

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL HELD IN KAIKANUI ROOM, RUATANIWHA KAIAPOI CIVIC CENTRE, 176 WILLIAMS STREET, KAIAPOI ON TUESDAY 7 MAY 2024 WHICH COMMENCED AT 1PM.

PRESENT

Mayor D Gordon (Chairperson), Deputy Mayor N Atkinson, Councillors, A Blackie, R Brine, B Cairns, T Fulton, J Goldsworthy, N Mealings, P Redmond (virtual), P Williams and J Ward (until 2:53pm).

IN ATTENDANCE

J Millward (Chief Executive), G Bell (Acting General Manager Finance and Business Support), S Hart (General Manager Strategy Engagement and Economic Development), W Harris (Planning Manager), M Maxwell (Strategy and Business Manager), J Read (Greenspace Planner), M Kwant (Greenspace Community Projects Officer) and C Fowler-Jenkins (Governance Support Officer).

There were 17 members of the public present.

1. APOLOGIES

Moved: Councillor Blackie

Seconded: Councillor Mealings

THAT an apology for early departure be received and sustained from Councillor Ward who departed at 2:53pm.

CARRIED

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Mayor Gordon acknowledged the passing of former Community Board member Keith Galloway, who served on the Rangiora Advisory Board from 2010 to 2016 and on the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board from 2016 to 2019. A number of members had the pleasure of serving with K Galloway, who had extensive knowledge of the history of the local towns and was very passionate about Rangiora. Given K Galloway's contribution to the Rangiora community, Mayor Gordon and Councillors stood to observe a moment's silence.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of a meeting of the Waimakariri District Council held on Tuesday 2 April 2024

Moved: Councillor Goldsworthy

Seconded: Councillor Williams

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Confirms**, as a true and correct record, the circulated Minutes of a meeting of the Waimakariri District Council meeting held on Tuesday 2 April 2024.

CARRIED

MATTERS ARISING (from Minutes)

There were no matters arising.

5. **DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

5.1 **Proposed Solar Farm installation on 87 Upper Sefton Road, Ashley - D Fordyce and M Scown**

D Fordyce advised that he was a resident of Beattie's Road, Ashley, which borders the proposed solar farm installation at 87 Upper Sefton Road. In 2023, Upper Sefton Road residents were made aware of a resource consent application by Solar Bay Limited to develop along Upper Sefton Road. Many residents had concerns that the consent would be non-notifiable. These concerns led to some of the neighbouring landowners organising a public meeting, which had over 30 attendees. He noted that the company seeking the resource consent was a wholly owned subsidiary of Energy Bay Proprietary Limited based in Sydney. As part of the consent process, they visited the immediate neighbours in an effort to gain signatures on approval documents.

D Fordyce explained that the solar power industry was unregulated worldwide and seemed to have no parameters or rules regarding operations or appropriate sizing. He could not find any regulations other than the Resource Management Act of 1991 relating to solar power. He noted that as LUC2 land, 87 Upper Sefton Road was designated for pastoral farming and, as such, was protected by the National Policy Statement Regulations of October 2022.

D Fordyce reported that MainPower was establishing a solar farm on low-grade land at Eyrewell Forest, away from residential properties, which allowed for a clear buffer zone. However, the proposed solar farm at 87 Upper Sefton Road would have neighbours' residential dwellings within 50 and 100 metres of the proposed installation. Data gathered showed that solar farms should not be developed within 800 metres and, in some cases, up to two kilometres of residential properties. If the proposed development proceeded, the Ashley Village and Ashley School would be within two kilometres from the solar farm. Also, 87 Upper Sefton Road was within 900 metres of the local well which supplied much of Ashley's water.

D Fordyce noted that large solar installations caused heat bubbles because the panels were, at best, only 20% efficient, with 80% of the energy being reflected back into the atmosphere. Heat bubbles could cause a temperature rise of between three and five degrees. The heat from larger solar farms had shown to cause localised weather alterations. As the Council had embraced the climate change agenda, it must consider the associated effects of its consenting processes. Furthermore, one of his greatest concerns was the effect of this proposal and the unknown effects of solar power generation on mental health.

M Scown advised that research on the potential mitigating factors around property valuations ranged from 4.5% to 30%. In terms of managing potential risk, there were no international guidelines for the safe use of solar panels or any mitigating factors. He thought it was incumbent on any council that was going to have a solar farm in their area to be mindful of that. He further noted that residents were informed that the power generated from the proposed solar farm was not for local consumption, as it would be sold to businesses south of Christchurch.

