

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL HELD IN THE KAIAPOI SERVICE CENTRE MEETING ROOM, 125 RAVEN QUAY, KAIAPOI ON MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2009 AT 1.00PM**

**PRESENT**

Mayor R Keating, Deputy Mayor E H B Cole, Crs N T Atkinson, D L Ayers, R R Blair, R J Brine, N D Cruickshank, P G Farrant (from 3.48pm), K Felstead, D Gordon (from 2.58pm) and S L Stewart (from 1.22pm)

**IN ATTENDANCE**

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

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Crs D B Gordon and S L Stewart for lateness

**2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Cr Atkinson declared a conflict with the submission from the Kaiapoi Brass Band.

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

<b>Submitter ID Number</b>	<b>Name / Organisation</b>	<b>Comment</b>
4992	Pegasus Town Limited, Lauren Semple	Ms Semple presented the submission on behalf of the company. The Council has made provision for facilities for Pegasus in the Ten Year Plan. Not all of the facilities are required from a consent process point and some are simply part of Pegasus Town Ltd's commitment on the project. It is being considered by the Council as a different project to other parts of the district. The Council should consider making contributions to the Library, Community Centre and aquatic centre. Pegasus is committing to the upgrade of Gladstone Park. However the plan should signal some commitment from Council for completion of the project. The plan provides for specific rates for a number of facilities. Pegasus Town Ltd is opposed to a special rate as it may set a precedent for the future. Pegasus are unlikely to require the roading or water team, as the facilities are all new. A proposal has been provided to the Council by Pro Directions analysing that Pegasus will be globally profitable. It is inequitable to "cherry pick" without giving some consideration for other works requiring less maintenance in the immediate future. Pegasus Town Ltd supports the same rating basis for the district rather than separate specific rates. Whilst there is a difference in the parties agreeing on the costs of operating the lake, this should have been addressed at the time the lake should be vested. In respect to Gladstone Park, Pegasus Town Ltd has made a commitment to provide \$2.5 million for the park and \$250,000 is being made available for the Woodend Rugby Club. In respect to the five-year term for the

		aquatic centre, it is a matter of Pegasus Town Ltd receiving a commitment from the Council.
4996	Kaiapoi Community Board, Tom Bayliss	Mr Tom Bayliss, Chair Kaiapoi Community Board presented the submission on behalf of the Board. There are concerns over the wider regional policy statement including some development proposed in Kaiapoi which may be restricted. Discussions should be held with the Christchurch City Council on the repair of the Old Waimakariri Bridge. The Board does not support the development of a performing arts centre, but does support the inclusion of \$50,000 for investigations. Any shortfall for the Dudley Park aquatic centre should be met from the Rangiora area. Kaiapoi and Oxford raised similar amounts to that being sought from Rangiora. The investigation of the Kaiapoi River is supported. The comment of a former Mayor coming out against the Council is disappointing. Mr Bayliss has spoken to members of the board regarding the comments made by a former Mayor.
5010	Clayton Cosgrove	Mr Cosgrove supported the introduction of a system to assist residents with a "Super Gold Card" for the disposal of rubbish and garden green waste. Other local authorities are providing some discounted services. Mr Cosgrove also wished to add his support to the role of a Youth Development Officer. Central government has introduced free public transport for the gold card.
4998	NZ Historic Places Trust/Pouhere Taonga, Malcolm Duff	Janine Dunlop presented the submission on behalf of the trust. The number of sites is a key measure and the numbers should steadily increase. The retention of the Resource Management Contestable Fund is supported, as is the reassessing of the condition of sites in the District Plan. The funding allocated for Maori Heritage is supported noting there is a specialist advisor employed by the trust. The actions relating to sustainable management of historic heritage in the Greater Christchurch Urban Development Strategy are supported. The trust acknowledges it is not proactive in assessing sites in the District. However, staff do work with Council's when reviewing their District Plans.
4837	Thomas Broomfield	Mr Broomfield noted concern in respect to safety. The footpath on the Kaiapoi River rail bridge is very dangerous. The access on each side is difficult. The footpath has been crossed by pedestrians for many years and asks that the Council make this a safe legal walkway. A clip on type of footbridge could be added on to the east side for pedestrians. The clip on could also be available for cyclists and the disabled, with suitable access.
5004	Jerry Larason	Mr Larason raised the question what the Lodge Tawera is here for and also the Council is here for? They are both here for the same – the community. The economics for the lodge have improved, but are not flash. Rates are about 80% of the expenditure. There

