

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 215 HIGH STREET, RANGIORA ON TUESDAY, 4 JULY 2023, COMMENCING AT 1.00PM

PRESENT

Mayor D Gordon (Chairperson), Deputy Mayor N Atkinson, Councillors A Blackie, R Brine, B Cairns, T Fulton, J Goldsworthy, N Mealings, P Redmond, J Ward, and P Williams.

IN ATTENDANCE

J Millward (Chief Executive), S Hart (General Manager Strategy, Engagement and Economic Development), G Cleary (General Manager Utilities and Roading), C Brown (General Manager Community and Recreation), M Bacon (Development Planning Manager), D Young (Senior Engineering Advisor), K Straw (Civil Projects Team Lead), C Fahey (Water and Wastewater Asset Manager), D Roxborough (Implementation Project Manager – District Regeneration), T Allinson (Senior Policy Analyst, via Teams), S Nichols (Governance Manager) and A Smith (Governance Coordinator).

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Councillors Brine, Mealings and Deputy Mayor Atkinson declared a conflict of interest in item 7.1, Nomination of Councillor Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan Hearing Panel. Councillor Brine was the nominated Councillor to represent the Council on the Hearing panel, and Deputy Mayor Atkinson and Councillor Mealings are both members of the Hearing panel for the Waimakariri District Plan Review.

Deputy Mayor Atkinson declared a conflict of interest with Item 16.7, Contract 22/28 Tender Evaluation and Contract Award Report, in the public excluded part of the meeting, due to his role as Development Manager and as a Trustee of Kaiapoi Community Care and Employment Trust.

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Mayor Gordon acknowledged the following significant contributors to the Waimakariri community:

3.1 Father John Adams, was previously the parish priest for St Peter Chanel Catholic Church in Waimakariri, was last week appointed as the Bishop of Palmerston North. This appointment was announced in Rome last week. Father Adams would be missed by parishioners in this community.

3.2 Congratulations were extended to the Rangiora Lions Club which celebrated its 60th anniversary. The long and dedicated service to the community by members of this Club was acknowledged.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of a meeting of the Waimakariri District Council held on Tuesday 6 June 2023

Moved: Councillors Williams

Seconded: Councillor Fulton

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Confirms**, as a true and correct record, the circulated Minutes of the meeting of the Waimakariri District Council meeting held on Tuesday 6 June 2023.

CARRIED

4.2 **Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of the Waimakariri District Council held on Tuesday 20 June 2023**

Moved: Councillor Cairns

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Atkinson

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Confirms**, as a true and correct record, the circulated Minutes of the meeting of the Waimakariri District Council meeting held on Tuesday 20 June 2023.

CARRIED

MATTERS ARISING (FROM MINUTES)

There were no matters arising.

5. DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

5.1 Oxford Dark Sky Group

Miles Dalton, Business Support Manager for Enterprise North Canterbury, provided an informative presentation on behalf of the Oxford Dark Sky Group. Apologies were extended from the group members who were unable to attend the Council meeting. This project underpinned the work of the Oxford Observatory in restoring and preserving the Oxford night sky. Preserving the environment would potentially have good economic outcomes. It was noted that the Group would not be requesting any funding in the upcoming Long-Term Plan. It was explained that the new LED lights which were being installed had a blue tinge which was bad for human health, the environment, for flora and fauna and not good for quality of life. The groups project supported using a different type of LED light, which was the same cost as those currently used. There would be no change for sports Clubs and any night time practices or games and businesses would still be able to have security lights. An economic study had been undertaken which suggested the Dark Sky Project would provide a \$1m boost to the Oxford economy per year and \$4.5m economic boost to the Waimakariri District, from higher visitor numbers and could result in increased employment opportunities. The project was not about cutting out light, but improving the lighting already there, and for lighting to have less of an impact on the environment over time. It was planned to have an international dark sky trail from Tekapo, Methven, Oxford and through to Kaikoura, which would be a great tourist attraction.

The process of getting accreditation as a Dark Sky area was already underway, and a public meeting was recently held in Oxford. In general, there was support for the concept though there were some businesses and sports clubs that had expressed some concern on the impact it may have.

On Saturday 12 August there would be an information evening for Councillors to attend at the Oxford Observatory. Invitations would be subsequently extended to the Mayor and Councillors.

Councillor Williams questioned the suggested economic benefits to the district of having a Dark Sky area and it was agreed that the Economists report would be circulated to members for their information. It was also suggested there would be an additional 24 jobs generated in the tourism industry to support the increase in visitors to Oxford to visit the Dark Sky Project.

