

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 215 HIGH STREET, RANGIORA ON FRIDAY 1 MAY AT 9.00AM**

**PRESENT**

Mayor R Keating, Deputy Mayor E H B Cole, Councillors N T Atkinson, D L Ayers, R R Blair, R J Brine, N D Cruickshank, P G Farrant (to 12.45pm), K Felstead (from 9.05am to 12.45pm) and S L Stewart

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Messrs J Palmer (Chief Executive Officer), K Lamb (Administration Manager), Mrs A Smith (Committee Secretary)

**1. APOLOGIES**

An apology was received and sustained from Cr D B Gordon.

**2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Nil

**3. HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS TO THE DRAFT LTCCP**

<b>Submitter ID Number</b>	<b>Name / Organisation</b>	<b>Comment</b>
4801	RJ Gerard	Mr Gerard congratulated staff on the layout of the annual plan. Mr Gerard urged the Council to amend the Seal extension projections and include \$200,000 annually for seal extensions regardless of subsidy. Mr Gerard believes that capital value rating should be consulted on as it is a fair and more equitable base. He does not believe ratepayers should have to pick up rates that should be covered by central government. The Canterbury Museum levy should be included in the 2011/12 year. Mr Gerard said that a performing arts centre is necessary for the community and is saddened that some Councillors think that the Town Hall should be demolished. The 5km radius for rating for the Dudley Park Aquatic Centre is not the best solution for the rating of the Dudley Park Aquatic Centre and has "knee capped" the fundraising efforts of the community. Mr Gerard reminded Councillors that the council at the time, contributed to the building of the Kaiapoi Aquatic Centre. There is already \$600,000 raised by the community for the pool at Dudley Park and no doubt pool users will come from all over the district. Targeted rating is not a fair and equitable scheme. Kaiapoi and Oxford pool are both examples of partnerships between the community and the Council and now it is time for Rangiora. Existing loans for the Kaiapoi and Oxford pools have been paid with contributions from Rangiora ratepayers. Mr Gerard believes the 5km rating radius will create ill feeling, is clearly unfair and suggests that if the pool was in Kaiapoi, would the outcome be the same? Mr Gerard believes this LTCCP gives no real leadership and lacks vision for the future of our district.

4827	Alan Fraser	Mr Fraser presented his submission and spoke on a ratepayer card system which entitles ratepayers to reduced fees for using Council facilities - i.e. swimming pool, libraries, refuse stations and getting a LIM report. This is a system that some other Councils in New Zealand currently use (Cromwell). Mr Fraser does not support the 5km rating radius for Dudley Park Aquatic Centre. Mr Fraser believes there should be financial input from the Ministry of Education for the Aquatic Centre in Dudley Park, and continuing input to cover maintenance costs.
4836	Melvyn Pearson	Mr Pearson suggests that with the extension of the residential boundary of Rangiora, that heavy traffic should be banned from using Pentecost Road and redirected to Lehmans Road. A lot of heavy traffic involved in the residential development of Oxford Gardens has been using Pentecost Road. Mr Pearson would like urgent consideration be given to the extension of Townsend Road through to West Belt. With regard to the Dudley Park Aquatic Centre, Mr Pearson does not believe the 5km rating radius is fair, as the pool would be for the use of everyone in the district.
4840	Rangiora Ward Advisory Board, Murray Clarke	<p>Mr Clark spoke on behalf of the Rangiora Ward Advisory Board and thanked Council for the opportunity to submit. The Board generally supports the draft Ten Year Plan, with the following comments;</p> <p>Airfield – supports purchasing more land for development, and developing airfield infrastructure to provide for recreational and business opportunities. The Board believe that the Council should own the land and roading around the airport, but hangars and other buildings be privately owned.</p> <p>Bridges – The Board supports cycle and pedestrian upgrades, particularly on the Ashley River Bridge.</p> <p>Community facilities – The Board supports the retention of the Rangiora Town Hall façade, and investigation of indoor sports requirements, with possibly combining this with a performing arts facility.</p> <p>Cycleways – supports development of an overall plan for the district.</p> <p>Environmental Services – the Board supports a minimum of 20 hours per week for car park policing in Rangiora.</p> <p>Pegasus facilities – reserves the decision until information is received regarding the library, population thresholds and funding impacts.</p> <p>Rangiora Rating Zone – the Board does not consider the 5km rating radius is the right solution for Dudley Park Aquatic Centre and does not support rating of a specified area. The Board supports that any shortfall in fundraising for the Aquatic Centre should be funded district wide.</p> <p>Reserves –the Board would like to have the funding for the relocated access and sealing to Southbrook Park to</p>

