

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE OXFORD-OHOKA COMMUNITY BOARD HELD AT THE OHOKA COMMUNITY HALL, MILL ROAD, OHOKA ON WEDNESDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2023 AT 7PM.

PRESENT

T Robson (Chairperson), T Fulton, R Harpur, N Mealings, and P Merrifield.

IN ATTENDANCE

C Roxburgh (Project Delivery Manager), K Rabe (Governance Advisor) and A Connor (Governance Support Officer).

1. APOLOGIES

Moved: P Merrifield Seconded: N Mealings

THAT apologies for absence be received and sustained from S Barkle, M Brown and M Wilson.

CARRIED

2. PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public present for the public forum.

3. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1. Minutes of the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board meeting – 4 October 2023

Moved: T Fulton Seconded: P Merrifield

THAT the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board:

- (a) **Confirms** the circulated Minutes of the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board meeting, held on 4 October 2023, as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED

4.2. Matters Arising

K Rabe provided an updated on the Discretionary Grant application from the West Eyreton Friends of the School. She informed the Board two of their funding applications to other funders had been declined and therefore requested their funding application continue to lie on the table until 2024.

4.3. Notes of the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board Workshop – 4 October 2023

Moved: P Merrifield Seconded: T Fulton

THAT the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** the circulated Notes of the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board workshop, held on 4 October 2023.

CARRIED

5. DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

5.1. Councillor Claire McKay – Environment Canterbury (ECan)

Councillor McKay encouraged the Board to participate in the second stage of Environment Canterbury's Regional Policy Statement consultation 'Let's Pick a Path'. ECan were hosting a public meeting at Mainpower Stadium on Friday 24 November 2023 from 10am to 4pm. From 4pm to 5pm there would be a drop-in session regarding the consultation. The consultation requested feedback on three categories namely Climate Action, Land Use / Biodiversity, and Water and Coast.

Councillor McKay noted the results of the first stage of consultation which showed a wide variety of views across Canterbury. In the Climate area key concerns raised were regarding continued health and wellbeing. The impact on air quality, healthy soils and fresh water were examples given. Many submissions received were regarding resilience with flooding, erosion and sea level rise. There was support for good public transport and more active modes of travel like cycleways. There had been a wide variety of views on how climate action should be implemented. In the Water and Coast area the majority of people agreed they wanted to see water quality improved. There was however concern regarding regional confidence and certainty for business that required water to operate. Many submissions reported the good work that had been completed through the Water Management Policy with Zone Committees. In the Land Use and Biodiversity space many communities wanted to ensure our valuable soils for food production were protected. From a biodiversity perspective they encouraged Environment Canterbury to enable flora and fauna within the district. Urban development was well submitted on and was currently going through a redesign. Smaller communities wanted to ensure new developments were appropriately serviced. She reported they did not receive many responses regarding air,, however, they had received many responses regarding renewable energy which staff had not expected. Information collected during consultation would also form other strategies.

T Fulton questioned what tensions had arisen due to renewable energy. Councillor McKay replied they had received many applications for solar farms in Canterbury some of which were not in appropriate locations for example being on highly productive land.

P Merrifield asked if there was a push to do away with wood burners to combat air pollution. Councillor McKay answered there had been information come through a health department that wood burners produced a large amount of pollutants. It had not been included into legislation as yet that wood burners could no longer be purchased or used. Environment Canterbury was not pushing to ban them however they were considering the quality of air and health benefits. The Air Plan was due for renewal in 2028.

T Robson sought information on what advise was being given to those purchasing wood burners. Councillor McKay stated there was no advise publicised however from personal experience stores that sold wood burners were knowledgeable about clean air areas.

6. ADJOURNED BUSINESS

Nil.

7. REPORTS

7.1. Oxford Stormwater Upgrade – Church Street Reserve – M Henwood (Project Engineer) and J Recker (Stormwater and Waterways Manager)

C Roxburgh presented the report on behalf of M Henwood and J Recker.

