

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE WOODEND-SEFTON COMMUNITY BOARD HELD AT THE WOODEND COMMUNITY CENTRE, SCHOOL ROAD, WOODEND ON MONDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2023 AT 5.30PM.

PRESENT

S Powell (Chairperson), M Paterson (Deputy Chairperson), I Fong, R Mather, and P Redmond.

IN ATTENDANCE

K LaValley (General Manager Planning, Regulation and Environment), J McBride (Roading and Transport Manager), G MacLeod (Greenspace Manager), S Binder (Senior Transportation Engineer), K Rabe (Governance Advisor) and C Fowler-Jenkins (Governance Support Officer).

There were 20 members of the public present.

1 APOLOGIES

Moved: R Mather Seconded: P Redmond

Apologies were received and sustained from B Cairns and A Thompson.

CARRIED

2 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no declared conflicts of interest.

3 CONFIRMATION MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the Woodend-Sefton Community Board – 14 August 2023

Moved: M Paterson Seconded: R Mather

THAT the Woodend-Sefton Community Board:

- (a) **Confirms**, as a true and accurate record, the circulated Minutes of the Woodend-Sefton Community Board meeting, held on 14 August 2023.

CARRIED

3.2 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

3.3 Notes of the Woodend-Sefton Community Board Workshop – 14 August 2023

Moved: R Mather Seconded: I Fong

THAT the Woodend-Sefton Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** the notes of the Woodend-Sefton Community Board Workshop held on 14 August 2023.

CARRIED

4 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS FROM THE COMMUNITY

4.1 Pegasus School – Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Student Ambassadors

Sally Paterson (Lead Teacher, SDG learning area, Te Kura o Manga Kawari) introduced the SDG Student Ambassadors.

The Student Ambassadors provided a presentation on the SDGs noting that the 17 goals had been developed by the United Nations in 2015 to end all poverty, protect the planet and improve the lives of everyone, everywhere. The students explained that the SDG Ambassadors were a group of children from Te Kura o Manga Kawari who were eager for a challenge. By working together, they were taking the initiative to make the planet more sustainable.

The first initiative was bike riding, and in Term 1 they had written a letter to the Council who suggested that they speak to the Community Board. The students provided a video presentation on the initiative. The Ambassadors had carried out a survey and out of 396 students 77% had said they would bike to the beach if there was a bike rack available and 70% said they would rather bike to the beach than go by car. The Ambassadors had also collected data from the wider community which showed it was not just kura who would use the bike racks.

The ambassadors believed bike racks would encourage Goal 11 'sustainable cities and communities' as it would promote bikes instead of cars and it would also benefit Goal 7 'affordable and clean energy' as it would not be using petrol or diesel. By putting bike racks at the beach, it would encourage more people to ride bikes and the exercise would help with the Goal 3 'health and wellbeing'. It would also help with Goal 13 'climate action' by reducing car use.

The ambassadors showed a picture of bike racks that would like to see at the beach and could be built by a local business, Refined Engineering. The cost of these were \$1,600 per unit, and they believed three units would be necessary which would hold 18 bikes. A concrete base for the bike racks to be mounted on would also be necessary. They would like to see the racks positioned on the beach side of the toilet blocks.

The students thanked the Board for listening to their presentation and asked if there were any questions.

S Powell asked if the students would be happy if the racks could be secured to the ground so they could chain their bikes to them, and if they believed space for 18 bikes would be sufficient, the students believed 18 bikes was a good starting point.

S Powell asked if there was anywhere else in Pegasus that the students thought there would be a need for a bike rack. It was suggested that there needed to be more near the playground as there was currently only space for four bikes.

P Redmond thanked the ambassadors for a persuasive presentation and asked if they had bikes. Many of the ambassadors did, and they sometimes biked to school. P Redmond asked how many people they thought would bike to the beach if there were bike racks available. The ambassadors noted that several people biked now and believed if racks were available more people would. It would also free up carparking space.

S Powell thanked the students for their presentation and bringing the need for bike racks to the attention of the Board. It was suggested that the Board request a report regarding the feasibility of bike racks at beaches to the Board, as this initiative could also apply to Woodend, Waikuku and Pines Beaches.

5 ADJOURNED BUSINESS

Nil.

