Oxford-Ohoka Community Board

Agenda

Thursday 8 June 2017

7.00pm

West Eyreton Hall
2 Earlys Road
West Eyreton

Members:
Doug Nicholl (Chair)
Mark Brown (Deputy Chair)
Wendy Doody
James Ensor
Shirley Farrell
Kevin Felstead
John Lynn
Thomas Robson
AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE OXFORD-OHOKA COMMUNITY BOARD TO
BE HELD IN THE WEST EYRETON HALL, 2 EARLYS ROAD, WEST EYRETON ON
THURSDAY 8 JUNE 2017 AT 7PM.

Karyn Ward
Community Board Advocate

RECOMMENDATIONS IN REPORTS ARE NOT TO BE CONSTRUED AS
COUNCIL POLICY UNTIL ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL

BUSINESS

1 APOLOGIES

2 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES
   3.1 Minutes of the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board – 4 May 2017

   RECOMMENDATION
   THAT the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board:
   (a) Confirms the circulated minutes of the Oxford-Ohoka Community
       Board meeting, held 4 May 2017, as a true and accurate record.

4 MATTERS ARISING

5 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS
   5.1 Mike Ducray, Isaac Community Association, will speak to the Board about
       the proposed Isaac Road Quarry outcome.

6 ADJOURNED BUSINESS

7 REPORTS
   7.1 Mandeville Speed Limits – K Stevenson (Roading Manager), B Rice
       (Senior Transport Engineer), and H Davies (Roading Project Engineer)

   RECOMMENDATION
   THAT the Oxford–Ohoka Community Board recommends to Council that it:
   (a) Receives report No 170413036886.
   (b) Approves consultation being carried out on the proposal to change
       speed limits within the Mandeville community, as outlined in Table 1,
       and shown on the attached plan (Trim No. 170519050890).
Table 1 Proposed Speed Limits

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(c) Notes that consultation on this proposal will be carried out between 16 June to 14 July 2017.
(d) Notes that the Board will be updated at the end of the consultation process.
(e) Notes that any submissions on the proposal will be taken into account before the change is presented to the Council on 1 August 2017 for consideration.
(f) Notes that the Tram Road speed limit will be considered further when the detailed design for the Mandeville commercial development is completed and options will be presented to the Board for their consideration at a later date.

7.2 General Landscaping Budget - G Stephens (Green Space Community Engagement Officer)

RECOMMENDATION
THAT the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board:
(a) Receives report No. 170501042236.
(b) Notes that to date the board has allocated $7200.00 from their 2016/2017 General Landscaping Budget ($11,650.00) towards landscaping projects within the Oxford/Ohoka Ward.
(c) Notes the Council carried over the remaining allocation of $4,450.00 into the 2017/2018 General Landscaping Budget.

7.3 Report back on New Zealand Community Boards’ Conference 2017 – J Ensor (Board Member), S Farrell (Board Member), J Lynn (Board Member) and T Robson (Board Member)

RECOMMENDATION
THAT the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board:
(a) Receives report No. 170522051418.
(b) **Circulate** the attachments to the other Community Boards.

8 **CORRESPONDENCE**

9 **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

9.1 **Chairperson's Report for May 2017**

**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board:

(a) **Receives** report No. 170524052943.

10 **MATTERS FOR INFORMATION**

10.1 **Woodend-Sefton Community Board meeting minutes – 8 May 2017** (Trim No. 170504043961)

10.2 **Rangiora-Ashley Community Board meeting minutes – 10 May 2017** (Trim No. 170504043973)

10.3 **Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board meeting minutes - 15 May 2017** (Trim No. 170511047432)

10.4 **Customer Satisfaction Survey 2016 Reports – Community Support and Community and Recreation Services and Facilities - R McClung (Senior Policy Analyst) – Report to Community and Recreation Committee – 16 May 2017** (Trim No. 170503043774)

10.5 **Library Update - P Ashbey (Libraries Manager) – Report to Community and Recreation Committee – 16 May 2017** (Trim No. 1705050448535)

10.6 **Capital Projects Report for the period ended 31 March 2017 - P Christensen (Finance Manager) – Report to Audit and Risk Committee – 16 May 2017** (Trim No. 170501041899)

10.7 **Customer Satisfaction Survey 2016 Reports – Customer Service and Democratic Process, Communications and Overall Satisfaction - R McClung (Senior Policy Analyst) – Report to Audit and Risk Committee – 16 May 2017** (Trim No. 170503043785)

10.8 **Community and Recreation Department Staff Submission - C Sargison (Manager Community and Recreation) – Report to Council – 30 May 2017** (Trim No. 170505044822)

10.9 **Register of Interests for Elected Members - S Nichols (Governance Manager) – Report to Council – 6 June 2017** (Trim No. 170423039527)

10.10 **Consultation of the Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan - S Collin (Infrastructure Strategy Manager) and K Waghorn (Solid Waste Asset Manager) – Report to Council – 6 June 2017** (Trim No. 170501042046)

**Note:** items were circulated separately to members.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board receives the information in items 10.1-10.10.
11 MEMBERS’ INFORMATION EXCHANGE

The purpose of this exchange is to provide a short update to other members in relation to activities/meetings that have been attended or to provide general Board related information.

12 CONSULTATION PROJECTS

12.1 Mandeville Speed Limits
Refer to report 7.1.

12.2 Waste Minimisation
Subject to Council approval.

13 REGENERATION PROJECTS

13.1 Town Centre, Oxford
Updates on the Oxford Town Centre projects are emailed regularly to Board members. These updates can be located using the link below:

13.2 New Arterial Road, Kaiapoi
Regular updates on the progress of the new Arterial Road will be posted on the Council’s website. There are also links to intersection layout plans for each of the new intersections. The updates can be located using the link below:

14 BOARD FUNDING UPDATE

14.1 Board Discretionary Grant
Balance as at 31 May 2017: $633.25.

14.2 General Landscaping Budget
Balance as at 31 May 2017: $4,450.
Note: This has been carried over by the Council into the Board's 2017/2018 Landscaping Budget.

15 MEDIA ITEMS

16 QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDERS

17 URGENT GENERAL BUSINESS UNDER STANDING ORDERS

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board is scheduled for 7pm, Thursday 6 July 2017 at the Oxford Town Hall.
Workshop

1. Members' Forum
2. Update on Community Team priorities.  T Sturley (Community Team Manager)
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE OXFORD-OHOKA COMMUNITY BOARD HELD IN THE OHOKA HALL, 490 MILL ROAD, OHOKA ON THURSDAY 4 MAY 2017 AT 7.02PM.

PRESENT
D Nicholl (Chair), M Brown (Deputy Chair), W Doody, J Ensor, S Farrell, J Lynn, and T Robson.

IN ATTENDANCE
S Markham (Manager, Strategy and Engagement), S Nichols (Governance Manager), C Roxburgh (Water Asset Manager), and K Ward (Community Board Advocate).

