MINUTES OF THE KAIAPOI COMMUNITY BOARD HELD IN MEETING ROOM 1, RUATANIWHA KAIAPOI CIVIC CENTRE, WILLIAMS STREET, KAIAPOI ON MONDAY 16 MAY 2016 COMMENCING AT 5.02PM.

PRESENT

C Greengrass, A Blackie, R Blair, J Meyer, S Stewart and J Watson (departed at 6.31pm during item 7.3).

IN ATTENDANCE

C Sargison (Manager Community and Recreation), G Cleary (Manager Roading and Utilities), S Hart (Business and Centres Manager), C Brown (Community Green Space Manager), K Stevenson (Roading Manager), G Barnard (Parks Community Assets Officer), K Ward (Community Board Advocate) and L Courtney (Governance Secretary).

1 APOLOGIES

Moved C Greengrass seconded J Watson

Apologies were received and sustained from R Wallace, N Atkinson and C Faass for absence and J Watson for early departure.

CARRIED

2 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the Kaiapoi Community Board – 18 April 2016

Moved C Greengrass seconded R Blair

THAT the Kaiapoi Community Board:

(a) **Confirms** that the minutes of the Kaiapoi Community Board meeting held on 18 April 2016, having been circulated as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED

4 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil.

5 DEPUTATIONS

5.1 John Moody, New Zealand Flag Association, spoke to the Board about flags and a possible flag for Kaiapoi.

J Moody advocated for Kaiapoi to have a flag as it was a visual identifier of a town. A flag instils pride in a town as it embodies the town in a visual reference and could be a device which would enhance the image of Kaiapoi giving it a higher profile.

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J Moody commented that the recent You,Me,We,Us discussion and competition generated interest from overseas as well as locally.

J Moody noted that the design that won the Kaiapoi flag competition showed iconic images of a town; the blue and yellow colours of Kaiapoi, the Butchers Road Bridge and the letter K. Kaiapoi adopting a flag could influence other towns in the district who may wish to adopt flags of their own.

S Stewart asked members if they knew the whereabouts of Kaiapoi's current flag. J Moody suggested it may be at the Rangiora Service Centre. C Sargison replied that it had not been found at the Rangiora Service Centre. He added that the Kaiapoi Service Centre had been cleared before it was demolished and the flag had not been discovered. J Meyer suggested John Woolcott may have it as a former Chair of the Kaiapoi Promotion Association. J Meyer stated he would ask J Woolcott about it.

C Greengrass asked if members could recall the design of the original Kaiapoi flag. None could recall, although J Meyer believed it had been designed by Kaiapoi High School student.

C Greengrass queried if other towns in New Zealand had their own flags. J Moody replied that Wellington, Christchurch, Auckland and Porirua had their own flags and the idea of a flag was becoming more prevalent and popular in smaller towns.

C Greengrass asked if those towns/cities flew their flags regularly. J Moody replied that flags were more visible in the past but was not sure that the Christchurch flag had flown since the 2010 Canterbury earthquakes.

The Chair thanked J Moody for speaking to the Board, adding that the Board had already discussed the matter at a previous meeting.

5.2 Grant Cowper spoke to tabled documentation (Trim No. 160517045153) outlining his views in relation to tree removal at 9 Moore Street, Kaiapoi. (Item 7.1).

J Watson noted the Leyland Cypress trees which appeared in a photograph in the report, and queried whether those trees were an issue. G Cowper stated that the Leyland Cypress trees, on his property, were not a major issue and would be removed, but that the London Plane tree roots were the issue.

S Stewart asked about the proposed garage. G Cowper replied a garage was a possibility in the future but no definite decisions had been made. He added that the photograph in the report did not truly reflect the situation.

Noting the 2012 date of the photograph, J Watson queried whether the footpath damage was from the trees or whether it was earthquake related. G Cowper believed that it was a combination of tree root damage and general roading/footpath maintenance.

