

## WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY AND RECREATION COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 215 HIGH STREET, RANGIORA, ON TUESDAY, 16 DECEMBER 2025, AT 1PM

#### PRESENT

Councillors W Doody, B McLaren, N Mealings, S Powell and Deputy Mayor Redmond.

#### IN ATTENDANCE

Councillors T Bartle and T Fulton.

J Millward (Chief Executive), C Brown (General Manager Community and Recreation), S Hart (General Manager Strategy, Engagement and Economic Development), R Hawthorne (Property Manager), G MacLeod (Greenspace Manager), T Sturley (Community Team Manager), M Greenwood (Aquatics Manager), L Sole (District Libraries Manager), D Roxborough (Strategic and Special Projects Manager), G Steele (Property Acquisition and Disposals Manager), I Clark (Project Manager), B Dollery (Biodiversity Team Leader), A Childs (Acquisitions and Disposals Officer), M Kwant (Senior Rangiora Biodiversity), L Mealings (Policy Analyst) and C Fowler-Jenkins (Governance Support Officer).

*At the commencement of the meeting, in the absence of the Chairperson, the General Manager Community and Recreation, C Brown, took the Chair and welcomed everyone present.*

#### **1 APOLOGIES**

Moved: Councillor Mealings

Seconded: Councillor Powell

**THAT** the Community and Recreation Committee:

- (a) **Received** and **sustained** requests for leave of absence from Mayor Gordon and Councillor B Cairns.

**CARRIED**

#### **2 APPOINTMENT OF ACTING CHAIRPERSON**

C Brown called for nominations for an Acting Chairperson for the meeting.

Moved: Councillor Mealings

Seconded: Councillor Doody

**THAT** the Community and Recreation Committee:

- (a) **That** Councillor S Powell be appointed as Acting Chairperson for the meeting in the absence of the Chairperson, Councillor B Cairns.

**CARRIED**

*The General Manager, Community and Recreation, vacated the Chair in favour of the elected Acting Chairperson, Councillor Powell.*

#### **3 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

There were no conflicts declared.

#### 4 DEPUTATIONS

Nil.

#### 5 REPORTS

##### 5.1 Property Portfolio Working Group – Review of Activities – Property Portfolio Working Group and R Hawthorne (Property Unit Manager)

R Hawthorne took the report as read.

Councillor Mealings queried whether the new Terms of Reference permitted staff membership on the Property Portfolio Working Group. C Brown clarified that staff support was currently provided by the General Manager, Community and Recreation; the General Manager, Strategy, Engagement and Economic Development; the Property Manager; and the Community Team Manager, with additional staff assisting them in delivering the required work for the Group.

Deputy Mayor Redmond observed that the Property Portfolio Working Group had previously made recommendations directly to the Council and asked whether this had changed, with recommendations now being made first to the Community and Recreation Committee before reaching the Council. C Brown explained that the Working Group would report to the Community and Recreation Committee and/or directly to the Council. In cases where funding had already been allocated, the Community and Recreation Committee had delegated decision-making authority. However, matters such as land purchases would be referred directly to the Council.

Moved: Councillor Mealings

Seconded: Councillor Doody

**THAT** the Community and Recreation Committee:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 251121221602.
- (b) **Approves** the Terms of Reference of the Property Asset Management Working Group (Trim 251121221603).
- (c) **Acknowledges** the work of the previous Property Portfolio Working Group for developing several property and housing-related policies, providing oversight for a significant program of acquisitions and disposals, leadership around the partnering relationships progressed to date, and the development of new housing for Council's Housing for the Elderly service.
- (d) **Notes** the change in the name of the Property Portfolio Working Group to the Property Asset Management Working Group.
- (e) **Notes** the appointments made to membership of the Property Asset Management Working Group, being the Deputy Mayor Philip Redmond, as Chair and the Portfolio Holder for Property. Additional membership includes Councillor Wendy Doody (the Portfolio Holder for Housing), Councillor Niki Mealings (the Portfolio Holder for the District Plan and Sustainability), Councillor Brent Cairns (the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Town Centres), Councillor Bruce McLaren (the Portfolio Holder for Community Facilities), and the Mayor Dan Gordon, Ex-Officio.
- (f) **Notes** the shift in focus of the Property Asset Management Working Group for the new term to be more on significant projects, policy and strategic direction, as opposed to operational and transactional matters.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Mealings supported the motion, believing the proposed changes to the Working Group, including increased membership, would assist in ensuring it functions effectively.

