Council



26 June 2024

Council Minutes –26 June 2024

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 26 June 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 Leen Braam, Carolyn Cameron, Phill Hooper, Lynette Lovett, Tony Todd and Richard Wilson.

In attendance

Hamish Riach (Chief Executive), Toni Durham (GM Democracy & Engagement), Jane Donaldson (GM Strategy & Compliance), 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), Andrew Guthrie (Assets Manager), Mark Low (Strategy & Policy Manager), Femke van der Valk (Corporate Planner), Ian Hyde (Planning Manager), Simon Worthington (Economic Development Manager) and Erin Register (Finance Manager).

1 Apologies

Cr Russell Ellis

Sustained

- 2 Extraordinary Business Nil.
- 3 Declarations of Interest

Nil.

Presentation

• EA Limited – 4.10pm-4.31pm

4 Confirmation of Minutes

- Council - 5/06/24

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 5 June 2024, be taken as read and confirmed.

Cameron/McMillan Carried

5 - Extraordinary Council - 23/05/24

• Arts, Culture & Heritage strategy resolution – record the original motion was lost

That the minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting held on 23 and 29 May 2024, as amended, be taken as read and confirmed.

McMillan/Braam

Carried

6 Methven Community Board – 10/06/24

	That Council receives the minutes June 2024.	incil receives the minutes of the Methven Community Board me 4.	
		McMillan/Lovett	Carried
7	Road Safety Co-ordinating Com	nittee – 4/06/24	
	That Council receives the mine Committee meeting held on 4 Jun	utes of the Ashburton District Roa e 2024.	d Safety Co-ordinating
		Hooper/Braam	Carried
8	Audit & Risk Committee - 12/06/	24	
	Record the Mayor was as present and	Cr Lovett also attended	
		utes of the Audit & Risk Committee meeting, as amended, held on	
	12 June 2024.	Cameron/Lovett	Carried
9	Heritage Mid Canterbury Workin	g Group - 12/06/24	
	That Council receives the minutes of the Heritage Mid Canterbury Working Group meeting held on 12 June 2024.		
	011 12 June 2024.	Cameron/Todd	Carried
	Granite plaques		
	That Council does not proceed wi	th the granite plaques project at this s	stage.
		Lovett/Braam	Carried
10	Policy on Rates Remission includ	ling on Māori Freehold Land	
		olicy on Rates Remission including or	n Māori Freehold Land as
	proposed.	Todd/Wilson	Carried
11	Policy on Rates Postponement i	nsluding on Māori Fraahald Land	12024 27
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	That Council approves the draft Land as proposed.	Policy on Rates Postponement incluc	ling on Maori Freehold
		McMillan/Hooper	Carried
12	Community Engagement Policy	2024	
	•	ity Engagement Policy 2024 as attach	ed in Appendix 1, to be
	effective from 1 July 2024.	Todd/Hooper	Carried
13	Development and Financial Cont	tributions Policy 2024	
-	-	nent and Financial Contributions Poli	cv 2024.
		Cameron/Lovett	Carried

Cameron/Lovett

Carried

14 Rating Areas Map Book 2024

- 1. That Council approves the rating boundary changes as proposed.
- 2. That Council adopts the Rating Areas Map Book 2024, enclosed as Appendix 3.

McMillan/Braam

Carried

15 Revenue & Financing Policy 2024-34

- 1. **That** Council confirms the Revenue & Financing Policy and rating system for stockwater management as follows:
 - Community-wide benefit 10-20% funded from 10-20% General rate
 - Group benefit 80-90% funded from 80-90% targeted rate based on length of water race adjoining or crossing property.
 - Minimum targeted rate of \$700
 - Targeted rates for services using water from the race system will no longer be charged.
- That Council adopts the Revenue and Financing Policy 2024-34 as documented in Appendix
 2.

Lovett/Todd

Carried

16 Long Term Plan 2024-34

The Mayor recorded his thanks of Council, Council staff and the community for their input and consultation on the Long Term Plan.

That Council adopts the Long Term Plan 2024-34, including the:

- LTP Activity Statements
- Fees & Charges 2024/25
- Council Financial Statements
- Significant Forecasting Assumptions
- Financial Strategy 2024-34
- Infrastructure Strategy 2024-54

McMillan/Cameron

Carried

17 Setting of the Rates 2024/25

That Council sets the following rates under the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 on rating units in the district for the financial year commencing 1 July 2024 and ending on 30 June 2025.

All section references are to sections in the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002. All amounts are GST inclusive.