J Watson queried whether G Cowper would be satisfied if staff just pruned the tree. G Cowper responded he had been advised by staff that trees are not pruned as a standard operating procedure.

Regarding the photograph in the report, R Blair asked for elaboration on the work being carried out. G Cowper referred to an email from staff (Trim No. 160517045153) which outlined the work being done, including kerb and channel and footpath maintenance due to tree root damage and the need to re-level the footpath; work which totalled $9,359.

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C Greengrass queried where the London Plane tree was in relation to G Cowper's property. G Cowper replied that it was just outside the boundary to his property.

G Cowper expressed disappointment in his dealings with staff, highlighting he had only received the report that afternoon and had little time to prepare his presentation. He asked the Board to give due consideration to his request that the tree be removed.

6 ADJOURNED BUSINESS

Nil.

7 REPORTS

7.1 **Proposed Street Tree Removal 9 Moore Street, Kaiapoi** – G Barnard (Parks Community Assets Officer)

G Barnard spoke to the report highlighting that the London Plane tree was in good condition however he did acknowledge the damage being caused by the tree. He added that the stormwater discharge pipe would be redirected if the tree was removed.

S Stewart asked where the stormwater discharge pipe was located. G Barnard replied that it was approximately 200mm from the London Plane tree and went straight out to the kerb and channel.

S Stewart queried the staff email regarding the cost of the footpath repair work. G Barnard did not believe that all the work was related to issues caused by the tree. C Sargison clarified that the costing for 15 October 2012 was for work carried out in the greater area, not just Moore Street, noting that some of the repairs would have been related to earthquake damage.

S Stewart queried whether the 15 August 2012 costing was for work carried in a greater area than just Moore Street as well. G Barnard was not certain, but believed at least part of the cost would have been related to damage caused by the London Plane tree.

A Blackie asked what the replacement cost for a stormwater discharge pipe and sump were. G Barnard replied it would be approximately $500.

J Watson asked why the Council did not prune trees. G Barnard clarified that the Council trees are pruned and are on a three year maintenance programme, but acknowledged that the trees in Moore Street had not been maintained for a number of years previous to their recent pruning. He added that arborists would not prune more than a third off a tree and do not top them as this exposes trees to disease.

J Watson queried whether pollarding was an option. G Barnard replied that once pollarding is used then it has to be continued. He added that pollarding is not good for maintaining the health of a tree.

J Meyer asked whether all the trees in the neighbourhood were in good condition. G Barnard replied that the other trees in the neighbourhood appeared to be healthy.

J Meyer asked Board members if they had been approached by other residents regarding issues with trees in Moore Street. No Board members had been approached.

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C Greengrass sought confirmation that pruning the tree would not affect the root system, which is the issue raised by G Cowper. G Barnard confirmed that pruning the tree would not affect the root system but root pruning could be carried out to mitigate the damage being caused by the roots. He added that root guard was not a recommended option in this situation. Current practise is to root guard up to the property boundary. However in this case the London Plane tree is very close to the property boundary, so root guarding would cause the tree to become unstable.

J Meyer asked whether root guarding within the boundary of 9 Moore Street would keep the tree stable. G Barnard replied that it would.

Moved R Blair seconded A Blackie

THAT the Kaiapoi Community Board:

(a) **Receives** report No. 160429038251.

(b) **Approves** the replacement of the Council owned London Plane tree situated in the berm adjacent to 9 Moore Street, Kaiapoi with a more suitable juvenile tree after discussion with the residents of 9 Moore Street, Kaiapoi.

(c) **Notes** that the retention of the London Plane tree is consistent with section 3.3 of the Council's standard operating procedure for the removal of trees.

CARRIED

S Stewart and J Meyer voted against the motion

R Blair believed the London Plane tree had no aesthetic value and that G Cowper's issues with the tree regarding its proximity to the house, damage to underground services and footpath and amenity value were all valid. R Blair was not convinced that the community consultation was effective, highlighting that all the responses received by staff were in support of the tree being removed. He stated that the damage caused by the tree roots would be ongoing and believed that G Cowper's reasons for the tree to be removed were reasonable and required due consideration by the Board.