6 REPORTS

6.1 Approval to Consult on the 2023-2027 Waimakariri District Speed Management Plan for the Woodend-Sefton Board Area – G Cleary (General Manager Utilities and Roding), J McBride (Roding and Transport Manager), S Binder (Senior Transportation Engineer) and Allie Mace-Cochrane (Transportation Engineer)

S Binder introduced the report which was the culmination of a long process and requested Board approval to consult on one of two options for the Speed Management Plan. S Binder would take the report as read and highlighted that recommendations (b) through (e) would be looking at schools only, as well as Pegasus Boulevard. Recommendation (f) was the staff recommendation which had been workshopped with the Board in the past. Recommendations (g) through (n) were notes highlighting important considerations.

J McBride advised that Pegasus Boulevard had been included alongside the schools as the Waka Kotahi Draft Speed Management Plan decision was expected imminently and it was expected the State Highway speed limit would change to 60km/hr near the roundabout and this recommendation would provide consistency.

R Mather asked for clarification about the wording in the Pegasus Boulevard recommendation and it was noted it was a typo error and the change should be to the west not the east of Infinity Drive.

S Powell asked if there would be specific consultation with the schools and J McBride advised that staff would be speaking to each school individually regarding the proposals and requesting feedback.

P Redmond asked what the Waka Kotahi space and appropriate speed was on the Pegasus Boulevard. S Binder believed it was currently 80km/hr, the change was proposed for consistency.

A typo in recommendation (l) as per the agenda was confirmed and updated, it should reference recommendation (f) rather than (b).

Moved: I Fong Seconded: R Mather

THAT the Woodend-Sefton Community Board:

(a) **Receives** Report No. 230530079076.

AND

THAT the Woodend-Sefton Community Board recommends:

THAT the Council:

- (b) **Approves** consultation being undertaken on the draft Waimakariri Speed Management Plan 2023-2027 including **schools only** (refer to TRIM No. 230731116010 and 230731116038), as **listed in Table 1** below. These roads are within the Board's area.
- (c) **Approves** consultation being undertaken on the Draft Waimakariri Speed Management Plan 2023-2027 for **Pegasus Boulevard, between State Highway One and Infinity Drive** (refer to TRIM No. 230731116010 and 230731116038), and **as was shown in bold text in 3 below**. This road was within the Board's area.
- (d) **Notes** that staff would then undertake a workshop with the Council in early 2024, and then present a report to the Council seeking approval to consult on the remaining proposed speed limit changes included in Recommendation (f) not endorsed by the Community Board, noting that this was following the Central Government election and the Council would have final approval on the consultation.
- (e) **Notes** that Recommendation (b) was considered the 'bare' minimum that Council could approve, as the *Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2022* required the Road Controlling Authority to set safe speed limits outside of all schools by June 2027, with 40% of these needing to be undertaken by June 2024.

Table 1. Extents of school speed limits within the Board's ward area.

School name	Cat.	Proposed Speed Limit	Road Extents	Speed Limit Type
Pegasus Bay School	1	30 km/h	Whakatipu Street (Pegasus Boulevard to Solander Road)	Permanent
			Solander Road (Pegasus Boulevard to Whakatipu Street)	
Woodend School	1	30 km/h	School Road (Main North Road – SH1 to Rangiora Woodend Road)	Permanent
Sefton School	1	30 km/h	Upper Sefton Road (20 m west of Buller Street to 611 Upper Sefton Road)	Variable
			Cross Street (20 m east of Buller Street to 20 m west of Upper Sefton Road)	Permanent

Table 2. Proposed speed limits for the Pegasus urban area.

Road Name and Extents	Existing speed limit (km/h)	Proposed speed limit (km/h)
Pegasus Boulevard – State Highway One to 50m west of Infinity Drive	70	60

AND:

