

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, RANGIORA SERVICE CENTRE, 215 HIGH STREET, RANGIORA, ON TUESDAY 5 MARCH 2024 WHICH COMMENCED AT 1PM.**

**PRESENT**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE**

C Brown (General Manager Community and Recreation) (Acting Chief Executive), G Cleary (General Manager Utilities and Roading), K LaValley (General Manager Planning, Regulation and Environment), J McBride (Roading and Transport Manager), G Kempton (Senior Project Manager), C Fahey (Water and Wastewater Asset Manager), R McClung (Principal Policy Planner), K Waghorn (Solid Waste Asset Manager), V Spittal (Principal Policy Analyst: Climate Change and Sustainability), T Allinson (Senior Policy Analyst), A Smith (Governance Coordinator).

**1. APOLOGIES**

Moved: Mayor Gordon

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Atkinson

**THAT** an apology for absence be received and sustained from Councillor Ward.

**CARRIED**

**2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

As Commissioners for the District Plan Review, Deputy Mayor Atkinson and Councillor Mealings declared conflicts of interest regarding Item 7.1- Adoption of Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan.

As a resident of River Road, Councillor Williams declared a conflict of interest relating to the public excluded Item 16.5—Contract 22/37 River Road Urbanisation -Tender Evaluation and Contract Award Report.

**3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Mayor Gordon acknowledged Tania Wati, who was recently elected as Deputy Chair of Te Runanga o Ngai Tahu.

**4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**4.1 Minutes of a meeting of the Waimakariri District Council held on 30 and 31 January 2024**

It was advised that confirmation of these Minutes would be considered at the ordinary meeting of the Council to be held on 2 April 2024.

**4.2 Minutes of a meeting of the Waimakariri District Council held on Wednesday, 7 February 2024**

Moved: Councillor Mealings

Seconded: Councillor Blackie

**THAT** the Council:

**Confirms**, as a true and correct record, the circulated Minutes of the meeting of the Waimakariri District Council meeting held on Wednesday, 7 February 2024.

**CARRIED**

## **MATTERS ARISING (from Minutes)**

There were no matters arising.

## **5. DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

### **5.1 Climate Change related matters - Ian McIntosh**

Mr Ian McIntosh was present to share his views on Climate Change. Mr McIntosh provided an overview referencing from 1750 when the Little Ice Age peaked at its coldest, and the Industrial Revolution began, which was claimed to have initiated the current climate emergency. The current climate emergency formed a foundational belief of the Council's Long Term Plan, hence the reason for focusing on a low carbon economy. Mr McIntosh presented statistical data which questioned whether human actions since the Industrial Revolution were causing the temperature rise, as temperatures slowly increased coming out of the Little Ice Age.

Mr McIntosh was of the opinion that the Council's Emissions Policy would destroy the local economy and would have no impact on the reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> levels. He also provided data showing that CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by humans were not causing temperature and the sea level to rise. Mr McIntosh believed that the 110 years of temperature data available for Canterbury showed that CO<sub>2</sub> emissions had no impact on temperature trends, and if the use of fossil fuels was reduced, it would destroy the Waimakariri's economy with no influence on temperature. Mr McIntosh also did not think there was any relationship between sea level rise and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, questioning where the evidence was that the increasing glacial melt was due to emissions. He suggested this was not due to the burning of fossil fuel but was rather caused by a natural gradual increase in temperature after the Little Ice Age.

Speaking on the transition risks, Mr McIntosh commented that the transition of New Zealand and Canterbury to a lower-carbon economy would require extensive policy, legal, technology and marked changes to address mitigation and adaptation requirements related to climate change. There was high uncertainty over what this future would entail in New Zealand, however, changes proposed in the Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Act and modifications to the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme highlighted the scale of the changes to be expected. Mr McIntosh stated that all evidence must be considered by decision makers.

Councillor Brine enquired on the extent to which this presentation had been viewed. Mr McIntosh advised that he had shown the presentation 15 times, including to several councils and community groups. The presentation had also been distributed internationally to scientists and his information had not been challenged. Mr McIntosh advised he was more than happy to put his views in the public domain where anyone could interrogate them.