		<p>be reinstated in the budget</p> <p>Street lighting – believes lighting is inadequate at pedestrian crossings in High Street Rangiora.</p> <p>Water – endorses the efforts of the Council for upgrading the Rangiora water supply.</p> <p>Recommends a major upgrade to Ivory Street, Rangiora.</p>
4881	Kimiaki Sasada	Mr Sasada chose not to speak to his submission.
4916	Jose Phelan	Ms Phelan's submission is to request the Council to install a seat on the corner of Buchan and Victoria Streets Rangiora. This would be just along from Wiltshire Rest Home. As there is a lot of elderly residents at this facility who walk to town, Mrs Phelan believes this seat would be beneficial for these residents. Ms Phelan said there is shading available on this corner, and recommends that this would be the best location. Members discussed the price of a seat, and Cr Brine suggested that seats in High Street are to be replaced soon and one of these could be used.
4963	Gillian Giller	Mrs Giller noted the Revenue and Financing policy is a legal requirement for the Council. Facilities are then charged by way of a Community Services Charge. Mrs Giller referred to page 105 of the Ten Year Plan and noted the statement would need to be changed. It is appropriate that the whole district pays for these facilities.
5056	Dale Hartley-Brown	Ms Hartley-Brown is representing the Dale Hartley School of Drama and supports the provision of \$5million in the Ten Year Plan for the upgrade and refurbishing of the Rangiora Town Hall. On page 78 of the Ten Year Plan, the word "potential" should be removed. The existing facilities will not provide any answers. A number of facilities are privately owned and cannot be included in the plan for the next ten years. If there are not adequate facilities the usage cannot be monitored. The consultation already undertaken has already shown a lack of facilities and the \$50,000 should be used to complete the planning stage. The draft plan by J Holcroft is a starting point for the Rangiora Town Hall and changes have been made and copied to Craig Sargison. School facilities are generally not available at the times suitable for performing arts. There is a drama school I Kaiapoi which uses the high school facilities.
4972	Woodend Community Centre Advisory Group, Mark Sutherland	Messrs Irving Rutherford Bryce Stanley presented the submission for the advisory group. Infinity Investments have offered the community \$50,000 on a \$ for \$ basis and the committee will need to move quickly to access these funds. Plans are presently being developed and four people have been appointed to the working party. Spending in the Woodend Ashley ward is much lower than the other wards over the past six years. The group would like the kitchen upgrade commenced in the 2009/2010 year and funding available for the meeting room extension in 2010/2011.

4975	Ohoka Domain, Edward Hamilton	Edward Hamilton and Anna Bonnifant presented the submission for the Ohoka Domain group. There has been significant work done on the domain over the past few years. The project will link with existing walkways in Ohka and provides the school with an opportunity for a planting project. There is some fundraising undertaken. The project needs to retain funding to ensure future development. The Ohoka Domain playground needs to be upgraded which caters for 8-15 year olds. Consideration has been given to a trust or incorporated society.
4983	Tim Shannahan	Mr Shannahan, CEO of Canterbury Hockey, outlined the need for a requirement for an artificial hockey field in the next 8-10 years. Two more artificial surfaces are being built in Christchurch in the next year. A further seven fields are required in the Canterbury area and one should be in this district and one in Selwyn. There are various models for funding a field and these can be investigated over the coming years. Half fields often cause more issues than answers. There is around 150-200 players in the district. Hockey is experiencing growth nationally. However, in Canterbury the immediate focus is for two more fields in Christchurch, to increase the numbers participating. One field costs between \$1.25 to \$1.8 million. The upper figure would probably provide the auxiliary facilities.
4987	Waimakariri Community Development Trust, Debra Lawrence	Cr Brine declared a conflict and withdrew from the table. Mr Peter Allen noted the creation of the Manager's position two years ago. The trust employs 20 people and has 60 volunteers. A copy of the services provided was tabled for information. The contribution by the Council for the Manager's salary is \$40,000. The community youth workers are employed for youth at risk. The support is for youth development. The trust has developed a good relationship with the Lotteries Commission and the Canterbury Trust and the ongoing funding is expected.
4988	Presbyterian Support, Kathryn Daley	Ms Daley from family Works noted support for the youth development worker. There are questions in the community as to what the Council is doing for youth in the district. Shelly Robinson presently working in Oxford is already doing this work and it is having a positive impact on that community. It is a unique opportunity for the Council to spearhead the development for young people. It is important for the local community to take the initiative as central government does not always have an understanding of local issues. In twelve months time there will be potential for young leaders as well as developing needs for youth in the community.
4991	Peter Cox	Peter Cox and Dr Selwyn Maister presented the submission on behalf of the Canterbury Artificial Surfaces Trust (formerly the Canterbury Hockey Foundation Trust). The three surfaces in Christchurch are used by residents throughout Canterbury. There is an annual grant by the Christchurch City Council and the players towards the cost. The submission seeks a contribution to assist with

