

WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE UTILITIES AND ROADING COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, RANGIORA SERVICE CENTRE, 215 HIGH STREET, RANGIORA, ON TUESDAY, 10 MARCH 2026 AT 9 AM.

PRESENT:

Deputy Mayor Redmond (Chairperson), Councillors T Bartle, T Fulton and N Mealings.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillors W Doody (arrived at 9.06am) and S Powell (arrived at 10.47am).

G Cleary (General Manager Utilities and Roading), C Genet (General Manager Finance and Business Support), J Recker (Stormwater and Waterways Manager), S Allen (Water Environment Advisor), S Binder (Senior Transportation Engineer, via audio visual link), K Straw (Civil Projects Team Leader), C Fahey (Water and Wastewater Assets Manager) and K Rabe (Governance Adviser).

1 APOLOGIES

Moved: Deputy Mayor Redmond

Seconded: Councillor Mealings

THAT the Utilities and Roading Committee:

- (a) **Received** and **sustained** apologies from Mayor D Gordon and Councillor J Ward.

CARRIED

2 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were declared.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the meeting of the Utilities and Roading Committee held on Tuesday, 9 December 2025.

Moved: Councillor Fulton

Seconded: Councillor Bartle

THAT the Utilities and Roading Committee:

- (a) **Confirms** the circulated Minutes of the meeting of the Utilities and Roading Committee held on 9 December 2025 as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED

3.2 Matters Arising (From Minutes)

Councillor Fulton requested an update on the proposed extension of wastewater services to Old North Road, Kaiapoi. G Cleary advised that the request had been declined due to insufficient interest from the unserved properties and the high cost. He noted that any further updates or relevant information would be provided to Councillors in due course.

3.3 **Notes of a Workshop of the Utilities and Rooding Committee held on Tuesday, 9 December 2025**

Moved: Councillor Mealings

Seconded: Councillor Bartle

THAT the Utilities and Rooding Committee:

- (a) **Receives** the circulated notes of the Workshop of the Utilities and Rooding Committee held on 16 December 2025.

CARRIED

4 DEPUTATION/PRESENTATIONS

Nil.

5 REPORTS

5.1 **Amendments to Rangiora Stormwater Management Plan 2025-40** – S Allen (Water Environment Advisor) and K Ismail (Waterways Engineer)

S Allen presented the report, seeking approval to adopt the revised Rangiora Stormwater Management Plan (SMP) 2025–2040 Vision, incorporating amendments following feedback from Environment Canterbury.

Deputy Mayor Redmond noted that although he had reviewed the revised Plan, the absence of tracked changes made it unclear where amendments had been made. He asked that future documents of this nature be circulated with tracked changes. G Cleary confirmed that he had reviewed the amendments and that they were minor.

Councillor Mealings queried whether the historical compaction of soil after the earthquakes, which had reduced stormwater infiltration, had been considered in the review. S Allen advised that compaction had not been discussed, as the focus had been on natural design approaches to increase attenuation. She noted greater concern regarding subdivision practices that altered local hydrology during construction.

In response to Councillor Fulton's question about the practical application of attenuation, S Allen explained that basins were primarily used for attenuation and, in some cases, for treatment. For example, where development increased downstream flows, a basin could be used to infiltrate stormwater and reduce peak flows. Councillor Fulton also asked whether the Rakahuri River and the Cust drain had the capacity to manage stormwater overflow. S. Allen advised that the north drain toward the Rakahuri River infiltrated rapidly and likely lacked additional capacity. She also noted that the Flaxton Road drain contributed to flooding issues within the Cust drainage network.

G Cleary reminded members that changes to the Engineering Code of Practice in 2025 specifically addressed these issues, and levels of service had been updated accordingly.

Moved: Councillor Fulton

Seconded: Councillor Mealings

THAT the Utilities and Rooding Committee:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 260120008514.
- (b) **Approves** the proposed amendments to the SMP as set out in the Rangiora Stormwater Management Plan (SMP) 2025-2040 Version 1.2 (Trim: 260119007726[v03]).

- (c) **Approves** staff submitting the revised SMP Version 1.2 to Canterbury Regional Council (CRC) for certification in accordance with the conditions 10 and 13 of the resource consent CRC262840.
- (d) **Notes** that the Rangiora Stormwater Management Plan 2025-2040 Version 1.1 was circulated for consultation in 2024/25 to Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga via Mahaanui Kurataiao Ltd, Rangiora Ashley Community Board, and the Waimakariri Water Zone Committee.
- (e) **Notes** that, as the amendments made to SMP Version 1.2 are minor in nature, a further round of consultation is not necessary before the document is submitted to CRC for certification.