Following a question from Councillor Fulton, M Dalton said there was significant potential if the Dark Sky area was set up and coordinated with the different districts, which would be a major boost for Oxford. It was added that Christchurch NZ had indicated interest in providing some funding for promoting this attraction.

Mayor Gordon extended thanks to M Dalton for the presentation and was interested in learning more about the project at the Oxford Observatory information evening.

5.2 **Joe Holland**

J Holland spoke on Taumata Arowai (the water authority) and Agenda 2030. He noted that it was one year since he had first addressed the Council and he was motivated to speak up as he cared for the community's health.

Taumata Arowai

The website for Taumata Arowai stated that it was committed to ensuring all communities had access to safe drinking water. J Holland posed the question regarding how long had we not had access to safe drinking water and it was suggested that this group were wanting to take control. The origin of this group was the Havelock North Drinking Water Enquiry of August 2016. A person had died, and many more people were hospitalised because of drinking contaminated water. This appeared to have instilled fear and the need for Government to centralise control of our water. The enquiry into the Havelock North event found that there needed to be a regulatory authority for safe drinking water and J Holland asked did more regulation provide safe drinking water or could it be that communities could take more care for the benefit of everyone. J Holland referred to water in Waimakariri district, and asked why there was a continued need to treat water and why not protect water at the source. It was asked what had the Council done to protect water in its natural state and noted that he had asked previously how many people had been hurt here in Waimakariri from drinking contaminated water. The question was posed - what would be people's preference, to drink treated water, or natural. Mr Holland believed the Council needed to redirect its focus back on the people, and not money, and that there needed to be open and free dialogue with the people to re-establish trust.

Agenda 2030

J Holland questioned what Agenda 2030 meant and he read out the 17 Sustainable Development Goals that the United Nations introduced in 2015. The goal to end poverty was highlighted, noting that this had not been achieved and according to the World Bank, in 2020 the number of those living in extreme poverty had increased for the first time in 25 years (those living on \$1.25 or less per day). At the same time there had been an increase in extreme wealth since the pandemic began in one percentage of the world population. J Holland suggested that if this had been a real goal it would have been achieved years ago and believed it was just a play on words. The New Zealand Auditor-General stated in August 2021 that achieving the goals would need to include Central Government, indigenous people, and Local Government among other groups. The 2030 agenda emphasized the importance of involving Local Government. The Government had said to achieve the Sustainability Development Goals required involvement of local government and noted that there were 22 references to local government. J Holland looked forward to the Council providing full meanings of Sustainable Development Goals and having open and honest dialogue and debate with the Council in this respect. J Holland was disappointed that no Councillors had accepted an invitation to attend a recent public meeting to discuss this matter.

Councillor Brine asked if Mr Holland knew where the Rangiora water supply came from 20 years ago. J Holland refused to answer the question and indicated he would answer Councillor Brines question at a public meeting.

Councillor Blackie, though not disagreeing with some of J Hollands comments, asked how much influence and power to make change did he expect an individual Council like Waimakariri could make on this matter. J Holland responded that the Council just had to state one word - "no".

In response to a question from Councillor Redmond, J Holland said he spoke as an individual on this matter and did not represent any group. He was concerned about the direction of this community, the country, and the world as it was today.

Mayor Gordon thanked J Holland for his deputation but wished it to be recorded that Waimakariri District Council staff and Councillors all worked hard for their community, with absolute integrity, and he resisted any suggestion otherwise.

6. ADJOURNED BUSINESS

There was no adjourned business.

7. REPORTS

7.1 Nomination of Councillor Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan Hearing Panel – M Bacon (Development Planning Manager)

Having previously declared a conflict of interest, Deputy Mayor Atkinson, Councillor Mealings and Councillor Brine left the meeting during consideration of item 7.1.

M Bacon and K LaValley presented this report which sought the nomination of a Councillor to represent the Council on a hearings panel for the Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan Special Consultative Procedure process and to consider whether to pay remuneration to the nominated panel member.

M Bacon advised that submissions were open until 23 July 2023 and to date there had been 108 submissions received.

In response to a question from Councillor Williams on the selection of the Councillor for this hearing panel, Mayor Gordon advised he had recommended Councillor Brine as he was a trained Resource Consent Commissioner, and his experience would be beneficial for this hearing process. Mayor Gordon confirmed that the final decision was up to the Council.

There was discussion on the payment of remuneration for this hearing panel membership and Councillor Williams suggested having remuneration for being on this hearing panel was setting a precedent. Mayor Gordon responded that remuneration for hearing panel members had been agreed by the Greater Christchurch Partnership and the other Councils in the partnership.

Councillor Redmond asked what budget the remuneration would be coming from. M Bacon advised there was a Greater Christchurch Partnership budget that the funds would be coming from. This was not specifically for the Spatial Plan Hearings.

