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 13 FEBRUARY 2018 AT 1.00PM.

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Councillors A Blackie, K Barnett, K Felstead, P Williams
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 A Smith (Committee Advisor).

1 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

2 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest recorded.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of a meeting of the Community and Recreation Committee held on Tuesday 21 November 2017

Moved Councillor Blackie seconded Councillor Brine

THAT the Community and Recreation committee:

(a) Confirms the circulated minutes of a meeting of the Community and Recreation Committee, held on Tuesday 21 November 2017, as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED

4 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

5 DEPUTATIONS

5.1 Waimakariri Youth Council

Andrew Besuyen, Waimakariri Youth Council Co-Chairperson, who shares the role with Thomas Robson, provided a brief rundown of activities for 2017 and what is coming up for 2018. There was a significant change of membership of the Youth Council in 2017, with only four coming through from 2016. Following this the structure of the Council was rearranged and two Chair people appointed. The Youth Council membership is young with most intending to continue on for the 2018 year. With the election in 2017 there
was an MP Q&A sessions held for young people. Six politicians came to the evening at the Rangiora Town Hall, with each speaking about their Party, what they stand for and the Party policies. This was considered to be a successful evening. A review of the Youth Development Strategy commenced, which was a key task of the year, with the existing Strategy being developed in 2010. This is an important Strategy for both Council and the Youth Council, who were keen to be involved in the review.

For 2018 the first plan is to recruit some new members, and schools and some areas will be targeted, with the hope of getting a wider coverage of members from across the district.

A survey is planned to be undertaken as part of the Youth Development Strategy review, and planning for this to be an on-line survey to encourage a better response rate than it just being on paper. It is hoped this will result in information coming in on what the youth in the district are looking for. One area that the Youth Council considers needs to be strengthened is the mental health sector, noting the current youth suicide rates in New Zealand. What can we be doing in our district be helping and supporting our youth as is needed.

Another planned project for 2018 for the Youth Council is running a series of workshops for youth offering practical skills for those who are leaving school and entering the workforce. This could include attending meetings and how to get the best out of that and job interview skills. Details on the running of the workshops have yet to be confirmed but Andrew noted that they could be partnered with schools.

There will also be a team building hui held this year in conjunction with Wai Youth, details of which are yet to be confirmed.

Andrew is looking forward to working with current Youth Council members and welcoming new members and also working with WaiYouth.

5.2 Wai Youth

Sam Redman, Youth Development Facilitator, has recently joined the Council in this role and introduced himself to the Committee. He advised he has enjoyed the opportunity in this time to meet the Youth Council and WaiYouth Chairs and to get out into the community and meeting organisations. Sam was previously in the role of Youth Worker at Rangiora High School for six years. Sam presented the highlights of the last years work and key forthcoming activities. Last year successful events conducted by WaiYouth were the foam party and Centre Stage talent quest. Both these events attracted a significant number of people and Sam said these were good examples of what WaiYouth can do. There has also been discussions with WaiYouth on some events which didn’t go quite so well and strategies which could be used to improve these and make them more successful in the future.

There is about to be launched a recruitment drive for WaiYouth. Posters have been circulated and the team is looking forward to getting more members and therefore bring more ideas to the meetings. These posters are being circulated around the High Schools through the Youth Workers. It has also gone up on Council screens around the district

Plans for events in 2018 include a cultural festival, focussing on food and cultural customs. Centre Stage will also be held again this year.

Sam sees a real desire for strengthening relationships between WaiYouth and Youth Council, and potentially having a WaiYouth representative on the Youth Council.
The Chairperson thanked both Andrew and Sam for attending the meeting and the work they are doing.

Questions

There were no questions from members

5.3 **Safe Communities Foundation New Zealand**

Tania Peters, Director, Certifier and Trustee of Safe Communities Foundation New Zealand (SCFNZ) was present. With the aid of a PowerPoint presentation, Ms Peters provided some background information on Safe Communities New Zealand. New Zealand has a well established local, regional and national network that supports community safety through injury and violence prevention programmes and initiatives. Safe Communities NZ has grown to 30 Territorial Authorities accredited in 24 Safe Community coalitions which covers approximately half of the population of New Zealand. These communities vary in type and size including large urban cities, small towns and rural areas. A further four communities are applying for accreditation, being Auckland, Waitomo, Ashburton and Gore.