There were approximately 20 people in the public gallery.

The meeting adjourned at 8.19pm and resumed at 8.21pm.

1 APOLOGIES

Moved M Brown seconded T Robson
An apology was received and sustained from K Felstead for absence.

CARRIED

2 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board – 6 April 2017
W Doody’s name to be added to the list of those present.

S Farrell tabled an amendment to item 2, she is a member of the Pearson Park Advisory Group not of the Oxford Community Trust as recorded.

Moved J Lynn seconded W Doody

THAT the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board:

(a) Amends the circulated minutes of the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board, 6 April 2017, as follows:

• Add W Doody to those present.
• Item 2, 7(3b): Replace ‘Oxford Community Trust’ with ‘Pearson Park Advisory Group’.

(b) Confirms the circulated minutes of the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board meeting, held 6 April 2017, as a true and accurate record, subject to the above amendments.

CARRIED
4 MATTERS ARISING

4.1. S Farrell asked about the community feedback during the Draft Annual Plan consultation in regards to Easter Trading. S Markham responded that more than 500 responses were received on this topic with a range of views. The consultation process had been advertised through social media and at the Oxford A&P Show. Pending the outcome of the Council Draft Annual Plan Hearings and deliberations process, a policy will need to be developed and consulted upon during 2018.

4.2. W Doody conveyed her apologies for not attending ANZAC Day services due to unexpected circumstances.

5 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

5.1. Public Forum

D Nicholl invited the public gallery to ask questions of the Board or to present general concerns or comments.

Water rates

- Christine Docherty, requested clarity about the planned rates increase for Ohoka. D Nicholl advised the forum that he had sought advice from staff and read from a memo (Trim: 170501042387) that outlined matters. The rates increase for Ohoka is primarily due to expenditure on the new water source. Specifically:
  - The loan repayments and interest on the loan for the new source have resulted in a 20% increase within the water rate.
  - Operating costs have increased for the new source resulting in a 30% increase within the water rate.
  - Depreciation has increased with the new water resource, resulting in a 12% increase within the water rate.

C Roxburgh explained the upgrade was necessary to allow for future growth, and achieve compliance of the scheme with the New Zealand Drinking Water Standards.

It had been expected that the majority of the increase in costs would be covered by development contributions collected due to the projected growth on the scheme, as well as from new connections, i.e. there would be more properties to share the costs. Unfortunately, the projected growth has been significantly slower than forecast.

C Roxburgh advised that improvement to water quality had always been necessary and the majority of the work undertaken had to be completed to address those water quality issues. This upgrade, in turn, generated the rates increase. Without the projected growth impacting on how rates have been calculated, the rating impact would have been higher still for existing scheme members.

- Niki Mealings, sought clarification on whether water and sewer/wastewater were separate issues, or did references to the water scheme refer to both. C Roxburgh clarified the terms used, explaining (potable) water and sewer are separate services. For the Ohoka scheme, the proposed water rate was due to the water scheme upgrade. In contrast, there has not been a sewer scheme for the area at all until the recent installation of the reticulated network. Previously all properties had to utilise septic tanks to manage waste.
S Markham advised the forum regarding Drinking Water Standards. Central Government had required Local Government to upgrade water schemes to compliant standards promptly since the issues with potable water contamination in Havelock North during 2016. He explained the 3 Waters Rating Supply Review and the role of the 3 Waters Rating Working Party. He highlighted that community consultation would be undertaken later in 2017 and explained how this process would in turn help inform the Council’s Long Term Plan.

- A member of the public asked about treatment of the new source of Ohoka water, in comparison to what was undertaken with the previous source. C Roxburgh assured the gallery of the higher quality of water and the secure nature of the new source. He confirmed it was minimally treated with chlorine at a much lower level than the water taken from the previous source. There was general agreement in the gallery that the new water source was providing much more pleasant drinking water.

- Richard Black raised the issue of chlorine in the Mandeville water; the chlorine was strong enough to smell at times. C Roxburgh explained that the dose of chlorine added to water at source is regulated at a consistent level. However, over time chlorine decays. The length of time it takes for water to reach a household will determine the residual effect of chlorine. If water has been in low demand and sitting in the pipes rather than being flushed through quickly, chlorine by-products such as odour can occur. However, chlorine odour and presence in water does not affect health.

  The Council’s water unit has responded to concerned residents by testing the water with no negative results. He assured the public present that the water unit would continue to follow up on such concerns as they were raised. C Roxburgh explained Council are required to cover testing costs, however it was currently discretionary due to low volume demand.

  W Doody queried whether R Black flushed his pipes before use as recommended by the Council. In her opinion, doing so could help mitigate the effects of chlorine decay.

- Another member of the gallery asked for comment on the hardness of the water. C Roxburgh stated that water hardness was not an issue with the new water source and was well within the continuum of acceptable standards of hardness. Hopefully scheme users were noticing a positive change.

  **Mandeville/Swannanoa Fire Station**

  - D Nicholls advised the gallery that he understood their concern regarding the fire station. He then spoke of limitations and context in which the board could comment given the matter was between the Council and Fire Emergency New Zealand (FENZ). However, the Board would still be interested in listening to concerns.

  - Ross Kennedy spoke on behalf of the Swannanoa Volunteer Rural Fire Force. He is a member of the brigade’s management committee. He spoke to a letter and plans shared informally with Board Member Ensor about the brigade’s project to construct a new fire station (Trim 170505044856).

    The brigade has been utilising a temporary fire station on Mandeville Road for several years. The Council has offered the brigade four possible sites for a new station; an old dump site, two others and a site
at Bradleys Road. The brigade’s ‘standout’ preference is the Bradley’s Road site. However, Council have yet to commit to a new, permanent site for the brigade, pending the Fire and Emergency New Zealand (FENZ) merger of rural and urban fire services. The brigade is finding this delay frustrating.

R Kennedy advised that the community has raised concerns about noise at the proposed new station. There will be no siren attached to the new station as other mobile telecommunication options are utilised.

He also reassured the meeting that there would be no hose drying tower installed to interfere with the skyline and environmental amenity.

Storage of hazardous chemicals (fire retardants) will be undertaken in a limited capacity as regulated.

The Council has allocated $100,000 towards feasibility studies but the station construction will become a responsibility of FENZ. The brigade would like to progress the project by accessing funds for geotechnical testing.

Board Member, J Ensor, queried the land area available. R Kennedy clarified that a sizeable station is required by the brigade, and that there has been some informal consideration that the building could also be extended to accommodate a local base for St Johns Ambulance. They are also considering the likelihood of the current rural fire services being extended, for example to cover vehicle and medical incidents. The Bradleys Road site would accommodate these extra services.