Following a question from Councillor Cairns, Mayor Gordon confirmed that Councillor Brine had previously been approached regarding this role and agreed to be part of this hearing panel and was fully aware of the time commitment. Leading up to the hearings, Councillor Brine would be having workshops with staff to ensure he was aware of all the issues.

Moved: Mayor Gordon

Seconded: Councillor Cairns

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Nominates** Councillor Brine to represent the Waimakariri District Council on the Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan hearings panel.
- (b) **Approves** the remuneration of Councillor Brine in relation to fees related to the Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan hearings in accordance with the Local Government Members (2023/24) Determination 2023.
- (c) **Notes** the Terms of Reference for the Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan attached as appendix (i) Trim no 230505064518 to this report.

CARRIED

Mayor Gordon said it was important that the Council had a qualified appointment for this panel, and acknowledged the years of experience that Councillor Brine offered this role.

Deputy Mayor Atkinson, Councillor Brine and Councillor Mealings returned to the meeting.

7.2 **Rangiora On-road Cycleway** – K Straw (Civil Projects Team Lead) and D Young (Senior Engineering Advisor)

D Young was present to consider this report, which sought a Council decision on a way forward with the on-road cycleway along Ashley Street, Ivory Street, Percival Street and Southbrook Road. The recommendation had options included, however it was noted that the staff recommendation was (a) (e), (f) and (g). D Young summarised the matter to date and advised there had been further consideration from Waka Kotahi on the matter of cycleways from when this matter was first discussed. It was clear that Waka Kotahi were now not favouring painted cycleways and had clearer support for separated cycleways. Staff had plans drawn up and Waka Kotahi had indicated that these would be in line with its plans, however this incurred a significant loss of car parking and also a shortfall of budget. It had been confirmed by Waka Kotahi that the Council could keep the full budget but to concentrate on the other three main cycleway projects in the district. A further report would come back as part of the LTP process.

D Young advised that there had been discussions with the Chairperson of the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board regarding this matter, who had indicated support for the option favoured by staff.

Councillor Ward expressed concern with the safety of cyclists on the Ivory Street/Northbrook Road intersection either as a separated cycleway, or as painted cycleways. D Young noted that the Council had a separate project planned for improvements to this corner, however this was likely to be four to five years in the future. It was confirmed that there would be a workshop with the Council to discuss matters further before a formal report was brought before the Council.

Following a question from Councillor Fulton, D Young advised that the Transport Choices funding was a one-off funding. This was a new brand to provide additional funding, and Waka Kotahi would see this as a strategic cycle funding bucket and agreed that this funding would still be available but would be for three projects.

Councillor Cairns noted that the proposed cycleway would improve connectivity in Rangiora and asked if there would be any improvements to the cycleway network in Williams Street, Kaiapoi to make them safer. D Young responded that from the many cycleway improvement projects considered, there were four choices put forward for Transport Choices Funding. It was suggested that in the next round of funding applications, outside of the Transport Choices Funding, could be the opportunity to promote the Williams Street cycleway.

Following a question from Councillor Mealings, D Young advised that Waka Kotahi had confirmed that there was no further Transport Choices Funding available (Waka Kotahi provided two thirds subsidy). Historically cycleways had been funded 50/50 between Waka Kotahi and the Council. Over the past three years, including the current year, the Waka Kotahi subsidy had been withdrawn, so any cycleways would now be funded 100% by the ratepayer. There was no certainty, however it was hoped that the 50/50 funding would be reintroduced in the next year.

Moved: Councillor Redmond

Seconded: Councillor Cairns

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 230619089921.
- (b) **Does not proceed** with a separated cycleway along Ashley Street, Ivory Street, Percival Street and Southbrook Road.
- (c) **Requests** that Waka Kōtahi reallocates the budget allocated for this project to offsetting predicted cost over-runs in the other three Strategic Cycleway projects.
- (d) **Requests** that staff provide a report on options to provide a Grade 3 cycleway along Ashley Street, Ivory Street, Percival Street and Southbrook Road to be considered as part of the 2024-34 LTP deliberations.

CARRIED

Councillor Redmond in supporting this motion, was hopeful that the Council would still receive the funding.

Councillor Cairns was in support of cycleways however agreed that losing 224 car parks would be untenable for the residents of the district.

Councillor Mealings supported this motion and was also hopeful that the funding would still be forthcoming.

Councillor Williams believed that the community should be more involved and consulted on this matter.