		the facilities as many Waimakariri residents use the facilities. Artificial surfaces have been in New Zealand for about 25 years. This is an interim step to a turf in the district. The Nunweek Park surface lasted about 14-15 years, but the usual benchmark is 10 years. One of the growth areas is in the masters group. .
5000	Rangiora Croquet Club, Leone Woodward	<p>Mrs Woodward gave a background to the establishment of the Rangiora Croquet Club. The use of the land in Dudley Park has been very useful for promotion of the club. Three full size lawns are requested. Seven different sites have been considered and Arlington Park is considered the most satisfactory. A pavilion could be shared with North Canterbury Tennis. Kaiapoi currently works as a district club and has only one full size lawn. The Ashburton model has a post and fence rail around and this seems to work. However, bike traffic may be an issue.</p> <p>Crs Farrant and Felstead left the meeting at this time.</p> <p>Adjourned 12.45pm, Meeting reconvened 1.45pm.</p>
4939	Rangiora Baptist Church, Grant Chivers	<p>Mr Chivers is Youth Pastor at the Rangiora Baptist Church and advised he has been a resident of Rangiora all his life and is passionate about youth in the district. Mr Chivers voiced concern with the number of youth programmes in the area that have recently been struggling due to lack of funding and support - NC Youth Services closed down their holiday programme and after school programmes and the Rangiora touch rugby competition has ceased. Mr Chivers highlighted some positive youth activities such as Y.dot and Big Brothers Big Sisters. Mr Chivers has leaders that he is currently training, but pointed out that youth culture is very transient, and there is a lack of consistency. One of the Youth Leaders that he has trained previously is now the Youth Advisor for Selwyn District Council. Programmes that he runs are consistent, and the Council is one of the most stable organisations for funding. Mr Chivers fully supports Council funding to be available for a Youth Advisor, to help support local groups. He believes there could be a lot more being done for the young people in the community, but did point out that there are some youth activities flourishing – named Surf Lifesaving and Southbrook Touch module. Mr Chivers believes it would be more beneficial to invest in a youth advisor, rather than any facilities.</p>
5017	Rangiora Brass Band Inc, Tony McKendry	<p>Mr Tony McKendry presented this submission on behalf of the Rangiora Bass Band Inc, requesting an annual grant of \$600 for the 2009-2010 financial year. The band will be associated with three public concerts.</p>
5053	Oxford Early Learning Centre, Justin Taylor	<p>Mr Justin Taylor from Oxford Learning Centre, which is a community based centre that has been operating 20 years, provided a background on the centre. 50 children per day is maximum number allowed under the centres licence, open Monday to Friday. The centre currently employs 19 staff, 3.5 full time teachers, 6 trainee teachers (part time paid, part time voluntary) and the</p>

		remainder being administration and cleaning staff. Over 100 families are currently enrolled at the centre and there is 30 on the waiting list. Government funding is only available for trained teachers, and there are also some children that the centre cannot get funding for. There is also some finishing that is required for the centre's new facility, and Mr Taylor's request from the Council is either funding for this finishing work on the centre facility or funding for workers, or waiving building consent fees. Currently this is the only child care centre in Oxford, but there are two commercial operations proposed.
5087	Mahaanui Kurataiao Ltd, Andrea Lobb	Ms Lobb spoke to her submission and extended apologies from Clare Williams, Chair of the Ngai Tahu Runanga. The group expresses strong support and appreciation to the Council committing to work with Mahaanui Kurataiao Ltd in its 2009-2019 LTCCP. The objective is to assist the Council with any obligations for consultation with the Tangata under the Resource Management Act. It is also the intention to bring further information, advice and support to the Runanga
5084	Peter Savage	Mr Savage spoke to a petition signed by 110 Cust residents, out of 120 households, asking for the Council to defer the Cust water supply upgrade until many unresolved issues have been finalised. The petition is also supported by MP Clayton Cosgrove. Residents are anxious of the possible rate increases. Mr Savage confirmed that some members of the Cust Water Supply Advisory Group have signed the petition, as individuals.
5078	Marianne & Phillip Kirkham	Mrs Kirkham presented this submission and provided a personal background. Mrs Kirkham has completed training and worked with youth. Mrs Kirkham's proposal is for an ice skating rink, hamburger bar and a stage area. She believes youth need to have a sense of belonging which in turn promotes generosity and in turn youth give back to the community. She would like to see the Council support such a project, and also supports an extension arm of CPIT and the University available here in Rangiora. Believes that businesses could be encouraged to become established in the area, suggesting a chocolate factory, coffee factory and encourage tours to these businesses. This in turn would provide employment for local people.  Mrs Kirkham pointed out the access to Rangiora via Southbrook, and believes this is not aesthetically pleasing to drive through this area to enter Rangiora. Mrs Kirkham would like to see a road link to the other main entrance to Rangiora, via Rangiora-Woodend Road.

The meeting concluded at 2.45pm.

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Chairman

Date