		are other small organisations that are doing smaller things where a high percentage of their costs are rates. There are 21 members in the lodge and the lodge is tied into the national organisation.
5011	Mike Flavell	<p>Cr Brine declared an interest in this submission.</p> <p>Mr Flavell noted that youth constitute a culture in their own right. This has been developing since the 1960's. The support of a Youth Development Advisor is important and will enable the Council to hear the voice of youth. The appointment is within the role of community development. The role of the family has changed. There needs to be a way to assist young people. Sport continues to provide a pathway, but not all youth are talented in this way. There are needs for the elderly. However, these are generally being maintained with existing services. Recreation should be larger than sport. The skills of an advisor need to include having credibility with youth, formal training in research and able to understand questions from the Council. They would need to have advanced listening skills. In the first 12 months the building of relationships would need to be developed. Buildings are not sufficient for youth; it requires leadership.</p>
5016	Canterbury West Coast Sports Trust, Martin Mongon	Mr Mondon was not present.
4973	Suburban Estates Ltd, Kim Sanders	<p>Councillors Brine, Ayers and Blair declared an interest in this submission.</p> <p>Mr Sanders tabled a copy of a submission on behalf of Suburban Estates Ltd. The submission to the LTCCP relates to the ability to make development contributions totally transparent. Whilst accepting there must be a charge for development, the Council must ensure charges do not become excessive. Developers may decide to develop in other areas where charges are not so high. Most of the specific questions relating to the west Rangiora development have been answered. However, there are issues such as the reserve contributions and the question is do all the projects need to be included? The provision of the bypass road through the proposed subdivision needs to be resolved at the hearing in May. The contributions on each lot for the west Rangiora lots is \$22,250 and this needs to be added to the development works and land costs. By charging fair and transparent contributions, the district gets its share of the population increases.</p>
5033	Carl & Marian Hanson	Mr Hanson noted they prefer the staging of fire main upgrades for the Cust Water SUPand are opposed to drilling a well on Earlys Road. Their house does not see any benefits in any of these upgrades. There seems to be an increase in rates to enable other residents not to have header tanks. There may be a need to upgrade the No 1 Springbank well and having a second well as a back up is acceptable. The fire fighting upgrade is accepted particularly if it means keeping a fire station in Cust. The water supply to the property is unrestricted.

5040	Te Kohaka O Tuhaitara Trust, Jo Kane	<p>Mrs Kane presented the submission on behalf of the TKTT. The Trust believes it is critical to work in partnership with the Council. The Trust has been in receipt of a grant from the WDC the last two years – for signage and for administration and management. These grant funds have not been used to date (Total of \$50,000) It has been determined that the Trust needs an Executive Manager – it is unsustainable for the Trust to work otherwise. This would be a full time position. The signage on the Pegasus Bay Walkway is a project to be worked on in the coming years. Some concept plans have been looked at, and the planned project should be completed in one year with \$150,000 contributed towards it from the Trust. The Trust is committed to lifting its profile and identity. Requests that the Council makes provision for funding for car park upgrade and fencing from these car parks for the public to the coastal environment – would like to see this as a joint project with signs identifying WDC and the Trust. Regarding Tutaepatu Lagoon there is a challenge for funding. Mrs Kane advised that the funds granted from Ngai Tahu and the Trusts ability to use the interest from those funds. So far this has probably matched dollar for dollar with Council funding. The Trust asks that the Council continue to work together with TKTT on lease agreements. There is approximately \$30 – 40,000 annual income from lease agreements. The Trust will continue to explore community facilities in Pegasus Town.</p> <p>The workload of Trustees is considerable, with their own work programme set. There is high expectation that the work will now commence and the Trust is concerned about how this will be done. Mrs Kane thanked the Council for the support that it has given The Trust in the past and would like a continuation of the \$30,000 grant from the Council.</p>
5041	Christopher Marshall	<p>Mr Marshall gave background personal information, is a resident of Ohoka and a member of the local Arts Councils and does not agree with any further delays in upgrading the Rangiora Town Hall and the provision of a modern Performing Arts Facility in the same location. Mr Marshall suggests this is the right place for the facility and does not believe it is necessary for the Council to spend \$50,000 to conduct more investigations into a suitable location in Rangiora. Mr Marshall pointed out a survey conducted by Mary Sparrow in 2000, prior to her employment at the Council, which cost \$5000. This was undertaken by the Waimakariri Arts Council seeking feedback as to the Performing Arts needs in the District. He does not believe the needs of the district in relation to a Performing Arts facility have changed markedly since 2000.</p>
5073	Canterbury District Health Board, Malcolm Walker	<p>Mr Walker represented the DHB and welcomes the opportunity to work in partnership with the Council on health related issues. There is a close relationship</p>