C Roxburgh stated the aim of the report was to redirect the flow of stormwater through the Church Street reserve towards 189 High Street. There had been several service requests related to flooding events in this area. Staff had looked at multiple solutions to try and resolve these issues. This first stage of works would provide moderate relief. The second stage was proposed to go through the A&P Showgrounds however these works would seek approval at a later date after

consultation had been completed. The main benefit of the first stage of works was to redirect water through the reserve instead of people's backyards and would ultimately end up in the same location on High Street.

T Fulton noted he spoke to members of the A&P Showground who had concerns about the proposed works in the second stage. C Roxburgh stated staff were aware of concerns and noted there was still a large amount of work to be done before any approval of work would be sought. The stage recommended today would be done independently to any works completed at the A&P Showground.

N Mealings sought clarity that these works would not cause negative impacts on different properties. C Roxburgh clarified that currently the water traveled through the residential properties onto High Street and the proposed works would reroute the water to avoid any residential properties and would still end up flowing into High Street. Rerouting the path into the reserve would also assist with the amount of water ending in High Street as the pond would retain some water.

N Mealings also questioned if these works would intercept any ground water. C Roxburgh stated that would not be a risk in this area of Oxford as the reserve was already very deep.

T Robson highlighted there were stormwater deficiencies in High Street and asked if there were any works proposed to mitigate those issues. C Roxburgh was unsure but would investigate.

T Robson then noted in stage two some of the water would be directed to the Pearson drain which in heavy rain events was regularly at capacity. He wondered if there would be works done to upgrade the Pearson drain at the same time. C Roxburgh replied he did not know however it would be address with the stage two works.

T Robson questioned if it was considered at any point during investigations to install a pipe through the reserve. C Roxburgh did not believe it had been looked at as the philosophy was to redirect the waters path but still end in the same place.

Moved: T Fulton Seconded: P Merrifield

THAT the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board:

(a) **Receives** report No. 231006159247.

AND

THAT the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board recommends:

THAT the Utilities and Roading Committee:

- (b) **Approves** the proposed solution to formalise the secondary flow path in 58 Burnett Street away from residential properties and onto Church Street from Church Street Reserve.
- (c) **Notes** that the secondary flow path would be altered to convey stormflows into the Church Street Reserve where it would drain to ground in moderate storm events. In large storm events the stormflow would spillover into Church Street which outlets into the road reserve.
- (d) **Notes** that there was a separate project at the A&P Showgrounds, with construction programmed in the 2024/25 financial year. This project would mitigate the flooding issues experience at 189 High Street.
- (e) **Notes** that this work was funded by budget PJ 101964.000.5123, which had a total budget of \$200,000 for 2023/24. Total expected project expenditure including construction and design fees was \$157,000.
- (f) **Notes** that a portion of the above costs were allocated to design of the A&P Showground improvements (\$35,000) and would include a through consultation process with all the A&P Showground stakeholders.

CARRIED

8. **CORRESPONDENCE**

8.1. **Correspondence Draft Annual Plan Response**

Moved: R Harpur Seconded: T Fulton

THAT the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** the Annual Plan Response Letter (Trim: 230220022903).

CARRIED

9. **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

9.1. **Chairperson's Report for October 2023**

Attended speed management drop-in session. Not many residents had attended.

Moved: N Mealings Seconded: P Merrifield

THAT the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** the report from the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board Chairperson (Trim: 231030172396).

CARRIED

10. **MATTERS FOR INFORMATION**

10.1. Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board Meeting Minutes 18 September 2023.

10.2. Rangiora-Ashley Community Board Meeting Minutes 11 October 2023.

10.3. Woodend-Sefton Community Board Meeting Minutes 9 October 2023.

10.4. July 2023 Flood Event Response and Recovery – Forecast Costs and Funding Sources – Report to Council Meeting 3 October 2023 – Circulates to all Boards.

10.5. Submission Emergency Management Bill – Report to Council Meeting 3 October 2023 – Circulates to all Boards.

10.6. Significance and Engagement Policy for Adoption – Report to Council Meeting 3 October 2023 – Circulates to all Boards.