Councillor Williams sought Mr McIntosh's thoughts on why there were more major rain events. Mr McIntosh suggested that there had not been an increase in rainfall events; however, the problem was the increased areas of hardfill due to increased housing developments. There was now less space for the water to drain away, which resulted in an increase in flooding events.

Councillor Blackie noted that some of the information in Mr McIntosh's presentation was several years old and enquired if there was data available from the last ten years. Mr McIntosh noted that the source of his information provided specific data up until 2015. However, the trends for carbon emissions were still the same, but the specific data was not available for recent years.

Mayor Gordon thanked Mr McIntosh for his presentation.

## **6. ADJOURNED BUSINESS**

Nil.

## 7. REPORTS

### 7.1 Adoption of Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan – R McClung (Principal Policy Planner)

*Having previously declared a conflict of interest, Deputy Mayor Atkinson and Councillor Mealings left the room during this item's consideration.*

This report sought the Council's adoption of the final version of the Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan, as endorsed by the Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee and recommended by the Hearing Panel for the Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan. R McClung noted that the Council had been briefed on this matter, and on this basis, the report was taken as read.

There were no questions from members.

Moved: Mayor Gordon

Seconded: Councillor Fulton

**THAT** the Council:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 240212019982.
- (b) **Receives** the Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee resolutions from 16 February 2024 (Trim: 240220024426).
- (c) **Receives** the Hearing Panel Recommendations Report dated 17 January 2024 (Trim: 240213020097).
- (d) **Adopts** the final version of the Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan as recommended by the Panel (Trim: 240213020097) as:
  - (i) The Spatial Plan for Greater Christchurch; and
  - (ii) The joint Future Development Strategy for Greater Christchurch for the purposes of meeting the obligation to produce a Future Development Strategy under section 3.12 (1) of the National Policy Statement on Urban Development 2020.
- (e) **Delegates** authority to the Independent Chair of the Greater Christchurch Partnership to authorise any amendments of minor effect or to correct minor errors to the final version of the Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan and make design edits prior to formal public circulation.
- (f) **Acknowledges** and thanks the Hearings Panel members for the considerable time and effort expended as part of undertaking their role as Hearings Panel members.

**CARRIED**

Mayor Gordon thanked Councillor Brine for his role on the Hearing Panel for the Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan. The Spatial Plan had been reviewed by the Partnership Committee and had been out for extensive public consultation. The Spatial Plan would be a guidance document for the Council's future. The Greater Christchurch Partnership members considered how to plan for growth in the district and how to maximise investment in greater Christchurch and for the whole of Canterbury. This Plan also assisted in reinforcing the case for larger investment in future transport projects, such as the Woodend Bypass.

Councillor Fulton noted that the Spatial Plan had been thoroughly consulted on, commenting that it was difficult to predict how the Waimakariri District would look in 20 to 30 years. He commended the staff for listening to the community and Councillors and collating what he considered to be a fair document.

Councillor Williams supported the motion. However, he expressed concern about the Waimakariri District's transport and believed that, due to the vast distances across the district, it was not feasible to have public transport covering all areas.

In reply, Mayor Gordon noted this was to encourage people to use public transport and to make sure that public transport routes were protected into the future. The Council had already been showing leadership with the Park and Ride facilities in the Waimakariri District and was really heartened to see the number of cars in the Park and Ride carparks each morning. This indicated high usage of the express bus service, which was achieving the objectives that the Council was seeking. Mayor Gordon acknowledged that this would not work for everyone, however, providing these opportunities showed the Council's responsibility in having Greater Christchurch set up for the future.