Mayor Gordon noted that the resource consent application for the proposed solar farm installation at 87 Upper Sefton Road was currently on hold as there were a number of questions pending. He undertook that when the Council had more information, he would arrange a further discussion for residents to explain the process and possible next steps.

6. **ADJOURNED BUSINESS**

Nil.

7. **REPORTS**

7.1 **Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw 2024 – Draft for Consultation** – S Docherty (Senior Policy Analyst) on behalf of the Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw Hearing Panel

M Maxwell spoke to the report, noting at a meeting on 2 May 2023, the Council adopted the Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw 2016 (amended 2023) as an interim bylaw, noting that the full Bylaw review would be undertaken in 2024. Public consultation took place from 20 December 2023 to 1 March 2024 to understand what was working and what needed more consideration. The Council also conducted a Beach User Survey. Stakeholder feedback was gained through the Northern Pegasus Bay Advisory Group.

The Council received 48 submissions, and 380 people completed the Beach User Survey. The Beach User Survey highlighted that vehicles and dogs were considered the two main challenges.

M Maxwell advised that the Council convened a hearing panel that considered seven proposed changes to the current bylaw. The proposed Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw 2024 would acknowledge the Hurunui District Council's Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw, noting that they did not necessarily have the same rules. Changes included additional restrictions on dogs, aircraft, fire, and fireworks. The bylaw remained the most effective way to manage the Northern Pegasus Bay area, and community engagement events were planned for Waikuku, Pegasus, Pines/Kairaki and a session with the Canterbury Aero Club.

Deputy Mayor Atkinson asked how the Council aimed to inform the public about the proposed changes to the current Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw before the start of the white baiting season. M Kwant acknowledged that there would not be much time; however, the only change that may affect white baiters was the proposed prohibition of dogs from the Ashley River/Rakahuri and Saltwater Creek estuarine areas.

Councillor Williams sought clarity on the area where dogs would be allowed. M Kwant confirmed that the walkway from the Ashley/Rakahuri carpark to the beach would have a defined boundary.

Councillor Williams noted that Environment Canterbury (ECan) would undertake enforcement via a Ranger service. M Kwant explained that the Ranger would focus on biodiversity. The Council and ECan would continue their enforcement services.

Councillor Fulton questioned the number of complaints about dogs received under the existing bylaw. M Kwant noted that continued public feedback showed that nuisance dogs were a key recurring challenge. The Council received numerous complaints about dogs from the Ashley/Rakahuri River Care Group.

Councillor Mealings enquired how the Council identified people who were driving on dunes and destroying vegetation to enforce the bylaws. M Kwant acknowledged that it was difficult to enforce the bylaw if staff did not witness the illegal access to the beach.

Moved: Councillor Blackie

Seconded: Mayor Gordon

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 240322045967.
- (b) **Approves** the *Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw 2024 - Draft for Consultation (Attachment i, 240321044727)* for public consultation between mid-May and mid-June 2024.
- (c) **Approves** the *Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw 2024 Implementation Plan – Draft for Consultation (Attachment ii, 240321044722)* for public consultation, to occur between mid-May and mid-June 2024.
- (d) **Nominates** the General Manager, Strategy, Engagement and Economic Development to approve any minor edits to the Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw 2024 - Draft for Consultation and Implementation Plan (Attachments i and ii) (final print-ready version) as required prior to public consultation commencing.
- (e) **Approves** the Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw 2016 (amended 2023) Hearing Panel consist of Councillors A Blackie (*Chair*), J Goldsworthy, P Redmond and Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Board Member T Bartle and Woodend-Sefton Community Board Member S Powell.
- (f) **Notes** the 2024 Beach User Survey (attachment vii) was completed by 380 beach users. Consistent with previous surveys in 2019 and 2021, this survey identified the main issues relating to vehicles and dogs.
- (g) **Circulates** this report to the Community Boards for information.

CARRIED

Councillor Blackie supported the motion and commended staff for the work they have done. He noted that enforcement of the Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw remained a challenge. It seemed that the concerns about horses in beach areas had been resolved over the last six years. However, dogs seemed to be a larger challenge.