CARRIED

Councillor Fulton thanked staff for incorporating the necessary amendments to the Stormwater Management Plan to support community growth.

Councillor Mealings acknowledged the significant work completed and thanked staff for their responses to the questions raised.

Deputy Mayor Redmond noted that obtaining ECan's feedback at the outset had been a positive step, reducing the need for the Plan to return to the Committee

5.2 **New Footpath Programme 2025/26 Update and Approval** – J McBride (Roading and Transport Manager)

G Cleary presented the report, which provided an update on the New Footpath Programme sites scheduled for delivery in the 2025/26 financial year. The programme now includes Highfield Lane as an additional site.

Councillor Mealings observed that the report referred to a requirement to install footpaths on both sides of the road and queried whether this represented an increased level of service. G Cleary clarified that this requirement applies only to residential streets within new subdivisions and does not extend to rural areas or existing residential neighbourhoods.

Councillor Fulton noted that recommendation (c) specifically referenced New Life School and sought clarification on why this school was named. K Straw explained that the current footpath terminates opposite the Marshall Street intersection, and that New Life School had proposed extending it to the end of Denches Road.

Moved: Deputy Mayor Redmond Seconded: Councillor Bartle

THAT the Utilities and Roading Committee:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 260226065342.
- (b) **Approves** the Updated New Footpath Programme for 2025/26, which includes Highfield Lane.
- (c) **Notes** that New Life School have approached staff regarding installing a footpath on Denches Road outside the school as part of their site works. This will be the subject of a future report to Council once further information is available.
- (d) **Notes** that the full New Footpath Programme for future years (2026/27 onwards) will be taken to the Community Boards to seek feedback in May this year.

- (e) **Notes** that this funding is for new footpaths in our major urban areas (Rangiora, Kaiapoi, Woodend and Oxford), and that footpath renewals and maintenance are funded from different budget areas.

CARRIED

Deputy Mayor Redmond reaffirmed that only new subdivisions or residential developments would have footpaths installed on both sides of the road, noting that this work had been budgeted for in the Annual and Long Term Plans.

6 PORTFOLIO UPDATES

6.1 Roading – Deputy Mayor Philip Redmond

- Focus areas for staff:
 - Resealing work had been continuing around the district, including repairs to the stripped chipseal on Loburn Whiterock Road. Chip sealing was programmed to continue through March 2026.
 - Pavement repairs had also been underway ahead of resealing, including various repairs along Oxford Road.
 - Pavement rehabilitation was continuing on Oxford Road to the west of Cust. Sealing was planned for the week starting 9 March 2026.
 - Bridge work had been a focus with Ongrade Ltd undertaking scour protection works at six bridge sites around the district, and work was underway to remove the excess timber from the Doubledays Footbridge.
- Roothing Capital Projects:
 - The work to replace Townsend Road Culvert was now completed, and the road had been reopened.
 - The Kaiapoi to Pineacres Cycleway connection was under construction, with Pidgeon Contracting undertaking the works.
 - Pidgeon Contracting were also renewing the kerb and channel in Akaroa Street.
 - Enabling works were underway at the Fernside Road / Todds Road intersection, which would include vegetation removal and service relocation, ahead of the intersection improvement work next financial year.
- Other Items:
 - Work had started on the new sewer main on Percival Street (Charles Street to the southern end of Matawai Park). The northbound lane on Percival Street would be closed while this work was completed. Detours would be in place for northbound traffic. This work would be disruptive.
 - Two “Rider Down” Motorcycle Safety Courses were run at MainPower Stadium over two days. These were fully booked and well received.
 - Memo (Trim ref: 260220060276) regarding New Zealand Transport Agency’s contracts to partially fill two quarry lakes north of Kaiapoi and east of Pineacres.

A general discussion ensued regarding this matter and the possible routes taken by gravel-carrying trucks. The main points made were that the Council had no control over this activity and could suggest possible routes; however, it could not enforce the preferred routes.

