

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RANGIORA-ASHLEY COMMUNITY BOARD
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 215 HIGH STREET, RANGIORA, ON
WEDNESDAY, 10 APRIL 2024, AT 7PM.**

PRESENT

J Gerard (Chairperson), R Brine, I Campbell, M Clarke, M Fleming, J Goldsworthy, L McClure and B McLaren.

IN ATTENDANCE

S Hart (General Manager Strategy, Engagement and Economic Development), J Read (Greenspace Planner), W Harris (Planning Manager), K Howat (Parks and Facilities Team Leader), T Kunkel (Governance Team Leader) and E Stubbs (Governance Support Officer).

There were thirty-five members of the public present to support the deputation.

1. APOLOGIES

Moved: L McClure Seconded: J Goldsworthy

Apologies for absence were received and sustained from K Barnett, J Ward, S Wilkinson, and P Williams.

CARRIED

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1. Minutes of the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board – 13 March 2024

Moved: I Campbell Seconded: B McLaren

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

(a) **Confirms**, as a true and accurate record, the circulated Minutes of the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board meeting, held on 13 March 2024.

CARRIED

3.2. Matters Arising (From Minutes)

There were no matters arising.

4. DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

4.1. White Rock Community Group - Mike McCaleb

M McCaleb thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak, advising that he was present as a spokesperson for the White Rock Community Group and as a representative for the larger Rangiora community.

M McCaleb noted that he had personally spoken to more than 300 local families about the White Rock Landfill proposal over the past couple of months. He provided an overview of those residents, noting the vast majority were property owners of lifestyle blocks. To give an indication of the types of people he had made a list of their highly variable occupations which he read to the Board. Amongst those people he was certain that there were people from every single political party in New Zealand. He advised the Board that,

with the exception of three people, they had all agreed on one thing – they did not want a White Rock Quarry Landfill site.

M McCaleb advised that a database of 400 people had been created of those in opposition. The community had put up signs opposing the landfill and a subset of the community had been invited to this meeting to represent the greater whole.

M McCaleb provided some context to the community suggesting that ‘the occupants of the rural land to the north of the Ashley River worked harder, travelled further, grew more and mowed more’. He commented that the traffic on their rural roads was at least as diverse as the traffic in town without the convenience of footpaths or paving. They had walkers, runners, pet walkers, cyclists, motorbikes and horse riders. He expressed concern at 40-ton B-train trucks passing cyclists and horse riders at 100km/hr.

M McCaleb noted that at the meeting held at the Quarry on the 31st of January 2024, ProTranZ Earthmoving advised that the landfill was necessary as the Kate Valley Landfill was filling up faster than anticipated. Following that meeting he had spoken directly to the Kate Valley Landfill manager who confirmed that was not the case.

The community believed the primary consideration should be given to the location of the landfill and noted that the route to the quarry was populated with people opposed to the proposal. The quarry itself was a limestone quarry, and according to the Landfill Guidelines published by the Centre for Advanced Engineering at the University of Canterbury, porous rock with caves and underground streams were not a suitable location for landfill. It also sat on the Loburn Ashley fault line. In addition, they believed the banks of a river upstream of families and farms whose sole water source was that river, was an inappropriate location for landfill.

M McCaleb advised that the community objected to waste from Christchurch being trafficked through the area to be dumped at the quarry as it put residents in harms way through increased traffic, contaminated materials, or inadequate operations. He advised that he had made an official information request from ECan for ProTranZ's Leggett Road Landfill facility and received nine compliance violation reports which included "Significant Non-Compliance". He tabled those reports (Trim Ref: 240411056537). M McCaleb commented that the proposal brought no new business to the community.

M McCaleb highlighted that ProTranZ had cancelled their proposed presentation to the Board and believed they had made no genuine attempt to consult the community, including not contacting the four closest neighbours to the site.

M McCaleb finished by saying that they were at the mercy of the Board and said they believed that there was no good reason for the landfill to be inflicted on the community.

Questions

R Brine asked if M McCaleb was aware of the proposed fast track consenting regime where projects would be referred to an expert panel of three people. M McCaleb had not read the legislation, however he had spoken to the local parliamentary representative, Stuart Smith, who had indicated that the legislation was for projects of national significance and he did not believe the landfill would meet that criteria.

I Campbell thanked M McCaleb noting his presentation had answered several of his questions. He asked if the planned route would go through the main township. M McCaleb advised that he did not know the planned route, however trucks would need to cross the Ashley, Grey and Karetu Rivers and any route would travel through residential lifestyle blocks. In general he had

followed ProTranZ trucks that travelled directly through Rangiora on Ivory and Ashley Streets.