Mayor Gordon acknowledged the work the staff had undertaken and commented that the Council had received positive feedback about the review process. He noted the Council hoped to discourage negative behaviour through education, as enforcement was the last thing that the Council wanted to undertake. He commented that he had a conversation with the new Member of Parliament for Rangitata, who was contemplating putting forward a Private Members Bill to give councils more bylaw enforcement powers.

Councillor Brine expressed concern about the proposed prohibition of dogs on the seaward side down to the mouth. He believed that most people kept their dogs close to their gear and vehicles.

Councillor Redmond supported the motion, as it came down to a question of balance; there was biodiversity and competing users of a public space. He commented that there were excellent submissions, and the hearing panel had a robust discussion.

Councillor Ward supported the motion and noted that most people were responsible on the beach.

In his right of reply, Councillor Blackie advised that there has been a shift in emphasis during the last six years. Emphasis was now on biodiversity, ecology, and especially birds. There needed to be a balance between recreational use and preserving some of the endangered species in beach areas. The dogs on the hard sand were crossing into the estuary, and although there was not much of evidence that there were birds hatching, the Ashley/Rakahuri River Care Group pointed out strongly that the disturbance was enough to upset the nesting ecology of the birds.

7.2 Draft Long Term Plan Submissions Overview and Late Submissions – H Street (Corporate Planner)

S Hart took the report as read.

There were no questions from elected members.

Moved: Deputy Mayor Atkinson

Seconded: Councillor Williams

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 240424065611.
- (b) **Approves** that the late submissions from Recreation Aotearoa and Trevor Smith, received after the draft 2024-34 Long Term Plan submissions deadline of 15 April 2024, be received, and included as part of the draft Long Term Plan consultation and engagement process.
- (c) **Notes** that a further and more comprehensive Deliberations Special Consultative Procedure Report will be completed by 9 May 2024 and provided to Councillors ahead of the upcoming Deliberations scheduled for May 2024.

CARRIED

7.3 Proposed Changes to Treasury Policy – G Bell (Acting General Manager Finance and Business Support)

G Bell explained the importance of the Treasury Policy, which provided the framework for all of the Council's treasury activities and defined key responsibilities and operating parameters within which borrowing and investment activity was to be carried out. The policy also met the Council's obligation under the Local Government Act 2002 to have in place Liability Management and Investment Policies. The policy was reviewed every three years in accordance with the Council's Quality System Framework, and the last review was conducted in March 2021.

Mayor Gordon asked if the views of Audit New Zealand, Standard and Poors, or Bancorp had been sought on the proposed changes to the Council's Treasury Policy. G Bell advised that the limits referred to in the policy were related to the Council borrowing from the Local Government Funding Agency. Standard and Poors measured the Council's financial plans and actuals, and Bancorp provided financial advice to the Council. Hence, their views were not sought on the proposed changes to the Council's Treasury Policy.

Councillor Williams enquired about the Council's debt limits compared to other councils. G Bell noted that in terms of national position, the Council ranked approximately 18th to 20th, which was also reflected of its size. At its current debt level, the Council was considered a mid-borrower.

Councillor Brine noted that a few submissions to the draft 2024-34 Long Term Plan had suggested appointing an independent member to the Audit and Risk Committee. He questioned if this would fall under the auspice of the Treasury Policy. G Bell confirmed that it was a separate matter, and while most councils had been moving away from appointing independent Audit and Risk Committee members there were benefits in having an independent member, however some lack local knowledge.

Councillor Ward asked what effect rebuilding infrastructure after the 2010 earthquakes had on the Council's debt levels. G Bell explained that legacy debt caused by the event increased the Council's debt at the time, and that trend had continued. However, the Council's current debt levels were not problematic.

Responding to a question from Councillor Fulton, G Bell noted that this was a limit to Council borrowing set out in the policy was self-imposed. It was not advisable for any council to borrow up to its imposed limits because if any emergency/event occurred, the council's capacity to deal with it would be restricted.

Councillor Redmond questioned why the proposed change to the Treasury Policy was not considered by the Audit and Risk Committee before being submitted to Council for approval. G Bell acknowledged that the policy should have been submitted to the Audit and Risk Committee. The policy was reviewed every three years in accordance with the Council's Quality System Framework, and the last review was conducted in March 2021.

Councillor Williams noted that some other councils seemed to be reaching the borrowing limit. He enquired what impact this may have on the Council. G Bell noted that the limit was to set a level that was unlikely to cause problems or default. The fact that the Council was near the limit showed the policy was working.

