WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 215 HIGH STREET, RANGIORA, ON TUESDAY
14 FEBRUARY 2017 AT 1.00PM

PRESENT

Councillor P Allen (Chairperson), Councillors A Blackie, R Brine, W Doody and D Gordon

IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor K Felstead
C Sargison (Manager Community and Recreation), C Brown (Community Green Space Manager), Ms T Brough (Dudley Park Aquatic Centre Manager), Mrs P Ashbey (Libraries Manager), Mrs T Sturley (Community Team Leader) and Mrs E Stubbs (Minutes Secretary).

1 APOLOGIES

Nil.

2 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil.

APPROVAL TO CONSIDER ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM

Moved Councillor Gordon seconded Councillor Brine

THAT the Community and Recreation committee

(a) Approve the consideration of additional agenda item being Item 6.4 - Application to Rata Foundation for Ashley Gorge Heritage (Report No. 170210012517)

CARRIED

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of a meeting of the Community and Recreation Committee held on Tuesday 13 December 2016

Moved Councillor Gordon seconded Councillor Doody

THAT the Community and Recreation committee:

(a) Confirms the circulated minutes of a meeting of the Community and Recreation Committee, held on Tuesday 13 December 2016, as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED

4 MATTERS ARISING

Nil.

5 PRESENTATION / DELEGATION

Nil.
6 REPORTS

6.1 Proposal for Resilient Greater Christchurch Alignment – Tessa Sturley (Community Team Leader)

T Sturley spoke to the committee advising that the purpose was to present a proposed collaborative approach to resourcing the facilitation of Community-led Safety involving direct alignment between the goals of the Waimakariri Community Development Strategy (WCDS) and those of the Resilient Greater Christchurch Strategy (RGCS). Secondly the purpose was on behalf of the Volunteer Sector Steering Group to seek approval to apply to Rata Foundation for $15,000 for an on-line resource for volunteer information in order to encourage and support volunteering. The ‘Safe, Resilient Waimakariri – a collaborative approach’ report was noted.

T Sturley outlined four key points for the benefit of collaboration.
1. Easy access for community funding resources for example the ‘Summer of Fun’ brought $60,000 into the district.
2. Regional collaboration assisted emerging leaders for example the Leadership in Communities project upskilled groups such as Hope.
3. Regional collaboration increased credibility, for example funding for YouMeWeUs was above what the DIA would normally provide.
4. Improves practice and adds value for regional partners. For example the Waimakariri earthquake response and recovery provided learnings for elsewhere.

T Sturley commented that the regional partners did see merit in the approach to sustainably resourcing Community Safety facilitation and noted that staff would prepare a further report prior to the preparation of the 2018 LTP.

Councillor Allen advised he was part of the Volunteer Sector Steering Group however he did not see that as a conflict of interest. Councillors Doody and Gordon advised that they were in the same capacity.

Councillor Gordon noted that there was another application to Rata and queried if both were applied for was there a chance that they could receive one grant but not both. C Sargison noted that it had been a problem in the past, however there had been discussions with Rata around how they saw council funding. Rata were aware of the diverse activities and groups of council and applications could be made with a sub-heading to fit in separate divisions.

Mayor Ayers noted the alignment with the Christchurch Strategy and queried the involvement of Selwyn District Council as it did not seem to be part of the triparty. T Sturley commented that her impressions from discussions with Christchurch City Council and Selwyn District Council was that Selwyn District Council had dropped out of the space for the past 12 months however they were interested in the alignment.

Moved Councillor Brine seconded Councillor Gordon

THAT the Community and Recreation Committee:

(a) Receives report No 170202009921

(b) Approves staff applying to Rata Foundation for $15,000 for one-off costs associated with scoping and developing an on-line resource for volunteer information and cross-referral.

(c) Supports staff progressing a collaborative funding arrangement, between Council, central government and the philanthropic sector to resource the facilitation of Community Safety.
(d) **Notes** that staff will prepare a further report on the outcome of collaborative funding exploration prior to the preparation of the 2018 Long Term Plan

**CARRIED**

Councillor Allen commented that in terms of the Volunteer Sector Steering Group meeting there had been good progress identifying needs in order to support and encourage volunteers. The application was important to provide a database for progressing that work. The conversation with Volunteer Canterbury had been useful but not as proactive as hoped, as their database was not extensive. Councillor Allen noted there had been a push toward collaboration in recent years with local organisations working more closely together. He flagged an issue that required discussion around the Long Term Plan which was the reliance on the community team for fundraising to do its work.