5.2 **Update to Northern Pegasus Bay Advisory Group Terms of Reference** – L Mealings (Policy Analyst) and M Kwant (Senior Ranger Biodiversity)

L Mealings spoke to the report, noting that approval was being sought for the updated Terms of Reference of the Northern Pegasus Bay Advisory Group. This proposed update was presented at this time to ensure the recommended amendments were considered before the next Advisory Group meeting, scheduled for February 2026, to facilitate a smooth transition for the incoming Chairperson. The Advisory Group had been consulted on the proposed updated Terms of Reference and had received positive feedback.

There were no questions for elected members.

Moved: Deputy Mayor Redmond      Seconded: Councillor McLaren

**THAT** the Community and Recreation Committee:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 251103208658.
- (b) **Approves** the updated Northern Pegasus Bay Advisory Group Terms of Reference November 2025 (Trim 251103208622).
- (c) **Notes** that the updated Northern Pegasus Bay Advisory Group Terms of Reference (Trim 251103208622) will be formally introduced to the Advisory Group at their next scheduled meeting in February 2026, pending Committee approval.
- (d) **Circulates** this report and its attachment to Community Boards for information.

**CARRIED**

Deputy Mayor Redmond noted his involvement in the hearing panel that reviewed the Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw, commenting that a workable solution had been reached for recreational beach users. He acknowledged this as the second stage of the process and commended the Advisory Group's effective work. He congratulated Councillor Powell on being appointed the next Chairperson of the Advisory Group and expressed confidence that the Group would continue to function successfully.

Councillor McLaren noted that the intention of the extensive representation on the Advisory Group was to allow for organisations and the community to be involved in matters relating to the Bylaw area. However, there was a distinction between membership and participation, and the balance would be to ensure that no single group outweighed decision-makers.

Councillor Powell looked forward to working with the Advisory Group, noting that the Waimakariri District's coastal areas were a special place for her. She recognised the excellent work on the recent Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw review, which ensured that the coastal areas were accessible to everyone.

5.3 **Arohatia te Awa Working Group Terms of Reference** – B Dollery (Biodiversity Team Leader)

B Dollery spoke to the report, noting the proposed changes to the Terms of Reference for the Arohatia te Awa Working Group were to reflect the changes to membership after the 2025 Local Government elections. In addition, staff titles were used rather than staff names to minimise the need for changes caused by staff turnover. The name of the Revells Road development had also been updated.

Deputy Mayor Redmond noted that, under membership, Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga representative Arapata Ruben was listed by name. He queried whether that should be amended. B Dollery advised that only staff members' names had been removed; the names of elected members and the Rūnanga representative had been retained.

Deputy Mayor Redmond asked why the Council's Water Environment Advisor would no longer support the Arohatia te Awa Working Group. B Dollery noted that the Water Environment Advisor would serve as a member of the Working Group.

Deputy Mayor Redmond queried why the Flaxton development was referred to as Revells Road rather than Lineside Road. B Dollery explained that there was a preference to use Revells Road as an interim name until the formal naming process determined the land's future designation.

Responding to a question from Councillor Mealings, B Dollery confirmed that the address of the development was Revells Road.

Councillor Mealings queried whether the Council's Drainage Portfolio Holder should be included as a member of the Working Group. B Dollery noted it would have to be a Council decision.

Councillor Fulton asked which Council Department had oversight of the Working Group. B Dollery explained that the Group operated through an integration of departments. She highlighted the Stormwater Engineer's role in ensuring that riparian areas were designed to provide access to watercourses for maintenance and to prevent blockages.