*Deputy Mayor Atkinson and Councillor Mealings returned to the meeting at this time.*

7.2 **Greenspace draft Waimakariri Natural Environment Strategy** – V Spittal (Principal Policy Analyst: Climate Change and Sustainability)

V Spittal presented this report seeking the Council's approval to adopt the draft Waimakariri Natural Environment Strategy (WNES) suite of documents for release for public consultation via the 2024/34 Long Term Plan process. The Strategy was aimed at protecting the district's natural ecosystems and, thereby, the overall wellbeing of the community at large. This would involve all areas of the Council's operation and also the work with the many volunteer groups that operate across the district. The four documents were circulated to Councillors separately from the agenda. There had been a pre-consultation period, which ran from 30 November 2023 until 30 January 2024, during which 13 submissions were received. This Strategy aimed to ensure maximum value for money and had gone through a robust process to get to this stage including consideration of feedback from the pre-consultation submissions. The summary of pre-consultation feedback and Natural Environment Strategy Project Control Group responses was provided to the Council, along with a copy of all submissions received. These two attachments were circulated public excluded, as per recommendation (e).

Councillor Williams questioned the spending of \$4.1 million on this Strategy and asked how much more funding was being spent on the natural environment. Staff indicated that it was difficult to determine a figure, as various projects across the Council included portions of environmental enhancement, which was already included in other budgets. Putting this Strategy out for public consultation would allow the community to provide feedback on whether it wanted more funds spent on environmental work. C Brown stated the criteria for establishing what was environmental work and what was necessary work (for example, contract costs for tree maintenance) was difficult to determine; however, it was agreed that staff would provide some figures to the Council on the spending for environmental work.

Following a question from Councillor Cairns on external funding and several volunteer groups that look after different areas in the district, it was pointed out that it was difficult to determine the exact financial value of the work that these groups do. C Brown noted that there were groups in the Waimakariri District who were extremely generous with their time and were very dedicated to their work over a long period of time. Regarding external funding, the more than \$200,000 for the Honda Forest for tree planting in Silverstream Reserve had been funded from various sources over the years, including the Department of Conservation, Environment Canterbury and various trusts and philanthropic donors who had also provided funds to enhance the environment in the Waimakariri District. The Council wished to continue working with these groups, which included planting, pest control and also the volunteers who work in such places as the Kaiapoi Food Forest.

Councillor Fulton highlighted the 31 projects listed in the Strategy that required additional funding and enquired what would be the impact of not doing these projects. V Spittal advised that some of the new projects were required to meet new legislation, and new funding for this was primarily to cover staff resourcing. In response to the cost of doing nothing, V Spittal advised that many of these projects would have multiple benefits for the district, and the Council would still have to pay to solve the problem. However, nature-based solutions tend to be more effective and a lot more cost-effective.

Councillor Goldsworthy asked if this would be implemented over a ten-year period and if there would be some peaks and lows over this time. It was advised that some projects were within operational funding budgets, as were education and advocacy. Any capital project would require loan funding.

Moved: Councillor Blackie

Seconded: Councillor Mealings

**THAT** the Council:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 240215022513.
- (b) **Adopts** the recommendations from the Natural Environment Strategy Project Control Group regarding the feedback from the pre-consultation process as outlined in the pre-consultation summary document, Trim 240222027425.
- (c) **Delegates** the final sign-off of the Waimakariri Natural Environment Strategy suite of documents to the Mayor and Chief Executive.
- (d) **Approves** the Waimakariri Natural Environment Strategy suite of documents for release for public consultation via the 2024 Long Term Plan process.
- (e) **Approves** that the report be made public; however, that Attachments i and ii remain public excluded to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons as per LGOIMA Section 7(2)(a).

**CARRIED**

Councillor Williams Against

Councillor Blackie referred to this Strategy as the Council's "Green District Plan", and believed it was the most cost-effective avenue.

Councillor Williams did not support the motion as he believed the Council would be spending too much of the ratepayer's funds on this, and the Council was already spending a significant amount of money on the environment. However, Councillor Williams was in support of the volunteer groups and commended their work and the donations of trees that were planted in the district, including the Honda Tree Forest.

Councillor Cairns was in support of this Strategy and anything that enhances the environment of the district.

Councillor Redmond noted that the staff's preferred option was the most expensive. Climate change, sustainability, and environmental protection were some of the top concerns of residents. There may be some dissatisfaction that the Council was not doing enough in this space, and Councillor Redmond suggested that the consultation responses would indicate the thoughts of the community.