6.2 **Drainage, Stockwater and Three Waters (Drinking Water, Sewer and Stormwater)** –
Councillor Tim Fulton

- The Ohoka Rural Drainage Advisory Group held its first meeting, which included a discussion on the Ohoka Stream Loop initiative.
- A meeting with Drainage Suppliers was proposed to explore options for accelerating drain construction for Mandeville Resurgence Stage 1A.
- Key service requests include:
 - Nitrate levels in the Oxford water supply, with current levels available on the Council website.
 - A request for a new footbridge in Mandeville, noting that older bridges do not meet current design standards, and replacement was estimated at \$10,000.
 - Concerns from Parsonage Road residents in Woodend about the impacts of growth on adjoining properties.
 - Issues raised regarding weed release in the Kaiapoi River.
 - A query about a drain running through private property and advice sought on piping options.
 - Monitoring of groundwater levels following a wet January as the district heads into autumn and winter.

A general discussion was held on the recent Public Health notice in the Ohoka area and the obligations of businesses that supply water. It was noted that this was a private water supply, not a Council water supply.

6.3 **Solid Waste** – Councillor Niki Mealings

- Transwaste and Kate Valley
 - Encouragement to attend the stakeholder event to be held on 16 March 2026.
 - Opened Class II operations, which dealt with construction and demolition waste.
 - Class II waste had a lower fee, with construction waste being a contributor to the landfill.
 - Trialling a new electric truck which could carry more waste than the current trucks and is fuelled using the landfill-generated gas.
 - New consent allows for truck access 24-7 and could accept waste from outside Canterbury.
 - Plenty of capacity with another 100 to 150 years of operational life.
 - Canterbury Waste Joint Committee and the Joint Landfill Committee meeting scheduled on 10 April 2026.
- Due to the wet summer, more green waste was being collected than was normal at this time of the year. This meant trucks had to empty more often, which extended collection times and affected other waste streams. Also struggling to empty green bins because people are compacting waste to fit more in them.
- Kerbside audits dropped to three days a week and were focused on recycling and organic bins.
- 217 gold stars issued with a few first warning notices, two second warning letters, and five bins removed.
- 2,913 education initiatives from 4,217 audits, and of those, 1,087 were contaminated.

6.4 **Transport** – Mayor Dan Gordon

As Mayor Gordon was an apology, there was no update on Transport.

Councillor Bartle concurred and noted that visibility was also an issue.

8 REPORT REFERRED FROM THE WOODEND-SEFTON COMMUNITY BOARD

8.1 Request Approval of No Stopping Restrictions on Lacy Gate Place – S Binder (Senior Transportation Engineer) and N Puthupparambil (Transportation Engineer)

S Binder took the report as read.

Councillor Fulton questioned the consistency of applying no-stopping restrictions in cul-de-sacs. S Binder advised that the need for restrictions depended on driveway layout and available space, and that investigations were undertaken only in response to a service request.

Councillor Doody noted that such restrictions could create difficulties for services such as Meals on Wheels when delivering to residents.

Moved: Deputy Mayor Redmond Seconded: Councillor Mealings

THAT the Utilities and Recreation Committee:

- (a) **Approves** installation of the following no-stopping restriction:
 - Lacy Gate Place, from the western end of access to no. 12 to the eastern end of the access to no. 15, being a total length of 19.5m.
- (b) **Notes** that consultation was undertaken with the properties adjoining the proposed no-stopping restriction, and four of the five responses received supported the proposal.

CARRIED

Deputy Mayor Redmond advised that he had attended the Woodend-Sefton Community Board meeting, where the matter was considered, and noted that residents had supported the proposed restrictions.

Councillor Mealings observed that only one viable parking space existed in the area and that parking there would obstruct residents' access to their properties.

Councillor Fulton supported the motion but commented that greater attention should be given to such issues during the original design phase of developments. S Binder noted that staff did consider these matters; however, predicting future driveway placement made road design more challenging.

Deputy Mayor Redmond subsequently amended his earlier remarks, noting that one resident had not supported the restriction.

9 REPORT REFERRED FROM THE OXFORD-OHOKA COMMUNITY BOARD

9.1 Proposed Oxford Minor Safety Improvements – K Straw (Civil Projects Team Leader) and J McBride (Roading and Transport Manager)

K Straw presented the report, noting that the proposed works comprised minor safety improvements, including updated signage at a narrow one-lane bridge and new road markings at the entrances to Oxford township. Feedback received by the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board regarding seal damage on the eastern approach to Oxford Road will be addressed as part of the improvement work. A request to widen the seal on Depot Road opposite the West Oxford Reserve was also incorporated.

Councillor Mealings requested that the seal-widening component be explicitly recorded in the staff recommendation.