SCFNZ is a not-for-profit national organisation with a vision that all people in their communities can live, work and play safely, free from preventable injury and violence.

Tania tabled copies of the SCFNZ Strategic Framework to all members present.

The safe Communities Model was highlighted, noting that World Health Organisation (WHO) views the Safe Communities approach as an important means of delivering evidence-based violence and injury prevention strategies at the local level.

A Safe Community is one in which all relevant sectors of the community work together in a coordinated and collaborative way, forming partnerships to promote safety, manage risk and increase the overall safety of its residents and visitors. In our region Local Government is often the coordinating agency. Safe Communities is an integrated way of doing business and an approach to planning based on valuable evidence. Safe Communities is a way of having one message with many different delivering the message and an increase in participation by agencies that didn't typically see themselves in the role of community safety, e.g. some of the districts businesses or social agencies. Alcohol related harm was highlighted as an example of this, with many agencies have an interest and a role to play in reducing alcohol related harm. There is a variety of interventions that can be undertaken across different areas.

Tania noted that it is encouraging to know that here in Waimakariri, over a period of 15 -20 years this is the way things are done here and are embedded practices.

A survey was undertaken in 2016 by the Foundation with seven communities who had undertaken the re-accreditation process in the year leading up to this. Structured questions asked the rationale undertaken and the perceived benefits for undertaking the process. The overwhelming response from the participants of the survey was that re-accreditation was a valuable process, a positive and productive exercise, a stocktake of past and present structures and activity and the opportunity to celebrate what had been achieved. It revealed that despite changes to funding and other resourcing issues, it was a valued process to be part of a Safe Community and that the associated national and international recognition provided credibility.

Waimakariri has a really strong association with Safe Community
Questions

Following question from Councillor Gordon, Ms Peters advised that WHO still supports the Safe Communities model and are actively involved, but NZ is now under the umbrella of Pan Pacific Network.

The Safe Community funding is 50% funded from ACC and other small funding from Ministry of Health. Funding has decreased over years by approximately a half. It costs a Council $2,000 to reaccredit, and there is no cost to be a member. Tania said there is not a lot funding from central government for injury prevention at a local level.

Mr Sargison noted that being a Safe Community Council does help with the process of funding applications.

Councillor Doody asked is there any planned help or assistance in getting the message out to sports groups – Yes Tania said this is an ongoing piece of work and there are good

Safer Communities Foundation would not submit on any Local Alcohol Policy processes, but would support communities in their preparation of this

Regarding mental health, Councillor Gordon asked how flexible is the model to adapt to mental health being a primary concern. Ms Peters advised that in most of the communities especially in New Zealand, mental health is one of the leading priorities for their high risk populations. This sits alongside civil defence, road safety, falls. It is up to the individual community to decide their local boundaries. Programmes are completely flexible with some directed to communities as a whole, and some would be directed to high risk members.

When there is the re-accreditation process being undertaken, the Community Team takes a community approach and the focus is not just what the Council is doing – a more holistic approach is undertaken.

Mayor Ayers observed that when this community became a Safer Community in 1999. This was under the Safer Community Council umbrella which initially came as a crime prevention tool, initially. Being a Safe Community provides a measure of benchmarks to be tested against, enables the Council to look at road safety programmes and injury prevention. The accreditation helps the Council to say “Yes, we’re doing alright”.

Councillor Doody, asked if there was any sources of fundings for suicide prevention in the district. Mrs Sturley said there has already been some project funding received for this from Lotteries for suicide prevention initiatives, and there is an application pending with the Rata Foundation to cover that as well. Potentially there will be other avenues for project funding. It is still to be determined how this funding will be directed, there are various programmes operating through the schools. Mayor Ayers noted that Woodend and Kaiapoi North have accreditation as Safe Schools.

