WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 215 HIGH STREET, RANGIORA ON TUESDAY 27 MARCH 2018 AT 1.00PM.

PRESENT

Councillor W Doody (Chairperson), Mayor D Ayers, Councillors K Barnett, A Blackie, R Brine and D Gordon.

IN ATTENDANCE

Councillors K Felstead, P Williams and J Meyer
Messrs C Sargison (Manager Community and Recreation), C Brown (Community Green Space Manager), M Greenwood (Aquatic Facilities Manager), Mrs T Sturley (Community Team Manager), Mrs P Ashbey (District Libraries Manager) and Mrs E Stubbs (Minute Secretary).

1 APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received and sustained from Councillor Atkinson.

2 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of a meeting of the Community and Recreation Committee held on Tuesday 13 February 2018

Moved Councillor Gordon seconded Councillor Brine

THAT the Community and Recreation committee:

(a) Amends the minutes of a meeting of the Community and Recreation Committee, held on Tuesday 13 February 2018. Item 5.3, page 4, has minor punctuation corrections. Item 6.2, page 6, last paragraph should read ‘…it is important for this Council to align with this and there will be a hui here on 29 October’.

(b) Confirms the circulated minutes of a meeting of the Community and Recreation Committee, held on Tuesday 13 February 2018, as a true and accurate record, with the above amendments.

CARRIED

4 MATTERS ARISING

Nil.

5 DEPUTATIONS

5.1 Waimak United Football Club

C Sargison advised that a representative of the Waimak United Football Club was unable to attend and instead C Brown would provide a quick update.

C Brown advised that the Waimak United Football Club (WUF) had a new President – Marcus Deedman. At the start of the last playing season the club made changes in order to recover costs. Charges to members were increased
by a considerable amount making the club one of the most expensive in the greater Christchurch area. As a result members switched to Christchurch clubs. The President and a number of Board Members resigned and the decision was made to reduce player fees. From 1100 members, last year player numbers reduced to 850 members and around 690 this year. Those members that had left would not return straight away even with changes made. Based on those member numbers, the Club had indicated they would struggle to pay $10,000 for the use of the artificial turf and would look to make a submission to the LTP to request to use the turf at no cost to the Club. The Club were happy to open their books. C Brown advised that they would assist the club as much as they could.

Questions

W Doody asked if the Club had exclusive rights to Kendall Park and C Brown replied no. The Club had advised that $10,000 was the maximum they could pay. Unless it was a Saturday WUF would move aside for any other team who would pay to use. Kendall Park was in the process of accreditation for rugby and if a rugby team wanted to train on a certain night and paid for that use, WUF would not be able to use it on that night. He noted that if WUF did not pay for use of the turf then it made it difficult to charge other clubs to use. It was something the Council would need to consider.

K Barnett asked how it would affect the operations budget going forward and C Brown replied that it effected the replacement budget for the turf and would mean the Council would have to foot the bill for replacement.

K Barnett asked what the situation would be if a group outside of the Waimakariri District wanted to use and pay for the turf and C Brown advised that those details had not been worked out.

C Sargison suggested it would be helpful to arrange a meeting pre the Annual Plan hearing to explain the issues. He noted that other clubs were more active in seeking sponsorship than WUF. He was concerned there was an expectation that the Club could submit to the Plan and have an automatic waiver of fees, it would create issues and set a precedent with other clubs. A grant for fees could be considered as that would still mean the club paid fees.

5.2 Mainpower Oval

C Brown took the opportunity to provide an update on the Mainpower Oval turf. At the request of the Auckland team the umpire stopped a game at the oval, as a result the field no longer has a warrant of fitness (WoF) for first class cricket. A turf expert had advised that the top needed to be taken off and turf experts would be employed to undertake the work. The Canterbury Country Cricket Association (CCC) would likely prepare a submission to the LTP for the cost of retaining a WoF as the costs are increasing and they would request more assistance from Council going forward.

Questions

W Doody noted that in 2021 the Women’s World Cricket Tournament would be held and the first class cricket status would be important for that.

R Brine asked if Selwyn District Council contributed to pitches at Lincoln and C Brown replied he did not believe so. Lincoln was under New Zealand Cricket whereas Mainpower Oval was the responsibility of Canterbury Country Cricket. C Brown noted that CCC received an annual Council grant of $14,000 and assistance with mowing and fertiliser.
6 REPORTS

6.1 Models for Community Safety and Community Development – Tessa Sturley (Community Team Manager)

T Sturley presented this report which provided an overview of three models for building stronger communities. She highlighted as well as approving reaccreditation as an International Safe Community, that the Committee noted the value of an alignment with Healthy Greater Christchurch.