Moved: Councillor Ward

Seconded: Councillor Goldsworthy

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** report No. 240407053570.
- (b) **Approves** the amendments made to the Treasury Policy.
- (c) **Notes** the amendments to the Treasury Policy do not have a financial impact on the Council, and the treasury framework in place minimises any risk to treasury compliance.
- (d) **Notes** that the changes proposed do not have an impact on the financial strategy included in the 2024-35 Long-Term Plan.

CARRIED

As the Finance Portfolio Holder, Councillor Ward supported the motion. She was very cognisant of the Council's financial responsibilities and believed the Council took its financial accountability seriously, which was reflected in its operation.

Councillor Goldsworthy concurred with Councillor Ward and also supported the motion.

Mayor Gordon endorsed Councillor Ward's remarks and supported the motion. He believed it was a sound policy that showed the Council understood the risk they were willing to accept. The Waimakariri was a growth district, and to grow, the Council's borrowing needed to reflect intergenerational equity. Mayor Gordon express thanks to G Bell for the work done in reviewing the Treasury Policy.

Councillor Fulton thanked G Bell for clarifying the relationship between the Council and the Local Government Funding Agency. He noted that with autonomy came responsibility, which placed much onus on the Audit and Risk Committee.

Deputy Mayor Atkinson endorsed the motion and believed that the Council could be proud of the work done by the Audit and Risk Committee. He had chaired the Audit and Risk Committee for a number of years, and the level of oversight had tripled in recent years.

In her right of reply, Councillor Ward noted that many councils' Audit and Risk Committees had independent Chairpersons; however, she thought that the Council did not need one currently.

7.4 **Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) Annual Conference Attendance 2024 – S Nichols (Governance Manager)**

J Millward took the report as read.

There were no questions from elected members.

Moved: Deputy Mayor Atkinson

Seconded: Councillor Blackie

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** report No. 240420062990.
- (b) **Approves** Councillor Goldsworthy attending the Local Government New Zealand Conference from 21 to 23 August 2024 in Wellington, accompanying the Mayor and Chief Executive.
- (c) **Notes** that a report from attendees will be provided to a future workshop to discuss information and opportunities learnt from the attendance.

CARRIED

Deputy Mayor Atkinson commented that it was beneficial for first-term Councillors to attend a Local Government Conference as the networking opportunities were important.

8. **MATTER REFERRED FROM THE RANGIORA-ASHLEY COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING OF 10 APRIL 2024**

8.1 **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)
(Refer to report no. 240326047829 in the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board Agenda and the Minutes of the meeting, Item 11.5 on this agenda.)

J Read took the report as read, highlighting that the proposal was to seek approval for the exchange of a strip of a Council reserve with the developers of 229a King Street, Rangiora, to create a nearby walking and cycling link. Staff supported the land exchange, as the land would form a Council-owned access linkage reserve that would connect the landlocked Church Street cul-de-sac to King Street, Rangiora, thereby benefiting the whole community. There were no financial costs relating to the proposed land exchange, and staff believe that there would be a negligible increase in operational costs. However, the land exchange was dependent on the proposed residential development proceeding at 229a King Street, Rangiora.

Moved: Councillor Brine

Seconded: Councillor Fulton

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Approves** the implementation of the exchange of land between the Council and Faye Construction as identified within report no. 240326047829. Land Exchange Strips in relation to properties 229a King Street and 124 Church Street, Rangiora.
- (b) **Notes** the request is to exchange 317m² of Council-owned land on Drama Club Reserve (124 Church Street) for 496m² of Faye Construction-owned land at 229a King Street.
- (c) **Notes** that the exchange enables a pedestrian linkage from the end of Church Street through to King Street, Rangiora improving the pedestrian walkability of this area.
- (d) **Notes** that the area of Drama Club Reserve land proposed to be exchanged is currently an overflow car park from the previous tennis courts and is of poor recreational value.
- (e) **Notes** that the land exchange 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

Councillor Brine supported the motion, as the proposed exchange would benefit the community as a whole. The Rangiora-Ashley Community Board discussed and supported the proposal.

Councillor Fulton supported the motion as agreed by the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board.

Mayor Gordon commented that the proposed exchange would be a win-win situation for the Council and the community. He thanked the staff for bringing the opportunity to the Council.