Councillor Doody asked whether any tidy-up work was planned for the parking area near the cemetery, and K Straw advised that this would not be included in the project.

Moved: Deputy Mayor Redmond Seconded: Councillor Mealings

THAT the Utilities and Recreation Committee:

- (a) **Approves** the Scheme Plans for the Depot Road Bridge, the Oxford Urban / Rural Speed Thresholds and Oxford Pedestrian Crossings.
- (b) **Approves** the implementation of 240m of no passing lines (120m on each bridge approach) on Depot Road, between RP 730m and 850m (westbound), and RP 1215m and RP 995m (eastbound) (as per Trim: 251024203213).
- (c) **Approves** the implementation of 200m of no passing lines on Depot Road leading to the approach of the threshold, eastbound between RP 250m and RP 50m (100km/hr / 50km/hr speed threshold).
- (d) **Notes** that the Depot Road bridge has a budget of \$70,000 within the 2025/26 financial year.
- (e) **Notes** that the Oxford urban/rural speed thresholds project has a budget of \$90,000 spread across the 2025/26 and 2026/27 financial years, and that it is anticipated that all line marking, and the proposed kerbed threshold will be completed in the 2025 / 26 year, with the threshold signage being installed within the 2026 / 27 year.
- (f) **Notes** that the Eastern approach works will be undertaken in conjunction with the proposed red seal repair.

CARRIED

Deputy Mayor Redmond supported the motion, noting that the new road markings represented a practical measure to influence driver behaviour.

Councillor Mealings observed that, although classified as minor safety improvements, the changes would have a significant impact on the safety of Oxford residents.

Councillor Fulton thanked staff for their responsiveness to the Waimakariri Access Group's request and their consideration of the Board's feedback. He considered the outcome a constructive step toward improving community safety.

10 REPORT FOR INFORMATION FROM THE OXFORD-OHOKA COMMUNITY BOARD

- 10.1 **Request for Approval to Install One-Lane Road Priority Controls on Perhams Road at the First Eyre Stream Ford** – S Binder (Senior Transportation Engineer) and J McBride (Roding and Transport Manager)

Moved: Councillor Bartle Seconded: Councillor Fulton

THAT the Utilities and Roding Committee:

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

CARRIED

11 QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDERS

Nil.

12 URGENT GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

13 MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WITH THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED

Moved: Deputy Mayor Redmond

Seconded: Councillor Bartle

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, that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting:

- 13.1 Contract 25/116 Tender Evaluation and Contract Award Report.
- 13.2 Contract 26/05 Pipeline Inspections.
- 13.3 Contract 25/71 Tender Evaluation and Contract Award Report
- 13.4 Contract 25/67 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.
REPORTS FOR INFORMATION			
13.1	Contract 25/116 Tender Evaluation and Contract Award Report	Good reason to withhold exists under Section 7	To protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons, maintain legal professional privilege and enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) LGOIMA Sections 7 (2)(a), (g) and (i).
13.2	Contract 26/05 Pipeline Inspections	Good reason to withhold exists under Section 7	To enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities LGOIMA Sections 7 (2)(h).
13.3	Contract 25/71 Tender Evaluation and Contract Award Report	Good reason to withhold exists under Section 7	To protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons, maintain legal professional privilege and enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) LGOIMA Sections 7 (2)(a), (g) and (i).

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13.4	Contract 25/67 Tender Evaluation and Contract Award Report	Good reason to withhold exists under Section 7	To protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons, maintain legal professional privilege and enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) LGOIMA Sections 7 (2)(a), (g) and (i).

CARRIED

CLOSED MEETING

The Public Excluded portion of the meeting commenced at 10.47am and concluded at 11am.

OPEN MEETING

Moved: Deputy Mayor Redmond

Seconded: Councillor Bartle

That the open meeting resumes, and the business discussed with the public excluded remains public excluded unless otherwise resolved in the individual resolutions.

CARRIED

14 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Utilities and Roading Committee was scheduled for Tuesday 14 April 2026 at 9am in the Council Chamber, Rangiora Service Centre, 215 High Street, Rangiora.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 11.10AM.

CONFIRMED

Chairperson

Date

<p>Workshop (Trim Ref: 260311074253)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Blake Street Carpark Reconfiguration</i> • <i>Rangiora Wastewater Pipeline Replacement Programme</i>
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Briefing
(Trim Ref 260312074983)

- *Rangiora High Street Water Main*

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