T Sturley highlighted the comparison table the Safe, Healthy and Welcoming Cities community models noting the Safe Communities model covered more community priorities. She noted funders recognised Safe Communities. T Sturley advised that accreditation for Safe Communities cost very little - $2000 every 5 years and its essential approach was community led.

T Sturley advised that in practice Healthy Cities was not an accredited programme and collaboration was only at management level. However she advised that being at that table with Christchurch City Council provided good regional connections, creating a local mechanism to advocate to central government.

Questions

D Gordon referred to the Welcoming Cities pilot and asked if there was anything stopping Waimakariri District looking to that in the future and retaining Safe Communities status. T Sturley advised that staff had looked closely at Welcoming Cities and what Waimakariri did aligned with that. To adopt and apply another model required significant staff resource. C Sargison commented that reaccreditation was a regular event and other models could be looked at then, we are not stuck with one model indefinitely. He noted that the Safe Communities model had status with the Rata Foundation who were key funders of a lot of work in the district.

K Barnett asked if the Healthy Cities and Welcoming Cities were subsets of Safe Communities. T Sturley replied no, they were recognised as different models. K Barnett clarified, asking if Waimakariri were already aligned with Welcoming Cities and C Sargison replied yes.

K Barnett asked if reaccreditation required a lot of resource and T Sturley replied that it was significantly less than previously, as they had been through the process three times now.

W Doody asked if Safe Communities were now coming to the community for reaccreditation and C Sargison commented that was part of the process.

Moved Councillor Barnett seconded Councillor Gordon

THAT the Community and Recreation Committee:

(a) Receives report No. 180313026338

(b) Notes the value of an alignment with Healthy Greater Christchurch and Safe Community accreditation to ensure best practice in creating a safe, healthy, connected Waimakariri District.

(c) Approves staff pursuing reaccreditation as an International Safe Community

CARRIED
K Barnett was happy to move the recommendation having discussed with T Sturley and believed there was no need to ‘reinvent the wheel’. To change to another model required significant resource. The current fee was minimal to receive information, training and resources.

D Gordon supported K Barnett’s comments. He also had concerns to ensure what Waimakariri was doing was still relevant and appreciated the efforts of T Sturley and also Tania Peters (Certifier and Trustee of Safe Communities Foundation) who had spoken to the Committee at the February meeting. He was comfortable with continuing with the current model noting the cost was minimal. He noted it was three years to the next accreditation and suggested staff continue to monitor other models.

Mayor Ayers supported the recommendation commenting that it provided a valuable checklist and method of judging against outside standards which was important. He noted that two schools in the district, Woodend and Kaiapoi North were under this umbrella. He commented there was value in the Healthy Cities model. Mayor Ayers provided some background to the Welcoming Cities model used in Selwyn and Ashburton advising that it had its origin in the Mayoral Forum work stream from an economic development point of view. Its purpose was to welcome migrants and retain those migrants in Canterbury.

6.2 Community Development Strategy Implementation Plan 2018-2019 – Tessa Sturley (Community Team Manager)

T Sturley spoke to a PowerPoint presentation for the report. She noted that the WDC Community Team Facilitation of a Safe, Healthy, resilient Waimakariri Table detailed the priorities of the work streams and the key outcomes of Safe Communities, Inclusive Communities and Empowered Communities. T Sturley advised that the included Implementation Plan for 2018-2019 provided the framework for those outcomes. T Sturley advised that the Civil Defence welfare role was not captured rather it was the overall role with respect to resilience and preparedness, doing that groundwork first was crucial to the Civil Defence Context.

T Sturley advised that Implementation aligned with four strategic goals,
1. Engaging
2. Informing
3. Connecting, and
4. Empowering.

T Sturley provided some background around each of those goals including reviews, initiatives and examples.

Questions

D Gordon noted that the Mayor and two Councillors were on the Youth Council.

D Gordon asked if the Kippenberger Community Project including partnering with the Community Board would be rolled out to other communities and T Sturley noted there was an intentional plan around that, however it was important to listen to the community to see how they wanted to approach it.