A Blackie agreed with many of R Blair's comments that the tree was causing issues and not a particular asset to the neighbourhood, but felt the tree did have some amenity value. He noted that leaf fall was not the issue and believed that the roots would continue to be an issue having seen the size of the roots first-hand. A Blackie reiterated the issues raised with regard to root guarding the tree as well as support for the tree removal from the few respondents during the community consultation.

S Stewart spoke against the motion, acknowledging the issues raised. She noted that the tree was 40 years old and this was first time it was before the Board as being an issue. She believed the trees looked good when in leaf. S Stewart would not support the removal of the tree but would like to see that the issues caused by the tree addressed. She understood that if/when a garage was built then the matter of tree removal would be brought before the Board as part of the consent process, and would be discussed accordingly. S Stewart stated that Kaiapoi had lost a lot due to the 2010 Canterbury earthquakes, including the loss of many trees. She believed that trees added to the streetscape of Kaiapoi and were worth retaining for that reason. S Stewart would like to see meaningful consultation with the residents of 9 Moore Street, Kaiapoi to find a solution that the residents would be satisfied with.

J Meyer spoke against the motion, noting that many marketable properties were those with established aged trees. He believed that in the years to come it would become an attractive area because of the trees. He added

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that if the residents of 9 Moore Street did decide to build a garage then it would be a different situation for the Board to consider.

J Watson spoke in support of the motion, stating that the tree was too close to G Cowper's property. She added that trees did not take that long to grow and that a replacement juvenile tree would be a reasonable size within a few years.

C Greengrass did not support tree removal just because a garage was being built, but believed that the tree was too close to the Cowper's property making it a hazard.

7.2 **137 Williams Street (Council Owned Land)** – S Hart (Business and Centres Manager)

S Hart took the report as read, highlighting that staff were seeking the support of the Board for the short term landscape plan and time to investigate the longer term purpose and use of the land.

C Greengrass sought confirmation that when the Rangiora BNZ building was demolished, the cleared land was covered in shingle. S Hart confirmed this noting that the area was made safe for public use until a decision is made about the future use of that space.

S Stewart asked about the timeframe for the tidy up. C Sargison replied that the Board's recommendation would go to the Council for its June meeting and, pending the Council's approval, action taken soon after.

A Blackie queried whether staff had considered using the space for car parking as a short term solution, especially for weekend users. C Sargison replied that there would be egress and safety issues with close proximity to the roundabout. The position of the space would also mean few car park spaces would be available. He added that once the space was used for a specific purpose, it could be very difficult to convince the community that it be used for another purpose.

Moved A Blackie seconded J Watson

THAT the Kaiapoi Community Board:

(a) **Receives** Report No. 160505040675.

(b) **Notes** the importance of this land with regards to its location and connection to Kaiapoi town centre.

Recommends that the Council:

(c) **Supports** the development and of a short term landscape plan, by the Council's Green Space Team, for approval by the Kaiapoi Community Board which is aimed at 'tidying up' the land at 137 – 141 Williams Street, and ensuring it is appropriately connected to adjoin footpaths and spaces, at a cost of up to $10,000 from within an approved budget.

(d) **Notes** that an assessment will be undertaken with regard to the commercial viability of the land, alignment with the Kaiapoi Town Centre Plan Review, and traffic considerations with the aim of better informing the longer term purpose and use of the land at 137 – 141 Williams Street; to be completed in the 2016/17 year.

CARRIED

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R Blair believed the recommendation was a good course of action.

C Greengrass commented that it would be good to involve You,Me,We,Us to get community feedback on how the space would look.