J Ensor requested whether statistical information was available regarding service call outs over the last year. R Kennedy responded there had been 284 call outs, 50% of which were for rural vegetation fires. The remainder were for back up support for structure fires, some motor vehicle incident response, and supporting other stations in Waimakariri and the surrounding areas.

J Ensor then asked if lifestyle blocks were a challenge from the brigade’s perspective. R Kennedy acknowledged that some people moving onto lifestyle blocks in the Waimakariri tended to be less knowledgeable about fire risk management and the nature of the winds in the area. Education was an integral part of their brigade’s work. Anecdotally an increase in dumped and burned cars in the district’s riverbeds had been observed.

D Nicholl thanked R Kennedy and highlighted that the FENZ merger occurs on 1 July 2017.

North Eyre Road

• Members of the public gallery, Robyn Kennedy, Ross Kennedy and Grant Stalker, spoke of traffic safety, speed and management concerns regarding the Logan Road/McHughes/No.10 Road/North Eyre Road intersection; particularly highlighting concerns about an unsealed section of North Eyre Road.

Development of the Mandeville Sports Club (MSC) meant all clubs on site had increased activity. The entranceway to MSC on North Eyre Road could now be considered a main entrance, and the volume of vehicles such as horse floats accessing the Eyreton Pony Club and Western Riding Club were creating problems with this portion of the North Eyre Road. Regular events at these clubs meant residents anecdotally observed approximately thirty vehicles per hour using the North Eyre Road entrance and road, but big events and weekends saw
these movements rise to an anecdotally estimated one hundred vehicle movements per hour.

In addition, developments in the local area, such as the Braeburn subdivision, were also having an impact on the use of North Eyre Road, as locals used it for walking, driving and riding/leading horses. The road width was narrow so if there were two cars approaching each other, one often mounted the grass verge to continue passing, potentially endangering non-vehicular users of the road.

Local residents had made a submission to the Council at the time of subdivision development of Mandeville and Braeburn. Road sealing had been part of that submission’s recommendations. The members of the public queried whether:

- The section of road could be sealed?
- A speed limit could be imposed?
- The entrance to MSC could be improved?
- The carriageway and road width could be reviewed?
- Options for nuisance dust management could be considered?

W Doody, the Council Portfolio holder for Community Facilities, requested the speakers forward their comments to her by email for her to feed through to the MSC and the Council.

G Stalker requested further clarification on when the unsealed portion of North Eyre Road would be sealed. The unsealed section is between sealed sections.

S Farrell queried the length of the unsealed portion. G Stalker estimated it was about 800m. He was concerned about why development contributions for sealing had only been applied to limited sections of the road, and asked what the thresholds were for sealing the remaining portion. He commented that as a resident of approximately twenty years the vehicular movements recorded at the time he had settled on his property had been perceived as eighty vehicle movements per day. Observations over twenty years occupancy suggested to him the old measure was no longer accurate.

D Nicholl advised the gallery that the Board would be receiving a staff workshop on roading matters in their community area later in June. The comments raised about North Eyre Road would be discussed with staff for feedback to the Board at that meeting.

**Rural Activities**

C Docherty raised concerns around rural activities on life style blocks. A 10 acre block classed as rural by the District Plan; meant that her property was similarly classed to a farm, with the same rules of land use. She requested clarification around what protections are in place to protect life style blocks from development and land use activities such as residential building, quarrying, and burning of green waste.

The last was a particular problem in her opinion, causing the environmental nuisance of smoke throughout most of the year. She queried if it was possible to restrict the rural fire burning season.

S Markham responded advising rural burning is an Environment Canterbury (ECan) issue. He described the activity of the District Development Strategy (DDS) and how this could involve higher level engagement regarding rural land use. He highlighted there would
another opportunity for consultation and public engagement regarding the DDS about June/July 2017. There had already been lots of conversations around what is rural, what is more rural-residential, and boundaries of activity.

Another, more specific avenue for considering land use is the upcoming District Plan Review (DPR). This would determine regulation of land use following on from the higher level DDS, and the rules to be enforced to give that regulation effect. As with the DDS, broad advertising of this process will be undertaken district wide.

R Kennedy requested greater specificity regarding regulation of the building code and its monitoring processes. S Markham emphasised that although the Council is concerned about air quality, ECan is the regulatory authority relating to air quality.

A member of the gallery briefly stated that in her opinion, the majority of residents were happy with the status quo, and she would not wish the Board to think a minority present were representative of all residing on lifestyle blocks.

Another member of the public sought clarification of time frames and processes. S Markham clarified that the draft DDS document will be opened for consultation approximately June-July 2017, and would be presented to the Council for adoption about October 2017. The DPR process would commence later this year into 2018, with community engagement programmed to be undertaken approximately mid-2019.

A member of the public enquired if, given the time line, could a moratorium be placed on deciding contentious issues until the DPR process was completed. S Markham explained that documents relating to specific DPR chapters will be released at different times depending on where the programme of work fell. As rural land use is currently topical, it will be covered early in the process. The Council was required by law to process all received applications within a specified time.

Flooding

- R Kennedy queried whether the Council had produced a report revising flooding hazards in Ohoka since the Silverstream subdivision had been developed. D Nicholl responded, explaining he was the Board’s representative on the Ohoka Drainage Advisory Group. He spoke of computer modelling and a small increase in flood risk had been identified. However, providing the culverts at Silverstream were built as designed, no additional flooding hazard in Ohoka was anticipated. He also emphasised that Ohoka was elevated above the Silverstream road development. D Nicholl elaborated that unusual weather events are likely to cause flooding despite any mitigation undertaken. For example, the 2014 floods were a 1:200 year flooding event.

Ohoka Domain and Mill Road verges

- N Mealings queried a rumour that shingle would be spread over the grass verges adjacent to the Ohoka Domain along Mill Road. She had been in contact with K Stevenson, Roading Manager, to discuss the possibility of utilising a ground stabilisation mat. It was her understanding that this suggestion had been forwarded to the Council’s Green Space team/unit to be considered as part of their design work for the Domain. N Mealings also asked about the plans to remediate the Ohoka Pavilion. She requested clarification regarding timelines for this work.
Another member of the public queried whether any remedial work was also planned for the grass verge on Mill Road opposite the Anglican Church.

W Doody responded that she had been discussing these matters with staff and J Lynn earlier in the day. She provided a brief update based on that conversation. J Lynn also spoke to the Annual Plan submissions and had raised the same concerns. Green Space staff will be asked to clarify the status of these projects for local residents.

C Docherty asked if residents would have an opportunity to view and feedback on the landscape plans for Ohoka Domain.

D Nicholl explained that Green Space staff will develop a concept plan for public consultation. This would be brought before the Board for comment, then consultation material would be released for public comment, prior to any final decisions.

Moved S Farrell    seconded T Robson

THAT the meeting of the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board be adjourned at 8.19pm to enable the public gallery to leave. The meeting resumed at 8.21pm.

