Road Safety Co-ordinating Committee meeting held on Tuesday 3 September 2024.

Hooper/Wilson

Carried

8 Balmacaan Stream – possible consent to divert water

The recommendation wasn't fully supported. Councillors opposed commented that the wider community needs to be consulted and the matter should be referred to the 2025-26 Annual Plan.

Councillors speaking in support are concerned with the project's significant risk because of the costs associated with the consent process and the uncertainty of consent being granted. They also noted there is no guarantee of water being available, given that the water take for the whole of the catchment area is managed on a limited allocation and flow regime at the Ashburton River SH1 bridge.

That Council directs officers not to proceed with applying for the necessary resource consents and DOC authorisations to divert water from Balmacaan Stream to Lake Camp

Ellis/Braam

Carried

A show of hands gave 6 for and 3 against (1 abstained) and the motion was carried.

Crs McMillan, Cameron and Hooper recorded their votes against the motion.

9 Global Cities (Sister Cities) Membership

That Council commits to its membership with Global Cities New Zealand, as an Economic Development function.

Cameron/McMillan

Carried

10 Dog Control Policy & Practices Report 2023/24

Officers will amend the report to include reference to the Ashburton Business Estate dog exercise area.

1. **That** the report be received.

2. **That** Council gives public notice of the Dog Control Policy and Practices Report and makes it publicly available.

Cameron/Hooper

Carried

11 District Licensing Committee Annual Report 2023/24

That Council receives the District Licensing Committee Annual Report 2023-24.

Mayor/Lovett Carried

12 Te Araroa iti Trail

That Council directs officers to support the Te Araroa Trust by facilitating local relationships and contacts.

McMillan/Hooper Carried

13 Hampstead School Pool Partnership

That Council enters into an agreement with Hampstead School on the terms identified within this report, including an investment of up to \$6,000 as compensation for public access to enable EA Networks Centre, to operate the Hampstead Pool during January 2025.

Hooper/Braam Carried

14 2024-27 National Land Transport Programme approved funding

That Council spends the Council LTP budgeted share of the reduced subsidised budget for 2024/25 (\$2,458,300), across agreed work categories to be approved at a later date.

Mayor/McMillan Carried

15 Southern Motorway Speed Limit Consultation

The submission will be updated to include a comment (cl.9) suggesting enhanced signage on the northern approach to Rolleston warning of merging to a single lane.

That Council approves the proposed draft submission to NZTA Waka Kotahi on SH76/SH1 Christchurch Southern Motorway speed limit review.

Lovett/Todd Carried

16 Mayor's Report

That the report be received.

Mayor/Todd Carried

• **Age Friendly Ashburton Steering Group**

That Council writes to the Ministry of Social Development in support of the Age Friendly Ashburton Steering Group's application for funding from the Age Friendly Fund.

Cameron/McMillan Carried

Business transacted with the public excluded – 3.08pm

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17	Council – 4/09/24 [Now in open meeting] EA Shareholder Cmte appointments		
18	Methven Community Board – 9/09/24 • Lease matter	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
19	Lake Clearwater Leases	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
20	Housing & Support Trust Lease	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
21	Te Whare Whakatere	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
22	Ashburton Business Estate	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities

McMillan/Cameron

Carried

Business transacted with the public excluded now in open meeting

- **Sale of Relocatable Buildings**

That Council accepts the tender from Mid Canterbury Rugby Union Incorporated for the sale and purchase of the former Council Chambers building, located at 137 Havelock Street, Ashburton, for the sum of \$130,000 plus GST.

Braam/Lovett

Carried

A show of hands gave 5 for and 3 against and the motion passed

That Council accepts the tender from Talleys Limited for the sale and purchase of the former staff tearoom building, located at 147 Havelock Street, Ashburton, for the sum of \$30,000 plus GST.

Braam/Todd

Carried

That Council does not accept the tenders received for the three prefabricated buildings at the former Polytech site.

Braam/Wilson

Carried

That the Chief Executive be instructed to seek \$1 each for the 3 prefabricated buildings on the Polytech site.

Ellis/Cameron

Carried

- **Lake Clearwater leases**

1. **That** Council continues with its current leasing arrangements at the Lake Clearwater Settlement.
2. **That** Council rescinds resolutions 1-4 of its decision of the 10 July 2017 Council meeting in relation to the sale of sections at Lake Clearwater.

Braam/Lovett

Carried

The Mayor and Cr Cameron recorded their votes against the motion.

Council suspended Standing Order 4.2 to continue meeting beyond six hours and the meeting concluded at 5.10pm.

[Confirmed by Council 2 October 2024]

MAYOR