I Campbell asked if the bridges were one way and M McCaleb advised they were, and often in need of repair.

J Gerard thanked M McCaleb and the community representatives for attending the meeting. The Board had not, as yet, taken a position on the landfill, however he wished the community all the best in their endeavours.

5. **ADJOURNED BUSINESS**

There was no adjourned business.

6. **REPORTS**

6.1. **Proposed Land Exchange between Council's Drama Club Reserve (124 Church Street) and a pending Faye Construction Ltd Neighbouring Residential Development at 229A King Street – J Read (Greenspace Planner)**

J Read spoke to the report highlighting that the land exchange proposal was supported by the Greenspace team. The proposal was to marginally reduce the size of the Drama Club Reserve along its southern boundary with the proposed Faye Construction development. This would be in exchange for the developer vesting in Council a significantly longer strip of the same width land which would form a Council owned access linkage reserve connecting Church Street cul-de-sac to King Street. J Read commented it was an opportunity for significant community landscaping improvements at no cost to the community.

The opportunity was dependent on the development going ahead with resource consent. The report would go to the Council who had the authority to decline the land exchange.

W Harris advised she could answer any questions regarding the development.

R Brine asked if there were any issues around the trees on the reserve. J Read replied that it was likely a number of the trees on the privately owned land would be removed for the development. On the reserve it was likely that one relatively small tree would be removed however it was the intention of the developer to add more amenity to the reserve with tree planting and seating.

I Campbell asked about the 300m² lot size and W Harris advised that as Residential 1 zoning the section size was able to be smaller.

I Campbell asked if the land swop would allow more sections to be built and W Harris noted that the land was for a walkway and the development area was the same size.

Moved: B McLaren Seconded: M Fleming

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 240326047829.
- (b) **Supports** the exchange of land between then Council and Faye Construction as identified within attachment iii. Land Exchange Strips in relation to properties 229a King Street and 124 Church Street.

AND

THAT the Rangiora Ashley Community Board recommends:

THAT the Council:

- (c) **Approves** the implementation of the exchange of land between the Council and Faye Construction as identified within attachment iii. Land

Exchange Strips in relation to properties 229a King Street and 124 Church Street.

- (d) **Notes** the request is to swap of 317m² of Council owned land on Drama Club Reserve (124 Church Street) for 496m² of Faye Construction owned land at 229a King Street.
- (e) **Notes** that the swap will enable a pedestrian linkage from the end of Church Street through to King Street, improving the pedestrian walkability of this area.
- (f) **Notes** that the area of Drama Club land proposed to be swapped is currently overflow car park from the previous tennis courts and of poor recreational value.
- (g) **Notes** that the land swap will not come at a cost to the Council and the development of this space will be funded through the developer. It is anticipated that the land swap will create negligible additional ongoing operational costs.

CARRIED

B McLaren supported the proposal advising that he had met with neighbours of the development. The neighbours had had problems with a previous proposal however they were very happy and supported the proposal outlined in the report. The neighbours preferred landscape Plan Option 1 as it provided parking space and had noted that the reserve was very popular with the local community.

M Fleming believed it was a great opportunity to provide walking access. She suggested fruit and or nut trees be considered for the landscape plan.

6.2. Installation of Artificial Cricket Pitch Ashgrove Park – K Howat (Parks and Facilities Team Leader)

K Howat advised that the report arose from a request from the Rangiora Cricket Club to install an artificial pitch at Ashgrove. This was in response to increasing junior player numbers and need for access to an artificial pitch which was considered best practice for development of junior players as it was consistent and not impacted by adverse weather. The Rangiora Cricket Club had a strong focus on developing girl's cricket.

The cost of installation of the pitch was \$15,000 which would be met by the club who were looking at a cost share arrangement with Rangiora High School. The cost would be offset by a decrease in maintenance costs. The cost to the Council for installation was nil however, there would be maintenance costs sometime in the future. There was support for the pitch from Rangiora High School, Canterbury Country Cricket Association, Christchurch Junior Cricket Association and Ashgrove Primary School.

J Gerard asked about the location of the pitch in the middle of the field and K Howat advised that it was the preferred location by the club as it allowed a 50m boundary, or for a junior 30m boundary pitch would allowed for two other pitches.

M Fleming asked if having the pitch in the centre of the field allowed for playing of football. K Howat advised football could be played on either side of the pitch, however consideration could be given to moving it to one side.