CARRIED

6 ADJOURNED BUSINESS

Nil.

7 REPORTS


D Nicholl spoke of presenting the Board’s submission to the Council hearing, supported by S Farrell. He had highlighted a number of points in the submission and questions had been asked by Councillors to seek further information in regards to some items.

Moved J Lynn    seconded T Robson

THAT the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board:

(a) Receives report No. 170327029788.

(b) Retrospectively Ratifies the Board’s submission to the Waimakariri District Council Draft Annual Plan 2017/2018 (Trim No.170407034373).

CARRIED

S Farrell thought it was a good submission, and well-coordinated by staff.

S Nichols clarified the next steps in the Annual Plan process.

8 CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.
9 CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT

9.1 Chairperson’s Report for March – April 2017

Moved S Farrell seconded J Ensor

THAT the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board:

(a) Receives report No. 170427040965.

CARRIED

10 MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

10.1 Woodend-Sefton Community Board meeting minutes – 10 April 2017
(Trim No. 170308022656)

10.2 Rangiora-Ashley Community Board meeting minutes – 12 April 2017
(Trim No. 170406033836)


10.4 Customer Satisfaction Survey 2016 Reports – Report to Utilities and Roading Committee – 18 April 2017 (Trim No. 170331031643)


10.6 Closure of Stock Water Race R1-A in Eyrewell Forest Area – Report to Utilities and Roading Committee – 18 April 2017 (Trim No. 170201009287)

Item 10.3

J Lynn commented on the Customer Satisfaction Survey. He had observed the response rates from the Board’s community area is one of the highest ‘no opinion’ response. This could be a challenge for the Board going forward, to encourage greater community engagement.

S Markham responded. Some people will have no knowledge of, or genuinely no opinion on, Council business. The approximate 80% return rate is considered very good. The return number gives an overarching opinion of general concerns across the district; ward level breakdown can be less informative.

S Farrell queried who the survey targeted. S Markham stated the process involved a deliberate random selection across the district, with intensive staff follow-up to try and ensure a response. A good response from across the district in turn helped staff have confidence in the survey.

D Nicholl asked what the percentage of households surveyed was. S Markham explained that statistically 400 responses were required to ensure a +/- error rate of <5%. The process is complex; even with very large national surveys only 1,000 responses were required to get the same margin of error. The usefulness of the survey responses is very much to do with the random selection process.

Moved J Ensor seconded T Robson

THAT the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board receives the information in items 10.1-10.6.

CARRIED
11 MEMBERS’ INFORMATION EXCHANGE

11.1 T Robson

- It was an honour to attend the Oxford ANZAC Day Service.
- Repair of the Bay Road, Oxford, footpaths: was concerned with the approach contractors working there were taking to traffic management, and health and safety. He has taken photos and notes, and advised Council staff.
- Youth Council: there was discussion about the DDS community meeting hosted by the Board. Youth attendees expressed to T Robson that they felt discouraged from inputting into the Strategy as other participants had questioned the value of their presence, not being ratepayers. To challenge that view of the other participants at the time felt disrespectful in turn to them.
- Attended his first Ashley Gorge Advisory Group meeting as Board representative. The cabin project has been declined for funding by Rata Foundation, so the group has applied to the Council as part of the Annual Plan. The Group had also discussed planting to assist mitigating erosion issues.

11.2 J Lynn

- Acknowledged the numbers present for the Ohoka ANZAC commemoration.
- Presented the Ohoka Residents’ Association submission to the Annual Plan Hearings.
- Attended a number of meetings and events for elected members including:
  - A planting day at Swannanoa.
  - The DDS meeting in Oxford hosted by the Board.
- Met with C Sargison, Manager of Community and Recreation, about the relocation of the Gatekeeper’s Cottage. A report has been prepared by OPUS, and is to be reviewed by the Ohoka Domain Advisory Group. J Lynn discussed the next steps of the project. J Ensor queried the general content of OPUS’ report. J Lynn advised the building is sound. The largest relocation costs will be relating to services. There will be no cost to the community for this project, all costs will be paid from fundraising and grant applications.
- Will be attending the upcoming 2017 New Zealand Community Boards Conference in Methven.

11.3 S Farrell

- Supported T Robson’s comments on the Bay Road works, and elaborated further from her own observations.
- Attended a number of meetings and events for elected members including:
  - A planting day at Swannanoa; the enthusiasm of the children was heartening to observe
  - The DDS meeting in Oxford: was disappointed in the number of public attending, and consequently the meeting failed to be a true representation of community concerns in her opinion.

11.4 W Doody

- Spoke in her role as Councillor and to her portfolios:
  - Some submissions to Council Annual Plan Hearings were very relevant to the Board’s community area.
  - The Oxford Service Centre is scheduled to be complete and handed back to Council staff for fit-out 3 August 2017.
The levelling of Pearson Park Oval has commenced. Once complete pressure will be eased on other playing fields.

Mainpower Oval is scheduled to host a number of important cricket games next season, crowd capacity of up to 2,000 are being planned for.

Rangiora Airfield designation and Plan change: the noise contour is focus of discussion for future-proofing expansion of the town in relation to the airfield. Consultants are being contracted to assist. J Ensor commented the airfield served well for the post Hurunui/Kaikoura earthquake flights. W Doody responded that Rangiora Airfield continued to be a busy airfield, with continuing growth in interest for use. This is why the noise issue is being addressed currently.

Eastern Sewer: the proposed works and budget has been brought forward.

11.5 M Brown
- Spoke of the crowds at the Cust and West Eyreton ANZAC commemorations. He also had a conversation with the principal of West Eyreton School.
- Fords: When will the Eyre River fords reopen? They have been closed since the flooding. They will be very difficult to navigate since the floods and will require remediation prior to reopening.

11.6 J Ensor
- Attended a number of meetings and events for elected members including those where he is the appointed Board Representative:
  - Mandeville Sports Club (MSC): discussions around community meeting venue options.
  - Christchurch International Airport Liaison Committee: will bring a report relating to the airport to the next meeting, awaiting additional information.
  - Eyreton Pony Club: have submitted a design to Green Space for the grant of Landscaping monies, and which also includes the Board Discretionary grant for the fence to protect learner riders.
  - D Nicholl confirmed the Board’s September meeting will be held at MSC.

12 CONSULTATION PROJECTS
12.1 Kaiapoi River Rehabilitation
Consultation closes Friday 5 May 2017.
http://www.waimakariri.govt.nz/have-a-say/lets-talk/consultations/kaiapoi-river-rehabilitation

12.2 Woodend Beach Speed Limits Review
Consultation closes Friday 12 May 2017.

12.3 S Farrell asked about the community feedback during the Draft Annual Plan consultation in regards to Easter Trading. S Markham responded that more than 500 responses were received on this topic with a range of views. The consultation process had been advertised through social media and at the Oxford A&P Show. Pending the outcome of the Council Draft Annual Plan
Hearings and deliberations process, a policy will need to be developed and consulted upon during 2018.