		<p>between health and community issues and the Health Board commends the Council on its approaches to improving water supplies. Mr Walker said the Council is pro active and has worked closely with the DHB. The Alcohol Strategy and Smokefree Parks were pointed out. The DHB encourages the Council to ensure playgrounds and parks become smoke free. Cr Cruickshank expressed disappointment that District Health Board has reduced funding to the RPHO Additional Services for mental health, (reduced from approximately \$900,000 to \$300,000 for all of Canterbury). Mr Marshall has undertaken to convey the Councils concern about this.</p>
5074	Stan & Carole Price	<p>Mr Price, resident of Pines Kairaki Beach is concerned with the drainage problems at the Beach and there are continuing problems with storm water. There is no network of water drains throughout Pines Kairaki. He suggests there needs to be a more overall co-ordinated plan for the Pines and Kairaki Beach storm water system before any more work is done. With regard to improvements to this system, Mr Price believes there would be a positive response to any increases in rates to cover improvements. Regarding roading, the cycle/walkway on Beach Road from Ferry Road to Pines Beach should be sealed. Regarding rubbish, Mr Price pointed out the rubbish that comes down the river and lies in the sand at Kairaki. Locals pick up a lot of this rubbish, which gets put in the bins provided. Some of these bins have been taken away, so locals then do a collection themselves, and put rubbish in bags that Sicon collect at times. Suggested that a recycling bin for bottles would be useful.</p>
	Kaiapoi Brass Band, Barry Cunningham	<p>Cr Atkinson left the table at this time.</p> <p>Mr Cunningham is the Secretary of the Kaiapoi Brass Band. The Band is seeking support from the Council as the cost of running a band is several thousand dollars each year. The Band conducts concerts throughout the year, Christmas carols, Anzac Day and the Christmas Parade. Income for the band last year was \$6,500 from concerts, and \$16,500 from Trust grants which goes towards replacing instruments each year. The band relies on these grants. The Band has recently applied for a Community Board grant. It was suggested that the Band also apply to Creative Communities NZ for funding, and to Enterprise North Canterbury for event funding.</p> <p>Cr Atkinson returned to the table</p>
5077	North Canterbury Rugby Football Sub-Union, Tim Fleetwood	<p>Mr Fleetwood, Board member, of the sub-union advised that buildings and facilities are wearing out in the district. In the past funds have been raised in a number of different ways to enable the projects to go ahead. However, funding is becoming difficult to obtain funds, particularly the smaller clubs. Kaiapoi is building new changing facilities. There has been an unprecedented demand on facilities. The changing facilities at the A&amp;P</p>

		grounds in Rangiora are not up to standard and final days are being diverted to other facilities. The Northern A & P Assn has made a submission to the Council to develop a partnership for the grounds. The Council should assist the clubs by providing a grant to the clubs. A figure of \$200,000 is suggested to be included in the plan. There is still some doubt whether the Southbrook grounds will cope with heavy rainfall.
4997	Environment Canterbury	Mike Rachlin and Richard Holmes (both Senior Resource Management Planners) spoke to the submission from Environment Canterbury. This submission supports the Council's draft Ten Year Plan with some suggestions to strengthen it. With regard to flood hazard management, Mr Holmes pointed out that key issues in planning should include urban growth generally and not only planning for subdivisions. Flood hazard associated with subdivision development is also important and Ecan supports the investment identified for drainage schemes. Natural flood hazard is a key resource management issue; regard needs to be given to the Waimakariri District Flood Hazard Management Strategy. Believes this Strategy should be listed in the Rules (Page 60, volume 3). A timeframe for a Plan Change to the District Plan dealing with flood hazards, as per this Strategy, should be committed to by the Council.
5076	The Pines & Kairaki Beaches Assn, Peter Midgley	Messrs P Midgley and G Foster presented the submission on behalf of the association. The association surveyed the residents in February 2009. Drainage is of concern in both Pines and Kairaki and a working party with the Council the community to investigate and resolve the matters is recommended. The carpark at the Pines Beach entrance should be improved. There is about 100 metres of seal to be made at the end of Beach Road. Toilets and re-development of the dressing sheds and board walks to the beach are recommended. The Featherstone Reserve Concept Development Plan needs to be implemented and a pathway between the two beaches included in the 2009/2010 plan. The walk/cycleway to Kaiapoi requires some maintenance including the entranceways to farmers' properties. The long-term solution is to seal the pathway for its length. The Te Kohaka o Tuhaitara Trust has been going four years and there is no contact point for the partnership arrangement. The park and the idea are floundering due to lack of funding. Signage needs to be activated. The plan for the trust needs to be included in the Ten Year Plan. Trees could be removed under controlled circumstances. The Northern Pegasus Coastal Plan needs funding in the plan. The Kairaki river mouth is different to other parts of the settlement and it is recommended 44 gallon bins be reintroduced. Mr Midgley suggested that a recycle centre be built. Recycle bins at the Kairaki mouth may be suitable. The top of the stopbank at Kairaki and the carpark needs to be sealed at some time.