M Fleming asked with the development of another cricket oval would this be doubling up? K Howat advised the new oval would be for senior games.

I Campbell asked if the pitch was to one side would it allow for a full size rugby pitch. K Howat would follow up on exact pitch size requirements however it was noted that rugby was not played in that location.

Moved: B McLaren Seconded: R Brine

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 240325047144.
- (b) **Approves** the installation of an artificial cricket pitch at Ashgrove Park.
- (c) **Notes** that all installation costs will be met by the Rangiora Cricket Club.
- (d) **Notes** the project is supported by Canterbury Country Cricket Association, Christchurch Junior Cricket Association, Ashgrove Primary School, and Rangiora High School.

CARRIED

B McLaren thanked K Howat for a good report and as a former pupil of Ashgrove Primary School he was delighted with the proposal which came at no cost to the ratepayer.

6.3. **ANZAC Day Services 2024 – T Kunkel (Governance Team Leader)**

Moved: J Gerard Seconded: M Clarke

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** report No. 240212019959.
- (b) **Appoints** Board member M Fleming to attend the RSA service at the Rangiora High School to be held at 9.30am on Thursday, 25 April 2024, and to lay a wreath. Noting that the wreath will be laid in conjunction with a Council representative.
- (c) **Appoints** Board members B McLaren and K Barnett. to attend the Cust service to be held at the Cust Community Centre and the Cust Cenotaph at 10am on Thursday, 25 April 2024, and to lay a wreath. Noting that the wreath will be laid in conjunction with a Council representative.
- (d) **Appoints** Board member S Wilkinson to attend the Fernside Anzac Day Service, to be held at 9am on Thursday, 25 April 2024, at the Fernside Hall. Noting that the wreath will be laid in conjunction with a Council representative.
- (e) **Appoints** Board members L McClure, J Gerard and M Fleming to attend the Rangiora Anzac Day Service to be held at 11.30am on Thursday, 25 April 2024, at the Rangiora Cenotaph, and to lay a wreath. Noting that a Council representative will also be laying a wreath.

CARRIED

6.4. **Application to the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board's 2023/24 Discretionary Grant Fund – T Kunkel (Governance Team Leader)**

T Kunkel spoke briefly to the report noting that the Rangiora Districts and Early Records Society had requested \$1,200 however the Board criteria was up to \$1,000 other than in exceptional circumstances. She commented that the Board would need to consider whether the Rachel House Trust application met criteria as it may be seen as remuneration.

Moved: B McLaren Seconded: I Campbell

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** report No. 240326048105.
- (b) **Approves** a grant of \$1,000 to Rangiora and Districts Early Records Society Inc. towards the costs of upgrading the lighting in its Photographic Room.

CARRIED

B McLaren, as Board appointee to the Rangiora and Districts Early Records Society, supported the proposal agreeing that the 'exceptional' circumstances threshold was not met.

Moved: J Gerard Seconded: I Campbell

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (c) **Declines** a grant to the Rachels House Trust towards the cost of a presenter's fee to the Brainwave Trust.

CARRIED

J Gerard requested that staff speak to Rachels House Trust to explain the decline for funding and noting they would be able to re-apply.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

8. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

8.1. Chair's Diary for March 2024

Moved: J Gerard Seconded: J Goldsworthy

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** report No. 240404052265.

CARRIED

9. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

- 9.1. **Oxford-Ohoka Community Board Meeting Minutes 6 March 2024.**
- 9.2. **Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board Meeting Minutes 19 February 2024.**
- 9.3. **Chlorine Exemption Revised Strategy – Report to Council Meeting 7 February 2024 – Circulates to all Boards.**
- 9.4. **Submission: Environment Canterbury Regional Council Regional Land Transport Plan – Report to Council Meeting 5 March 2024 – Circulates to all Boards.**
- 9.5. **Kerbside Collection Standardisation: Amendments to Solid Waste and Waste Handling Licensing Bylaw Terms and Conditions – Report to Council Meeting 5 March 2024 – Circulates to all Boards.**
- 9.6. **Health, Safety and Wellbeing Report February 2024 – Report to Council Meeting 5 March 2024 – Circulates to all Boards.**
- 9.7. **Enterprise North Canterbury's Draft Statement of Intent for the Financial Year Beginning 1 July 2024, Approved Six Month Report to Council 31 December 2023, and Promotion of Waimakariri District Six Month Report**

31 December 2023 – Report to Audit and Risk Committee Meeting 12 March 2024 – Circulates to all Boards.

- 9.8. **July 2023 Flood Recovery Progress Update – Report to Utilities and Roading Committee Meeting 19 March 2024 – Circulates to all Boards.**
- 9.9. **Libraries Update to 7 March 2024 – Report to Community and Recreation Committee Meeting 19 March 2024 – Circulates to all Boards.**
- 9.10. **Aquatics March Report – Report to Community and Recreation Committee Meeting 19 March 2024 – Circulates to all Boards.**

Moved: L McClure Seconded: M Clarke

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) Receives the information in Items.9.1 to 9.10.