Moved T Robson seconded M Brown

THAT the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board notes the information in items 12.1-12.3

CARRIED

13 REGENERATION PROJECTS

13.1 Town Centre, Oxford

Updates on the Oxford Town Centre projects are emailed regularly to Board members. These updates can be located using the link below:


13.2 New Arterial Road, Kaiapoi

Regular updates on the progress of the new Arterial Road will be posted on the Council’s website. There are also links to intersection layout plans for each of the new intersections. The updates can be located using the link below:


Moved W Doody seconded T Robson

THAT the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board notes the information in items 13.1-13.2

CARRIED

14 BOARD FUNDING UPDATE

14.1 Board Discretionary Grant

Balance as at 28 April 2017: $633.25.

14.2 General Landscaping Budget

Balance as at 28 April 2017: $4,450.

The Board noted the balances.

15 MEDIA ITEMS

Nil.

16 QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDERS

There were no questions under Standing Orders.

17 URGENT GENERAL BUSINESS UNDER STANDING ORDERS

There was no urgent general business under Standing Orders.
NEXT MEETING
The next meeting of the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board is scheduled for 7pm, Thursday 8 June 2017 at the West Eyreton Hall.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS CLOSED AT 9.01PM.

CONFIRMED

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Chairperson

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Date
Workshop - 9.02-9.46pm

1. Members’ Forum
   General discussion on issues raised in previous meetings.

2. Board reflections on first six months of electoral term and planning ahead to end of 2017.
   General Board reflection on first six months in elected office included:
   - Open forums.
   - Capital contributions.
   - Aspirations each Board member has regarding their community area and/or work of the Board for the next six months.
1. SUMMARY

1.1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Board’s support to consult on a proposal to change the speed limits within the Mandeville community.

1.2. These speed limits have been reviewed because the Mandeville community has changed significantly, from a predominantly large block rural area, to an area of smaller block rural/residential sections and increased traffic volumes. Also feedback from some residents indicated that current speed limits are not appropriate.

1.3. Staff engaged with the Mandeville community and road users recently on options for speed limits in the Mandeville area. The feedback generally supported the following options and it is now proposed to formally consult on these proposals.

1.4. A speed limit of 80km/h is proposed on
   - Wards Road, from Bradleys Road to the boundary of the Millfield Subdivision,
   - Dawsons Road, from Wards Road for 800m,
   - Bradleys Road, from Tram Road to 400m north of Modena Place.

1.5. A speed limit of 50km/h is proposed on all of the cul-de-sacs and access roads within the Mandeville Community.

1.6. The speed limit on Tram Road in the vicinity of the McHughs Road and Bradleys Road intersection was also put forward for discussion and while generally there was support for a lower speed limit the length of the speed limit and the impact of the proposed commercial centre raised a number of questions. It was agreed that at busy times safety is a concern and a lower speed limit would help. However at other times the speed environment is more suited to 100km/h due to the long straight nature of Tram Road and no obvious changes in environment apart from the intersection. Some people thought a variable intersection speed limit like the one at Pineacres would be a good option. However the layout of the intersection and the impact of the commercial development may complicate this option. It is proposed to consider the speed limit on Tram Road at a later date when the detailed design for the commercial area has been confirmed and a safety audit carried out. The safety audit will provide an independent view of the speed limit question.

1.7. The proposed process and timeline for the speed limit change is as follows;
• Oxford – Ohoka Community Board support to consult and recommend to Council – 8 June 2017 (this report)
• Consultation – 16 June to 14 July 2017
• Council approval of the speed limit change – 1 August 2017
• Notify NZTA and Police of the change – 4 August 2017
• Implement the change (14 day period required following notification to NZTA and the Police of the change) – 21 August 2017

Attachments:
  i. Plan showing proposed speed limits (TRIM 170519050890)
  ii. Speed Count Summary from count sites within the Mandeville community (TRIM 170413036842 )
  iii. Submission Summary from consultation carried out between 17 March and 10 April 2017 (TRIM 170411035477 )
  iv. Online Survey Results from consultation carried out between 17 March and 10 April 2017 (TRIM 170412036009 )

2. RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Oxford – Ohoka Community Board recommends to Council that it:

(a) Receives report No 170413036886.

(b) Approves consultation being carried out on the proposal to change speed limits within the Mandeville community, as outlined in Table 1, and shown on the attached plan (Trim No. 170519050890).

Table 1 Proposed Speed Limits

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<td>100km/h</td>
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<td>Dawsons Road</td>
<td>From Wards Rd for 800m north</td>
<td>80km/h</td>
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<td>Bradleys Road</td>
<td>From Tram Rd to 400m north of Modena Pl</td>
<td>80km/h</td>
<td>100km/h</td>
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<td>Cul-de-sacs and access roads</td>
<td>Stone Eyre Pl, Pinewood Cl, Roscrea Pl, Wetherfield Ln, Braeburn Cr, Hampton Dr, Cowens Dr, Norris Dr, Coutts Dr, Mandeville Park Dr, Leyland Cres, Truro Cl, Ohoka Meadows Dr, Verona Pl, Modean Pl, Vicenza Dr, Biella Pl, Pesaro Ln, Velino Pl, Siena Pl, and Sillano Pl</td>
<td>50km/h</td>
<td>70km/h</td>
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(c) Notes that consultation on this proposal will be carried out between 16 June to 14 July 2017

(d) Notes that the Board will be updated at the end of the consultation process

(e) Notes that any submissions on the proposal will be taken into account before the change is presented to the Council on 1 August 2017 for consideration.

(f) Notes that the Tram Road speed limit will be considered further when the detailed design for the Mandeville commercial development is completed and options will be presented to the Board for their consideration at a later date.

3. ISSUES AND OPTIONS
3.1. The Mandeville community has changed significantly, from a predominantly large block rural area, to an area of smaller block rural/residential sections. The reason for reviewing the speed limits include:

- Increased traffic volumes
- Increased population, resulting in increased pedestrians and cyclists
- Changes to traffic patterns due to the proposed business development south west of the Tram Road McHughs Road intersection
- Increased number of residential streets, cul-de-sacs and property accesses on main roads
- Inconsistent speed limits through the area
- Feedback from some residents indicating that current speed limits are not appropriate

3.2. Engagement with the Mandeville community and road users was carried out between 17 March and 10 April 2017 to gain some initial feedback on a series of possible speed limit options within the Mandeville community.

3.3. Feedback was sought through community drop-in sessions, a letter drop to local residents, social media, webpage articles, newspaper advertisements and VMS board messaging.