10.7. Submission: Government Policy Statement on Land Transport – Report to Council Meeting 3 October 2023 – Circulates to all Boards.

10.8. Council Meeting Schedule January 2024 to December 2024 – Report to Council Meeting 3 October 2023 – Circulates to all Boards.

10.9. Health, Safety and Wellbeing Report September 2023 – Report to Council Meeting 3 October 2023 – Circulates to all Boards.

10.10. Consultation on the Draft Speed Management Plan – Report to Council Meeting 17 October 2023 – Circulates to all Boards.

10.11. Eastern Districts Sewer Scheme and Oxford Wastewater Treatment Plan Annual Compliance Monitoring Report 2022-23 – Report to Utilities and Roding Committee Meeting 17 October 2023 – Circulates to all Boards.

10.12. July 2023 Flood Recover Progress Update – Report to Utilities and Roding Committee Meeting 17 October 2023 – Circulates to all Boards.

10.13. Cam River / Ruataniwha Report – Report to Utilities and Roding Committee Meeting 17 October 2023 – Circulates to all Boards.

10.14. Adoption of Road Safety Action Plan 2023/24 – Report to Utilities and Roding Committee Meeting 17 October 2023 – Circulates to all Boards.

10.15. Aquatics October Update – Report to Community and Recreation Committee Meeting 17 October 2023 – Circulates to all Boards.

Moved: P Merrifield Seconded: N Mealings

THAT the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board:

(a) **Receives** the information in Items.10.1 to 10.15.

CARRIED

11. MEMBERS' INFORMATION EXCHANGE

S Barkle:

- Enquired about the Tram Road multi-use path and when construction would start. Funding had been received and were waiting to hear back from the contractor.
- Attended Zoom call regarding the Woodstock Quarry submission on draft consent conditions.

M Wilson:

- Attended Violence Free North Canterbury Youth focused professional training day. Presentation from Jim Sole – Brainwave Trust on the Adolescent Brain and Brett Harvey Taima Korero. Helpful to know emerging trends and issues for Youth. Some great connections made with people in Waimakariri.
- Alcohol and Drug Harm Prevention Steering Group meeting. Would meet again in November to discuss action points.
- Community Services Awards. Was great to see people acknowledged for all they had given to the community. There were wonderful stories shared demonstrating their lifelong dedication to others.
- Attended Local Government New Zealand's (LGNZ) Future for Local Government and Choose Localism online zoom. LGNZ Spoke about the work that was done at the first Future for Local Government hui to understand what attendees thought about each of the Panels 17 recommendations.

P Merrifield:

- Attended Ashley Gorge Advisory Group meeting to discuss the pavilion barbeque.
- Attended Oxford Museum Monthly meeting.

T Fulton:

- Attended North Canterbury Neighbourhood Support meeting in Rangiora. Grand opening of first Community Hub in the Waimakariri.
- Attended North canterbury Business Awards.
- Attended Water Zone Committee Biodiversity Working Group meeting.
- Attended Long Term Plan workshop and Council workshop and briefing.
- Attended Resilience Breakfast.
- Attended Community Networking Group.
- Attended Drainage Advisory All Groups meeting. Received a sobering talk from NIWA scientist about the impact of climate change worldwide.
- Attended Community Service and Environmental Awards. Was pleasing to see the inaugural Environmental Awards.
- Attended Road Reserve Hearing. Not many submissions were received however there were interesting comments about land use and public access.
- Attended West Eyreton School Agricultural Day.
- Attended Water Race Advisory Group meeting.
- Attended Pearson Park Advisory Group meeting.
- Attended Wellbeing North Canterbury Annual General Meeting.
- Attended Oxford Area School Awards for years 11-13.
- Attended Waitaha Primary Health Annual General Meeting.

N Mealings:

- Attended Property Portfolio Working Group Meeting.
- Attended Proposed District Plan Hearings. Hearing Stream Six, Open Space Zone and Rural.
- Natural Environment Strategy Project Control Group. Draft Strategy nearly complete.