Moved: Councillor Mealings

Seconded: Councillor McLaren

**THAT** the Community and Recreation Committee:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 251114216960.
- (b) **Approves** the updated Arohatia te Awa Working Group Terms of Reference, November 2025 (Trim 251023202309).
- (c) **Agrees** to the inclusion of the Council's Portfolio Holder for Drainage, Councillor T Fulton, as a member of the Arohatia te Awa Working Group
- (d) **Notes** staff will report back to the Community and Recreation Committee to update on the status of the project and budget in March 2026.
- (e) **Notes** that meeting invites for the 2026 calendar year had been sent to the working group with an expected first meeting to take place in February 2026.
- (f) **Circulates** this report to all the Community Boards for their information.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Mealings supported the motion, noting that the Arohatia te Awa project would be dedicated to enhancing water quality, biodiversity, and recreational access across the Waimakariri District, resulting in many excellent outcomes from both a recreational and ecological perspective.

5.4 **Aquatics December Update** – M Greenwood (Aquatics Manager)

M Greenwood took the report as read.

Councillor Fulton asked if the opening day of the Oxford Community Aquatic Centre had been consistent with previous years. M Greenwood confirmed that it was similar to last year's; the season began on Saturday, 29 November 2025, and would run for 15 weeks.

Councillor Fulton enquired how many gas cylinders were used at the Oxford Community Aquatic Centre. M Greenwood noted that a 2,244kg gas cylinder was used, which had been recycled a couple of times during the first week of the session, after which it was usually one gas cylinder per week.

Deputy Mayor Redmond asked about the proposed charges at Christchurch City Council's new Parakiore Recreation and Sport Centre. M Greenwood advised that the adult slide pass would be \$18 and the child slide pass \$13 for full entry. He noted that during Covid some councils chose to freeze fees and charges, whereas the Council implemented small incremental increases. As a result, other councils were now having to catch up, while the Council's charges remain aligned with the national average.

Deputy Mayor Redmond observed that the Council's Water Safety Programme outperformed the national average for children aged zero to four, but results were lower for children aged five to six. M Greenwood acknowledged a decline in participation within that age group, noting staff efforts to keep lessons engaging and motivating. He added that staff were working with schools to identify potential causes.

Councillor Doody asked whether staff could encourage children who had left the programme to return. M Greenwood explained that staff were working with schools to support re-engagement. He noted that participation had also declined as more technology course options became available, reducing the number of children continuing through the programme.

Councillor Mealings asked about the possibility of introducing a concession card for the Oxford Community Aquatic Centre. M Greenwood advised that he had researched practices at other facilities and noted that a range of child concession options already existed, providing discounted entry. While not specific to Oxford, these concessions addressed some of the community's needs.

Councillor Powell asked whether any activities were planned over the break. M Greenwood advised that the Dudley Aquatic Facility would undergo maintenance during this period, while the Oxford and Kaiapoi Facilities would remain open. Programmes would be scheduled at those facilities to provide support. He noted that staff had contacted all concession card holders to inform them and that further communication would be issued via the Council's website.

Moved: Councillor Doody

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Redmond

**THAT** the Community and Recreation Committee:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 251125224056.
- (b) **Notes** customer attendance of 23,434 customers for the month of November 2025. This is up 2025 customers (or 8.6%) in comparison to November 2024.
- (c) **Notes** that legislation changes coming into effect in March 2026 will require Concession cards to expire after three years rather than the current one year.
- (d) **Notes** these changes to Concession expiry dates are not expected to have any significant financial impact.

- (e) **Notes** the substantial achievement by children aged 0 to 6 years against national benchmarks through our water safety programming.
- (f) **Circulates** this report to the Community Boards for their information.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Doody supported the motion and thanked staff for the comprehensive report. She noted that the continued high attendance at the Aquatic Facilities was excellent. Councillor Doody urged staff to try to retain five to six-year-old children in the Council's Water Safety Programme.

Deputy Mayor Redmond observed that there was room for improvement in outcomes for children aged four to six. He commented on the Government's concession card initiative, noting that while the Council was required to comply, it was unlikely to have financial repercussions. Deputy Mayor Redmond highlighted the increasing participation numbers as a positive sign and commended Waiswim as an excellent programme. He also supported the motion.