4985	David Blackwell	Mr Blackwell congratulated the Council on supporting the eastern bypass at Woodend. Pinehaven must be treated as a major interchange. In 1968 the town tried to gain an entrance at Cam Road into Kaiapoi and this would assist with the entry to the town. Wrights Cut and the Eyre River diversion have averted any flooding in Kaiapoi over recent times and the town has never been drier. Residents at the Jones/Charles Streets have had drainage problems and should have priority over some drainage issues. Growth in the town needs to be managed to identify the centre of the town and fragmentation is occurring due to the restrictions imposed by the flight path.
4984	Ian Gillespie	Mr Gillespie was not present.
4958	Pegasus Bay Coast Care, Greg Bennett	Mr Bennett presented his submission on behalf of Pegasus Bay Coast Care. The Coast Care group is an informal group of people with representatives from each Beach community – meetings were usually attended by eight or nine people. Developing the coastal plan has generated more interest. Mr Bennett highlighted a planned project to plant thousands of sand binding plants to the dunes along Pegasus Bay. Funding for the plants would be applied for from the Community Conservation Fund. Previously any applications for funding have been unsuccessful, due to projects being on private land but this project is on public land. Mr Bennett requested assistance from the Council to formalise a relationship agreement with the Coast Care group, preparing the applications for funding, assisting in offering tenders to nurseries to supply the plants and holding community planting days. It is intended to commence planting at Waikuku Beach. The Dune Restoration Trust of New Zealand has been formed and Mr Bennett is a Trustee.
4918	Woodend Junior Cricket Club, Anthony Power	Mr Power, President Woodend Junior Cricket Club, advised the Council there are about 40 members. A successful Milo programme was also held for another 30 children. A modest \$2-3,000 turnover and there are a number of keen parents willing to develop the club. The submission is to get some surety over the grounds at Gladstone Park. At the moment the Woodend Recreation ground suits the purpose. A letter has been given by the Council to lay an all weather turf, subject to agreement by the school. The future of the club will be at Gladstone Park.
5001	David Birch	Mr Birch, Secretary of the Silverstream Reserve Advisory Group noted the recent planning of the Reserve Management Plan. \$15,000 is sought for reserve planting for 2009/2010. The figure is based on a price from Department of Conservation at Motukarara. The project needs an investment of cash to ensure the reserve is developed. There is some funding in the development account for a carpark and entranceway and fencing. A sum of \$3,000 is already allocated for planting. The group is currently

		investigating the establishment of a trust or similar in order to obtain external funding. Other alternatives for funding are currently being investigated.
5088	Federated Farmers of New Zealand (Inc), Lionel Hume	Messrs Lionel Hume and Chris Sundstrum presented the submission. Property values do not represent a fair basis for payment of Council services. The capital value system including six of the seven Councils in the Canterbury province – Waimakariri being the only one that does not. 100% of New Zealand depends on the farming community. The ability of the farming community to pay has affected the rest of the community in these more difficult economic times. The rate increases of over 60% in the next ten years in the rural area does not compare with the urban areas. It seems a very inequitable system for the rural community. Members of the association number 200 in the district.

The meeting then closed at  
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