CARRIED

10. MEMBERS' INFORMATION EXCHANGE

M Clarke

- Attended Church Street Market - around \$2,000 had been raised to support youth development in Rangiora.
- Attended Greypower meeting - members had been concerned regarding rate rises and were encouraged to submit to the Long Term Plan. They were please to see the Ivory Street refuges.

M Fleming

- Attended Volunteer Expo.
- Commented on good feedback from the Townsend Road Playground.

I Campbell

- Attended Loburn Domain to view concerns raised regarding pine trees. Concerns include root growth and rough grass, shading of sports ground, and creek blockage. Concerns would be forwarded to Greenspace.
- Had received a number of calls regarding community concerns around the Whiterock Quarry and solar farm at Sefton.

R Brine

- Attended Regional Landfill Committee meeting, the Draft Statement of Intent had been accepted.
- Attended Canterbury Joint Standing Committee meeting. The Committee had \$150,000 to contribute to waste reduction initiatives.
- Attended workshop on the fast-tracking of consenting legislation, it may apply to more than just projects of national importance. Expressed concern at a 10-day time limit to respond to application.
- Attended meeting with ECan Councillor representatives to discuss ECan's 24% rate rise. The Council would provide a submission to ECan.

J Goldsworthy

- Advised he would submitting names as additions to the pre-approved road name list.
- Advised the dog shelter had been broken into.
- Advised that Civil Defence had been preparing a skeleton recovery plan.
- Attended opening of Jonno's footpath in Tuahiwi.
- Attended drop-in session for the Long Term Plan and commented on importance of engagement.
- Rangiora Promotions were engaging in Strategic Workshops.

L McClure

- Attended Mosque Remembrance Flag Ceremony.
- Attended National Community Boards Online Hui via Zoom.
- Attended Long Term Plan workshop.
- Attended Market in the Park.
- Attended Waimakariri Health Advisory (WHAG) Group meeting,
 - a local referral pathway model for family violence was being worked on.
 - Recruitment of Chairperson was to begin, there was potential for co-chair positions and local Tuahiwi Runanga representation.
 - Noted new promotional material for the Mobile Hub.
 - The Parenting Series was underway.
 - Kathy O'Neill – Te Whatu Ora was working on data for WHAG. Alcohol harm and preventable hospitalisations would be looked at first.
- Requested support to attend Back to Basics event with Councillor Brent Cairns to promote community garden.

B McLaren

- Attended North Canterbury Musical's reunion, more than 50 people attended.
- Attended Community Patrols Health and Safety training delivered by Police. There was support to make this a regular exercise.
- Attended North Canterbury Wellbeing Trust meeting.
- Attended Long Term Plan workshop.
- Attended Justice of the Peace education session. Sovereign Citizens were presenting a significant risk to JPs, especially when visiting a JP's home.
- Attended North Canterbury Neighbourhood Support meeting and acknowledged generosity of Arthur Burkes for providing another new car for the organisation.
- Attended Civil Defence flooding scenario exercise.
- Attended Market in the Park.

11. CONSULTATION PROJECTS

11.1. Environment Canterbury Draft Long Term Plan

Consultation runs from Wednesday 13 March to Sunday 14 April 2024.

ecan.govt.nz/whatssthecost

11.2. Council Long Term Plan

Consultation runs from Friday 15 March to Monday 15 April 2024.

<https://letstalk.waimakariri.govt.nz/draft-long-term-plan-2024-2034>

12. BOARD FUNDING UPDATE

12.1. Board Discretionary Grant

Balance as at 31 March 2024: \$5,607.

12.2. General Landscaping Fund

Balance as at 31 March 2024: \$27,370.

13. MEDIA ITEMS

14. QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDERS

15. URGENT GENERAL BUSINESS UNDER STANDING ORDERS

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board is scheduled for 7pm, Wednesday 8 May 2024.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.10pm.

CONFIRMED

Chairperson

Date