3.4. A total of 184 submissions were received on the speed limit options and are summarised below.

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<td>Should Tram Rd have a lower speed limit? (From 100km/h to 80km/h)</td>
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<td>Should Wards Rd, Dawsons Rd and Bradleys Rd have lower speed limits? (From 100km/h to 80km/h)</td>
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<td>19%</td>
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<td>Should the cul-de-sacs and access road have lower speed limits? (From 70km/h to 50km/h)</td>
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<td>16%</td>
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Other suggestions included lowering the speed limit on Tram Road from 100km/h to 70km/h. A number of submissions also suggested lowering the speed limits on Wards Road, Dawsons Road and Bradleys Road from 100km/h to 70km/h.

Some thought that the speed limit on Tram Road should remain unchanged however suggested that the Tram Road McHughs Road intersection be upgraded.

3.5. Tram Road is an Arterial Road with a 100km/h speed limit. The Average Daily Traffic (ADT) on Tram Road is 5,931 vehicles per day (vpd).

3.6. Bradleys Road is a Secondary Collector Road with a 100km/h speed limit. The ADT on Bradleys Road is 1202 vpd. Wards Road and Dawsons Road are both Access Roads with a 100km/h speed limit. The ADT on Wards Road and Dawsons Road is 675 and 213 vpd respectively.

3.7. All of the cul-de-sacs and access roads within the Mandeville community, with the exception of Millfield Subdivision, have a speed limit of 70km/h. The ADT on these cul-de-sacs and access roads is approximately 200 vpd or less.

3.8. The existing operating speed on Tram Road was determined using data collected from a special count site, 900m west of Bradleys Road. A mean speed of 97.0km/h and an 85th percentile speed of 104.8km/h were recorded. Based on Table SLNZ3 Mean and 85th Percentile Operating Speeds from the Setting of Speed Limits Rule the current 100km/h speed limit is appropriate.

3.9. The existing operating speed on Bradleys Road was determined using data collected from a special count site, 180m north of Modena Place. A mean speed of 85.2km/h and an 85th
percentile speed of 99.4km/h were recorded. Based on Table SLNZ3 Mean and 85th Percentile Operating Speeds from the Setting of Speed Limits Rule a posted speed limit of less than 100km/h is appropriate.

3.10. The existing operating speeds on Vicenza Drive and Verona Place were determined using data collected from special count sites. Mean speeds of 45.2km/h and 52.2km/h and 85th percentile speeds of 53.0km/h and 66.6km/h were recorded on Vicenza Drive and Verona Place respectively. Based on Table SLNZ3 Mean and 85th Percentile Operating Speeds from the Setting of Speed Limits Rule a posted speed limit of 50km/h is appropriate.

3.11. NZTA has recently released their new Speed Management Guide. This document includes guidance on appropriate speeds for different road environments. It also outlines measures to manage speeds, including the use of speed limits and other treatments and activities.

3.12. Using the new Speed Management Guide, 80-100km/h is assessed to be the safe and appropriate speed range on Tram Road. Tram Road is a key route linking Kaiapoi and Christchurch with the Oxford area. Tram Road is expected to carry increasing traffic volumes following the completion of the development southwest of the Tram Road McHughs Road intersection.

3.13. The engagement raised a number of questions about Tram Road and the McHughs Road intersection and there is also the proposed commercial development to consider. It is proposed to consider the Tram Road speed limit options further when the detailed design and safety audit of the Mandeville commercial area is complete.

3.14. Using the new Speed Management Guide, 80km/h is assessed to be a safe and appropriate speed on Bradleys Road, Wards Road and Dawsons Road. These roads have a significant number of roadside hazards, including deep watercourses and associated access bridges, power poles and a number of road intersections. A speed limit of 80km/h is proposed on Bradleys Road, Wards Road and Dawsons Road.

3.15. Using the new Speed Management Guide, 60km/h is assessed to be a safe and appropriate speed on the cul-de-sacs and access roads within the Mandeville community. Millfield subdivision holds an existing speed limit of 50km/h and the low speed road environment is similar to that of the other cul-de-sacs and access roads within the Mandeville community. For consistency, a 50km/h speed limit is proposed on all cul-de-sacs and access roads within the Mandeville community.

3.16. For speed limits to be effective there needs to be a change in environment at the change in speed limit. The proposed 80/100 change point locations on Wards Road, Dawsons Road and Bradleys Road are located on the approach into the rural-residential areas.

Other Options

3.17. Consideration was given to lowering the proposed 80km/h speed limit further to 70km/h on Wards Road, Dawsons Road and Bradleys Road, however the new Speed Management Guide does not include 70km/h or 90km/h speed limits in their speed classification. NZTA wants to promote a more consistent and intuitive speed management system across the whole network and avoid the use of 10km/h speed increments.

3.18. The Management Team has reviewed this report and supports the recommendations.

4. THE COMMUNITY VIEWS

4.1. In developing these proposed speed limit changes engagement with the community was carried out as outlined in clause 3.2 and 3.3 above. Formal consultation is required on specific proposals and this is outlined below.

4.2. The Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2003 [54001] as amended, requires the Council to formally consult with a number of external agencies during the review of a speed
limit. The following persons will be consulted in accordance with this requirement and their views will be taken into account:

- The local community that is considered to be affected by the proposed speed limit
- The Commissioner of Police
- The Chief Executive Officer of NZ Transport Agency
- The Chief Executive Officer of the NZ Automobile Association Inc
- The Chief Executive Officer of the Road Transport Forum NZ

4.3. It is proposed to seek community views through the Council’s website, through social media, notices in the local newspapers and letters to all property owners adjoining the roads being changed.

5. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISK**

5.1. The total cost of the new speed limit signage and road marking can be met from existing budgets.

5.2. There are no significant risks associated with changing this speed limit.

6. **CONTEXT**

6.1. Policy

This is not a matter of significance in terms of the Council’s Significance Policy.

6.2. Statute

Section 145 of the Local Government Act 2002 empowers the Council to make a bylaw for its district to protect, promote and maintain public health and safety.

The Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits Rule (54001/1) requires that permanent speed limits be set by bylaw.

The Speed Limits Bylaw 2009 enables the Council to set speed limits by Council resolution.