- The definition of connected and serviceable is contained in Council's Funding Impact Statement – Rating Policy and Schedule of Rates.
- The definition of separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit is contained in Council's Funding Impact Statement Rating Policy and Schedule of Rates.
- The definition for the amenity rating area is contained within Council's Funding Impact Statement – Rating Policy and Schedule of Rates.

Uniform Annual General Charge (UAGC)

A uniform annual general charge (UAGC) of \$817.10 per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit, set under section 15.

The UAGC funds wholly or in part the following activities of Council:

- Public Conveniences
- Community Grants & Funding
- Ashburton Library
- Council
- Community Safety

- Ashburton Art Gallery and Museum
- EA Networks Centre
- Emergency Management

General rate

A general rate set under section 13 of \$0.000321 per dollar of capital value on each separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit in the district.

The general rate will be used to fund either wholly or in part the following activities of Council:

- Footpaths and Cycleways
- Stormwater
- Solid Waste Management
- Emergency Management
- Environmental Health
- Cemeteries
- Stockwater Management
- Reserves and Campgrounds
- Elderly Persons Housing
- Business and Economic
 Development
- Ashburton Water Management Zone Committee

- District Promotion
- Community Safety
- Rural Beautification
- Urban Beautification
- Alcohol Licensing & Gambling Venue Consenting
- Animal Control
- Building Regulation
- District Planning (including land information)
- District Plan (policy and development)

Roading rate

A targeted rate for road services set under section 16 of \$0.000570 per dollar of capital value on each separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit in the district.

Water supply rates

The following differential targeted rates are set under section 16 for each water supply area listed below. In each case the differential categories are:

- a) Connected rating units
- b) Serviceable rating units

The differential targeted rates are set as a fixed amount per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit. Rating units outside the defined water supply areas listed below, but which are nonetheless connected to a water supply scheme servicing a particular water supply area, will be charged the connected rate for that water supply area.

Water supply area	Connected	Serviceable
Ashburton urban	\$706.10	\$353.10
Lake Hood	\$706.10	\$353.10
Methven	\$706.10	\$353.10
Rakaia	\$706.10	\$353.10
Fairton	\$706.10	\$353.10
Hakatere	\$706.10	\$353.10
Hinds	\$706.10	\$353.10
Mayfield	\$706.10	\$353.10
Chertsey	\$706.10	\$353.10
Mt Somers	\$706.10	\$353.10
Dromore	\$706.10	\$353.10
Methven -Springfield*	\$706.10	-
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*No serviceable charges apply

Water meters – Extraordinary and non-residential supply

In addition to the above targeted rates, a targeted rate for water supply, set under section 19, will apply for:

- a) Rating units which fall outside a defined water supply area, but which are nonetheless connected to a water supply scheme servicing a water supply area (except Montalto, Lyndhurst and Barrhill); or
- B) Rating units which are used for non-residential purposes, and which are connected to a water supply scheme in a water supply area (except Montalto, Lyndhurst and Barrhill).

The rate is \$1.00 per 1,000 litres of water consumed in excess of 90 cubic metres consumed in the quarterly periods during each year. The quarterly periods are 1 July to 30 September, 1 October to 31 December, 1 January to 31 March, and 1 April to 30 June.

Water meters – Residential extraordinary supply

Defined as properties connected to the Council water supply network located in Residential D, or Rural A zones of the Ashburton District Plan; or Methven-Springfield rural water supply.

In addition to the above targeted rates, a targeted rate for water supply, set under section 19, will apply for:

- Rating units which fall outside a defined water supply area, but which are nonetheless connected to a water supply scheme servicing a water supply area (except Montalto, Lyndhurst and Barrhill); or
- b) Rating units which are used for non-residential purposes, and which are connected to a water supply scheme in a water supply area (except Montalto, Lyndhurst and Barrhill).

The rate is \$1.00 per 1,000 litres of water consumed in excess of 438 cubic metres per annum. The period is 1 July – 30 June.

Montalto water supply rate

A targeted rate under section 16 of \$2,298.90 per rating unit in the Montalto water supply scheme, plus \$74.70 per hectare of land in the Montalto water supply scheme.

Lyndhurst water supply rate

A targeted rate under section 16 of \$202.20 on all rating units connected to the Lyndhurst water supply.

Barrhill village water supply rate

A targeted rate under section 16 of \$412.50 on all rating units within the proposed scheme boundary for the Barrhill Village water supply.

Residential wastewater disposal rates

The following differential targeted rates are set under section 16 for wastewater (sewage) disposal for the Ashburton urban area, Methven, and Rakaia townships, as listed below. In each case the differential categories are:

- a) Connected rating units
- b) Serviceable rating units

The targeted rates are set as a fixed amount per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit.