Chairperson thanked Ms Peters for her informative report which helped members to understand the work of Safe Community Foundation NZ.. It is very beneficial for our district to be part of this.

An invitation was extended to any Councillor or staff who may wish to visit another Council, at an accreditation, and the next one will be in Central Hawkes Bay. Speak to Tessa Sturley regarding this.
6 REPORTS

6.1 Youth Development Annual Report – Tessa Sturley (Community Team Manager)

Mrs Sturley presented this report which provided a summary of the key Youth Development activities of both the Youth Council and WaiYouth for 2016/17, alongside the presentations of Andrew Besuyen and Sam Redman earlier in the meeting.

The Youth Development Facilitator has done a significant amount of work in consolidation, which has seen both groups develop in cohesion. This has involved working on personal development of members, promoting team building activities both individually and collectively, the establishment of better group process making sure there are procedures in place, creating a clearer distinction between role of each group and improved WaiYouth/Youth Council communication.

The Youth Development Facilitator has a key role in making sure that Council and the community are more aware of the Youth Council. Over the last 18 months approximately it has been noted that individual teams from the Council have sought input from the Youth Council on several matters e.g. work on the Accessibility Strategy, review of the Libraries website, the electoral boundaries review, skate park review and the District Development Strategy.

Moved Mayor Ayers seconded Councillor Gordon

THAT the Community and Recreation Committee:

(a) Receives report no. 180202010203
(b) Receives the Youth Council and WaiYouth Annual Report
(c) Acknowledges the work achieved by WaiYouth and Youth Council supported by the Youth Development Facilitator.

CARRIED

Mayor Ayers complimented Andrew and Thomas Robson of their leadership of the Youth Council over the past year and also acknowledged the work of Leanne Bayler, who had until recently held the position of Youth Development Facilitator at the Council. Mayor Ayers said one of the aims of the Youth Development Strategy is to develop youth leadership and noted that two members of the Youth Council are in leadership roles in other parts of the district - Stella Graydon is Head Girl of Oxford Area School this year and Jacob Harford is one of the Deputy Head Students at Kaiapoi High School.

Councillor Gordon also acknowledged the leadership in the Youth Council of Andrew and Thomas and also the high calibre of all the members of the Youth Council, representing the district. As one of the Council representatives appointed to attend Youth Council meetings, Councillor Gordon invited any other Councillors to attend these meetings to see first-hand how the Youth Council operate.

Councillor Doody noted that she has very much enjoyed being part of the Youth Council, as appointed Council representative and WaiYouth and thanked Andrew and Thomas for their work done to date in promoting the Youth Council.
6.2 **Community Team Update – Tessa Sturley (Community Team Manager)**

Mrs Sturley presented this report providing an update on key activities of the Community Team from November 2017 to January 2018. The benefits were noted with the establishment of a “Volunteering North Canterbury” link on the Volunteer Canterbury website and the partnership arrangement with this group. Mrs Sturley also highlighted the growing support of Social Enterprise and have been looking at where this Council would best fit in supporting the social responsibility in our local community. A good local example of this is “Bellyful”, sponsored by Z Energy, which utilises volunteers who cook and supply meals to those who might be going through hardship in their family, or have new babies and really aligns with social responsibility. There is some good networks being developed through Christchurch and a South Island wide workshop is being planned.

Councillor Gordon asked how the neighbourhood connection undertaken at Kippenberger Estate could be carried out in other areas in the district. This was a very successful pilot project and suggested that this event be followed up with a Council workshop discussion. Mrs Sturley said the help of student interns was a useful way of making the Kippenberger Estate event happen. Mr Sargison noted as examples, the community groups of Waikuku Beach and Pegasus, which were initiated by the Council and are now both community led groups (Pegasus Residents Association). The issue of available Council resources needs to be considered with these projects.

Councillor Gordon asked when the Kippenberger Estate item is reported to the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board, if the student interns who worked on the project could be present at the meeting.