Councillor Powell also supported the motion, highlighting that the Waikuku Beach paddling pool was well used over the summer.

Councillor Mealings commended the report and thanked staff for their work. She noted that attendance increased by 8.6% in 2025, highlighted the benefit of concession cards being valid for three years, and expressed her appreciation for the Waiswim programme's substantial achievements.

#### 5.5 **Libraries Update to December 2025** – L Sole (District Libraries Manager)

L Sole took the report as read.

Responding to Councillor McLaren's question, L Sole noted the libraries were approached by the Ministry of Social Development (MSD) and the Digital Inclusion Alliance Aotearoa (DIAA), who provided funding for the Digi-Coach Programme. It was a 13-week, work-based learning programme that helped job seekers gain practical experience, build digital skills, and contribute to their communities. The Council's libraries had been part of the national pilot programme.

Councillor McLaren expressed concern that the small meeting room in the Rangiora Chamber Gallery, which housed honour roll boards, had been converted into storage due to space constraints. L Sole noted significant pressure on that part of the library, explaining that Justice of the Peace (JP) services operated from the room and were attracting increasing attendance. He added that the adjacent room was not configured for public use, and these issues were being considered in the design brief for the library extension.

Councillor Doody questioned whether there were alternative locations for JP services in Rangiora. L Sole advised that staff had recently met with the JP service to discuss best practice. He noted that in Kaiapoi, services had moved from the meeting room to the main floor, which was their preference. However, when consulted, the Rangiora JPs indicated they would prefer to remain in the meeting room.

Councillor Doody asked if staff had liaised with the artist, Gerald Horton's family, about the removal of the portico mural at Trevor Inch Memorial Library and L Sole confirmed that they had been advised.

Deputy Mayor Redmond asked whether the Community Hub van could support the proposed Pop-up Library service for four hours each Friday. L Sole confirmed that it could, noting the van had been booked for this purpose. He explained that existing bookings would take precedence, though none were currently scheduled, and if required for more pressing community matters, library use would be forfeited.

Moved: Councillor Doody

Seconded: Councillor Mealings

**THAT** the Community and Recreation Committee:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 251204231684.
- (b) **Notes** the trial mobile outreach service, beginning in mid-February 2026. The identified benefits and considerations are detailed below, including budget and health and safety requirements.
- (c) **Notes** the removal of the portico mural at Trevor Inch Memorial Library. This work will coincide with upcoming painting and façade repairs at the Rangiora Borough Council Chambers on Percival Street to reduce costs.
- (d) **Circulates** the report to the Community Boards for their information.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Doody expressed appreciation for the work of library staff. It was excellent to see the community participating in library programmes, children thriving in their reading, and homeschool children using the area.

Councillor Mealings thanked staff for the report and commended the libraries for their valuable contributions to the community and their focus on sustainability. She congratulated the staff on a successful year.

S Powell thanked staff, remarking that she was continually impressed by the libraries. She noted strong community engagement, highlighting the popularity of the Tinker Zone and the positive rapport built with the Digi-Coach Programme.

5.6 **Community Team Year in Review Report 2024/2025** – T Sturley (Community Team Manager)

T Sturley took the report as read.

Deputy Mayor Redmond noted the report's reference to the four wellbeings and asked, given the Government's Local Government Systems Improvements Amendment Bill did not identify community development as a core activity, what changes were being observed in this area. T Sturley advised that no changes were evident. She confirmed that the Council's community outcomes remained aligned with the four wellbeings and that staff were focused on implementing those outcomes. She emphasised the importance of demonstrating the viability and community value of Council activities.

Councillor Doody asked whether the Tradie Breakfast to Support Mental Health was the same initiative started by Waghorn Builders. T Sturley explained that there were two separate events. Staff supported the Waghorn Builders breakfast held annually in Kaiapoi, and in 2024 organised a Tradie breakfast in Rangiora featuring Lance Burdent, which included a public offering with a particular focus on the sport and recreation sector.