6.3. Links to Community Outcomes

6.4. There is a safe environment for all:

- Crime, Injury and road accidents are minimised
- Harm to people from natural and manmade hazards is minimised

6.5. Transport is accessible, convenient, reliable, affordable and sustainable

- The standard of our District’s roads is keeping pace with increasing traffic numbers

Ken Stevenson
Roading Manager
Mandeville Area Speed Survey Summary August 2016

Vehicle speeds were surveyed at four locations in the Mandeville area in August 2016. The results of the speed surveys are summarised below:

Site: 0889BSP.1.2NS  
Description: VICENZA DR 140m north of Biella Place  
Filter time: 14:41 Friday, 5 August 2016 => 11:21 Tuesday, 16 August 2016

Vehicles = 984 (90 per day)  
Posted speed limit = 70 km/h, Exceeding = 0 (0.00%), Mean Exceeding = 0.00 km/h  
85% Speed = 52.97 km/h, 95% Speed = 57.38 km/h, Median = 45.09 km/h

Site: 0830ASP.1.2NS  
Description: VERONA PLACE 450m east of Bradleys Road  
Filter time: 15:09 Friday, 5 August 2016 => 11:38 Tuesday, 16 August 2016

Vehicles = 1140 (100 per day)  
Posted speed limit = 70 km/h, Exceeding = 109 (9.56%), Mean Exceeding = 76.23 km/h  
85% Speed = 66.57 km/h, 95% Speed = 74.86 km/h, Median = 52.83 km/h

Site: 0656DSP.1.2NS  
Description: TRAM RD 900m west of Bradleys Road  
Filter time: 14:18 Friday, 5 August 2016 => 11:49 Tuesday, 16 August 2016

Vehicles = 39803 (3,620 per day)  
Posted speed limit = 100 km/h, Exceeding = 15172 (38.12%), Mean Exceeding = 105.32 km/h  
85% Speed = 104.83 km/h, 95% Speed = 110.12 km/h, Median = 97.74 km/h

Site: 0076ASP.1.2NS  
Description: BRADLEYS RD 180m north of Modena Place  
Filter time: 14:54 Friday, 5 August 2016 => 11:28 Tuesday, 16 August 2016

Vehicles = 12599 (1,150 per day)  
Posted speed limit = 100 km/h, Exceeding = 1780 (14.13%), Mean Exceeding = 106.52 km/h  
85% Speed = 99.36 km/h, 95% Speed = 106.56 km/h, Median = 86.40 km/h
MANDEVILLE SPEED LIMIT REVIEW SUBMISSIONS

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<td>Tram Road should be maximum of 80km/hr but ideally 70km/hr particularly with the impending shopping centre. Mandeville Road and McHugh (noting that these two are not noted as being considered but should be) road should be 60km/hr until past the sports ground and new subdivisions respectively.</td>
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<td>The speed limit in the Millfield subdivision (where we live), has a speed limit that is out of step with anything similar. The limit here should be aligned with the 70km/hr speed limit in the other areas. The reasons are: the traffic volumes are small; there is no through traffic; there are wide roads and good visibility. One of the attractions of living in the country is to get away from all the big city signs etc. One speed limit covering the whole area would be preferable to lots of speed limit changes. Maybe 70km/hr or 80km/hr for everything in the diagram would be best.</td>
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<td>All roads leading to Tram Road (Wards Rd, Dawsons Rd, Bradleys Rd, McHugh's and Mandeville Rd) all need to be at 70km/h. The 70km/h sign that is already on Wards Rd (Tram Rd end) needs moving 2km to Norwest to cover the bus shelter that's already there plus the other proposed shelter on the opposite side of the road which will be there for Swannanoo School which is going at your proposed end of 70km/h on Wards Rd.</td>
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<td>Put longer zip ways on Tram Road for turning left so then cars can be up to 80km/h when zipping into Tram Road flow of traffic and this will stop the anger on roads of people entering from a complete stop.</td>
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Q1 Should Tram Road over the length shown have a lower speed limit?

Answered: 165  Skipped: 0

- Yes, lower existing... 43.03% 71
- Yes, lower existing... 6.67% 11
- No, retain the existing... 26.06% 43
- None of the above (please comment) 24.24% 40

Total 165

Mandeville Speed Limit Review
Q2 Should Wards Road, Dawsons Road and Bradleys Road over the lengths shown have lower speed limits?

Answered: 162  Skipped: 3

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Mandeville Speed Limit Review

Q3 Should the cul-de-sacs and access roads have lower speed limits?

Answered: 163  Skipped: 2

Answer Choices

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<td>Yes, lower the existing 70km/h speed limit to 50km/h, to be consistent with the 50km/h roads in the area.</td>
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WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT

FILE NO and TRIM NO: GOV-26-10-06/ 170501042236

REPORT TO: Oxford-Ohoka Community Board

DATE OF MEETING: 8 June 2017

FROM: Grant Stephens – Green Space Community Engagement Officer

SUBJECT: General Landscaping budget

SIGNED BY: (for Reports to Council or Committees) Department Manager Chief Executive

1. SUMMARY

1.1. The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of the remaining financial provision in the 2016/2017 General Landscaping Budget.

2. RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Oxford/Ohoka Community Board:

(a) Receives report No. 170501042236.

(b) Notes that to date the board has allocated $7200.00 from their 2016/2017 General Landscaping Budget ($11,650.00) towards landscaping projects within the Oxford/Ohoka Ward.

(c) Notes the Council carried over the remaining allocation of $4,450.00 into the 2017/2018 General Landscaping Budget.

3. ISSUES AND OPTIONS

3.1. The total 2016/2017 General Landscaping Budget available to the Oxford Ohoka Community Board was $11,650. On the 9 March 2017 G Stephens from the Green Space team attended the Oxford/Ohoka Community Board meeting to gather ideas from the Board regarding projects that could be implemented utilising the General Landscaping Budget. A detailed report was considered at the following April Community Board meeting outlining the background and financial costs of these ideas.

3.2. At the April meeting the Oxford/Ohoka Community Board decided to make contributions to the following projects;

3.2.1. $3,000 allocated as a grant to the Eyreton Pony Club for the purpose of installing landscaping around the outside of their new clubrooms at Mandeville Domain.

3.2.2. $1,000 allocated towards the maintenance and development of an area of native bush located on Glentui Bennetts Road.

3.2.3. $3,200 allocated towards the manufacture and installation of a multi directional sign to be installed in Pearson Park.
3.3. The remaining unallocated budget is therefore $4450.00 which the board could choose to allocate towards further projects. However, due to the proximity to the end of the financial year, it is unlikely that any further allocation would take place within the 2016/2017 financial year. It is therefore recommended by staff that the Board requests that Council carries over the remaining budget into the following financial year and added to the 2017/2018 allocation.

3.4. The Management Team/CE has reviewed this report and supports the recommendations.

4. COMMUNITY VIEWS

4.1. Community views have not been sought on the specific proposals in this report. The projects noted in this report have already been approved by the board and the recommendation of carrying over funds allows the remaining budget to provide benefit to the community in the following financial year. Therefore consultation on is not considered necessary.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

5.1. To date $7200.00 has been allocated towards projects from the 2016/2017 Oxford/Ohoka General Landscaping budget ($11,650). This leaves a remaining $4450.00 to be allocated

5.2. This report recommends requesting that Council carries the remaining budget ($4450) across into the following financial year.