- (a) **Notes** that the proposed school zone extents are subject to change after consultation progresses with each school.
- (b) **Notes** that included in Recommendation (c) was a proposal to reduce the speed limit on Pegasus Boulevard, between State Highway One and the Infinity Drive intersection. This had been included due to Waka Kotahi proposing a 60km/h speed limit along the immediately adjacent State Highway One section.
- (c) **Notes** that in order to meet requirements regarding minimum length of a road for a speed limit, the removal of any of the proposals from the above tables would require staff to investigate the impact on proposals in the surrounding area and bring an updated report to the Council.
- (d) **Notes** that the proposed speed limits were framed around a regional approach, which had been agreed by staff across the Canterbury RCAs and listed below, which had alignment with the Road to Zero Strategy and the *Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed limits 2022* guidelines.
 - 80 km/h on rural sealed roads.
 - 60 km/h on rural unsealed roads.
 - 40 km/h in urban and settlement areas.
 - 30 km/h around schools, where not deemed a Category Two school.
- (e) **Notes** that while the draft Speed Management Plan was in line with national strategy, it had also been adapted to the local context, and was intended to provide consistency of speed limits, both within the district and on neighbouring Canterbury Council roads.
- (f) **Notes** that following Consultation on the Speed Management Plan, it was recommended that the full Council hold hearings for any submitters who wished to be heard.
- (g) **Notes** that the regional speed management principles as outlined in the Draft Speed Management Plan (refer to attachment (i) - TRIM No. 230731116010) had been developed at a regional level and would be consulted upon as part of the Regional Speed Management Plan.

CARRIED

I Fong believed this was a prudent approach given the electoral cycle.

R Mather agreed with I Fong.

P Redmond supported the motion and he noted that he and J McBride had attended a conference in Auckland the previous week on road safety. A spokesperson for the National Party had provided commentary that it was looking at speed reductions in a different way to the current government proposal which included variable speeds around schools. There was a wide range of views on speed. The Council was keen to proceed with the minimum requirements until after the general election. This was an appropriate first step. He thanked the staff for their professional work and listening to elected members.

S Powell also thanked staff and appreciated their efforts. She commented that it would be interesting to hear the feedback from Sefton School regarding Cross Street. She was happy to support the motion.

6.2 **Application to the Woodend-Sefton Community Board's 2023/24 Discretionary Grant Fund – K Rabe (Governance Advisor)**

K Rabe introduced the report commenting that the Woodend Volunteer Fire Brigade were looking to purchase Fairy lights to decorate the brigade rooms during annual celebrations such as Christmas to encourage people to be more community focused and get the community more involved in the brigade and volunteer work. The brigade was making improvements to their electrical facilities to cater for the lighting design.

K Rabe noted that Woodend Playcentre were required to upgrade their fencing. She had been in contact with the centre to advise that the maximum they were likely to receive from the Board was \$500 and noted the Playcentre would be grateful for any assistance. The other funding providers they could approach such as Rata were noted.

P Redmond asked what funding the Playcentre received from the Government as an early childcare provider. There was some discussion over the financials that were provided, and it was noted that they struggled to cover expenses.

Moved: R Mather Seconded: I Fong

THAT the Woodend-Sefton Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** report No. 230822129363.
- (b) **Approves** a grant of \$500 to the Woodend Volunteer Fire Brigade towards the purchase of Fairy lights.
- (c) **Approves** a grant of \$500 to the Woodend Playcentre to replace its fencing.

CARRIED

R Mather believed they were both very good causes. She hoped that the Playcentre would be able to approach other organisations for funding.

I Fong concurred with R Mather.

6.3 **Summary of Discretionary Grant Accountability 1 July 2022 to July 2023 – Kay Rabe (Governance Advisor)**

K Rabe noted this was an annual report that came through after the financial year was complete. She had been concerned regarding the slow rate of returning accountability forms however staff regularly followed up and groups could not receive further funding until previous accountability was received.

Members advised that they were also happy to follow-up with any groups they were involved with.

Moved: S Powell Seconded: P Redmond

THAT the Woodend-Sefton Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 230810122154.
- (b) **Notes** that of the \$6,625 allocated to the Board for the 2022/23 financial year, \$3,915 was distributed for events and projects within the community.
- (c) **Notes** that the remaining \$3,210, was carried forward and added to the 2023/24 allocation of \$4,400 bringing the current financial year's total to \$7,610.
- (d) **Circulates** a copy of this report to all other Community Boards for information.

CARRIED

S Powell thanked staff for following up, she knew the organisations appreciated the funding.

P Redmond hoped that the discretionary funding could be fully utilised during the current financial year.

7 CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 **Correspondence email Waimakariri Economic Development Strategy**

Trim Ref: 230905137639.