Moved: Deputy Mayor Redmond

Seconded: Councillor Powell

**THAT** the Community and Recreation Committee:

- (a) **Receives** report No. 251201227870.
- (b) **Notes** the collaborative, community-led approach adopted by the Community Team as part of business as usual and Civil Defence response.
- (c) **Notes** that, all population and performance measure targets for the Community Development Strategy 2015 -2025 have been met or exceeded.

- (d) **Notes** that, going forward, the Year in Review report will detail results against the recently adopted Whakawhānake Hapori o Waimakariri – Waimakariri Community Development Strategy, 2025 – 2035.

**CARRIED**

Deputy Mayor Redmond supported the motion, observing that the report effectively highlighted several issues. He expressed concern that removing the four wellbeings would be detrimental but noted that the Council could still undertake some of those activities. He emphasised that while community facilities were core activities community development was not, people should be the real priority. Deputy Mayor Redmond commended the Community Team for their contribution to a healthy society in the Waimakariri District, noting the benefits were evident.

Councillor Powell looked forward to her role as Portfolio Holder for Community Development and Wellbeing. She reflected on her involvement with the Waimakariri Access Group and other groups, observing the positive impact and support provided by the Community Team. She stated that wellbeing made the Waimakariri District a great place to live, with social care providing essential support to residents. Councillor Powell also supported the motion.

Councillor McLaren similarly supported the motion, praising the Community Team's approach of not attempting to deliver specialist services directly, but instead clearly defining its role by enabling experts to provide them.

Councillor Mealings concurred with the previous speakers, noting she was proud of all the work undertaken by the Council's Community Team.

In his right of reply, Deputy Mayor Redmond noted his recent attendance at Citizenship Ceremonies, where a video featuring the Governor General, Dame Cindy Kiro, included the phrase: "*What was the most important thing in the world? It was people, it was people, it was people.*" He considered this a strong endorsement of community development.

## **6 CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil.

## **7 PORTFOLIO UPDATES**

### **7.1 Greenspace (Parks, Reserves and Sports Grounds) – Councillor Brent Cairns**

Councillor Cairns provided Greenspace (Parks, Reserves and Sports Grounds) Portfolio updates, as below, prior to the meeting.

Several Greenspace projects reached milestones, and the Greenspace Team submitted the following projects to Community Boards for approval:

- Woodend Sefton Community Board
  - Waikuku Beach Recreation Facilities Master Plan - The Plan was approved by the Board in September 2025, with a request to review further the quality and provision of the current toilet facilities. The Board held a workshop in December 2025 to discuss various options. The Board requested a report comparing whole-of-life costs for complete replacement versus renovation, to be provided in March 2026
  - Woodend Beach Recreation Facilities Master Plan - With the Master Plan approved by the Board, staff were moving into detailed design work in early 2026 alongside engaging a cultural artist for the identified features so these could be integrated with the tender documentation. Staff aimed to release a

tender in mid-March 2026, allowing time for a thorough, detailed design given the site's complexity and the holiday period. Playground proposals had been received, and staff would confirm selections shortly, noting a 12- to 18-week lead time for equipment. While some Board members noted a preference for the existing play space to remain until the new one opens, this would depend on condition assessments. If early removal were required, staff would ensure clear communication to minimise any issues arising from the gap in provision. While construction will be well underway, completion before year-end 2026 was unlikely; staff and the Board were comfortable with this realistic approach.

- Kaiapoi Tuahiwi Community Board
  - Norman Kirk Playground had been installed and was being well used.
  - The Board approved the installation of a StoryWalk at Te Korotuaheka Wetlands/ Honda Forest in Kaiapoi. The StoryWalk would follow a looped path around the reserve for everyone to enjoy. A StoryWalk was installed at Northbrook Wetlands in Rangiora in early 2025 and was a great success. The plan was to install a StoryWalk in each ward in the Waimakariri District. The Kaiapoi StoryWalk would be installed in 2026.
- Rangiora-Ashley Community Board
  - The Board approved the Canterbury Street Reserve play space renewal. This project had community consultation with neighbours and a play centre. The plan would also address ongoing waterlogging issues in the play space, which have become more noticeable to the local community in recent years.
  - The Elm Green Reserve Concept Plan was approved for community engagement. This was a growth project driven by subdivisions in eastern Rangiora. Once engagement was completed, staff would review the concept plan before preparing a report for the Board.
  - The Board also approved staff issuing a project brief for a Sculpture of Howard Kippenberger along Kippenberger Avenue in Rangiora. The purpose of this brief was to invite expressions of interest in concepts that the Waimakariri Public Arts Trust would first review and then shortlist to three concepts for the Community Board to consider.