Mayor Gordon noted that this had been a difficult matter for staff, noting the impact of a separated cycleway and loss of so many car parks. He was disappointed with the inflexibility of Waka Kotahi however was pleased that the funding could be reallocated to other cycleway projects. Mayor Gordon noted the ongoing discussions required with KiwiRail for another cycle project and hoped there would be a positive outcome. Thanks were extended to staff for the ongoing work that had been undertaken with these cycleway projects for Waka Kotahi funding.

Councillor Fulton commented on the Transport Choices Funding and was pleased there was some flexibility with the use of this funding towards cycleways. He was in support of this motion and believed it was the best option.

In reply, Councillor Redmond responded that retrofitting cycleways was never easy. There were pros and cons set out in the report for both options and looked forward to discussions on how to deal with the Ashley/Ivory/Percival/Southbrook Road route.

7.3 **Turbidity issues at Oxford Rural No. 1 Water Supply** – C Fahey (Water and Wastewater Asset Manager)

C Fahey and G Cleary presented this report which sought Council approval for unplanned emergency works for the Oxford Rural No. 1 water supply, which required \$120,000 additional budget. This work was already underway and was necessary to ensure there was an operational backup supply available and that it was compliant with the new Drinking Water Quality Assurance Rules (DWQAR).

The report also sought approval to bring forward budget allocated for the installation of a second well at McPhedrons Road WTP from the 2024/25 and 2025/26 years to 2023/24 (\$300,000) and 2024/25 (\$300,000). This would ensure that it was compliant with the new Drinking Water Quality Assurance Rules.

With the current turbidity issues at the McPhedrons Road site indicated that there was an issue with the water quality there and there would need to be a Boiled Water notice issued. G Cleary reinforced the comments from C Fahey, including that it was essential that the Council brought forward the budget for this new well.

Councillor Brine asked how confident staff were for securing a new water supply with investing the \$600,000 of the second McPhedrons Road site. G Cleary said there may be an issue with getting Resource Consent for this well, and there was no assurance that the well would produce good water.

Councillor Blackie asked if having the second well located near the first well, would there be the same turbidity issues that were currently being experienced. In response, G Cleary said the best option for success was to have a well that was relatively close to the current well and of the same depth. This did not necessarily mean there would be the same problems and it was noted that there could be turbidity issues with any aquifer. Staff believed it was most likely that the current turbidity issues were localised around the old well with the new well not having similar issues. Once the second well was operational, the first well would be taken offline for re-development. Staff had discussions with local farmers who had wells of similar depths on their properties, gaining information on how much development they had undertaken on their wells.

Moved: Councillor Ward

Seconded: Councillor Williams

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. TRIM 230621092693.
- (b) **Approves** an additional budget of \$120,000 under the Oxford Rural No.1 water supply account for unplanned emergency works on the Rockford Road River Intake and the Rockford Road Deep Well sites.
- (c) **Notes** that these works were required to make the emergency and backup sources operational and to ensure that they would be compliant with the new Drinking Water Quality Assurance Rules (DWQAR).
- (d) **Approves** bringing forward the existing capital budgets of \$600,000 that had been allocated for the installation of a second well at McPhedrons Road WTP in 2024/25 (\$10,000) and 2025/26 (\$590,000), to 2023/24 (\$300,000) and 2024/25 (\$300,000).
- (e) **Notes** that of the \$600,000 allocated for the installation of the second well, \$300,000 would be spent in 2023/24 on well consenting, well drilling and well development works. The remainder \$300,000 would be spent in 2024/25 on well pump installation and connecting to the McPhedrons Road Water Treatment Plant.
- (f) **Notes** that the second well at McPhedrons Road was expected to be operational in late 2024 which would enable the existing McPhedrons Well to be taken offline for re-development.
- (g) **Notes** that the rating implication of the additional \$120,000 budget would increase the Oxford Rural No.1 water rate by 1.1% or by \$9.65 for a standard two unit connection, from \$909.20 to \$918.85, from July 2024.
- (h) **Notes** that the maintenance budgets for the Oxford Rural No. 1 water supply would likely be overspent in 2022/23 and 2023/24 due to additional unplanned works required to bring the secondary Rockford Road Deep Well back in service as a secondary well source and to make Rockford Road River Intake operational.
- (i) **Circulates** this report to the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board for their information.

CARRIED

Councillor Ward said it was important to have good clean water supply and future proof it for the Oxford residents.

Councillor Williams commented on the good drinking water supplies that the Council provided and suggested that the Council could inform the public of the causes of turbidity.

Councillor Brine noted that previously Rangiora township was supplied with water from three 15 metre wells from the Ashley River. When the river flooded, this caused brown water to come through the pipes and there was no protection. A replacement water supply was sourced for Rangiora, piped from Kaiapoi wells, at a cost of \$16m, which Councillor Brine believed was money well spent and provided the town with a good clean water supply. Councillor Brine supported the motion relating to the supply of a safe, clean, reliable drinking water supply.