D Gordon referred to initiatives around an ‘older persons strategy’ that the Council had requested and asked if that would naturally be picked up through the Community Strategy. T Sturley advised that working with older people had to be part of what they did. D Gordon asked how that could be picked up as part of a work stream and C Sargison replied that he believed it had been picked up as part of the Policy work plan and he would advise.
Moved Councillor Doody  Seconded Councillor Blackie

**THAT** the Community and Recreation Committee:

(a) **Receives** report No. 180313026666

(b) **Adopts** the Community Development Strategy Implementation Plan (Trim 180315027955)

**CARRIED**

W Doody believed the Plan helped provide an understanding of how much work the Community Team did in the community for the wellbeing of the whole district.

Mayor Ayers referred to the World Health Organisation guide around age friendly cities.

D Gordon believed it was an excellent document. He believed the Kippenberger model on engagement should be looked at with other communities to help keep connected. He noted the Kippenberger event had enabled him to pick up on a lot of things people were concerned about. He believed the older persons strategy was an important part of the community and wanted to see relevant connections made, for example the Rymans community was relatively disconnected which could be improved easily with footpath access.

6.3 **Community Team Update – Tessa Sturley (Community Team Manager)**

Mrs Sturley presented this report providing an update on key activities of the Community Team in February and early March 2018 against the three priority areas. Of note is that Rata Foundation had granted $25,000 to assist with Safe Community family violence and suicide prevention project costs, and staff had submitted an application on behalf of the Community Health Steering Group to the Department of Internal Affairs Facilities funding round for $25,000 to cover the cost of a feasibility study.

T Sturley advised that included in the report was a significant amount of work carried out in the period. She highlighted the feasibility study, supporting social enterprise, Satisfy Food rescue, a number of migrant opportunities, the Festival of Colour, Sister City celebrations, new neighbourhood groups in Waikuku and Kippenberger and the review of the Youth Development Strategy. Referring to supporting older people, T Sturley noted the several hundred people who attended the Active Aging Expo.

**Questions**

A Blackie asked for clarification of the Feasibility Study in recommendation (c). T Sturley explained the study was looking to develop a potential model of a community house across the district. Stakeholders considered the value of a collaborative space for service providers and community groups, for example Wellbeing North Canterbury, Kaiapoi Community Support and counselling services, so that people would not need to tell their story to six different people. The ‘community house’ idea had evolved and the broad range of ideas were being scoped through the feasibility study. C Sargison advised that there was no Council funding for the study so there was an application to Lotteries. It required an umbrella organisation.

K Barnett asked about timing around WaiYouth and Youth Council recruitment and T Sturley advised that Youth Council recruitment for the upcoming round ended on 28 March 2018.
THAT the Community and Recreation Committee:

(a) **Receives** report No. 180315028131

(b) **Notes** that Rata Foundation have granted $25,000 in funding to assist with Safe Community Family Violence and Suicide Prevention project costs

(c) **Notes** that staff have submitted an application on behalf of the Community House Steering Group to the Department of Internal Affairs Community Facilities funding round for $25,000 to cover the cost of a feasibility study.

**CARRIED**

K Barnett thanked the team for their work in community development to get a lot of community volunteers onside.

### 6.4 Aquatic Facilities Update – Matthew Greenwood (Aquatic Facilities Manager)

This report was presented by Matthew Greenwood to summarise the performance of the aquatic facilities in the year to date. M Greenwood advised that the Oxford Community Aquatic Centre was now closed, it had had a strong season with a 30% increase in the number of casual and prepaid swimmers and programmed activities up 10%. The Doggy pool party was a success with over 140 dogs. After gathering feedback there are plans to build a stronger event next year.

The financial figures show income lower than forecast however that was due to timing with fewer learn to swim activities over the Christmas period. C Sargison explained that next year changes would be made to reporting for aquatic facilities, so that they more closely aligned with school terms. He was confident the financials were on track.

**Questions**

K Barnett asked should the Oxford Community Aquatic Centre season more closely align with daylight savings. M Greenwood advised that had been trialled and it was found that attendance dropped off and was hard to financially justify. C Sargison commented it was difficult as the weather was changeable and hard to predict, for example it had been only 12°C the previous week. The season they had been running recently roughly aligned with Christchurch.

K Barnett asked if there had been feedback from the public regarding the covering of the Oxford pool. M Greenwood advised at the LTP meeting at the Oxford Area School a student had asked why Oxford did not have a covered pool.

A Blackie advised that he had been questioned by two members of the public regarding school use of the pool – did they pay and was it an area for revenue? M Greenwood advised that the pools made more out of school than recreational swimming.

