
Council Minutes – 1 May 2024

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 1 May 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 Carolyn Cameron, Russell Ellis, Phill Hooper, 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), Shirin Khosraviani (Acting GM People & Facilities) and Phillipa Clark (Governance Team Leader).

Staff present for the duration of their reports: Ian Soper (Open Spaces Manager), Bert Hofmans (Open Spaces Planner), Mark Low (Strategy & Policy Manager), Richard Mabon (Senior Policy Advisor), Erin Register (Finance Manager) and Ian Hyde (Planning Manager).

1 Apologies

Crs Leen Braam, Lynette Lovett and Rob Mackle

Sustained

2 Extraordinary Business

Nil.

3 Declarations of Interest

Nil.

Presentations

- Transwaste Canterbury – 2.10pm-3pm
- Ashburton Contracting Ltd – 3.55pm-4.40pm

4 Confirmation of Minutes – 17/04/24

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 17 April 2024, be taken as read and confirmed.

McMillan/Wilson

Carried

5 Community Rooding Reference Group – 15/04/24

That Council receives the minutes of the Community Rooding Reference Group meeting held on Monday 15 April 2024.

Cameron/Todd

Carried

- **Terms of Reference**

That Council adopts the Community Rooding Reference Group Terms of Reference.

Cameron/Todd

Carried

6 Ashburton Bike Skills Park Concept Plan

Walter van der Kley, spokesperson for the Bike Skills Park Working Group, was welcomed to the meeting and invited to introduce other Group members.

The Bike Skills Park Group are seeking Council's support for the concept plan before they progress the project further. A fundraising sub-committee has been set up. Once funding is in place the Group plan to go through an open tender process to select a contractor.

That Council approves the concept plan for a Bike Skills Park on the Ashburton Domain.

McMillan/Cameron

Carried

7 Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan - Actions

1. That Council provides the feedback under paragraphs a) to j) below and advises the Mayoral Forum Secretariat of its support for the draft Actions as presented:

- a) Councillors noted the risk of unintended consequences generally, and specifically in relation to Action 2. Councillors asked how decision-makers would manage the risks of unintended consequences from decisions.
- b) In regard to Action 2 and the creation of carbon inventories, Officers noted that previous efforts to collaborate on the development of Council-only carbon inventories appeared to have foundered over a failure to agree a common methodology. Councillors asked for confirmation of the outcomes of those previous efforts and how this risk would be managed for a Canterbury-wide inventory.
- c) In relation to Action 2 and the CCPP generally, Councillors noted no mention of genetically-engineered organisms as a potential technology to reduce emissions (e.g. growing a GE clover which results in a lower methane impact). Likewise it made no mention of low-emissions alternatives to support existing and future renewable energy generation.
- d) In relation to Action 2 and the economic impacts of transition to a low-emissions future, Councillors noted the importance of continued economic growth to funding that future and maintaining affordability for consumers and residents.
- e) There are risks to the local economy due to its heavy reliance on agricultural production and how the profitability of that production might be affected through climate change mitigation efforts. Concern was also expressed that those efforts will lead to emissions leakage to countries with higher emission production.
- f) It was pointed out that leading thinkers believe that lowering emissions from agriculture will be necessary if NZ farming is to retain its position as the most efficient farmers in the world. Other international producers are closing the GHG gap on New Zealand production and are on track to surpass NZ if we do not continue to improve.
- g) In relation to Action 3, Councillors noted that effective adaptation planning is a multi-faceted issue involving river management, town planning and infrastructure investments, to name but three elements. A similar point was made in relation to Action 4 as nature-based solutions touches on biodiversity, open spaces, urban design and district planning – amongst other activities.
- h) In relation to Action 4.2a, Councillors supported the action proposed.
- i) In relation to action 5, Councillors are supportive of measures to support community understanding with effective communication tools. Councillors observed that the "*It's Time, Canterbury*" initiative has not enjoyed the profile or impact they had expected it would. Councillors asked for more information on how and what would be required to develop "*It's Time, Canterbury*" into a comprehensive resource hub. *Cont'd*

- j) In relation to Action 7, Officers noted that NZ Transport Agency is changing its procedures to ensure better accounting for greenhouse gas emissions in roading procurement.

Ellis/Cameron

Carried

8 Amalgamation of Drinking Water Reserves

That Council amalgamates the eleven drinking water reserves into one Group Water Supply Reserve to be used only for the drinking water activity.

Cameron/Todd

Carried

9 Dog Control Fees 2024-25

1. **That** Council adopts the dog registration and control fees and charges for 2024/25 as set out in Appendix 1.
2. **That** the dog registration and control fees and charges for 2024/25 are publicly notified.

Todd/Ellis

Carried

10 Road Naming – McKain Future Investments Ltd (Stage 3)

That the private right-of-way to be developed as part of Stage 3 of subdivision SUB22/0015 within the subdivision known as McKain Future Investments, located at Trevors Road, be named Temple Lane.

McMillan/Ellis

Carried

11 Road Naming – West Town Belt Developments

That the road to vest in Council as part of Subdivision SUB23/0034 within the subdivision known as West Town Belt Developments, located on West Town Belt in Rakaia, be named Kay Way.

Todd/Cameron

Carried

12 Financial Variance Report

Officers will report back with an explanation on the footpath activity over-spend.

That Council receives the March 2024 financial variance report.

Cameron/Wilson

Carried

13 Mayor's Report

That the Mayor's report be received.

Mayor/McMillan

Carried

Transwaste Canterbury – 2.10pm.

Gil Cox (Chair), Hayden Leach (Regional Manager Canterbury Landfill & Energy, WM) and Jeremy Parker (Commercial Manager).

The presentation (powerpoint circulated) gave an overview of Transwaste Canterbury's Kate Valley landfill operation.

Welcome to Staff

Katie Perry, People & Capability Manager, introduced new staff –Karen Bruce (Accounts Administrator) and Andrew Malcolm (Safety & Wellness Lead).

Council also acknowledged the long service of Sheree Dougherty, LIM Officer (15 years).

Business transacted with the public excluded – 3.05pm

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 | Library & Civic Centre PCG – 16/04/24 | Section 7(2)(h) | Commercial activities |
| 15 | People & Capability Report | Section 7(2)(a) | Protection of privacy of natural persons |
| 16 | Council Shareholding | Section 7(2)(h) | Commercial activities |
| 17 | ACL quarterly update | Section 7(2)(h) | Commercial activities |

Ellis/McMillan

Carried

Council adjourned for afternoon tea from 3.05pm until 3.28pm.

The meeting concluded at 4.42pm.

[Confirmed by Council 15 May 2024]

MAYOR