Deputy Mayor Atkinson supported the motion and the Strategy going out for consultation. There were many infrastructure projects in the district that involve some element of planting to both provide enhancement environmentally and also as a safety matter. Deputy Mayor Atkinson believed this Strategy would be supported by the community in the consultation process.

Mayor Gordon supported the motion and the value of this Strategy. The work of the volunteer groups in the district was acknowledged, and he thanked them for the value that they added to the environment. This work needed to be affordable, and the community would express their views on this as part of the consultation. Mayor Gordon took this opportunity to acknowledge climate change and the scientific evidence supporting this as an issue which needed to be addressed. Thanks were extended to V Spittal and the staff for the work involved in producing the Strategy.

Councillor Fulton supported the motion and also acknowledged the impact of climate change. He highlighted the diverse range of groups seeking funding through the Waimakariri Wate Zone Committee and noted that these groups and their projects were all improving the environment. He recommended support for this strategy and looked forward to hearing the community's views.

Councillor Mealings extended thanks to the staff for the compilation Strategy document. Having all this information together in one document provided a more consistent approach. This Plan had 124 actions a lot of which already have existing funding. There were 31 projects that required new funding. There were many areas throughout the district where planting and time were given freely by the community (highlighting the many thousands of hours volunteers had spent at Silverstream Reserve), and many plants were donated to enhance Council reserve areas. Councillor Mealings believed there were risks in not putting this Strategy out for consultation, and the Council needed to act on this.

In reply, Councillor Blackie reminded colleagues that this Strategy was inter-generational, acknowledging that there were costs, though these would be spread over ten years or possibly more. This was a flexible amount and could be altered if the ratepayers did not wish to spend this money or the economy faltered.

7.3 **Raven Quay Water Renewal – Request for additional budget** – C Fahey (Water and Wastewater Asset Manager)

G Cleary and C Fahey presented this report, which sought approval of the Council to bring forward \$200,000 from the 24/25 financial year to complete the Raven Quay Water Renewal Project in the 2023/24 financial year. This project was for the replacement of approximately 140 metres of asbestos cement water main, which had been assessed to be due for replacement. Bringing this project forward would enable it to be coordinated with the Wastewater Rising Main Project scheduled for completion this financial year thereby minimising disruption to traffic, properties, and businesses in the Kaiapoi CBD area due to construction.

Following a question from Councillor Cairns, C Fahey confirmed that undertaking both these projects together would result in some cost savings (e.g., traffic management); and would also cause less disruption for the community.

Moved Councillor Williams

Seconded Councillor Cairns

**THAT** the Council:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 240213020236.
- (b) **Approves** bringing forward \$200,000 from the 2024/25 financial year to complete the Raven Quay water renewals project in the 2023/24 financial year. The project involves the replacement of approximately 140 meters of Asbestos Cement (AC) water main that has been assessed to be due for replacement.
- (c) **Notes** that construction of the water main at Raven Quay was originally planned for the 2024/25 financial year. However, due to a Wastewater Rising Main Project being completed across the road this financial year, it makes sense to time both construction activities to minimise disruption to traffic, nearby properties and businesses in the busy Kaiapoi CBD area.
- (d) **Notes** that the design for both the Water Main Renewal and Wastewater Rising Main Projects has already been completed, and the intention is to procure the construction work solely from the Water Unit.
- (e) **Notes** that there is \$350,000 water renewals budget available in the 2024/25 financial year in the draft Long Term Plan for water pipeline renewals in Kaiapoi. This is being funded from the Kaiapoi Renewals Fund, which has sufficient balance to enable the budget to be brought forward without any rating impact on the Kaiapoi Water Supply.
- (f) **Notes** that bringing forward construction of the water main at Raven Quay to occur in the 2023/24 financial year will not impact the delivery of existing capital projects in the 2023/24 financial year. The forecast indicates that 84% (by value) of all capital projects that are currently tracked will be completed.