7.2 **Correspondence Deputation Regarding Bike Racks**

Trim Ref: 230904136271.

7.3 **Correspondence Draft Annual Plan Response**

Trim Ref: 230220022903

7.4 **Memorandum Kings Avenue Pump Station Drainage Improvements – Kieran Straw (Civil Project Team Leader)**

Trim Ref: 230808120684

Moved: R Mather Seconded: I Fong

THAT the Woodend-Sefton Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** the email on Waimakariri Economic Development Strategy (Trim 230905137639).
- (b) **Receives** the correspondence regarding bike racks (Trim 230904136271).

- (c) **Receives** the Annual Plan Response Letter (Trim 230220022903).
- (d) **Receives** the Memorandum on Kings Avenue Pump Station Drainage Improvements (Trim 230808120684).

CARRIED

8 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

8.1 Chairperson's Report for August 2023

Moved: S Powell Seconded: R Mather

THAT the Woodend-Sefton Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** the report from the Woodend-Sefton Community Board Chairperson (TRIM: 230904136588).

CARRIED

9 MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

- 9.1. Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board Meeting Minutes 17 July 2023.
- 9.2. Oxford-Ohoka Community Board Meeting Minutes 2 August 2023.
- 9.3. Rangiora-Ashley Community Board Meeting Minutes 8 August 2023.
- 9.4. Adoption of WDC Housing Policy 2023 – Report to Council Meeting 1 August 2023 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 9.5. Submission: Building Consent System Review: Options Paper – Report to Council Meeting 1 August 2023 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 9.6. Health, Safety and Wellbeing Report July 2023 – Report to Council Meeting 1 August 2023 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 9.7. Annual Report for Te Kohaka o Tuhaitara Trust for the Year Ended 30 June 2023 – Report to Audit and Risk Committee Meeting 8 August 2023 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 9.8. Avian Botulism Management 2022/23 – Report to Utilities and Roading Committee Meeting 15 August 2023 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 9.9. Private Well Study – Results from 2022 Study – Report to Utilities and Roading Committee Meeting 15 August 2023 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 9.10. Aquatics August Update – Report to Community and Recreation Committee Meeting 22 August 2023 – Circulates to all Boards.

Public Excluded

- 9.11. Approval for Single-Source Provider for Disposal of Kerbside Organics from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 – Report to Management Team Meeting 24 July 2023 – Circulates to all Boards.

Moved: R Mather Seconded: P Redmond

THAT the Woodend-Sefton Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** the information in Items 9.1 to 9.10.

CARRIED

Moved: S Powell

Seconded: R Mather

THAT the Woodend-Sefton Community Board:

- (b) **Receives** the separately circulated public excluded information in item 9.11.

CARRIED

10 MEMBERS' INFORMATION EXCHANGE

I Fong

- Sefton Public Hall Committee – at the last meeting all of the final specifications and uses were confirmed and had gone back to the architect. They should have plans for their next meeting so they could go out for tender and then they would know how much money needed to be raised.

P Redmond

- Attended a number of cycleway drop in sessions in Woodend and Kaiapoi.
- The Council was discussing the Long Term Plan priorities. Various workshops were being held.
- Attended the Traffic Institute of New Zealand Conference.
 - The President of the group was the Deputy Mayor of Nelson, Rohan O'Neill-Stevens.
 - He attended as the Rooding Portfolio holder for the Council. It was fair to say that he had changed his opinion in some areas around safety, speed, and wire road barriers. They had overseas speakers presenting.
 - The politicians spoke during one session and David Parker had said road maintenance needed 9% per annum replacement or maintained but over recent years that had dropped to 6% and he said that increased funding was needed, and they were offering that at the election. He accepted that the need to upgrade the roading network could impact on land use for housing and affordability.
 - Paul Goldsmith from the National Party talked about reducing congestion and travel times and having an efficient network. He was not in agreement with permanent speed reductions around schools but supported variable speeds.
 - Julie Anne Genter wanted to reduce the number of car journeys and interestingly supported light rail coming to Christchurch.
 - Simon Court from the Act Party was talking about 30 year infrastructure plans, possibly having tolls, and having decisions made locally in the regions.
 - The overall consensus was that there was a need to balance movement, efficiency, safety, productivity and connected communities when it came to transport matters.
 - Vision Zero which was the precursor to the road to zero proposal with Waka Kotahi. This had started in Sweden in 1997 where you were trading off safety against mobility. Safe drivers, safe vehicles, safe roads. They all reduced crashes and the impact and speed was one of the factors put into the equation. 70% of deaths were on rural state highways in Australia but suspect it was similar in New Zealand.
 - The Ministry of Transport was promoting the road to zero campaign. The director of Road to Zero, Bryan Sherritt, presented and he noted that a road death cost \$13.4 million and a serious injury was \$1.3 million.
 - New Zealand had a fairly high death rate from accidents compared with overseas apart from the United States of America. In 2021 we had 6.4 deaths per 100,000 people and in 2022 there were 7.3 deaths per 100,000 people. There were concerns that New Zealand was trending upwards and had worse numbers than Australia and all of Europe.
 - Median barriers, had a target of 1,000 kilometer by 2030. He could see some benefit in having them in some road corridors.