7.3 **Kaiapoi River Herbicide Testing and Ocean Outfall Sea Foam Analysis** – J Fraser (Utilities Planner), O Davies (Drainage Asset Manager) and R Barber (Wastewater Asset Manager)

G Cleary spoke to the report, reminding the Board of previous presentations regarding issues with waterways and noting that the report was to update the Board on progress to date. He noted that staff were getting advice from experts and would report back again to the Board once more detailed plans had been developed from that advice. He added that at the request of a Councillor, staff were now testing faecal matter at the ocean outfall. The results would be reported back to the Board.

Regarding Kaiapoi River die back, R Blair sought G Cleary's opinion on the theory that the die back was caused by a build-up of chemicals in the river which was only just presenting itself now. G Cleary understood from the advice of experts that the levels of glysophate detected in the sediment samples were not enough to cause die back. He added that research has shown that trace amounts of glysophate are found in waterways around the world.

A Blackie asked how staff differentiated between glysophate and the chemicals used in sprays by private property owners. G Cleary replied that the concerns raised in the community where specifically in relation to the Council and Environment Canterbury staff spraying around drains. Therefore testing was specifically for glysophate, as this is the main chemical in the spray used by the Council contractors.

Regarding clause 3.20, S Stewart asked whether staff were testing the sediment around plants that were in "poor condition". G Cleary replied that he could not recall the specific locations the samples were taken from but could forward the information to members after the meeting.

G Cleary commented that currently new developments are required to have stormwater catchments which has not been a requirement in the past. He added that research has found connections between galvanised roofs and higher levels of zinc in the stormwater. G Cleary believed that the results of testing in the Kaiapoi River would be in line with other rivers in New Zealand. He added that staff would carry out tests, however testing had to be specific and staff were taking advice from experts on what they should be testing for. G Cleary stated that there was funding allocated in the Council's Long Term Plan 2015-2025 and Infrastructure Strategy for dealing with stormwater issues.

S Stewart queried why staff used an 18 year old reference in the report when more recent and relevant research was available. G Cleary assured members that staff were taking advice from current experts in the field, highlighting that a more detailed report was being prepared for the Board.
R Blair asked for elaboration on salt water intrusion in relation to die back. G Cleary replied that the Kaiapoi River is tidal so salt water can be detected upriver. He noted that there have been times, especially when higher tides coincide with lower river volumes, that salt water has been detected as a far as the motorway bridge. He added that a presentation that Dr Adrian Meredith (Principal Water Quality Scientist, Environment Canterbury) delivered to the Waimakariri Water Zone Committee may help the Board better understand the situation.

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J Meyer questioned how long it would take to get the full report of sediment samples and testing around the ocean outfall. G Cleary offered assurance that staff were working hard to address the issues raised by the community in an open and transparent manner. He believed staff have good processes in place for maintaining the ocean outfall and were now looking at the environment around the pipeline for any possible issues.

J Meyer, in relation to spraying and condition of the Kaiapoi River, stated that the river was showing die back as far upstream as Southbrook and asked whether testing had been carried out for chemicals further upstream. G Cleary stated that staff were working to understand what they should be testing for and much of that would be based on the advice of experts in the field. He acknowledged that no further testing had been carried out since the initial samples were taken, and not as far upstream as Southbrook. He noted that testing could be a trial and error process as well as a matter of testing for the correct chemicals.

J Meyer questioned whether it was wise to restart spraying, considering the lack of clarity from the information gathered to date. G Cleary replied that a number of factors, including financial, are considered when making a decision to use spray or mechanical means around drains. He added that there were situations where the use of mechanical means caused damage to the environment, however staff would follow the Council's directive.

S Stewart requested that each clause be voted on separately which Board members agreed to.

Moved R Blair seconded A Blackie

(a) **Receives** report No. 160405029549.

CARRIED

Moved R Blair seconded A Blackie

(b) **Notes** preliminary identification of sea foam samples undertaken by the Institute of Environmental Science and Research (ESR) on the beach around the ocean outfall has indicated presence of naturally occurring protozoa.