	Connected	Serviceable
Ashburton urban area	\$603.60	\$301.80
Methven township	\$603.60	\$301.80
Rakaia township	\$603.60	\$301.80

The following additional targeted rates are set under section 16 for wastewater disposal on connected rating units within the Ashburton urban area, Methven and Rakaia townships as listed below. These rates are set differentially based on location and the number of urinals / pans in excess of three, in each rating unit, as listed below.

	Urinal / pan charge from 4+
Ashburton urban area	\$201.20
Methven	\$201.20
Rakaia	\$201.20

Solid waste collection rates

The following rates are set under section 16 for waste collection for each area to which the service is provided as listed below. The targeted rates are set as a fixed amount per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit.

Ashburton urban	\$254.60
Ashburton CBD (inner)	\$428.60
Methven	\$254.60
Rakaia	\$254.60
Hinds	\$254.60
Mayfield	\$254.60
Mt Somers	\$254.60
Chertsey	\$254.60
Fairton	\$254.60
Lake Clearwater	\$156.30
Rangitata Huts	\$198.80
Ashburton District extended	\$254.60

Stockwater rate

A targeted rate under section 16 on all rating units within the general stockwater scheme. The rate is to be determined in accordance with the following factors:

- a) A rate of \$700.00 where the total length of any stockwater races, aqueducts or water channels that pass through, along, or adjacent to, or abuts the rating unit does not exceed 246 metres in length; and
- b) A rate of 58 cents per metre where the total length of any stockwater races, aqueducts or water channels that pass through, along or adjacent to, or abuts the rating unit exceeds 246 metres in length.

Amenity rates

Targeted rates for amenity services under section 16 are as follows:

Ashburton CBD (inner) footpath cleaning rate

\$0.000544 per dollar on the capital value of each business rating unit within the Ashburton CBD (inner) rating area (as more particularly described by reference to the Ashburton District Council Rating Areas Map Book), for footpath services.

Ashburton urban amenity rate

\$0.000961 per dollar of capital value of each rating unit in the Ashburton urban area (as more particularly described by reference to the Ashburton District Council Rating Areas Map Book) to meet the costs of stormwater services, footpaths, and parks and open spaces.

Ashburton business amenity rate

\$0.000329 per dollar of capital value of each business rating unit within the Ashburton urban area (as more particularly described by reference to the Ashburton District Council Rating Areas Map Book) for the provision of public conveniences, and district promotion.

Methven business amenity rate

\$0.000428 per dollar on the capital value of each business rating unit within the Methven township area (as more particularly described by reference to the Ashburton District Council Rating Areas Map Book) for the purposes of public conveniences, and district promotion.

Methven amenity rate

\$0.000665 per dollar on the capital value of each rating unit within the Methven township (as more particularly described by reference to the Ashburton District Council Rating Areas Map Book) to meet the costs of stormwater services, footpaths, parks and open spaces, and reserve boards.

Rakaia business amenity rate

\$0.000332 per dollar on the capital value of each business rating unit within the Rakaia township area (as more particularly described by reference to the Ashburton District

Council Rating Areas Map Book) for the provision of public conveniences, and district promotion.

Rakaia amenity rate

\$0.000592 per dollar on the capital value of every rating unit within the Rakaia township (as more particularly described by reference to the Ashburton District Council Rating Areas Map Book) to meet the costs of stormwater services, footpaths, parks and open spaces, and reserve boards.

Hinds stormwater rate

\$0.000137 per dollar on the capital value of every rating unit within the Hinds township area for the provision of stormwater services.

Rural amenity rate

\$0.000041 per dollar on the capital value of every rating unit within the rural area, for the provision of footpaths, and parks and open spaces.

Methven Community Board rate

A targeted rate to fund the Methven Community Board under section 16 of \$114.40 per rating unit within the Methven township (as more particularly described by reference to the Ashburton District Council Rating Areas Map Book).

Mt Hutt Memorial Hall rate

A targeted rate to partially fund the Mt Hutt Memorial Hall under section 16 of \$0.000138 per dollar on the capital value of each rating unit in the Methven township (as more particularly described by reference to the Ashburton District Council Rating Areas Map Book).

Due dates for payment of rates

The rates will be payable in four equal instalments due on:

- 20 August 2024
- 20 November 2024
- 20 February 2025
- 20 May 2025

Where the 20th of a month in which rates are due does not fall on a working day, rate payments will be accepted without penalty up to and including the first working day after the 20th of that month.