**THAT** the Community and Recreation Committee:

(a) **Receives** report No. 180305022770.
(b) **Notes** Aquatic Facilities achievement against key performance indicators including Water Quality, Facility Attendance and Financial results.

CARRIED

K Barnett commented that she attended the dog party and it was a good event and good for Oxford, she would like to see it continue.

6.5 **Library Update – Philippa Ashbey (District Libraries Manager)**

P Ashbey presented this report providing an update on the libraries strategic development planning and progress. Under the Strategic Framework 2014-2017 some of the achievements in customer service were highlighted during the period.

P Ashbey noted that a commentary of the objectives and future actions for 2018 to 2020 were included in the report. Through this plan they wanted to give every person in the district the opportunity to be a member of the library and for every child to have a connection with the library and be ready for school with a love of books.

P Ashbey as an update noted that the library budget for books and resources was on track. The total budget was $434,000 so far $326,000 had been spent and there was a $100,000 of resources on order.

P Ashbey advised that two ‘master classes’ in creative writing for 40 students from ten schools, along with six teachers (for professional development) had been held and were very well received. The opening of the Enshi Prefecture photographic exhibition was held successfully in the Chamber Gallery with 100 attendees. The information sessions with Citizens Advice, Council and Library were well received. Looking to Easter and the school holidays there would be the school holiday programme and mystery trail and Easter storytimes. In May there would be a Ngaio Marsh event in the Library.

Moved Councillor Blackie seconded Councillor Gordon

**THAT** the Community and Recreation Committee:

(a) **Receives** report No.180316028214

(b) **Notes** the achievements and customer service improvements attained by the Waimakariri Libraries under the 2014-2017 Libraries’ Strategic Framework.

(c) **Notes** the intent of the Waimakariri Libraries’ Strategic Framework 2018-2020.

(d) **Circulates** the report to the Boards for their information.

CARRIED

D Gordon commented that it was a thorough report and great to see the library broadly used. He referred to the meeting room in Ruataniwha and asked if meeting room space similar to that had been considered for the Rangiora Library in the future to create an open space for events. P Ashbey replied that Rangiora had been chosen for the Ngai Marsh event due to the exhibition area. Staff had moved every table for the event. She commented that a dedicated space to provide flexibility would be superb.
7 PORTFOLIO UPDATES

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

R Brine noted an email with respect to issues raised and addressed.

D Gordon asked if there was an update on the Ashgrove School Playground. C Brown advised that he had had a meeting with the North Canterbury Athletics Club, Ashgrove School and Fernside Cricket Club. They were happy for the Athletics Club to use the building and currently they were waiting on a yes or no to that from the Athletics Club. In the meantime they were still using the field for training. Ashgrove School would be looking for somewhere else for scooters.

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

W Doody thanked C Brown, C Sargison and the team for the multiuse stadium drop in sessions and asked the number of attendees. C Sargison replied there were 30 attended in Rangiora and 50 in Kaiapoi. W Doody noted she and K Felstead had attended the LTP presentation at Oxford Area School.

W Doody congratulated staff on a well worthwhile Pensioner Road Show. There had been good presentations and service providers present including WINZ, Falls Prevention and Michael Begg from Community Energy Action.

W Doody advised that she had organised a visit for the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board to the Mandeville Sports Centre so that they were aware of how large a facility it was, and the amount of work required to bring it all up to standard. She suggested it would be beneficial for Councillors also to visit the facility.

7.3 Community Development and Wellbeing – Councillor Kirstyn Barnett

K Barnett noted that it was her first meeting as portfolio holder. She was impressed with the Enshi photographic exhibition and the Holi Festival commenting it brought an injection from an amazing culturally diverse community, and the district was seeing the benefit of the sister city relationship.

8 QUESTIONS

There were no questions.

9 URGENT GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no urgent general business.

10 MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WITH THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED

Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987

Moved Councillor Brine seconded Councillor Blackie

THAT the public be 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:

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This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) 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 which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

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CARRIED

**CLOSED MEETING**

Resolution to resume in Open Meeting

RECOMMENDATION

Moved Councillor Doody seconded Councillor Gordon

THAT open meeting resumes and the business discussed with the public excluded Items 10.1 and 10.2 remains public excluded and that the resolutions in Item 10.3, made with the public excluded, be made public following a public announcement on the matter.

CARRIED
OPEN MEETING
There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2.44pm.

CONFIRMED

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Chairperson

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Date