9. **HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELLBEING**

9.1 **Health, Safety and Wellbeing Report April 2024** - J Millward (Chief Executive)

J Millward took the report as read.

Councillor Cairns noted that a resident had been knocked over in the Kaiapoi Dog Park. He questions if such incidents should be included in the monthly Health, Safety and Wellbeing Report. J Millward explained that any incident occurring on Council-owned land was recorded.

Moved: Councillor Cairns

Seconded: Councillor Goldsworthy

THAT the Council

- (a) **Receives** report no. 240422063615.
- (b) **Notes** that there were no notifiable incidents this month. The organisation is, so far as is reasonably practicable, compliant with the duties of a person conducting a business or undertaking (PCBU) as required by the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015
- (c) **Circulates** this report to the Community Board for their information.

CARRIED

10. **COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR INFORMATION**

10.1 **Minutes of a meeting of the CWMS Waimakariri Water Zone Committee of 4 March 2024**

10.2 **Minutes of a meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee of 12 March 2024**

10.3 **Minutes of a meeting of the Community and Recreation Committee of 19 March 2024**

- 10.4 Minutes of a meeting of the Utilities and Roading Committee of 19 March 2024
10.5 Minutes of a meeting of the Utilities and Roading Committee of 16 April 2024
10.6 Minutes of a meeting of the District Planning and Regulation Committee of 16 April 2024

Moved: Deputy Mayor Atkinson

Seconded: Councillor Blackie

THAT the Council

- (a) **Receives** Items 10.1 to 10.6 for information.

CARRIED

11. **COMMUNITY BOARD MINUTES FOR INFORMATION**

- 11.1 Minutes of the Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board meeting of 18 March 2024
11.2 Minutes of the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board meeting of 3 April 2024
11.3 Minutes of the Woodend-Sefton Community Board meeting of 9 April 2024
11.4 Minutes of the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board meeting of 10 April 2024
11.5 Minutes of the Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board meeting of 15 April 2024

Moved: Councillor Williams

Seconded: Councillor Cairns

THAT the Council

- (a) **Receives** Items 11.1 to 11.5 for information.

CARRIED

12. **MAYORS DIARY**

12.1 **Mayors Diary – Monday 25 March – Sunday 28 April 2024**

Moved: Councillor Goldsworthy

Seconded: Councillor Mealings

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** report number 240502070178.

CARRIED

13. **COUNCIL PORTFOLIO UPDATES**

13.1 **Iwi Relationships** – Mayor Dan Gordon

Mayor Gordon noted that J Millward and he were in regular contact with local iwi and were in the process of setting up discussions about priorities. The outcome of those discussions would be reported back to the Council. He noted his disappointment with the cancellation of the ANZAC Day Service in Tuahiwi.

13.2 **Greater Christchurch Partnership Update** – Mayor Dan Gordon

Mayor Gordon advised that it was agreed that the Greater Christchurch Partnership would meet quarterly. They were also looking at the role of an independent Chairperson and if the partnership required one going forward. They were in the process of setting up a discussion with Christchurch International Airport regarding the air noise contours.

13.3 **Government Reforms** – Mayor Dan Gordon

Mayor Gordon commented on the Central Government's announcement about Three Waters. The Council was starting to do its work and was in conversations with neighbouring councils. The Council was waiting for the relevant legislation prior to formulating any recommendations.

13.4 **Canterbury Water Management Strategy** – Councillor Tim Fulton

Councillor Tim Fulton highlighted the following:

- The final Eastern Districts Sewer Scheme 2022-23 compliance report served at the Utilities and Roading Committee meeting in October 2023
- The Avian Botulism report for 2023/24 would be completed in the coming months. However, it seemed that there was only a minor outbreak this year at the Kaiapoi Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- The implementation of the Cam River Enhancement projects had been delayed while the Council consulted Ngai Tūāhuriri following a request from Mahaanui Kurataiao Ltd earlier this year. Some projects would be undertaken in the next few months. However, a few would only be undertaken in the 2024-25 financial year. One of the fencing and planting projects on private land had the landowner pull out.
- There was some support for the Natural Environment Strategy (NES) during consultation on the Long Term Plan. It seemed that the majority of people preferred that all actions be funded. However, there were also submissions that recommended the need to halt work in the biodiversity space. This was related to the Central Government's instruction to stop work on the Significant Natural Areas (SNAs).
- The Stormwater Network Discharge Consents for Oxford, Woodend and Kaiapoi should be granted soon, as the Council and ECan agreed on a commencement date of 1 May 2024. An annual report for the Rangiora Stormwater Network Discharge Consent (CRC184601) and the Annual Water Quality Report for 2022-23 had been submitted to ECan and would be presented to the Utilities and Roading Committee for consideration in June 2024.
- There was a collaboration between the Council, the Waimakariri Biodiversity Trust, the Canterbury Museum, Lincoln University and Wildlands to deliver a successful series of iNaturalist events across the Waimakariri District by the end of April 2024. There were three mini BioBlitzs, a nighttime critter event and a bird event at the Ashley/Rakahuri.
- Arohatia te Awa (Cherish the River) – This programme of work had a restart following a period of inactivity. An increased scope of projects now included beyond the Cam Ruataniwha River to the Lineside Road wetland area, and scoping of projects in the Ohoka Stream, Courtenay Stream and elsewhere.
- A Greenpeace event in Rangiora on 21 April 2024 attracted about 250 attendees who wished to test the nitrate levels in their drinking water. Some samples of the Council's drinking water supplies were tested, which showed slightly different results than what was published by the Council. This was likely due to testing methods and natural variation in nitrate levels over time (eg annual cycles). Greenpeace had questioned the Maximum Allowable Value in the Drinking Water Standards as research found that it could lead to slightly lower birth weights in infants from 5 mg/L Nitrate-Nitrogen. Greenpeace sent a letter to Te Whatu Ora, naming the Oxford supply (incorrectly named as the Oxford town supply, when it was the Oxford No.1 Rural supply) as over 5 mg/L Nitrate-Nitrogen. Regular Council testing through an IANZ-accredited lab showed that the Oxford No. 1 Rural supply average was under 5 mg/L (except for one sample that was just over 5 mg/L).

Mayor Gordon noted that Greenpeace was not known for its expertise in water matters. On the Mandeville Residents pages, someone was posting the information, trying to be a scaremonger, which residents had taken care of pretty smartly. It was disappointing to see action taken by Greenpeace.

13.5 **Climate Change and Sustainability** – Councillor Niki Mealings

Councillor Mealings noted that the Council's Management Team had signed off on the Climate Resilience Programme for 2024-27, which included a new governance structure, and staff would be briefing the Council on this shortly. Staff had agreed to change the programme's name from Climate Change and Sustainability to Climate Resilience. The Resilience Explore Project was underway and should be available to Councillors to view in June 2024. It was a visual tool to identify climate risks and natural hazards and could be used to work around various hazard scenarios that a Council asset may have. The Future Coasts, which included the Ashley Rakahuri River, had now been completed, and there was a workshop to be held with Council staff.

13.6 **International Relationships** – Deputy Mayor Neville Atkinson

Deputy Mayor Atkinson noted that on 20 June 2024, a fundraiser would be held at the Rangiora RSA. On 21 June 2024, the plaques of the four missing graves would be dedicated at the Rangiora RSA. Representatives from the Belgium Consulate in Australia would attend the event. He noted that he was unable to attend the ANZAC Day Services; however, they all went well. It was proposed to have a discussion at the Waimakariri Passchendaele Advisory Group about taking a lead on the ANZAC Day Services.

Mayor Gordon noted that concerns were raised about the sound system at the Kaiapoi ANZAC Day Service. Staff are looking into possible options to inform a conversation with the RSAs.

Councillor Cairns noted that during the review of promoting events around the Waimakariri District, one issue was sound systems and the opportunity to share sound systems.

13.7 **Property and Housing** – Deputy Mayor Neville Atkinson

Deputy Mayor Atkinson noted that the property on Ohoka Road, Kaiapoi was under offer. The Fishers Road, Loburn property had been placed on the market. Councillors visited Otautahi Community Housing Trust developments in Christchurch, which was really interesting. The Trust was doing extremely well with the development of social housing.

14. **QUESTIONS**

There were no questions.

15 **URGENT GENERAL BUSINESS**

There was no urgent general business.