Due dates for payment of water meter charges - Extraordinary Supplies

That water meter charges are due on:

Quarterly period	Reading dates completed	Due date
1 July to 30 September 2024	15 October 2024	20 November 2024
1 October to 31 December 2024	15 January 2025	20 February 2025
1 January to 31 March 2025	15 April 2025	20 May 2025
1 April to 30 June 2025	15 July 2025	20 August 2025

Due dates for payment of water meter charges – Extraordinary residential supply

That water meter charges are due on:

Annual period	Reading date completed	Invoice date
1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025	15 July 2025	20 August 2025

Penalties

In accordance with sections 57 and 58, the Council authorises the Finance Manager to add the following penalties on rates unpaid by the due date.

A 10% penalty will be added to instalment balances remaining unpaid as at the following dates:

- 21 August 2024
- 21 November 2024
- 21 February 2025
- 21 May 2025

In addition, unpaid rates and charges levied prior to 30 June 2025 will attract a further 10% penalty if still unpaid as at 31 August 2025 and an additional 10% penalty applied on 28 February 2026 if still unpaid.

Mayor/Braam

Carried

18 Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan – Feedback Phase 3

- 1. **That** Council provides feedback on the narrative and design of the draft Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan.
- 2. That Council confirms its support for the Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan.
- 3. **That** Council notes that the Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan will be finalised following LTP deliberations at all councils for endorsement and approval by the Chief Executive Forum and the Canterbury Mayoral Forum in July and August respectively.

Cameron/Hooper

Carried

19 Land Classification Programme – approvals following public notification

Nicki Malone joined via Teams

- **1. That** Council approves the classification of eight parcels of land according to their primary purpose, pursuant to section 14(2) of the Reserves Act 1977, as described in Appendix 2 of this report.
- 2. That Council approves the classification of one land parcel according to its primary purpose, pursuant to section 16(1) of the Reserves Act 1977, as described in Appendix 3 of this report.
- **3.** That Council approves the reclassification of two parcels of reserve land, pursuant to section 24(2)(b) of the Reserves Act 1977, as described in Appendix 4 of this report.
- 4. That Council revokes the part of resolution 5 of the Reserve Classification Programme report (Item 8, 17 April 2024) related to Lot 207 DP 520208, Lot 208 DP 520208 and Lot 209 DP 520208 at Lanz Vale Reserve only.
- 5. That Council approves the classification of Lot 207 DP 520208, Lot 208 DP 520208 and Lot 209 DP 520208 at Lanz Vale Reserve pursuant to section 16(2A) of the RA as Local purpose (drainage) reserve.
- 6. That Council revokes the part of resolution 5 of the Reserve Classification Programme report (Item 8, 17 April 2024) for Lot 14 DP 42710 at George Glassey Park and Pt RS 30312 SO 2341 at Methven Cemetery, noting that Council is not the administering body for the land.
- 7. That Council revokes the resolution made for Res 4358 DP 10323 at Miller Avenue Park to correct an administrative error that classified the land under section 16(2A) of the RA and approves classification of Res 4358 DP 10323 at Miller Avenue Park as Recreation Reserve under section 16(1) of the RA, noting that public notification is not required.
- **8.** That Council notes that confirmation of actions for six land parcels will be reported back to Council following surveying of the land parcels. This includes:
 - three land parcels that are to be declared reserve and classified (at Ashton and Wakanui Beach)
 - three land parcels that are to be reclassified to better align with their primary purpose of use for fire station (two at Alford Forest Domain, one at Pendarves Domain).

Wilson/Braam

Carried

20 Appointment of Alternate Local Controllers and Alternate Recovery Managers

That Council appoints Richard Wood and Gordon Tupper as Alternate Local Controllers and Alternate Local Recovery Managers.

Cameron/Lovett Carried

21 Naming of Roads – Strowan Fields

That the road to vest in Council as part of Subdivision SUB23/0040, within the subdivision known as Strowan Fields, accessed from Nelson Street, be named Buxton Place.

Cameron/Todd

Carried

22 Gift to Civic Art Collection

That Council accepts the untitled drawing created by Cuthbert Denham into the Civic Art Collection.

Mayor/McMillan

Carried

23 Upper Hakatere Reserve

- 1. That Council receives the minutes of the Hakatere Reserve Working Group meeting held on 7 May 2024, to be taken as read and confirmed.
- 2. That Council approves the re-positioning of the bollards, as identified on the attached plan.
- 3. That Council confirms that camping is not permitted at the Upper Hakatere reserve.

