MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WOODEND-SEFTON COMMUNITY BOARD
HELD IN PEGASUS COMMUNITY CENTRE, MAIN STREET, PEGASUS ON MONDAY
13 AUGUST 2018 AT 7.00PM.

PRESENT
S Powell (Chairperson), A Thompson (Deputy Chair), A Allen, J Archer, A Blackie,
R Mather and J Meyer.

IN ATTENDANCE
C Sargison (Community and Recreation Manager), G Byrnes (Te Kōhaka o Tūhaitara
Trust), Mayor D Ayers and E Stubbs (Minutes Secretary).

1 APOLOGIES
There were no apologies.

2 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST
There were no conflicts of interest.

S Powell acknowledged the passing of Ken Stevenson, Roading Manager.

3 CONFIRMATION MINUTES
3.1 Minutes of the Woodend-Sefton Community Board – 9 July 2018

Section 5.1 Initial sentence.
A Allen requested that ‘several’ be replaced with ‘four’ lakeside trees.

Moved R Mather seconded J Archer

THAT the Woodend-Sefton Community Board:
(a) Confirms the circulated minutes, including the amendment, of the
Woodend-Sefton Community Board meeting, held 9 July 2018, as a
true and accurate record.

CARRIED

4 MATTERS ARISING
There were no matters arising.

5 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS FROM THE COMMUNITY
5.1 Greg Byrnes acknowledged the passing of Ken Stevenson. He also noted the
upcoming retirement of C Sargison and acknowledged his connection with
many projects in the district.

G Byrnes provided an update on the work of Te Kōhaka o Tūhaitara Trust.
He noted the work being undertaken at Te Kohanga wetlands and Kaitiritiri
Ridge which are recreation areas of Pegasus. So far $35-40,000 had been
spent including willow weed control, Te Kohanga trail maintenance and tree
guards. Corporates, the Runanga and local community were assisting with
the work. There was a robust animal pest control process in these areas undertaken with the assistance of local residents.

A Pegasus student had recently received the Bruce Banks Environmental Education Award for her project on Canterbury mudfish. While nationally there was concern about their future, there had been successful translocating of mudfish in the Tuhaia Coastal Park including in five biota nodes. The Trust was working alongside the University of Canterbury on the translocation project.

Another project was establishing a Kaki/Black Stilt release programme for the Ashley-Rakahuri River and the Tuhaia Coastal Park and the Trust was working alongside the Ashley-Rakahuri River Care group. There was a lot of work to be done and they were planning over the next 3-5 years for that.

G Byrnes noted the planting work on Kaitiritiri Ridge. 1500 trees would be planted in an upcoming community event. Mulch had started to be dumped which was being used to tidy up areas.

Fencing work to alleviate trail bike issues had been completed at the end of Gladstone Road.

G Byrnes noted that there had been a lot of progress on the Forestry Harvest. A drone took images every Saturday to assist with providing community updates. He acknowledged the concern of local residents with the significant change to the visual landscape, however he was excited by the opportunities to open up areas of the park that were previously too dangerous. There was now more room for horse trails, Peninsula and Plains Orienteers (PAPO) events and trails in general. The Woodend / Waikuku Beach corridor would be replanted in natives, although it was not aimed to be ‘wooded’ as the corridor would be used by school children. The drone footage also revealed back dune freshwater sites with potential for half a dozen sites for new biota nodes. Although there was a dramatic change there was a lot of gain.

G Byrnes advised that they would be interviewing for two permanent roles with the Trust – a ranger / ecologist / operations responsible for natural resources and an education and visitor services role. There had been a number of very good candidates apply. The roles were essential for the intergenerational project.

There had been a recent visit from Hawaii University researchers who were looking at the park as part of a larger project that was investigating the meeting of indigenous knowledge and western science in relation to ecology. Some members of the Trust would be reciprocating the visit.

Another project underway was sonar mapping of the dune system to determine whether the dunes were compact resilient or ephemeral in nature. This was critical knowledge for the dune restoration project and provided answers regarding coastline retreat and emergency situations. It was a $5-7 million project. Another large project being undertaken with Ngai Tahu looking at giving the Ashley-Rakahuri Estuary the same ‘status’ as a human.

G Byrnes advised he was looking for a shipping container to be used as equipment storage. The Trust had managed to get funding for a bird hide for Tutaepatu Lagoon. With donated labour there was potential for another hide. It was significant that a rare bittern had been sighted in the Park recently.

R Mather thanked G Byrnes for his work. She asked if there was any progress with the wetland area behind houses in the Eastern Conservation Management Area (ECMA). G Byrnes had advised that work requiring a large amount of fill material had been undertaken valued at $5-6000. They were now looking at using agricultural lines to drain to the wetland rather than use fill.

J Archer asked about the potential to establish a nursery. G Byrnes advised that it was an idea in the strategic plan. They would look to propagate the remnant material on the park – this would be specialised small quantity
propagation. There had been conversations with someone who saw the opportunity for satellite nurseries.

S Powell asked what trails would be open when the logging was completed for the year. G Byrnes advised that Tiritiri Moana south to Woodend Beach Road would be open. It would be wider with an improved base. Also an additional trail could be added for horses and better cycle loops. There would be engagement with the community on those trails including horse riders.

5.2 Craig Sargison (Community and Recreation Manager) provided an update on Community Facilities noting that there was funding for further assessment and feasibility studies included in the Council’s Long Term Plan. There were various proposals including the potential to increase the space at Rangiora Library and consideration of local facilities including meeting space. The Pegasus Residents’ Group was keen to explore these issues and seeking further community meeting space.