**CARRIED**

7.4 **Submission: Environment Canterbury Regional Council Regional Land Transport Plan – T Allinson (Senior Policy Analyst)**

To meet the Environment Canterbury timeframes for submitting its draft Regional Land Transport Plan, T Allinson advised that the Council's submission had been submitted, and this report provided an opportunity for the Council to formally ratify its submission. The consultation period closed on 26 February 2024. The draft submission was previously circulated to the Mayor and Councillors for review prior to it being finalised by staff.

Mayor Gordon acknowledged the short time in which staff had collated the Council's submission.

There were no questions from members.

Moved Councillor Redmond

Seconded Deputy Mayor Atkinson

**THAT** the Council:

- (a) **Receives** Report No 240223027698.
- (b) **Ratifies** the attached submission on Environment Canterbury's Regional Land Transport Plan. (TRIM: 240219023862)
- (c) **Circulate** the report to the Community Boards for their information.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Redmond extended thanks and complimented staff on this submission, which reflected the views of the Council.

Mayor Gordon endorsed the comments of Councillor Redmond and extended his appreciation as well. Mayor Gordon took this opportunity to also thank the Roding and Transport Manager, acknowledging the several forums that she was involved in, and advocating for roading projects in the Waimakariri district. Significant advance work was undertaken, and this ensured that the projects were not new when the time came for them to be considered and allowed them to be given the appropriate priority.

In response, Councillor Redmond suggested that the submission be referred to the local Member of Parliament, as it provided a good "snapshot" of the district's current situation. Mayor Gordon agreed that the submission would be included in a letter to the local MP.

**8. MATTERS REFERRED FROM THE SOLID AND HAZARDOUS WASTE WORKING PARTY**

8.1 **Kerbside Collection Standardisation: Amendments to Solid Waste and Waste Handling Licensing Bylaw Terms and Conditions** – K Waghorn (Solid Waste Asset Manager)

*(Refer to report no. 240205016484 to the meeting of the Solid and Hazardous Waste Working Party meeting of Tuesday, 27 February 2024)*

K Waghorn presented this report, which was referred from the Solid and Hazardous Waste Working Party. The Working Party recommended amending some of the Terms and Conditions of the Solid Waste and Waste Handling Bylaw. The main purpose of these amendments was to align the Bylaw with the new Kerbside Collection Standardisation.

There were no questions from members.

Moved: Councillor Brine

Seconded: Councillor Blackie

**THAT** the Council:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 240205016484.

- (b) **Approves** the following changes to the Terms and Conditions of the Solid Waste and Waste Handling Bylaw:
- i. Change Clause 18 iii to read *“In bins for Organics—Compostable kitchen food scraps and garden material that the Council lists as acceptable, that is placed loose in the bin, and that is free of inorganic and unsanitary contamination. The list of acceptable compostable organic materials will be held on the Council’s website, updated as necessary, and any changes to materials that can be accepted will be advertised in local media.”*
  - ii. Change Clause 18 iv to read *“In containers for Residual Waste/Rubbish—All waste originating from domestic activities not suitable for Recycling or Composting through council–provided services, and that is not Prohibited Waste.”*
  - iii. Change the website address in the first bullet point of Clause 18 vi to read *“<https://www.waimakariri.govt.nz/services/rubbish,-recycling-and-organics/transfer-stations>”*.
  - iv. Change the final sentence in Clause 27 to read, *“Approval of eligibility for the service will be administered by the Solid Waste Team, Utilities and Roading Department”*.
- (c) **Notes** that the proposed change to Clause 18 iii is consistent with the wording in Clause 18 i, which the Council previously approved when the Solid Waste and Waste Handling Bylaw Terms and Conditions were amended in 2019.
- (d) **Notes** that the proposed change to Clause 18 iv updates the clause to specify that compostable materials that are unsuitable or unacceptable in organics bins can be placed in rubbish bins and bags.
- (e) **Notes** that the proposed changes to the first bullet point in Clause 18 vi and the final sentence in Clause 27 are to update recent changes made to the Council website and reflect the formation of the Solid Waste Team within the Utilities & Roading Department.
- (f) **Notes** that the Solid Waste and Waste Handling Bylaw will be reviewed later in the 2024 calendar year and that the draft document will be brought to the Council for approval before it is put out for public consultation.
- (g) **Circulates** the report to all Community Boards for their information.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Brine, in supporting the motion, observed that this was the new status quo for kerbside collection, and the major factor involved here would be communicating this to the ratepayers and residents.