The Greenspace Team also held workshops with each of the Community Boards in December 2025 to update them on the progress of the 2025/26 General Landscape Budget projects. Board members were requested to submit ideas for landscaping projects, whereafter staff would hold follow-up workshops in March 2026 to review the proposals.

## 7.2 Community Facilities (including Aquatic Centres, Multi-use Sports Stadium, Libraries/Service Centres, Town Halls and Museums) – Councillor Bruce McLaren

- MainPower Stadium - The stadium was at capacity during peak times. There was some staff outreach to high schools to encourage after-school use.
- Waimakariri Libraries – Almost 400,000 people are visiting the various libraries, a 10% increase on the previous year. It was evident that libraries were more than just books. He was always moved by the happy buzz in the spaces.
- Aquatic Facilities – The 23,500 visitors in November 2025 alone were a phenomenal number. Although there was a user-pay fee, the cost of visiting the pool remained affordable, making it an inexpensive activity for hard-pressed families in the district.
- Oxford Town Hall – The projector at the hall was up for renewal.
- Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) - Supported by the New Zealand Red Cross, several AEDs were being renewed around the Waimakariri District.

### 7.3 Community Development and Wellbeing – Councillor Shona Powell

- Youth Action Plan was being finalised and would be ready for presentation to the Community and Recreation Committee at its February 2026 meeting and subsequent community consultation.
- Public consultation on the Welcoming Communities Plan was complete, and the draft document would be presented to the Community and Recreation Committee for adoption in February 2026.
- Successful funding acquisition to ensure continuity of English Language Classes and other activities for migrant newcomers.
- Successful funding acquisition for Youth-led activities into the New Year, including building on the Dudley Park Activation project.
- Support continued for the Age-friendly Advisory Group and associated activities.
- Project Control Group was being established to guide and monitor implementation of the Accessibility Plan, given that this was a Council Action plan, with deliverables identified by various teams across the Council, as part of its development.
- Working with the Salvation Army and other agencies on a sustainable solution to increasingly complex homeless cases.
- Working individually with several groups on strategic planning and governance, as well as funding
- Working with Arts Trusts on more streamlined governance and increased collaboration. Also, working on cataloguing and gathering relevant information on local Arts Collection Trust works.
- Pressure on food banks continued, alongside strategic support for food security.
- Youth unemployment continued to be a priority, but funding had been acquired for increased capacity.
- Planning a Health Service Forum in 2026, in collaboration with the Health Advisory Group and Social Services Waimakariri. The aim was to address access issues and silos, and to consider how to increase the health competency of the wider Waimakariri.
- The Global Locals of Waimakariri (GLOW) multicultural dinner saw some newer residents attending. It was an opportunity to capture photos to build the stock of images for community publications.
- The Older Persons Expo was held on 8 October 2025 at the Rangiora RSA, with a good turnout of stalls and attendees
- The newly marked Boccia courts at MainPower Stadium, the first dedicated courts in New Zealand, were launched with an invitational tournament with eight Canterbury players participating. Responses from players, supporters, and Boccia New Zealand were very positive. Sport Canterbury produced a video with interviews and coverage of the day.
- The Waimakariri Access Group was planning to hold their regular awareness training on accessibility for staff and elected members on Thursday, 12 March 2026.
- The Kaiapoi Menz Shed was well underway with their relocation, and the Community Team was working with them
- Many community events had been taking place across the Waimakariri District in the lead up to Christmas, which brought joy and included:
  - Santa Parades and market days.
  - The Wellbeing North Canterbury Trust Christmas Giving Trees, which were hosted by many businesses and organisations to collect new gifts for children and teens, and the successful 'Toot for Tucker'.
  - The Soroptimist International of North Canterbury Christmas Tree Festival, once again hosted in the Rangiora Service Centre.
  - The Mayoral Christmas morning tea.

