

## *Council Minutes – 31 October 2023*

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 31 October 2023, commencing at 1pm in the Council Chamber, 137 Havelock Street, Ashburton.

### **Present**

His Worship the Mayor, Neil Brown; Deputy Mayor Liz McMillan; Councillors 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), Jane Donaldson (GM Strategy & Compliance), Leanne Macdonald (GM Business Support), Neil McCann (GM Infrastructure & Open Spaces), Sarah Mosley (GM People & Facilities), Janice McKay (Communications Manager) and Phillipa Clark (Governance Team Leader).

Staff present for the duration of their reports: Mark Low (Strategy & Policy Manager), Emily Reed (Corporate Planner), Richard Mabon (Senior Policy Advisor), Jim Henderson (Emergency Management Officer), Simon Worthington (Economic Development Manager) and Sarah Davidson (Events Advisor).

### **1 Apologies**

Cr Leen Braam

Sustained

### **2 Extraordinary Business**

The Mayor gave notice that Item 5 will be taken later in the meeting, pending Audit NZ's sign-off letter being tabled.

### **3 Declarations of Interest**

Nil.

### **Presentation**

CDEM Draft Recovery Plan for Canterbury – 2.09pm-2.35pm

### **4 Confirmation of Minutes – 18/10/23**

**That** the minutes of the Council meeting held on 18 October 2023, be taken as read and confirmed.

Lovett/Todd

Carried

### **6 Submission on the Emergency Management Bill**

**That** Council approves the draft submission on the Emergency Management Bill and directs the Chief Executive to lodge the submission with the Governance & Administration Select Committee.

Cameron/Todd

Carried

### **7 Mayfield Reserve Board – mower shed funding**

Use of the rural amenity targeted rate to fund the construction of the shed was not fully supported. It was suggested that funding could instead be from reserve contributions and officers were asked to investigate other options.

**That** the matter lies on the table until 15 November 2023.

Mayor/Cameron

Carried

## **8 Glow in the Park**

It was generally agreed that relocating this event to the Ashburton Domain will address concerns around traffic management and provide more space; however Council also acknowledged the success of the two events held on the Tinwald Domain.

**That** Council's "Glow in the Park" event be relocated to the Ashburton Domain.

McMillan/Lovett

Carried

## **5 Annual Report 2022-2023**

The GM Business Support presented Audit NZ's representation letter for the year ended 30 June 2023, confirming sign-off on Council's Annual Report 2022-23.

The Mayor thanked the officers involved, acknowledging the challenges faced with timing and Audit resources. He will take up this issue through the Canterbury Mayoral Forum.

Council agreed it would be useful to have more detailed discussion on the Annual Report at the November Audit & Risk Committee meeting.

1. **That** the Council adopts the 2022-2023 Annual Report for the Ashburton District Council.
2. **That** Council authorises the Chief Executive to instruct officers to make any final amendments as a result of Audit New Zealand's request.

Cameron/Wilson

Carried

## **9 Services provided over Christmas and New Year 2023-24**

**That** Council receives the 2023-24 services provided over Christmas- New Year report.

Todd/Hooper

Carried

## **10 Ashburton Car Club – temporary road closure**

1. **That** Council permits the following road to be closed from 8.00 am Sunday 19 November 2023 until 5.30 pm the same day to allow the Scott's Shingle Sprint to be held:

- From the intersection of Le Bretons Road and Christys Road
- From the intersection of Le Bretons Road and Denshires Road
- From the intersection of Le Bretons Road to Chertsey Road (for 2km).

Ellis/Lovett

Carried

## **11 Affordable Water Reform update**

**That** Council uplifts the Affordable Water Reform matter that was left to lie on the table at the 25 July 2023 Council meeting.

Cameron/Todd

Carried

**That** Council does not identify a preferred date to join Entity I given the new National-led government that is being formed and their policy to overturn the affordable water reform within the first 100 days of government.

McMillan/Todd

Carried

## **12 Deputy Mayor's Report**

**That** Council receives the Deputy Mayor's report.

McMillan/Mayor

Carried

### 13 Mayor's Report

That Council receives the Mayor's report.

Mayor/Lovett

Carried

#### Civil Defence Emergency Management – Plan for Canterbury

Regional Civil Defence Group Recovery Manager, Richard Ball was welcomed to the meeting and invited to present the draft Recovery Plan for Canterbury.

Richard explained that the Plan is aimed at a large or catastrophic event and today's presentation is to increase awareness of recovery and where the Group is at.

The draft Plan is a first step in developing a shared understanding and expectations across recovery partners, identifying responsibilities and funding and addressing 'gaps' – i.e. organising for recovery now in readiness for when an event happens.

Feedback on the draft Plan is sought by 1 December and a revised draft will be finalised in early 2024.

#### Business transacted with the public excluded – 2.35pm

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 18/10/23 • Library & Civic Centre PCG 18/10/23 • Methven Community Board 16/10/23 [Now in open meeting] • Sale of Ashburton Library site	Section 7(2)(h) Section 7(2)(a)	Commercial activities Protection of privacy natural persons

Mayor/McMillan

Carried

**There being no resolutions passed Council resumed in open meeting at 2.36pm.**

Council adjourned from 2.36pm until 2.44pm

#### Welcome to Staff

Katie Perry, People & Capability Manager introduced Jo Briggs, recently appointed as a Lifeguard at the EA networks Centre.

The meeting concluded at 2.46pm.

**[Confirmed by Council on 15 November 2023]**

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MAYOR