Mayor Gordon noted that there needed to be an extensive Communication Plan for the community regarding this. With this being a national change to standards, it had been hoped that there would be a National Communication Plan. However, this was not the case. Mayor Gordon looked forward to hearing back from staff on what the plan would be.

## **9. HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELLBEING**

### **9.1 Health, Safety and Wellbeing Report February 2024 - J Millward (Chief Executive)**

C Brown presented this report on behalf of the Chief Executive, noting the inclusion of a number of incidents identified in the report. No major health and safety incidents were recorded.

There were no questions from members.

Moved: Councillor Blackie

Seconded: Councillor Goldsworthy

**THAT** the Council

- (a) **Receives** Report No 240221025693



(b) **Notes** that there were no notifiable incidents this month. The organisation is, so far as is 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 Audit and Risk Committee of 13 February 2024

Moved: Deputy Mayor Atkinson

Seconded: Councillor Williams

**THAT** the Council

(a) **Receives** Item 10.1 for information.

**CARRIED**

## 11. **COMMUNITY BOARD MINUTES FOR INFORMATION**

### 11.1 Minutes of the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board meeting of 8 February 2024

### 11.2 Minutes of the Woodend-Sefton Community Board meeting of 13 February 2024

### 11.3 Minutes of the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board meeting of 14 February 2024

Moved: Councillor Mealings

Seconded: Councillor Goldsworthy

**THAT** the Council

(a) **Receives** Items 11.1 to 11.3 for information.

**CARRIED**

## 12. **MAYORS DIARY**

### 12.1 **Mayor's Diary - 1 February – 25 February 2024**

There were no questions from members.

Moved: Councillor Goldsworthy

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Atkinson

**THAT** the Council:

(a) **Receives** report number 240223028026.

**CARRIED**

## 13. **COUNCIL PORTFOLIO UPDATES**

### 13.1 **Iwi Relationships** – Mayor Dan Gordon

Communications with the Rūnanga Chairperson have been ongoing. They would trial a new way of working together, with the hope of resuming an annual Hui in 2025.

The footpath on the eastern side of Tuahiwi Road, starting at the Tuahiwi Urupa in the north, through to no. 142 Tuahiwi Road in the south would be open soon and members would be invited to the opening.

13.2 **Greater Christchurch Partnership Update** – Mayor Dan Gordon

It had recently been decided that the Partnership would now meet quarterly rather than every month, and also, a reframing of the work programme would be undertaken to reflect milestones that were being achieved. Work would continue on the Mass Rapid Transport and also the relationship that was hoped to be achieved with the new government. To continue to have a strong relationship, in the times in between meetings of the partnership, the Mayors and Chair would continue to meet every month, and the Chief Executives would also continue to meet. The Partnership was still important, however, this was refocusing the work programme.

13.3 **Government Reforms** – Mayor Dan Gordon

It was hoped that the new Three Waters legislation would be introduced by mid-year. The Council would need to examine the reform process before determining what would be best for the Waimakariri District. Decisions would not be made without the ratepayers' feedback.

Mayor Gordon noted that roading staff would consider the recently released Government Policy Statement on Land Transport and its implications for the Waimakariri District.

Mayor Gordon was part of a group of local government Mayors from throughout the country who were planning to have discussions with the government on how best to navigate any change. One of the changes that most councils would like to see was the alignment of all processes, as there was, for instance, a National Policy Statement, a Regional Policy Statement, and councils Long Term Plans, and currently, none of these policies were aligned.

13.4 **Canterbury Water Management Strategy** – Councillor Tim Fulton

The Water Zone Committee met yesterday for the first time this year. The Chair, Deputy Chair, and Youth Representative were all re-elected for 2024.