16. **MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WITH THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED**

Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

Moved: Mayor Gordon

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Atkinson

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 is moved:

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

- 16.1 Confirmation of Public Excluded Minutes of Council meeting of 2 April 2024
- 16.2 Acquisition of Easements and Entry Agreements, Rangiora
- 16.3 Land Purchase for Ohoka Water Treatment Plant Upgrade
- 16.4 Contract for Rating Valuation Services and Valuation Database Management

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:

Item No.	Subject	Reason for excluding the public	Grounds for excluding the public-
16.1	Confirmation of Public Excluded Minutes of Council meeting of 2 April 2024	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7	To protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons (s7(2)(a) and to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) LGOIMA Section7(2)(i).
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Item No.	Subject	Reason for excluding the public	Grounds for excluding the public-
16.2	Acquisition of Easements and Entry Agreements, Rangiora	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7	The report, attachments, discussion, and minutes remain public excluded for reasons of protecting the privacy of natural persons and enabling the local authority to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial) negotiations and maintain legal professional privilege as per LGOIMA Section 7 (2)(a), (g) and (i). This report will remain in Public Excluded until the various negotiations and transactions are concluded, after which the recommendations included in the report may be released
16.3	Land Purchase for Ohoka Water Treatment Plant Upgrade	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7	The report, attachments, discussion and minutes remain public excluded for reasons of protecting the privacy of natural persons and enabling the local authority to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial) negotiations and maintain legal professional privilege as per LGOIMA Section 7 (2)(a), and (i), but that recommendations a, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, k and l can be made public after completion of the successful purchase
16.4	Contract for Rating Valuation Services and Valuation Database Management	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7	The recommendations in this report be made publicly available but that the contents remain public excluded as there is good reason to withhold in accordance with Section 7(h) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act; enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.

CLOSED MEETING

Refer to Public Excluded Agenda (separate document)

OPEN MEETING

16.4 Contract for Rating Valuation Services and Valuation Database Management – M Harris (Customer Services Manager) and D Thompson (Contract Specialist)

Moved: Councillor Brine

Seconded: Councillor Williams

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 240403051704.
- (b) **Agrees** to staff entering a joint negotiation with the Selwyn, Ashburton, Hurunui and Kaikoura District Councils to renew the contract for Rating Valuation Services and Database Management with Quotable Value for a three-year period, with the option of a three-year roll-over.
- (c) **Authorises** Staff to commence work to enter into a new shared services contract, using:
 - **Option 1) Direct Negotiation with a Single Supplier (QV) – (Recommended Option)**
- (d) **Notes** that staff have considered if an open tender process would be suitable for this project but have recommended against this option, as there are only two suppliers providing this service for local government, it is a specialised field, and any delay in the approval of the 2025 revaluation could impact the completeness of the rating valuations for the following year.

- (e) **Notes** That a procurement plan will be prepared for this project and forwarded to the procurement PCG for review based on the feedback received from this report. The Procurement PCG will then be able to make any suggestions they believe are required for the negotiation process.
- (f) **Resolves** that the recommendations in this report be made publicly available but that the contents remain public excluded as there is good reason to withhold in accordance with Section 7(2)(h) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act; “enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities”.
- (g) **Circulates** this report to the Audit and Risk Committee “Public Excluded” for their information.

CARRIED

17. NEXT MEETING

The Council would meet to hear submissions on the draft 2024-34 Long Term Plan as follows:

- 9am on Wednesday, 8 May 2024, in the Kaikanui Room, Ruataniwha Kaiapoi Civic Centre, Kaiapoi.
- 2.30pm on Wednesday, 8 May 2024, in the Oxford Town Hall, Main Street, Oxford
- 9am on Thursday 9 May 2024, in the Council Chamber, Rangiora Service Centre, 215 High Street, Rangiora
- 9am on Friday 10 May 2024, in the Council Chamber, Rangiora Service Centre, 215 High Street, Rangiora.

The Council would then meet to deliberate on the draft 2024-34 Long Term Plan in the Council Chamber, Rangiora Service Centre, 215 High Street, Rangiora, as follows:

- 9am on Tuesday, 21 May 2024
- 9am on Wednesday, 22 May 2024

The next ordinary monthly meeting of the Council was scheduled for Tuesday 4 June 2024, to be held in the Council Chamber, Rangiora Service Centre, 215 High Street, Rangiora, commencing at 1pm.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING CLOSED AT 4.28PM.

CONFIRMED



Signed
Mayor Dan Gordon

4 June 2024
Date