A survey of Pegasus and Woodend communities would be carried out related to usage of library services and the sort of community facilities they would like to see, when they would use facilities and what facilities in the district they were using at the moment. The survey would be by letter mailed out to all ratepayers, and there would be the option to log on to Survey Monkey. The survey would be out for September with a final report for the end of the calendar year in order to be considered as part of a further budget round/Annual Plan in February 2019.

C Sargison advised that there would be a new Community and Recreation Manager in December who would take over the project at that time. C Sargison would be leading on the development of the Multi-Use Sports Stadium, Rangiora Airfield and Regeneration projects.

A Thompson asked about the new Oxford Library and Service Centre and if the community was happy and what were the pros and cons. C Sargison advised that the Service Centre was busier than expected. With regard to shopping patterns, residents used more than one library. When the Oxford library had been in the temporary building usage had dropped. The children’s section of the library was very successful.

S Powell asked what the process was going forward. C Sargison replied that the survey would go out in September and the results would be collated in early October. He anticipated an interim update report following that. The final report would be taken to Council by the incoming Community and Recreation Manager.

S Powell asked who Sue Sutherland (the consultant conducting the review) had met with and C Sargison replied that it included the Pegasus Residents’ Group, Pegasus Bay School Principal, Ravenswood developer and Woodend Community Association. The list was not exhaustive. There had been a lot of dialogue with Woodend School when the Kaiapoi Library was built and the school cluster group including Woodend and Waikuku were very helpful. A smaller library would not be able to host school groups.

S Powell asked if Waikuku was included in the survey. C Sargison replied they would go back to Waikuku separately after the initial results. In the past Waikuku library use was split between the centres.

A Allen asked if there would be consultation with Sefton. C Sargison replied no. The question of mobile services had been raised in the past however it was costly and did not deliver user satisfaction.

6 ADJOURNED BUSINESS

None
7 REPORTS
None

8 CORRESPONDENCE
Moved J Archer seconded A Thompson
THAT the Woodend-Sefton Community Board:
(a) Receives the letter advising of the Council's decisions in relation to the Woodend-Sefton Community Board submission to the Draft Long Term Plan 2018-2028 (Trim 180806088251).

CARRIED

9 CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT
9.1 Chairperson’s Report for July 2018
S Powell commented that the Forestry meetings were working well and that there would be a further update following the meeting.
S Powell noted that the Youth Development Grant had been launched and encouraged members to promote the grant in the community.
Moved S Powell seconded J Meyer
THAT the Woodend-Sefton Community Board:
(a) Receives report No. 180806088191.

CARRIED

10 MATTERS FOR INFORMATION
10.1 Oxford-Ohoka Community Board meeting minutes – 5 July 2018 (Trim No. 180628071750).
10.2 Rangiora-Ashley Community Board meeting minutes – 11 July 2018 (Trim No. 180628071844).
10.3 Kaiapoi Tuahiwi Community Board meeting minutes – 16 July 2018 (Trim No.180713078003).
10.4 Library Update – Report to Community and Recreation Committee 24 July 2018 (Trim No 180706075217).
10.5 Adoption of Stormwater Drainage and Watercourse Protection Bylaw 2018 – report to Council 1 May 2018 (Trim No 180329034013).
Moved J Meyer seconded A Blackie
THAT the Woodend-Sefton Community Board receives the information in items 10.1-10.5.

CARRIED

11 MEMBERS’ INFORMATION EXCHANGE
11.1 July Diary for A Allen, J Archer, A Thompson and R Mather (Trim No. 180802087161)
A Allen
  • Assisted with Civil Defence exercise alongside other Board members. Commented that there were extensive learnings for North Canterbury Neighbourhood Support out of the exercise.
A Blackie

- Assisted with Matariki plantings at Silverstream Reserve.
- Noted upcoming opening of Feldwick Drive in Kaiapoi which was an important milestone as the first big project completed in the Regeneration area.

J Meyer

- Noted a lengthy discussion at the August Council meeting on consultation regarding speed limits change on Rangiora Woodend Road and feeder roads. The report would come back to Boards before going to consultation. There was an era of change regarding speed limits nationwide.

R Mather

- Pegasus Residents Group Inc. - advocating for improvements to the Pegasus Community Centre and assisting with review of community facilities.
- Advised that the trees at Gladstone Park had mostly been felled. The playground upgrade and additional work on the fields was to follow.

J Archer

- Woodend Community Association – webpage development was pushing ahead. Were in a membership drive. Had been advised to lift annual subscription as a reflection of value.

12 CONSULTATION PROJECTS

Flaxton Road
Consultation closes Monday 20 August 2018.
https://www.waimakariri.govt.nz/have-a-say/lets-talk/consultations/flaxton-road

Draft Kaiapoi Town Centre Plan
Consultation closes Monday 3 September 2018.

13 FOSTERING COMMUNITIES

14 BOARD FUNDING UPDATE

14.1 Board Discretionary Grant
Balance as at 8 August 2018: $4000.

14.2 General Landscaping Fund
Balance as at 8 August 2018 $12,160.

15 MEDIA ITEMS

Upcoming Woodend Community Association AGM.
16 QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDERS
None

17 URGENT GENERAL BUSINESS UNDER STANDING ORDERS
None

NEXT MEETING
The next meeting of the Woodend-Sefton Community Board is scheduled for 7pm, Monday 10 September 2018 at the Woodend Community Centre.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS CLOSED AT 8.00pm
CONFIRMED

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Chairperson

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Date

A staff briefing occurred from 8.00pm to 8.30pm
- Rob Hawthorne (Property Manager) provided an update on the Coastal Forestry project.