7.4 **Arts and Culture** – Councillor Brent Cairns

Councillor Cairns provided an Arts and Culture Portfolio update, as below, prior to the meeting.

- Waimakariri Art Collection Trust was in the process of dissolving the Trust, including the following:
  - Building a list of artworks which had been purchased and donated.
  - Locating each artwork, cataloguing, labelling, and having each piece valued before it was handed over to the Council.
  - Several artworks were themed and could form part of exhibitions i.e. Passchendaele.
  - A student was coming on board to do a lot of the work.
  - Looking to create QR codes to provide the history of each artwork.
  - The Council may have to invest in plinths/cases to display some of the works.

7.5 **Property** – Deputy Mayor Philip Redmond

Deputy Mayor Redmond opted not to provide an update at this time.

7.6 **Housing** – Councillor Wendy Doody

Councillor Doody opted not to provide an update at this time.

**8 QUESTIONS**

Nil.

**9 URGENT GENERAL BUSINESS**

Nil.

**10 MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WITH THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED**

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

Moved: Councillor Powell                      Seconded: Councillor Mealings

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.

10.1 Mainpower Stadium – Solar panels

Item No	Subject	Reason for excluding the public	Grounds for excluding the public.
<b>REPORT</b>			
10.1	Mainpower Stadium – Solar Panels	Good reason to withhold exists under Section 7	To enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, including commercial and industrial negotiations. <b>LGOIMA Section 7(i)</b>

**CARRIED**

## **CLOSED MEETING**

*The public excluded portion of the meeting occurred from 2:40pm to 3:01pm*

## **OPEN MEETING**

### 10.1 **Mainpower Stadium – Solar Panels – I Clark (Project Manager).**

Moved: Councillor McLaren      Seconded: Councillor Mealings

**THAT** the Utilities and Roading Committee

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 251127225799.
- (b) **Notes** that the recently tendered contract for design, supply and installation of solar photovoltaic (PV) panels on the canopy area of the Mainpower Stadium did not result in a successful tender outcome; all tenders were rejected, and no contract was awarded.
- (c) **Approves** option one for procuring prices for the design, supply and installation of solar panels on the alternative rooftop area at Mainpower Stadium through a second open tender process.
- (d) **Notes** that the front steel canopy on the stadium's northwest corner was initially engineered to accommodate future solar panel installation. However, further investigation has determined that this is not the most practical option due to operational challenges and higher maintenance and capital costs.
- (e) **Notes** that this follows industry feedback received post-tender. Solar specialists recommend the roof as a better alternative, which would likely attract more competitive tenders and design proposals.
- (f) **Notes** that no work will be undertaken until the rooftop supplier confirms that the warranty will remain valid and that installation will not pose any issues.
- (g) **Notes** that the net present value (NPV) will be reassessed following tender to determine if the outcome represents a viable outcome.
- (h) **Notes** that the operational expenses that the Council incur will be offset over time.
- (i) **Notes** that solar panels typically last between 25 and 30 years, and modelling undertaken for this revised scheme shows the Council would start to see a return on the investment after approximately 11 years on a simple payback basis, which is unchanged from the original approved concept.
- (j) **Notes** that this report assists with the Council's environmental aspirations.
- (k) **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(i) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act; "enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, including commercial and industrial negotiations"

**CARRIED**

**11 NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Community and Recreation Committee was scheduled for Tuesday 17 February 2026 at 1pm in the Council Chamber, Rangiora Service Centre, 215 High Street, Rangiora.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING CLOSED AT 4:13PM.

**CONFIRMED**



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Chairperson

17 February 2026

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**Workshop**

- *Rangiora and Kaiapoi Museum Study Outcomes*