CARRIED

Moved R Blair seconded A Blackie

(c) **Notes** the relationship between the protozoa and the effluent discharges from the ocean outfall will be further examined by ESR to determine the effect the discharges are having on the protozoa and sea foam, if any.

CARRIED

Moved R Blair seconded A Blackie

(d) **Notes** that no herbicide (glyphosate) residues were found in Kaiapoi River surface water in any of the three samples collected on Monday 4 April 2016.

CARRIED

Moved R Blair seconded A Blackie

(e) **Notes** that detectable herbicide (glyphosate) residues were found in each of the three sediment samples collected on Monday 4 April 2016.

CARRIED

unconfirmed

Moved R Blair seconded A Blackie

(f) **Notes** a professional opinion will be provided by Landcare Research to determine whether the residues of glyphosate observed in the river-bed sediment could have caused the previous "die back" of aquatic plants and animals observed by residents within the Kaiapoi River.

CARRIED

Moved R Blair seconded A Blackie

(g) **Notes** that the cost of using mechanical means rather than spraying to control weeds in the Council drains is estimated to cost an additional $80,000 per year.

CARRIED
J Meyer against

Moved R Blair seconded A Blackie

(h) **Notes** that the Council's contractor will recommence its drain spraying programme using herbicide in spring 2016.

LOST

Moved R Blair seconded A Blackie

(i) **Notes** a repeat of the sampling will be undertaken once Council weed spraying in the Kaiapoi River catchment has resumed, if a further "die back" occurs in the summer of 2016/17.

CARRIED

Moved R Blair seconded A Blackie

(j) **Circulates** this report to the Utilities and Roading Committee for its information.

CARRIED

Moved R Blair seconded A Blackie

(k) **Circulates** this report to the Waimakariri Water Zone Committee for its information.

CARRIED

Moved R Blair seconded A Blackie

(l) **Circulates** this report to the Drainage Advisory Groups for their information.

CARRIED

Moved R Blair seconded A Blackie

(m) **Circulates** this report to the Rangiora and Woodend-Ashley Community Boards and the Oxford-Eyre Ward Advisory Board for their information.

CARRIED

J Meyer commented that action should have been taken a number of years ago when testing was first carried out at the ocean outfall.

8 MATTERS REFERRED FOR INFORMATION ONLY

8.1 **Woodend-Ashley Community Board Minutes – 11 April 2016**
(Trim No 160411031890)

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8.2 **Rangiora Road and Reserves Naming Committee Minutes – 13 April 2016** (Trim No 160414033217)

8.3 **Rangiora Community Board Minutes – 13 April 2016**
(Trim No. 160413033118)

8.4 **Update on Kaiapoi River, Kaiapoi Wastewater Treatment Plant and Ocean Outfall** – G Cleary (Manager Utilities and Roading), O Davies (Drainage Asset Manager) and R Barber (Wastewater Asset Manager) Report to Kaiapoi Community Board – 21 March 2016 (Trim No. 160302017635)

8.5 **Aquatic Facilities Update Report** – S Milne (Aquatics Facilities Manager) Report to Community and Recreation Committee – 19 April 2016 (Trim No. 160407030534)

8.6 **Library Update** – P Ashbey (Libraries Manager) Report to Community and Recreation Committee – 19 April 2016 (Trim No. 160408031028)

8.7 **Approval for changes to the new footpaths programme and to accept a contract for the work** – K Stevenson (Roading Manager) Report to Council – 3 May 2016 (Trim No. 160419034736)

8.8 **Establishment of a Public Transport Joint Committee for Greater Christchurch** – K Stevenson (Roading Manager) Report to Council – 3 May 2016 (Trim No. 160420035624)

8.9 **Submission on Christchurch City Council's 2016/17 Draft Annual Plan and amended Long Term Plan 2015-2025** – M Edgar (Corporate Planner) and K Stevenson (Roading Manager) Report to Council – 3 May 2016 (Trim No. 160415033547)

Moved C Greengrass seconded A Blackie

THAT the Kaiapoi Community Board receives the information in items 8.1-8.9.