Business at the Zone Committee meeting included an overview of funding applications seeking support from the 2023/24 CWMS Action Plan Budget. In this financial year, there was \$75,000 in funding available for each of the CWMS Water Zones. There was a larger variety of groups seeking funding than previously. As much as members' schedules allow, it was planned to do site visits relating to these applications.

Local resident Michael Bate spoke to the meeting, and shared photos, expressing his concern on the condition of Kaiapoi Lakes and also the current issue of Avian Botulism in the district.

The Zone Committee meeting discussed controlling willows on the Cam River banks and the best level of control. If they were removed too much, this would impact the river's ecology. Deputy Mayor Atkinson understood that some underplanting was to be done. This matter had gone back to the Council's Water Environment Advisor, S Allen, to follow up.

It was noted that the life of the Water Zone Committee could be coming to an end, and it was up to the Council to consider this matter. The committee members had a significant amount of capability and diversity. A possible move could be to create a modified Water Zone Committee, and Councillor Fulton commented that he would not like to see the good work of the current Zone Committee lost.

Mayor Gordon suggested arranging a workshop with the appropriate Environment Canterbury (ECan) representative and the Water Zone Committee to discuss the committee's future. Staff would follow up on arranging this workshop.

Councillor Redmond asked if there had been any discussion on spraying glyphosate into water, as he understood there was now a natural alternative available. It was suggested that time could be provided for an update at the next Utilities and Roading Committee meeting.

Councillor Cairns also noted that Ecan was undertaking helicopter aerial spraying in riverbeds and asked if this was the appropriate application for this.

### 13.5 **Climate Change and Sustainability** – Councillor Niki Mealings

Recently, the Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan was discussed with the reference group and working group, which involved both elected members and staff. The plan would be coming to the Council for review. The actions in the Plan were primarily about collaboration, working together, and working smarter, not harder.

There was a recent update from the Ministry for the Environment regarding climate change and RMA reform, with the key message being that the environment was under pressure. Work was needed on working collaboratively between government and local government on these issues.

Councillor Mealings referred to recent news articles of interest:

- The world experienced the warmest July on record.
- The Ministry of the Environment recently released a new Climate Change and Coastal Hazards guidance for 2024 document.
- The NZ Herald recently reported that 40% of NZX companies were disclosing climate-related risks in their financial statements.
- The NZ Herald also reported on the cost of climate change to property owners. According to Lloyds and the New Zealand Insurance Council, New Zealand was the second-highest risk in insurance, behind Bangladesh.

Mayor Gordon asked for these articles to be circulated to members.

Councillor Fulton asked if the Council had an assessment of the extent of acceleration of climate change in the modern period. Councillor Mealings advised that the NIWA report includes a climate change risk assessment that this Council refers to. Members were referred to staff members who could provide a more thorough response to this question.

Following Councillor Redmond's question on climate records, it was pointed out that in the modern world, there were only climate records for the last two hundred years, and scientific research has gathered information through carbon dating for times prior to this.

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

The next meeting of the Waimakariri Passchendaele Advisory Group was scheduled for 28 March.

Mayor Gordon provided an update on the self-funded trip to Belgium taking place in November 2024.

Deputy Mayor Atkinson attended the recent Chinese New Year Celebration with the Chinese Consulate with approximately 200 other guests. This included Councillors from Christchurch City, and the Mayors from Ashburton and Hurunui District Councils.

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

The Property Portfolio Working Group had a meeting scheduled for this week. The Ohoka Road properties had gone back on the market under tight timeframes, and more offers had come in than previously. These offers would be considered at the meeting.

There had been a positive response to funding for pensioner housing, and it was hoped to be able to make an announcement in the next two weeks on this matter.

## 14. **QUESTIONS**

*(under Standing Orders)*

Nil.

**15 URGENT GENERAL BUSINESS**

*(under Standing Orders)*

Nil.