Councillor Mealings supported this motion and hoped that this would provide Oxford with a secure water supply into the future.

Councillor Fulton also supported this motion, noting the importance of Council providing a safe, reliable drinking water supply.

G Cleary noted that there had been an event with high turbidity on the well on a recent night, which highlighted the importance for both items of work that approval was requested for today. During this time, it was important that the Council issue the boiling water notice and though there was no contamination detected in any of the sampling during this high turbidity event, the water still did not meet the Drinking Water Standards.

Mayor Gordon vacated the Chair at this time and departed the meeting, with Deputy Mayor Atkinson assuming the Chair. The meeting continued.

7.4 **Huria Reserve Heritage and Mahinga Kai Area Statement of Intent for 2023-24 – D Roxborough (Implementation Project Manager – District Regeneration)**

D Roxborough and C Brown were present for consideration of this report which sought Council approval of the Statement of Intent Proposed by Te Kohaka o Tuhaitara Trust for the 2023/24 financial year for the Huria Reserve Heritage and Mahinga Kai development and authorise staff to transfer a portion of the 2023/24 year budget to the Trust. This was in the Kaiapoi South Regeneration area and was in line with previous proposals on how the project would be implemented. This would be the first year that the Council had transferred the funds to the Trust and funds would be transferred in coming years.

Councillor Williams asked what the implications would be of not transferring these funds this year, suggesting that there were more essential areas of work that the Council could be funding, during these challenging financial times for the community. C Brown noted that this was a budget item that had been identified through the Long Term Plan, and there would need to be a Council decision for any change. The impact would be that the planting would not take place and the progress with the reserve would not move forward.

Following a question from Councillor Fulton, C Brown confirmed that this project was part of the Earthquake Regeneration Project and the funds form a significant part of the money left in the earthquake recovery budget.

Moved: Councillor Blackie

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Atkinson

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 230619090949.
- (b) **Approves** the Statement of Intent prepared by Te Kōhaka o Tūhaitara Trust for the Huria Reserve Heritage and Mahinga Kai reserve for the 2023/24 financial year.
- (c) **Notes** that the project is now over two years into physical implementation works and at the time of writing this report the forecast expenditure as at the end of the 2022/23 year was \$721,000, which was in line with current year-to-date budget of \$721,540; and this expenditure was made directly by WDC to suppliers. The project had overall approximate \$1.8m budget with approximately \$1.1m forecast remaining at the end of this financial year.
- (d) **Approves** staff transferring the 2023/24 year budget of \$390,000 (rounded figure) from the project ledger to the Te Kōhaka o Tūhaitara Trust bank account, for the purposes of their implementation of the project over the coming financial year; noting that this was within the existing 2023/24 year budget allowance of \$397,940, and in line with the Council's previously approved approach to delivery of the Heritage and Mahinga Kai project and the lease terms.
- (e) **Notes** that future years Statement of intent and Accountability reports would be submitted to the Audit and Risk Committee, for the staged transfer of the forecast remaining Regeneration Activity budgets for the Heritage and Mahinga Kai project, and that this provision was included in the previously approved terms of the lease (subject to ongoing ratification of future years spend in future Annual Plan processes).

- (f) **Notes** that a Waimakariri District Council staff member was retained on the Joint Working Group and part of that responsibility was to assist with the monitoring of progress and expenditure of the transferred project budget in accordance with the Statement of Intent and the Terms of Reference for the Joint Working Group.
- (g) **Circulates** this report to the Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board.
- (h) **Circulates** this report to the Mahi Tahī Joint Development Committee.

CARRIED

Councillor Blackie suggested that this would be a seamless transfer of funds and control of this Reserve, noting that the funding was ring fenced for Huria Reserve and could not be used by Te Kohaka Trust on any other areas. The newly appointed Te Kohaka Trust manager would manage the planting and management of the Reserve.

Deputy Mayor Atkinson said the progress with this project had already progressed and encouraged members to visit the site and see the work that had already been undertaken. This was an important area for the wellbeing of people who used to live in the area who were displaced and people who wanted to see change on the land that was red zoned. This was also an important part of the healing of the Kaiapoi community after the impacts of the earthquakes and should not be delayed. Deputy Mayor Atkinson encouraged all members to support this motion.

Councillor Williams supported this motion however suggested that there could be other sources of funding to purchase the supply of trees to plant in the area (similar to the Honda Forest), rather than solely using ratepayers funds. Councillor Williams reinforced his earlier comment suggesting that this matter be held over. Councillor Blackie responded that the newly appointed Trust Manager was working on sourcing funds for these plantings, at this stage not through large commercial operators, but through schools and other sources.