Lovett/Wilson

Carried

24 Ashburton Contracting Limited's 2024/25 Statement of Intent

That Council agrees to Ashburton Contracting Limited's 2024-25 Statement of Intent.

Mayor/Todd

25 Financial Variance Report

That Council receives the May 2024 financial variance report.

Hooper/Todd

Carried

Carried

26 Universal Metering Pilot Trial – Methven Water Supply

That Council receives the report titled *Universal Metering Pilot Trial – Methven Water Supply, June 2024* and that the matter lies on the table pending a workshop, to be reported back to Council.

Mayor/Cameron Carried

Post meeting note: The workshop is scheduled for Thursday 15 August, 9.30am. An invitation has been extended to the Methven Community Board and the workshop is open to the public.

Council adjourned for afternoon tea from 2.47pm to 3.16pm.

27 Councillor Reports

That Council receives Cr Wilson's report on the LGNZ Infrastructure Symposium.

Wilson/Cameron

Carried

Carried

28 Mayor's Report

• Stockwater Working Group

That Council's appointees on the Stockwater Working Group be Crs Carolyn Cameron and Richard Wilson, and the Mayor (ex officio).

Mayor/Todd

• LGNZ Annual General Meeting

That the Mayor be authorised to vote on behalf of Council at the Local Government New Zealand AGM 2024, and (in the Mayor's absence) Cr Richard Wilson Be the alternate presiding delegate.

Todd/Cameron

Carried

• Dog Control Hearing Panel

That Council appoints Cr McMillan as Chairperson and Crs Braam and Cameron as members of the hearing panel to consider the objection to the Menancing Dog classification.

Braam/Wilson

Carried

• Electricity Ashburton Shareholder Committee

That the selection panel to consider applications for appointment to the EA Shareholders Committee consist of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Cr Braam, and the EA Shareholders Committee Chairman.

McMillan/Todd Carried

• Ministry of Transport - Draft Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits Rule 2024

That the Deputy Mayor and Chief Executive be authorised to approve Council's submission on the Draft Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits Rule 2024.

Hooper/Lovett Carried

That the Mayor's report be received.

Mayor/Braam

Carried

Business transacted with the public excluded - 2.27pm

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:

ltem 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:	
29	Council – 5/06/24 • Building claim • Council shareholding	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
30	Library & Civic Centre PCG - 11/06/24	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
31	Audit & Risk Committee – 12/06/24	Section 7(2)(a)	Protection privacy natural persons
32	Council Shareholding	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
33	West St car park	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
34	Future of old Civic Building	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
35	Road Stopping – Waterton	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
36	Land acquisition	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
37	Sale of land	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities
38	EA Networks Ltd	Section 7(2)(h)	Commercial activities

Mayor/Wilson

Business transacted with the public excluded now in open meeting

• West St Car park

That the Notice of Motion be uplifted.

Cameron/McMillan

Carried

- 1. That in relation to the Notice of Motion:
 - a. Council's decision of 7 June 2023 to enter into a lease with KiwiRail Limited for the West Street car park, be revoked.
 - b. Council's decision of 19 April 2023 to approve the proposed design of the West Street car be revoked (resolution 1).
 - c. Council's decision of 19 April 2023 to approve the carry-over request of \$1.5million from the 2021-2022 year into the 2022-2023 year, not be revoked (resolution 2).
- 2. That Council does not proceed with developing the proposed West Street car park and provides KiwiRail Limited written notice prior to 7 July 2024 that Council terminates the Head of Commercial Terms dated 8 July 2023.

Cameron/Braam

• Sale of former ADC Civic Administration building site

That the two relocatable buildings and the garages currently sited on the former Council civic administration building site at 137 to 147 Havelock Street, Ashburton are offered for sale by public tender and removed from the site. Following the public tender, officers are to bring a further report to Council for a decision on any offers received.

McMillan/Lovett

Carried

That Council agrees to put the Council civic administration building site (as contained in Records of Title CB77/248, CB581/16, CB8K/1233 and CB445/230) on the market for sale by deadline on an 'as is, where is' basis. Following the deadline sale, officers are to bring a further report to Council for a decision on any offers received.

Mayor/Todd

Carried

Electricity Ashburton Ltd - proposed changes to Company Constitution

That Council votes in support of the proposed amendments to Electricity Ashburton Limited's constitution (as contained in Appendix 4) at Electricity Ashburton Limited's Annual General Meeting on 29 August 2024.

Wilson/Mayor

Carried

The meeting concluded at 5.07pm.

[Confirmed by Council 7 August 2024]

MAYOR