CARRIED

9 CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 Invitation from Life Education Trust to outline programmes offered.
9.2 Invitation to Board members to attend Kaiapoi District Historical Society AGM.

The Board received the correspondence.

10 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Nil.

11 MEMBERS INFORMATION EXCHANGE

11.1 **R Blair**

- Darnley Club: 21 May 2015 the Club will celebrate its 25th anniversary. R Blair noted that the Club had yet to receive a response following a deputation to the Council's Annual Plan Hearing of submissions regarding the extra space requested. Deliberations were scheduled for 18 - 19 May 2016.

Unconfirmed

11.2 **A Blackie**

- Silverstream Reserve: attended a planting/mulching day at the reserve. Members were invited to attend a walk around the reserve organised potentially for Friday 20 May. C Sargison stated that the date still needed to be confirmed and staff would email details to the members.

11.3 **J Meyer**

- Council: attended the Council's Draft Annual Plan Hearing of Submissions noting it was the fewest submissions received in a number of years.

11.4 **S Stewart**

- Attended ANZAC Day commemorations noting that many were unable to hear if they were not in the direct line of the temporary speakers and that a speaker system in Trousselot Park was needed.
- Attended Waimakariri Water Zone Committee meeting, noting a presentation from staff which may be of benefit for the Board.
- Attended a presentation on the Western Arterial Route commenting that staff have to investigate discrepancies with a local engineer regarding flooding models.
- Cam River Committee: the committee are yet to meet again and are awaiting a report from Henry Hudson. The report has been delayed but is anticipated for August 2016 and would inform now inform Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan.

11.5 **C Greengrass**

- Waimakariri Social Services forum: the outcome of the forum is a working group that will follow up action. The options for a community house are to either have one in Rangiora or one each in Rangiora, Kaiapoi and Oxford.

12 KAIAPOI REVITALISATION UPDATE

Regular updates on the Kaiapoi Town Centre projects are emailed regularly to Board members. These updates can be located at the link below:

http://www.waimakariri.govt.nz/your-Council/district-development/kaiapoi-town-centre

C Sargison updated the Board on the following:

- The concrete pad for the Mainpower transformer is complete but staff were still awaiting work at the Outreach Church to be completed.
- A function was being discussed for Friday 3 June to celebrate the completed works on Williams Street. This was yet to be confirmed.
- Work on Kaiapoi wharf has been delayed for awaiting steel, although other work will be carried out including grass seeding the area.
- Crime cameras were likely to be monitored rather than looked over retrospectively, including cameras over the skate park in Trousselot Park.

The Board noted the updates.

J Meyer asked when the lights would go on in Williams Street commenting that Raven Quay may be a bit dark. K Stevenson replied that the lights would come on in the near future and that the lighting in Raven Quay would be addressed once more detailed plans for Jed Pearce's development were available.

unconfirmed

13 CONSULTATION PROJECTS

Nil.

14 BOARD FUNDING

14.1 **Board Discretionary Grant** Balance as at 11 May 2016: $823.

14.2 **General Landscaping Budget** Balance as at 11 May 2016: $47,490.

The Board noted the balances.

15 MEDIA WORTHY ITEMS

Nil.

16 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDERS

Nil.

17 URGENT GENERAL BUSINESS UNDER STANDING ORDERS

Nil.

18 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Kaiapoi Community Board is scheduled for 5pm, Monday 20 June 2016 at Meeting Room 1, Ruataniwha Kaiapoi Civic Centre, Williams Street, Kaiapoi.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS CLOSED AT 7.01PM.

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Chairperson

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Date

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Workshop – 7.05pm – 7.25pm.

1. Roading Capital Works Programme. K Stevenson (Roading Manager)