Mayor Ayers commented that he supported the application and recommendations believing community building was the most important thing a council did. He noted that the online tool would be something people needed to be aware of.

Councillor Doody agreed with Councillor Allen commenting that the community services team played a vital role but they were required to try and get funding from various sources.

**Community Facilities, Aquatic Centres, Libraries and Museums**

6.2 **Aquatic Facilities Update - Tina Brough (Dudley Park Aquatic Centre Manager)**

T Brough spoke to the report noting that Oxford Community Aquatic Centre was only open for 5 days in the financial period and would be included in the following report. Swimming sports had started the week of 6th February with one wet rescue. T Brough advised the wet change table and hoist had now been installed and a video clip publicising the installation had been produced for social media. The clip was shown to the committee. T Brough advised that lifeguards were being trained in correct use of the hoist.

Mayor Ayers queried rural school use of Dudley Aquatic Centre as not all schools had their own pool. T Brough advised that swimming lessons were provided at some rural school pools with instructors and some rural schools were transported to Dudley for lessons. Mainpower supported the scheme and all lessons were $2.50 including transport.

Councillor Blackie queried if Kaiapoi High School used Kaiapoi Aquatic Centre and T Brough advised that they used it occasionally but not for swimming lessons, nor did Rangiora High School. All Kaiapoi Primary Schools were engaged in swimming lessons.

Councillor P Allen queried if Rakahuri Rage funding was going toward WaiSwim and T Brough advised that Rakahuri Rage had provided $10,000 the previous year and would provide funding again this year.

Moved Councillor Doody seconded Councillor Blackie

**THAT** the Community and Recreation Committee:

(a) **Receives** report No. 170203010010.

(b) **Notes** the Aquatic Facilities year to date achievement again key performance indicators
(c) **Notes** the 2016/17 financial year customer service initiatives/improvements implemented during the July to November period.

CARRIED

Councillor Doody commented it was good to hear what was happening especially that lessons were being held at rural schools. Councillor Doody was impressed with the new hoist in place at Dudley aquatic facility.

6.3 **Library Update – Phillippa Ashbey (Libraries Manager)**

P Ashbey spoke to the report noting it was to provide an update on the Aotearoa Peoples Network Kaharoa (APNK) service. P Ashbey provided examples of the categories of use of the APNK. These included government services such as IRD and WINZ, homework, business needs, job applications, general communications for example Skype and enjoyment/relaxation. Customers varied widely. Library staff provided guidance and trouble shooting. In the twelve months July 2015 to June 2016 there had been 36,000 (30min) PC sessions and 60,000 (unlimited) Wi-Fi sessions.

P Ashbey noted that report was also to provide an update on the Summer Reading Challenge activities. There had been 97 preschool participants and the teen participants had formed an ongoing book group. P Ashbey commented that one Facebook post was shared 130000 times.

Councillor Allen referred to the statistics for APNK use and asked if it was free access to which P Ashbey replied yes. Councillor Allen asked what proportion the APNK made up of operating expenses. P Ashbey advised that the true cost was $10,000 annually as it was in partnership with the National Library of New Zealand. The service was currently under review and P Ashbey highlighted that it was an important resource for the community that required support.

Councillor Allen asked what staff time was used to support the APNK service. P Ashbey commented that with the Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) technologies staff resources had shifted to support. It was not a drain on resources. The PCs had an online booking system which customers self-managed. Wi-Fi users were independent. In the future P Ashbey would report on the ‘Stepping up Programme’.

Councillor Allen asked the demographic of users and P Ashbey replied it was right across the board from someone in a business suit to a primary school student. The demographic varied across the day.

Councillor Allen asked if there had been any trends in usage and P Ashbey replied that they had statistics for more than four years. Wi-Fi use had grown exponentially. P Allen requested information on trends in future reports.

Councillor Blackie asked if the database of PC bookings could relate to other information and asked if users were communicated with. P Ashbey commented that privacy was highly regarded. Aggregated statistics were collected. An individual library card was scanned that issued a time slot. Visitors outside of the district were issued a guest pass. The booking system allowed the opportunity to book a PC at a planned time. Communication occurred via terms and conditions of use when customers started their session and the page included useful library links to online resources.
Moved Councillor Doody seconded Councillor Gordon

THAT the Community and Recreation Committee:

(a) Receives report No. 170202009922

(b) Notes the partnership that the Waimakariri Libraries has with Aotearoa Peoples Network Kaharoa (APNK) for the delivery of free internet, information and computer technologies provides a popular and essential service for the public.

(c) Notes the high level of customer satisfaction and positive feedback that is achieved through the provision of APNK services.

