
Council Minutes –16 October 2024

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 16 October 2024, commencing at 1.00pm 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 Chamberlain (Roading Manager), Ann Smith (Community Liaison Officer), Femke Van der Valk (Acting Strategy & Policy Manager) and Tayyaba Latif (Policy Advisor).

1 Apologies

Nil.

2 Extraordinary Business

Nil.

3 Declarations of Interest

Nil.

Presentations

NZ Special Agricultural Trade Envoy, Hamish Marr – 1.09pm – 1.52pm.
Business Canterbury, Kyley Charteris – 2.55pm – 3pm.

4 Confirmation of Minutes

- Council – 2/10/24

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 2 October 2024, be taken as read and confirmed.

Wilson/Cameron

Carried

5 Stockwater Transition Working Group – 26/09/24

That Council receives the minutes of the Stockwater Transition Working Group meeting held on Thursday 26 September 2024.

Cameron/Wilson

Carried

6 Creative Communities Assessment Committee – 26/09/24

That Council receives the minutes of the Creative Communities Assessment Committee meeting held on Thursday 26 September 2024.

Todd/Lovett

Carried

NZ Special Agricultural Trade Envoy

Hamish Marr spoke about his appointment to the role of NZ Special Agricultural Trade Envoy in June 2023. Working alongside Government, the advocacy role provides an independent farmer voice to government and customers off-shore, and helps to ensure NZ's agricultural system is understood by trading partners.

Hamish gave an overview of primary production in NZ, and NZ's share of the global market. He commented on the need for agility and being able to follow markets, noting that, in his view, current regulations are too tight.

7 Road Maintenance Contract Extension

The recommendation to extend the contract wasn't fully supported. Those opposed would like to see the market tested. Those in support of extending the contract commented on the good relationship building with the current contractor and noted that, with the budget set in the LTP, costs are known for the next two years.

That Council re-tenders the Road Network Maintenance and Operations contract for a five year period from 2026 to 2030.

Wilson/Mackle Carried

A show of hands gave 5 for and 5 against

On the Mayor's casting vote, the motion was passed.

Crs Ellis, Lovett, Braam, McMillan and Todd recorded their votes against the motion

8 Terms of Reference – Three Waters Committee

That Council establishes a Three Waters Committee as a committee of Council.

Mayor/Lovett Carried

That the Three Waters Committee be a committee of the whole of Council.

Cameron/Wilson Lost

That Council appoints Councillors Ellis, Hooper, Lovett, McMillan and Todd to the Three Waters Committee.

McMillan/Braam Carried

That Council appoints Cr Ellis as the Chair of the Three Waters Committee.

Todd/Hooper Carried

1. **That** Council adopts the Terms of Reference for the Three Waters Committee.

2. **That** the Three Waters Committee is included into the Council LocoDelegations system.

McMillan/Braam Carried

Canterbury Business Award presentation

Representing Business Canterbury (Regional Chamber of Commerce), Kyley Charteris presented the Mayor with the Canterbury Trusted Certification, a reflection of how Council supports people in the organisation and in the community.

Before adjourning for afternoon tea, the Deputy Mayor took the opportunity to acknowledge the Mayor's 20 years in local government, since being first elected as a Councillor in 2004.

Council adjourned from 3.03pm to 3.21pm.

9 Community Trail Maintenance Fund

That Council allocates \$4,400 in Community Trail Maintenance funding for 2024-25 to Bike Methven.

McMillan/Braam

Carried

10 Canterbury Public Transport Strategy Submission

Council asked that the possibility of Ashburton becoming part of the public transport plan within the next 10 years be reflected in the submission with additional wording to that effect.

That Council approves the submission to the Draft Canterbury Regional Public Transport Plan 2024-35, as amended.

Ellis/McMillan

Carried

11 Standing Orders Amendment

That Council's Standing Orders, sections 2, 11 and 13, be amended to allow for members joining a meeting remotely to be counted as part of the quorum of that meeting.

Braam/Todd

Carried

12 Deputy Mayor's report

That Council receives the Deputy Mayor's report.

Lovett/Cameron

Carried

13 Mayor's report

That Council receives the Mayor's report.

Mayor/McMillan

Carried

Business transacted with the public excluded – 3.36pm

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: | |
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| 14 | Council – 2/10/24 [Now in open meeting] • Te Whare Whakare final costs | | |
| 15 | Settlement Working Group | Section 7(2)(h) | Commercial activities |
| 16 | ACL Directors' Remuneration | Section 7(2)(h) | Commercial activities |
| 17 | Land Exchange | Section 7(2)(h) | Commercial activities |
| 18 | Ashburton Business Estate | Section 7(2)(h) | Commercial activities |
| 19 | CE Annual Review | Section 7(2)(a) | Protection privacy of natural persons |

Ellis/Braam

Carried

Business transacted with the public excluded now in open meeting

- **Ashburton Contracting Ltd Directors' Fees**

That the Ashburton Contracting Limited Directors' fees are set at \$41,000 and the Chairman's fee at \$82,000 per annum, effective from 1 November 2024.

Todd/Lovett

Carried

- **CE Appointment process**

That Council confirms that the project scope is Executive Recruitment (scenario 2).

Hooper/Todd

Carried

That Council engages Brannigans as the recruitment consultant for the upcoming Chief Executive recruitment process.

Todd/McMillan

Carried

The meeting concluded at 4.15pm.

Confirmed 16 October 2024



MAYOR