7.5 **Draft Community Outcomes for Public Consultation** – T Allinson (Senior Policy Analyst)

S Hart and T Allinson presented this report to the Council (via Teams), and sought the approval for the draft community outcomes and indicators going out for public consultation. The Council was also asked to appoint members to a hearing panel to hear submissions to the draft community outcomes and provide recommendations to the Council.

There were no questions.

Moved: Councillor Redmond Seconded: Councillor Williams

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 230620091156.
- (b) **Approves** the draft community outcomes and indicators (TRIM No. 230620091150) going out for public consultation.
- (c) **Appoints** Councillors Ward (as Long-term Plan Portfolio Holder), Councillor Redmond, and Councillor Goldsworthy to the Hearing Panel to hear any submissions to the draft community outcomes and provide recommendations to the Council on any further amendments to the statements and their indicators because of feedback received.
- (d) **Circulates** this report to the Community Boards for their information.
- (e) **Notes** that officers would seek to work with Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri representatives to get their feedback on the draft community outcomes and that there may be targeted indicator statements resulting from that process which would be tabled with the Council at the meeting.

CARRIED

The meeting considered Item 9.1 through to 13.7 at this time.

Following adjournment at 2.55pm, the meeting reconvened at 3.18pm, when Mayor Gordon rejoined the meeting and assumed the Chair.

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ITEMS

7.6 **Submission Waka Kotahi Bilingual Signage Consultation** – T Allinson (Senior Policy Analyst) and A Mace-Cochrane (Transportation Engineer)

S Hart and T Allinson (via Teams) were present for consideration of this report in relation to receiving the submission on the Waka Kotahi Bilingual Signage Consultation. To meet the Waka Kotahi/New Zealand Transport Agency timeframes (the submission closing deadline was 30 June 2023), which did not allow time to be received at a formal Council meeting prior to that date. The submission had been discussed with Councillors at a workshop on 13 June and the draft submission was also made available to Councillors to review prior to it being lodged.

The report was taken as read and there were no questions from members.

Moved: Councillor Williams Seconded: Councillor Ward

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 230615088538.
- (b) **Ratifies and approves** the submission on the amendment of Waka Kotahi's Land Transport Rule on Traffic Control Devices (Bilingual Signs).
- (c) **Circulates** the report and attached submission to the community boards for their information.

CARRIED

7.7 **Submission to the Water Services Entities Amendment Bill** – T Allinson (Senior Policy Analyst)

T Allinson presented this report (remotely via Teams) which provided the Council with the basis for a submission to the Water Services Entities Amendment Bill. It was noted the short notice that was allowed for lodging a submission for this Bill.

T Allinson said there had been some minor alterations since the version was circulated to members yesterday. The submission had also been circulated to Malcolm Alexander for comment.

Councillor Fulton queried the sometimes limited time allowed for lodging submissions. S Hart referred to this submission process (four-week submission period) and that for the Bilingual Signage consultation (under two week submission period), to digest the suggested changes, consult with the Council, draft a submission, circulate to Councillors, make amendments and then submit were extraordinarily tight timeframes for what was complex legislation. It was noted that if there was a short timeframe for a particular submission process, this would be highlighted as part of the Council's submission, pointing out that the Council believed there was not enough time allowed for the submission to be processed.

It was confirmed that the Council's submission would be presented in person at the hearing.

Moved: Councillor Ward Seconded: Councillor Redmond

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 230630097977.

- (b) **Approves** staff to develop a final draft submission on the Water Services Entities Amendment Bill, covering the matters identified in the report, the reports attachments and other matters raised by the Council.
- (c) **Indicates** that the Council representatives would appear before the Select Committee to present Council's submission at the hearings.
- (d) **Delegates** authority to the Mayor and Chief Executive to approve a final amendment to the Council's submission before being lodged with the Select Committee by 5 July 2023.
- (e) **Notes** that a copy of the final submissions would be provided to the Council for formal receipt at its meeting scheduled for 1 August 2023.
- (f) **Circulates** the submission to community boards for their information.

CARRIED

Mayor Gordon and Councillors thanked staff for the submission which was written in the limited time allowed for lodging a submission.

7.8 **Elected Member Remuneration and Expenses Policy** – S Nichols (Governance Manager)

S Nichols presented this report advising of the current determination of the Remuneration Authority for the 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 financial year, for elected members remuneration and expenses. There was no change to the remuneration set for the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors for this period, and a 4% increase for the Community Board members remuneration. Approval was also sought for the updates to the Elected Members Expenses Policy which reflected the increases in the mileage allowance payable to a member for eligible travel. There were no other changes recommended for the policy at this time.

