
Council Minutes – 20 November 2024

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 20 November 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), Neil McCann (GM Infrastructure & Open Spaces), Sarah Mosley (GM People & Facilities), Tania Paddock (Acting GM Business Support) and Phillipa Clark (Governance Team Leader).

Staff present for the duration of their reports: Richard Wood (Sport & Recreation Manager), Ellen Nicol (Recreation Services Manager), Jill Watson (Library Manager), Simon Worthington (Economic Development Manager), Mark Low (Strategy & Policy Manager), Richard Mabon (Senior Policy Advisor), Lou Dunstan (Policy Advisor), Michael Wong (Building Manager), Hernando Marilla (Operations Manager) and Renee Julius (Property Manager).

1 Apologies

Nil.

2 Extraordinary Business

Nil.

3 Declarations of Interest

Item 20 – Cr Ellis gave notice he will withdraw from the meeting.

Presentations

EA Shareholder Committee – 1.26pm-1.57pm.

Waitaha PHO Board – 2.30pm-2.50pm

Public Forum – Basketball Mid Canterbury

Mark Douglas, the President of Basketball Mid Canterbury spoke in support of upgrading the EA Networks Centre scoreboards. Basketball Mid Canterbury regularly hosts national tournaments and the reliability of the equipment is vital to ensure these events continue. The events have high attendance and bring significant financial benefit to the district.

4 Confirmation of Minutes

- **Council – 30/10/24**

Item 7 Note the show of hands gave 5 for and 4 against.

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 30 October 2024, as amended, be taken as read and confirmed.

Braam/McMillan Carried

5 Audit & Risk Committee – 23/10/24

That Council receives the minutes of the Audit & Risk Committee meeting held on 23 October 2024.

Ellis/Cameron Carried

6 Stockwater Transition Working Group – 31/10/24

That Council receives the minutes of the Stockwater Transition Working Group meeting held on 31 October 2024.

Wilson/Lovett Carried

7 EA Networks Centre – scoreboard project timing

That Council approves bringing forward the scoreboard replacement project budget from Year 2 to Year 1 (2024-25) in the current Long-term Plan.

Braam/Todd Carried

Cr Mackle recorded his vote against the motion.

EA Shareholders Committee update

EA Networks Shareholders Committee Chair Robert Newlands introduced Council’s appointed representatives Kate Templeton and Gary Wilson. The Group provided an overview of the Company’s activities (*ppt presentation circulated*).

8 Visitor Experience Code of Conduct

That Council approves the Visitor Experience Code of Conduct for use in Te Whare Whakare, Ashburton Library & Civic Centre, EA Networks Centre and the Ashburton Art Gallery & Museum.

Lovett/Hooper Carried

9 Appeal – Environment Canterbury Representation Review 2024

That Council approves the appeal to Environment Canterbury’s Representation Review 2024 final proposal, as attached in Appendix 1.

Cameron/Todd Carried

10 Adoption of Solid Waste Management & Minimisation Bylaw

1. **That** Council adopts the Ashburton District Council Solid Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw 2018 (as set out in Appendix 1) effective from 29 November 2024.
2. **That** Council advises submitters and interested parties of the outcome of the consultation process and deliberations feedback.

Cameron/Ellis Carried

11 Discretionary Grant Application – Barrhill Community Society

Officers will ask the Hall Society whether it’s an option to place the defibrillator outside the hall for easier access.

That Council allocates \$3,450 from its discretionary grant to the Barrhill Hall & Community Incorporated Society for an Automated External Defibrillator and Cabinet package to be stationed at the Barrhill community hall.

McMillan/Braam Carried

Waitaha PHO Board

Board members David Matthews and Dr Esther Avnit provided an update on the challenges being faced in the health sector and general practice, including the difficulties that practices have meeting their after-hours requirements. With the support of Health NZ, a tele-health system was established and continues.

The recruitment and retention of GPs in the district is a significant challenge. Health NZ supported some of the costs associated with a GP recruitment campaign and good results have started to be seen. Dr Avnit commented on the importance of promoting the district as a positive place to live so that health practitioners are encouraged to come and stay.

12 Submission to MBIE on remote building inspections

That Council approves the submission to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) on remote inspections as attached in Appendix 1.

Braam/McMillan

Carried

13 Lake Clearwater Memorandum of Understanding

1. **That** Council enters into the Memorandum of Understanding with the Lake Clearwater Hut Holders Association on the terms contained in Appendix 1.
2. **That** Council appoints Councillors McMillan and Cameron to attend the annual meeting between representatives of the Lake Clearwater Hut Holders Association and Council that is anticipated by clause 7.1 of the Memorandum of Understanding.

Lovett/Wilson

Carried

14 Road Closure – Ashburton Car Club

The Roading Manager reported that no objections were received and the Traffic Management Plan has been approved.

That Council permits the temporary road closure of Somerton Road, between Coplands Road and Jamiesons Road, on Saturday 14 December 2024, to from 9am to 4.30pm allow the Standing Quarter Mile Sprint Meeting to be held.

Ellis/Braam

Carried

15 Councillors' Report

That the Councillors' report be received.

Cameron/Wilson

Carried

16 Mayor's Report

That the Mayor's report be received.

Mayor/McMillan

Carried

Business transacted with the public excluded – 3.13pm

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 – 30/10/24 • People & Capability report	Section 7(2)(a)	Protection of privacy of natural persons

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ashburton Business Estate <p>[Now in open meeting]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lethams Rd land exchange Water treatment plant contract 	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Audit & Risk Committee – 23/10/24 Health & Safety report 	Section 7(2)(a)	Protection of privacy of natural persons
19	Award of Contract WATE0283 – Grit chamber & sewer pipeline	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities

McMillan/Ellis

Carried

Business transacted with the public excluded now in open meeting

- Award of Contract WATE0283 – Grit chamber removal and river crossing sewer pipeline renewal 2024-2025**

That Council awards contract WATE0283 – grit chamber removal and river crossing sewer pipeline renewal 2024-2025 to Ashburton Contracting Limited in the amount of Two Million, Three Hundred and Thirty Thousand and Eighty Two Dollars and forty seven cents (\$2,330,082.47).

Braam/Cameron

Carried

The meeting concluded at 4pm.

[Confirmed by Council 4 December 2024]

MAYOR