- All Groups Drainage Advisory meeting. Received fascinating insights from the presentation by Graeme Smart, a principal scientist for natural hazards and hydrodynamics and Joint Expert Team member on global trends.
- Attended Future Coasts Steering Group.
- Attended Utilities and Roading Committee Meeting. Last meeting as Chairperson.
- Attended Council meeting. Adopted Annual Report. Positive unmodified audit opinion was received, retaining AA+ credit rating. Draft speed management plan was out for consultation.
- Attended Community and Recreation Committee meeting.
- Attended Alcohol and Drug Harm Prevention Steering Group. Heard from Waimakariri District Council's new team leader, environmental health re: six yearly review of Waimakariri District Council's LAP coming up. Also, changes to Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act in Sept 2023 mean *anyone* can now object to an application, they now have 25 days to do so, and as at May 2024 submitters would no longer be subject to cross-examination and could use tikanga. A positive step for making the process less daunting for community members.
- Attended Community Service Awards. A fantastic evening celebrating our amazing award recipients, including a very strong showing from the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board area. Our own Shirley Farrell and Jane Anderson from Oxford, Mary Sparrow from Ohoka, youth recipient Sam King from Swannanoa, and Raul Elias-Drago representing the Oxford Dark Sky Group were all presented awards for their unwavering service to their community.
- Mandeville Sport Centre all clubs meeting. Discussed Tree Management Plan and car park lighting, possible club room plans and club happenings.
- Community Wellbeing North Canterbury meeting and Annual General Meeting. Were in good heart however were farewelling to stalwarts.
- Social Service Waimakariri Hui. Regular meeting of various social service provides in the district.
- Waimakariri Youth Council meeting.
- Council Meeting. Plan Change 31 was decline as per recommendation from commissioners.
- Satisfy Food Rescue were fundraising for their new facility in the Kaiapoi Community Hub.

R Harpur:

- Attended Greypower meeting. Presbyterian Services spoke about what they were doing.
- Attended Mandeville Sports Centre meeting. Arborist reported on the state of the trees Mandeville Sports Centre. The maintenance of the trees was not covered by the annual Council grant.
- Attended Community Service Awards. Great to see the services of Shirley Farrell being recognised.
- Attended Waimakariri Access Group meeting. Presentations of new accesses to Waimakariri Beaches.
- Children had been playing in the resurgence channel in Mandeville. Parents were not happy due to the depth and strength of the water and the access to housing under the culvert.

12. CONSULTATION PROJECTS

12.1. Speed Management Plan 2023/27

<https://letstalk.waimakariri.govt.nz/speed-management-plan-2023-27>

Consultation closes Monday 27 November 2023.

Drop In Session – 6 November 2023 5.30pm-7.30pm, Oxford Town Hall, A&P Room.

12.2. Relocating the Pines Beach Playground

<https://letstalk.waimakariri.govt.nz/relocating-the-pines-beach-playground>

Consultation closes Friday 17 November 2023.

12.3. Libraries Survey

<https://letstalk.waimakariri.govt.nz/libraries-survey>

12.4. **Environment Canterbury Let's Pick a Path**

<https://haveyoursay.ecan.govt.nz/hub-page/pick-a-path-ourfuture>

Consultation closes Sunday 3 December 2023.

13. **BOARD FUNDING UPDATE**

13.1. **Board Discretionary Grant**

Balance as at 31 October 2023: \$2,745.

13.2. **General Landscaping Fund**

Balance as at 31 October 2023: \$13,680.

14. **MEDIA ITEMS**

Nil.

15. **QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDERS**

Nil

16. **URGENT GENERAL BUSINESS UNDER STANDING ORDERS**

Nil.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board is scheduled for 7pm, Wednesday 6 December 2023 at the Oxford Town Hall.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8:15pm.

CONFIRMED



Chairperson

6 December 2023

Date

Workshop (8.15pm to 8.48pm)

- *Community Board Plan – K Rabe (Governance Advisor) – 30mins*
- *Members Forum*