There were no questions.

Moved: Deputy Mayor Atkinson Seconded: Councillor Redmond

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 230630098525.
- (b) **Notes** the remuneration was set by the Remuneration Authority for Waimakariri Mayor, Councillors and Community Board members from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 as follows:

	Oct 2022 to June 2023	1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024
Mayor	\$146,838	\$146,838
Deputy Mayor	\$69,373	\$69,373
Councillor (with portfolio and chairing responsibilities)	\$53,986	\$53,986
Kaiapoi-Tuahwi Community Board Chair	\$17,991	\$18,710
Kaiapoi-Tuahwi Community Board	\$8,995	\$9,355
Oxford-Ohoka Community Board Chair	\$16,949	\$17,627
Oxford-Ohoka Community Board	\$8,475	\$8,813
Rangiora-Ashley Community Board Chair	\$23,206	\$24,134
Rangiora-Ashley Community Board	\$11,603	\$12,067
Woodend-Sefton Community Board Chair	\$14,863	\$15,457
Woodend-Sefton Community Board	\$7,431	\$7,729

- (c) **Notes** there was sufficient Governance budget to cover the increase in remuneration cost.
- (d) **Approves** the Elected Member Expenses Policy to 30 June 2024.
- (e) **Circulates** a copy of this report and the approved Expenses Policy to all Community Boards for their reference.

CARRIED

8. MATTERS REFERRED FROM COMMITTEES AND COMMUNITY BOARDS

There were no matters referred.

9. HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELLBEING

9.1 Health, Safety and Wellbeing Report June 2023 – J Millward (Chief Executive)

J Millward presented the report which provided an update on Health, Safety and Wellbeing matters for the month.

There were no questions.

Moved: Councillor Williams Seconded: Councillor Ward

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** Report No 230621092371.
- (b) **Notes** that there were no notifiable incidents during June 2023. The organisation was, so far as reasonably practicable, compliant with the duties of a person conducting a business or undertaking (PCBU) as required by the Health and Safety at work Act 2015.
- (c) **Circulates** this report to the Community Boards for their information.

CARRIED

10. COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR INFORMATION

10.1 Minutes of a meeting of the Community and Recreation Committee meeting of 23 May 2023

10.2 Minutes of a meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting of 13 June 2023

Moved: Councillor Ward Seconded: Councillor Mealings

THAT Items 10.1 to 10.2 be received information.

CARRIED

11. COMMUNITY BOARD MINUTES FOR INFORMATION

11.1 Minutes of the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board meeting of 10 May 2023

11.2 Minutes of the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board meeting of 7 June 2023

11.3 Minutes of the Woodend-Sefton Community Board meeting of 12 June 2023

11.4 Minutes of the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board meeting of 14 June 2023

Moved: Councillor Ward Seconded: Councillor Mealings

THAT Items 11.1 to 11.4 be received for information.

CARRIED

12 CORRESPONDANCE

(The petition was circulated separately to Councillors)

Moved: Councillor Mealings

Seconded: Councillor Fulton

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** the petition from residents regarding Opposition to Landfill RC215276 Woodstock Quarries Landfill.
- (b) **Requests** staff forward a copy of the petition to Environment Canterbury who were considering the Resource Consent.
- (c) **Circulate** a copy of this petition to the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board.

CARRIED

Councillor Mealings and Councillor Fulton both commented on the widespread feeling of opposition to the proposed Woodstock Quarries landfill and commended the work of those who secured all the signatures on this petition.

13. COUNCIL PORTFOLIO UPDATES

13.1 Iwi Relationships – Mayor Dan Gordon

Mayor Gordon was not present at the meeting at this time.

13.2 Greater Christchurch Partnership Update – Mayor Dan Gordon

Deputy Mayor Atkinson noted that the next meeting of the GCP was to be held in the coming week.

13.3 Government Reforms – Mayor Dan Gordon

Mayor Gordon was not present at the meeting at this time.

13.4 Canterbury Water Management Strategy – Councillor Tim Fulton

Councillor Fulton advised there had been a meeting of the Zone Committee the day before, with an update provided by Brent Walton from Waimakariri Irrigation Ltd on the Wrights Road Water Storage facility. It was hoped to have the terms of the contract settled within the next few weeks and construction scheduled to commence in December 2023. Shareholders had come to the realisation that to meet the environmental regulations in place now, there was a need to have a good water supply and for this water storage facility to be in place. There was also discussion on the role of the Zone Committee in feeding into the National Freshwater Policy Statement and Environmental Plans. This was a direction from the Government and would have impact on Plan Change 7. Workshops would need to be held to discuss these Environmental Plans and the impact on landowners.