- They had an action plan from the Ministry of Transport and a monitoring report which was available but was yet to be released by Cabinet.
- There was a session on EVs and emissions. They were exploring roaming billing so different charging station providers could have a centralized billing system. EVs were now able to tow so that effected how they were charged if you were towing a caravan, how you would pull into a charging station.
- They talked about micro mobility, e-scooters and the difference between the hire scooters and ones that were privately owned. The privately owned ones had a higher use of helmets and generally seemed to be more responsible with the use of them.
- The Police spoke and used the Blenheim to Nelson Highway experience where the speed limit had been reduced from 100km/h to 80km/h which had an 80% reduction in crashes and fatalities. It had added four minutes to the journey. It had less impact on St Johns and FENZ and hospital staff.
- Over a long weekend they had a pilot where a few radio stations played music with a slower beat and according to the study it resulted in a 6% slower average speed over that long weekend.

M Paterson

- Attended the Youth Council meet and greet with Board members. They had a clean up of the Ashley River that they had organised.
- Attended the Woodend Community Association Meeting – they had their Annual General Meeting scheduled for 4 October 2023.
- Attended the flooding meeting. Interested in the challenge the district had with flooding and where to spend the money most effectively.
- Met with Ed Sard (Greenspace Community Asset Officer) at Gladstone Park, had a walk round to see how the grounds had stood up after the rugby season.

11 CONSULTATION PROJECTS

9.1. Rangiora Town Cycleway Stage One

<https://letstalk.waimakariri.govt.nz/rangiora-town-cycleway-stage-one>

Consultation closes Monday 11 September 2023.

9.2. Woodend / Woodend Beach Entrance Signs

<https://letstalk.waimakariri.govt.nz/woodend-woodend-beach-entrance-signs>

Consultation closes Thursday 14 September 2023.

9.3. Waimakariri Economic Development Strategy

<https://letstalk.waimakariri.govt.nz/waimakariri-economic-development-strategy>

Consultation closes Sunday 17 September 2023.

9.4. Playspaces in Kaiapoi East

<https://letstalk.waimakariri.govt.nz/playspaces-in-kaiapoi-east>

Consultation closes Friday 22 September 2023.

9.5. Mandeville Resurgence Channel Upgrades

<https://letstalk.waimakariri.govt.nz/mandeville-resurgence-channel-upgrades>

Consultation closes Friday 29 September 2023.

The Board noted the consultation projects.

12 BOARD FUNDING UPDATE

12.1 Board Discretionary Grant

Balance as at 31 August 2023: \$4,660.

12.2 General Landscaping Fund

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

The Board noted the funding update.

13 MEDIA ITEMS

Nil.

14 QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDERS

Nil.

15 URGENT GENERAL BUSINESS UNDER STANDING ORDERS

Nil.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Woodend-Sefton Community Board is scheduled for 5.30pm, Monday 9 October 2023 at the Woodend Community Centre, School Road, Woodend.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7:40pm.

CONFIRMED



Chairperson

9 September 2023

Date

Workshop (6:30pm to 7:40pm)

- *Greenspace Updates – Grant MacLeod (Greenspace Manager)*
 - *Woodend Beach Domain*
 - *Viewing Platform in Coastal Area*
 - *Long Term Plan Projects*
- *Members Forum*
 - *End of Year Function*