
Council Minutes – 15 May 2024

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 15 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, Richard Wilson and Leen Braam [Amended Council 5/06/24].

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) 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), Tayyaba Latif (Policy Advisor) and Mark Chamberlain (Roading Manager).

1 Apologies

Cr Lynette Lovett

Sustained

2 Extraordinary Business

Nil.

3 Declarations of Interest

Nil.

Presentation

- Waitaha Primary Health – 2.03pm-2.22pm

4 Confirmation of Minutes – 1/05/24

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 1 May 2024, be taken as read and confirmed.

Wilson/Hooper

Carried

5 Methven Community Board – 22/04/24

That Council receives the minutes of the Methven Community Board meeting held on Monday 22 April 2024.

McMillan/Cameron

Carried

6 Creative Communities Assessment Committee

That Council receives the minutes of the Creative Communities Assessment Committee meeting held on 24 April 2024.

Todd/Hooper

Carried

7 Review into the Ashburton Water Zone Committee

Council heard that Environment Canterbury are undertaking a review of the region's water zone committees and ADC's findings will feed into that. The outcome of the review is to be delivered to the Canterbury Mayoral Forum in November, and the Forum will have a progress update when they meet on 31 May.

1. **That** Council receives the Ashburton Water Zone Committee Review Report.
2. **That** Council provides the report to Environment Canterbury for consideration as a part of their Zone Committee review for the Canterbury Mayoral Forum, due to be completed in November 2024.

McMillan/Braam

Carried

8 Update on Lake Hood Water Quality

The Chief Executive responded to a suggestion that consideration be given to putting Council's unused, consented stockwater into Ashburton River as a trial. While this could be put to the Taskforce as a possible option, if a new or varied consent is required it is unlikely to be a quick solution. As the lake owner, Council (and the Taskforce) will continue to look at a range of potential solutions.

That Council receives this report.

Cameron/Wilson

Carried

9 Havelock Street Public Car Park Time Restriction

Council was reminded of discussion last year when changes to parking time restrictions were introduced for the area around the new civic building. At the time, it was agreed to wait until the new building has been operational for 12 months before reviewing parking restrictions in the wider CBD.

In response to a suggestion that mobile shop trading in the vicinity of the new building may need to be reviewed, Officers advised that there have been no issues observed since the Trading in Public Places Bylaw was reviewed and consulted on in 2022. The next review of the Bylaw is scheduled for 2032; Council would need to consider whether it's necessary to bring this forward.

The Mayor asked for an update on mobile shop activity to be included in next activity briefings.

That Council declares a 120 minute time restriction area for the public car park on Havelock Street adjacent to Te Whare Whakaterere.

Todd/Braam

Carried

11 Councillors' reports

That the Deputy Mayor's report be received.

McMillan/Cameron

Carried

12 Mayor's Report

• LGNZ Conference

That the Mayor and Chief Executive, along with Councillors Cameron and Wilson, be appointed as Ashburton District Council's 2024 LGNZ Conference delegates.

Todd/Hooper

Carried

- **Remit**

Council supported submitting a remit to highlight the national issue of long wait times for people wanting to complete their driver licensing process.

Officers were asked to prepare a draft remit for Council’s consideration, noting that support from the sector will be required before the remit is submitted to LGNZ before the 18 June deadline.

That Council submits a remit to the LGNZ annual general meeting on the drivers’ licensing wait times

McMillan/Cameron Carried

That the Mayor’s report be received.

Mayor/Wilson Carried

Council adjourned from 1.47pm to 2.00pm.

10 Reserve Management Plans – approval to consult

Nicki Malone (Xyst consultant) was unable to join the meeting.

Council was reminded of the decision to appoint a hearing panel (17/04/24) whose role will be to hear submissions and make recommendations to Council on classification decisions. Crs McMillan, Wilson, Braam and Cameron have been appointed.

It is proposed that the full Council will be the hearing panel to consider final submissions prior to adoption of the Ashburton Reserve Management Plan.

10 Reserve Management Plans – approval to consult

1. **That** Council approves the draft Ashburton District Reserve Management Plan for public consultation (Appendix 2 to the agenda report, dated 1 May 2024).
1. **That** Council approves the draft Ashburton District Reserve Management Plan Consultation Document for public consultation (Appendix 3 to the agenda report).
2. **That** Council delegates to the GM Infrastructure and Open Spaces and Open Spaces Manager approval of minor amendments to the draft Ashburton District Reserve Management Plan and Consultation Document, prior to public notification for consultation on the Draft plan.
3. **That** Council appoints a hearings panel consisting of appointed Councillors, supported by the Open Spaces Manager, Council’s Legal Counsel and Xyst Senior Consultant Nicki Malone – for subject matter advice, to:
 - hear objections and comments from submitters,
 - consider the extent to which objections and comments should be allowed or accepted, or disallowed or not accepted,
 - make recommendations to the Council about amendments to the draft Ashburton District Reserve Management Plan following the hearings process.
4. **That** Council notes that the decision to approve the final Ashburton Reserve Management Plan will remain with the full Council.

Cameron/Braam Carried

Waitaha Primary Health Organisation Board– 2.03pm

The Mayor welcomed and introduced David Matthews, the district’s community appointee on the Board.

David provided an overview of the PHO’s activities and the particular challenges they are facing with access to after-hours GP services, staffing recruitment and retention.

One solution that is helping people unable to access a GP is the Ka Ora (rural after- hours telehealth) service. The Board is undertaking an overseas recruitment campaign for GPs which has had low uptake to date.

Business transacted with the public excluded – 2.22pm

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:	
13	Council – 1/05/24	Sections 7(2)(a) & (h)	Protection of privacy of natural persons Commercial activities
14	Methven Community Board	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities

Cameron/Wilson

Carried

The meeting concluded at 2.31pm.

[Confirmed by Council 5 June 2024]

MAYOR