13.5 Climate Change and Sustainability – Councillor Niki Mealings

Councillor Mealings commented on the figures from the Customer Satisfaction Survey which indicated that a high percentage of respondents supported the importance of the Council addressing climate change issues and a high percentage of respondents thought it was important for the Council to encourage sustainability. It had highlighted the importance of imbedding the climate change considerations into the Councils Long Term Plan and it was no longer sufficient to consider it an add on. Councils needed to consider climate change and sustainability when new infrastructure was installed. Audit processes would request the Council to address this and Council needed to have an understanding of the risks involved.

Councillor Mealings had recently attended her first meeting of the triennium, as Council representative, of the Northern Biosecurity Advisory Group. Chilean needle grass and nassella tussock were main issues discussed. These were more of an issue in the Hurunui district, with not significant occurrences here in Waimakariri. It was noted at the meeting that the presence of nassella tussock was more significant now than it had been for several years. Councillor Fulton observed that he would be interested to know if there were other issues of pest control and biosecurity that were being dealt with, apart from nassella tussock and Chilean needle grass.

13.6 **International Relationships** – Deputy Mayor Neville Atkinson

Deputy Mayor Atkinson advised that the Council had received a request to attend a Trade Expo in China by the sister city Enshu. The invitation was respectfully declined as it was not considered an appropriate time to attend.

The Zoom meeting with the Passchendaele counterparts in Belgium was scheduled to take place on 4 August.

13.7 **Property and Housing** – Deputy Mayor Neville Atkinson

A meeting of the Property Portfolio Working Group was held the previous day and the Rangiora Fire Brigade's request for the extension of their premises onto adjoining land was discussed. It was confirmed that there would be a Council workshop to discuss this matter further. Land in Atkinson Lane in Pegasus which was owned by the Golf Club, had recently been on the market, with no interest shown. The Council had easements over the land. This matter would require further discussion. One of the Otaki Street properties had sold, with price negotiation on the second one being undertaken. The Ohoka Road property had sold and there would be two other Ohoka Road properties that would be coming up for sale soon.

The meeting adjourned at 2.55pm and reconvened at 3.18pm, when Mayor Gordon resumed the Chair of the meeting and the Supplementary Agenda items were considered (commencing with Agenda Item 7.6). The minutes were recorded as in the order of the Agenda.

14. **QUESTIONS**

(under Standing Orders)

There were no questions.

15. **URGENT GENERAL BUSINESS**

(under Standing Orders)

There was no urgent general business.

16. **MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WITH THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED**

Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

In accordance with section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act (or sections 6, 7 or 9 of the Official Information Act 1982, as the case may be), it is moved:

Moved: Councillor Ward

Seconded: Councillor Cairns

1. That the public is excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

Item No.	Subject	Reason for excluding the public	Grounds for excluding the public-
16.1	Confirmation of Council public excluded minutes 6 June 2023 meeting	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7	To protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons (s 7(2)(a) and to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) (s 7(2)(i)).
16.2	Authorisation to approach additional landowner – New Gravel Quarry location	Good reason to withhold exist6s under section 7	To enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) LGOIMA Section 7 (2)(i)
16.3	Council Contribution Towards Linking Charles Upham and Huntingdon Drives	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7	To enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) LGOIMA Section 7 (2)(i)
16.4	Rangiora Bunnings Site – Prospective Future usage and Land Swaps	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7	To maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of Council, and to enable Council holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations as per LGOIMA section 7 (2) (f[i]) and (i).
16.5	Proposed Sale of 198 Swannanoa Road, Fernside	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7	To maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of Council, and to enable Council holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations as per section 7 (2) (f[i]) and (i).
16.6	Proposed Sale of 7 Adian Way, Loburn	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7	To maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of Council, and to enable Council holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations as per section 7 (2) (f[i]) and (i).
16.7	Contract 22/28 Graffiti Abatement -Maintenance: Tender Evaluation and Contract Award Report	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7	To enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) LGOIMA Section 7 (2)(h)

CARRIED

CLOSED MEETING

The public excluded portion of the meeting commenced at 3.38pm and concluded at 5.00pm.

Recommendation to Resume in Open Meeting

Moved: Councillor Blackie

Seconded: Councillor Goldsworthy

THAT open meeting resumes and the business discussed with the public excluded remains public excluded as resolved.

CARRIED

OPEN MEETING

17. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Council is scheduled to commence at 1pm on Tuesday 1 August 2023, to be held in the Council Chamber, Rangiora Service Centre, 215 High Street, Rangiora.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.01pm.

CONFIRMED



Chairperson
Mayor Dan Gordon

1 August 2023
Date