Moved Councillor Doody seconded Councillor Gordon

**THAT** the Community and Recreation Committee:

(a) **Receives** report No 180202010191

(b) **Notes** that the Community Team have been granted $12,500 from Office of Ethnic Communities for Migrant-led initiatives

(c) **Notes** that the Migrants Group has acquired Adult Community Education funding to support English Language driver licencing and cooking class provision in our District.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Doody is very supportive of the Migrants Group and questioned if there was still the information van available through the Fire Service regarding safety while cooking, and that this could align with the cooking classes for Migrant Groups. Ms Sturley is to follow up with this.

Councillor Gordon acknowledged the work of John Buckingham who had recently retired as chair of the Waimakariri Health Advisory Group. Is very encouraged that there will be follow up work undertaken following the event at Kippenberger Estate, where there was over 100 residents present. Thanks were extended to the Community Team for their work in developing and supporting this project.

Mayor Ayers, Healthy Greater Christchurch, Mrs Sturley said it is important for this Council to align with this, hui coming up in  in there will be a hui here on 29 October, and have advised
6.3 **Aquatic Facilities Update – Matthew Greenwood (Aquatic Facilities Manager)**

This report was presented by Matthew Greenwood, up summarise the performance of the aquatic facilities in the year to date. With regard to aquatic facility attendances, the mid-season update from the Oxford Community Aquatic Centre was highlighted – with the weather at the beginning of the season not conducive to swimming, numbers were down but there has since been a 40% increase in casual visitor numbers since the weather improved. A dog only swimming event is being considered for the end of the swimming season and there have been requests received for such an event from several dog enthusiast clubs and concerned individuals. Similar event have been held at other outdoor pools around the country and feedback and advice has been sought from them. Two recent surveys have been conducted, one on customer satisfaction of the Aquarobics participants at Dudley Park and Kaiapoi Aquatic Centres and a satisfaction survey for Learn to Swim. These both produced positive results from participants.

Moved Councillor Brine seconded Mayor Ayers

**THAT** the Community and Recreation Committee:

(a) Receives report 180201009878.

(b) Notes the Aquatic Facilities year to date achievement against key performance indicators including Water Quality, Facility attendance figures and financial results.

(c) Approves the holding of a dog only swimming event at the end of the Oxford Community Aquatic Centre summer season.

CARRIED

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

Ms Ashbey presented this report providing an update on the customer service improvements of the Waimakariri Libraries and other events relating to the libraries. There are various activities and events scheduled at the libraries and in 2017 the libraries ran a total of 659 events in the district. In addition user orientation sessions were held, with these taking place either in the library or in school classrooms.

Lego Days have been held in Kaiapoi and Oxford libraries, and Councillor Barnett asked if these would be brought to Rangiora. Mrs Ashbey said it is likely that this would be case.

Moved Councillor Doody seconded Councillor Blackie

**THAT** the Community and Recreation Committee:

(a) Receives report No. 180201010087

(b) Notes that the Oxford Library and Service Centre was officially opened by Mayor David Ayers on 15 December 2017.

(c) Notes the reach and effectiveness of the Libraries’ activities and events programme.

(d) Notes the range and success of user orientation and training sessions, delivered by the Waimakariri Libraries, in 2017
(e) Circulates the report to the Boards for their information.

CARRIED

Councillor Doody expressed support for all the additional activities that are undertaken in the libraries to encourage people to visit the libraries.

7 PORTFOLIO UPDATES

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

Nothing to report

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

Councillor Doody commented on the opening event for the Oxford Library and Service Centre.

Councillor Doody has visited the recently upgraded pensioner houses in Meadow Street.

7.3 Community Development and Wellbeing – Councillor Wendy Doody

Met with Mrs Sturley early this year and is good to have the community team focusing on the wellbeing of the community. Supports the work of the Youth Council.

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 Gordon seconded Councillor Brine

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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| 10.1    | Protection of privacy of natural persons  
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CARRIED

CLOSED MEETING

Resolution to resume in Open Meeting

Moved Councillor Gordon seconded Councillor Doody

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

CARRIED

OPEN MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2.pm.

CONFIRMED

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Chairperson

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Date