**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 was moved:

Moved: Mayor Gordon

Seconded Deputy: Mayor Atkinson

**That** the public is excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting:

- 16.1 Confirmation of Public Excluded Minutes of Council meeting of 30/31 January 2024
- 16.2 Confirmation of Public Excluded Minutes of Council meeting of 7 February 2024
- 16.3 Minutes to be received for information Public Excluded portion of Oxford-Ohoka Community Board meeting of 8 February 2024
- 16.4 Minutes to be received for information Public Excluded portion of Audit and Risk Committee meeting of 13 February 2024
- 16.5 Contract 22/37 River Road Urbanisation – Tender Evaluation and Contract Award Report

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public was 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 were as follows:

Item No.	Subject	Reason for excluding the public	Grounds for excluding the public-
16.1	Confirmation of Public Excluded Minutes of Council meeting of 30/31 January 2024	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	Confirmation of Public Excluded Minutes of Council meeting of 7 February 2024	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)).
16.3	Minutes to be received for information Public Excluded portion of Oxford-Ohoka Community Board meeting of 8 February 2024	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7	To protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons (s7(2)(a) and to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) LGOIMA Section7(2)(i).
16.4	Minutes to be received for information Public Excluded portion of Audit and Risk Committee meeting of 13 February 2024	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7	To protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons (s7(2)(a) and to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) LGOIMA Section7(2)(i).

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<b>REPORTS</b>			
16.5	Contract 22/37 River Road Urbanisation – Tender Evaluation and Contract Award Report	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7	The contents of the report remain public excluded, as there is good reason to withhold in accordance with Section 7(h) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act; “enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities”, but the recommendation be made public, once the contract has been signed.

**CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at this time and reconvened in Public Excluded

**CLOSED MEETING**

*The public excluded portion of the meeting occurred from 3.20pm until 3.47pm.*

**OPEN MEETING**

**Resolution to Resume in Open Meeting**

Moved Deputy Mayor Atkinson

Seconded Councillor Cairns

**THAT** open meeting resumes and the business discussed with the public excluded remains public excluded or as resolved in individual reports.

**CARRIED**

16.5 **Contract 22/37 River Road Urbanisation – Tender Evaluation and Contract Award Report** – G Kempton (Senior Project Manager) and J McBride (Roading and Transport Manager)

Moved: Mayor Gordon

Seconded: Councillor Brine

**THAT** the Council:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 240219023656.
- (b) **Authorises** staff to award Contract 22/37 River Road Urbanisation to Stopforth Contracting Limited for a sum of \$711,453.17 (excluding GST) to allow the full contract as tendered to proceed as per Option One of this report, and.
- (c) **Approves** additional budget of \$140,000 for River Road Urbanisation to be allocated in the current 2023/24 financial year to allow the award of the tender. This will increase the River Road Urbanisation PJ101877.000.5135 budget from \$700,000 to \$840,000).
- (d) **Notes** that this project is funded from various budgets as detailed in Section 7.1 and that there is currently budget available of \$825,000 in total for the overall project.
- (e) **Notes** to proceed within the current project budget, a reduction has been discussed with Stopforth Contracting resulting in the opportunity to reduce the contract value, as detailed in Section 3.
- (f) **Notes** that, in accordance with the Conditions of Tendering, all tenderers will be advised of the successful tenderer's name and price and the range and number of tenders received. This information will be made available to the public if requested.

- (g) **Notes** that co-funding from NZ Transport Agency (Waka Kotahi) will not be available for any additional budget should Option One be progressed, and as such, this will be unsubsidised.
- (h) **Notes** that for the additional budget of \$140,000 as allowed for in recommendations (b) and (c), the rate impact of allocating this additional budget is 0.085% on the Roading Rate or \$0.39 per property.
- (i) **Resolves** that the recommendations in this report be made publicly available but that the contents remain public excluded, as there is good reason to withhold in accordance with Section 7(h) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act; “enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities”.

**CARRIED**

**17. NEXT MEETING**

The next ordinary meeting of the Council is scheduled for Tuesday 2 April 2024, commencing at 1pm.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 3.48PM.

CONFIRMED



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Chairperson  
Mayor Dan Gordon

2 April 2024  
Date