(d) Notes the success of the 2016 Summer Reading Challenge and the record number of 442 participants.

(e) Circulates the report to the Boards for their information.

CARRIED

Councillor Doody commented that it was interesting what was being achieved and noted a lot of people used the Wi-Fi in the library.

6.4 Application to Rata Foundation for Ashley Gorge Heritage – Craig Sargison (Manager Community and Recreation)

C Sargison advised that the report had been included following a conversation with the Rata Foundation. A submission for the Ashley Gorge Log Cabin had been lodged with the Rata Foundation but the Foundation had requested a formal resolution from a Committee of Council as distinct from the Ashley Gorge Reserve Advisory Group (AGAG). C Sargison noted that Council would be considering a request for $65,000 for additional funding for the redevelopment of the Ashley Gorge Log Cabin. The Rata Foundation would be advised if the council did not approve the $65,000.

Mayor Ayers clarified that the AGAG did not count as a committee for the Rata Foundation and C Sargison that it had be approved by full Council or a Committee of Council.

W Doody asked if the Council did not approve the $65,000 would there still be enough for the redevelopment? C Sargison advised that it would go back to the AGAG. C Sargison noted that there was $29,000 allotted to the reserve for internal carparks and roads that had not spent and they were looking to transfer those funds as part of the $65,000. The AGAG fully supported the transfer of the funds as their greater priority was the redevelopment of the log cabin.

Deputy Mayor Felstead noted the $15,000 raised by the community and asked how much of that was Council money. C Sargison replied nil, it was money they had raised themselves. K Felstead asked if it included $7500 funding from the Oxford Eyre Advisory Board from the general landscaping budget. C Sargison noted that funding had been used for track building and OEAB had also supported the partial demolition of the cabin. Councillor Gordon asked if Council had put money toward architect fees. C Brown advised it had been completed internally and the Opus structural assessment was taken from an internal budget. Budget details would be covered in the report to Council.
Moved Councillor Doody seconded Councillor Gordon

THAT the Community and Recreation Committee:

(a) **Receives** report No. 170210012517

(b) **Notes** that the Council will be considering a request for $65,000 for the redevelopment of the Ashley Gorge Log Cabin as part of the Annual Plan budget considerations for 2017/18

(c) **Authorises** staff to apply to the Rata Foundation for $20,000 funding towards the cost of the redevelopment of the Ashley Gorge Log Cabin.

CARRIED

Councillor Doody thanked the committee for supporting the application noting that the AGAG had worked very hard to raise the funds.

Councillor Gordon supported the comments of Councillor Doody and said it was a no-brainer to support the application to the Rata Foundation and build on the work of the local community.

7 PORTFOLIO UPDATES

7.1 **Greenspace (Parks Reserves and Sports Grounds) – Councillor Robbie Brine**

Councillor Brine noted the opening of the Hockey turf on Sunday 19th February and commented that the facility was impressive.

7.2 **Community Facilities (including Aquatic Centres, Halls, Libraries and Museums) – Councillor Wendy Doody**

Nil.

7.3 **Community Development and Wellbeing – Councillors Peter Allen and Wendy Doody**

Councillor Allen noted work of the Volunteer Sector Steering Group as previously discussed.

Councillor Allen advised there was a Timebank meeting at 6pm on 22nd February at the Rangiora Town hall. They were taking advice from experts from Hurunui and Christchurch to assist with setup as it needed to be a grassroots organisation that WDC helped facilitate rather than lead.

Social Services Waimakariri had a new Coordinator.

Health Hub - the surgical bus would be attending the Rangiora Hospital as part of its circuit from 14th March.

Councillor Doody noted from the Community Network Form the potential for an energy advisor to speak to the community boards regarding pensioner housing.

Councillor Allen advised that a tour of the camping grounds had been completed. It provided an interesting insight into the challenges of camping grounds with regard to conditions of facilities. He commented there were considerable issues to look at around the future of camp grounds.
7.4 **Regeneration – Councillor Al Blackie**

Councillor Blackie advised that the first regeneration meeting was to be held on 6th March. ECan, Te Ngai Tūhuriri Rūnanga and Te Kōhaka o Tūhaitara Trust had been invited to attend. Councillor Blackie advised that he, C Sargison and D Roxburgh had been looking at the development programme.

8 **QUESTIONS**

Nil.

9 **URGENT GENERAL BUSINESS**

Nil.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1.57pm.

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Chairperson

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Date

WORKSHOP

At the conclusion of the meeting, a workshop was held to discuss shade in playgrounds.