6. CONTEXT

6.1. Policy
This matter is not a matter of significance in terms of the Council’s Significance Policy.

6.2. Legislation
Reserves Act 1977

6.3. Community Outcomes
Public spaces and facilities are plentiful, accessible and high quality.
1. SUMMARY

1.1. The purpose of this report is to provide information from the Board members who attended the New Zealand Community Boards’ Conference in Methven from 11 to 13 May 2017.

1.2. Members J Ensor, S Farrell, J Lynn and T Robson attended the conference with five members apiece from the Rangiora-Ashley and Woodend-Sefton Community Boards. Three members from Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board attended, along with the Community Board Advocate.

1.3. The theme of the conference was 1+1=3 (or how can we as Community Boards provide extra value to both our community and our parent councils in the work we do?). New Zealand Community Board Executive Committee (CBEC), Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ), Methven Community Board, and Ashburton District Council hosted the conference, which is held biannually.

Attachments:

i. J Ensor’s comments regarding the New Zealand Community Boards’ Conference 2017 (Trim No: 170522051740)

ii. S Farrell’s comments regarding the New Zealand Community Boards’ Conference 2017 (Trim No: 170524052722)

iii. J Lynn’s comments regarding the New Zealand Community Boards’ Conference 2017 (Trim No: 170525053232)

iv. T Robson’s comments regarding the New Zealand Community Boards’ Conference 2017 (Trim No: 170526053830)

2. RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board:

(a) Receives report No. 170522051418.

(b) Circulates the attachments to the other Community Boards.

3. ISSUES AND OPTIONS

3.1. Waimakariri members either travelled together in a mini-van, or car-pooled to accommodate other employment obligations. This enabled an opportunity for the members to spend time together and share observations and/or concerns from their community areas and across the district.
3.2. The conference had approximately 200 delegates from across New Zealand. The majority of attendees were Community Board members; however, there were also several Mayors, Council staff and sponsor representatives in attendance.

3.3. The conference commenced the evening of Thursday 11 May with Registration and a Welcome function.

3.4. The primary day of the conference was Friday 12 May, commencing at 8.30am with the Mayor of Ashburton, Donna Favel, welcoming the delegates.

3.5. The programme involved four speakers in the morning session being:

- David Rutherford, Chief Human Rights Commissioner: Adequate housing: sustainable development and the new urban agenda.
- Sam Johnson, co-founder WeVisit: From the Student Volunteer Army to today.
- Hon Jacqui Dean: Update from the Associate Minister of Local Government.
- Eyal Halamish, CEO OurSay: How to think like an entrepreneur.

3.6. There were a further two speakers in the afternoon, followed by Community Board Zone meetings, and a set of four concurrent workshops.

- Peter Biggs, CE Assignment Group New Zealand: Reflections on Baxter’s Te Whiore o te Kuri: Connecting with communities in the 21st century.
- Concurrent workshops:
  - Wendy McGuinness, CE and Founder McGuinness Institute: TacklingPoverty NZ.
  - Darren Keenan, Relationships Manager IAP², & Rae Tye, South Island Stakeholder Relations Manager for Housing New Zealand: Organisation + Engagement = Great Outcomes.
  - Sam Johnson & Eyal Halamish: Responding to Community Feedback.
  - Hillmaré Schulze, BERL: Measuring Value – is it really all about GDP?

3.7. Between all the Waimakariri representatives, all the workshops were attended. Representatives were then able to share information amongst colleagues.

3.8. On the Friday evening, the Conference dinner and Best Practice Awards recognised excellence in the implementation of projects and initiatives in local governance with three categories: Leadership, Enhancing Communities and Engaging Communities. Rangiora-Ashley Community Board were a finalist in the (on behalf of the former Rangiora Community Board) the Enhancing Communities category for the development of Hegan Reserve. This evening provided another opportunity to network with other Community Board members, both rural and urban, and gain insight into particular community issues.

3.9. The third day of the Conference, Saturday 13 May 2017 commenced at 9am, with five speakers on the morning schedule:

- Mick Lester: Update from the NZCBEC Chair.
- David Hammond, Director Hammond Robertson Ltd.: Nothing less than equal.
- Donald Riezebos (on behalf of Janie Annear, Member Local Government Commission): How the Local Government Commission can affect you.
- Mayor Don Cameron: Update from the LGNZ President.

3.10. There was another set of concurrent workshops in the afternoon, and two speakers prior to the Conference conclusion:

- John Hobbs, Community Development Advisor, Michelle Hider, Priority Communications Director, & Vincie Billante, Community Relations Manager, Ashburton District Council: Start with a Smile campaign.
- Darren Keenan & Rae Tye: Organisation + Engagement = Great Outcomes.
- Eyal Halamish: Responding to Community Feedback.
- Melanie Coker, Deputy Chair Spreydon-Cashmere Community Board, Ryan Jones, West Harbour Community Board, and Tania Tapsell, Rotorua Lakes Council: Engaging youth in local government.
Nick Williamson, Organiser and mentor Startup Weekend and Global GovJam: 
*Using civic technology and geo design in community engagement.*

Dr Mike Reid, Principal Policy Analyst LGNZ, and Lecturer, University of Victoria, 
School of Government: *Conference wrap up.*

3.11. Personal feedback from the individual members of the Board who attended the conference are attached.

3.12. The Management Team has reviewed this report.

4. COMMUNITY VIEWS

4.1. This conference was a training and networking opportunity for Community Board members to gain knowledge and insight into different approaches to engaging with each other, other community boards from across the country, and their community areas; and similar or different issues confronting Boards across New Zealand.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

5.1. The Board has a training/seminar budget of $11,000 for the 2016/17 financial year. With the exception of LGNZ Chair’s training and a webinar on Standing Orders, this has not been utilised for any other training opportunities outside the organisation. At the Board’s 9 March 2017 meeting, it was resolved that four members would attend the Conference at an indicative cost of $1,315 (including GST) each. The actual cost per member was $1,091.51 (including GST).

Summary of actual conference costs for four members:

- Early bird registration (4): $2,980.00
- Transport and fuel: $126.06
- Accommodation: $1,120.00
- Meals: $140.00

Total for four attendees: $4,366.06
Per each: $1,091.51

6. CONTEXT.

6.1. Links to Community Plan

6.1.1. Engaging with residents, groups, other Community Boards and the Council in seeking the best outcome for community areas across the district.

Karyn Ward
Community Board Advocate
THURSDAY 11 MAY

Opened with a ‘meet and greet’ evening. The Mayor of Ashburton, Donna Flavel, welcomed the delegates. Commented that five additional Mayors were present for the conference from across New Zealand.

FRIDAY 12 MAY

David Rutherford – Adequate Housing: sustainable development and the new urban agenda
- The United Nations has established five key indicators for an adequate level of housing. Housing needs to be:
  - Habitable
  - Affordable
  - Accessible
  - In the right location
  - Culturally Appropriate
- Idea of security of tenure weak in New Zealand now, yet gives sense of stability in choosing schools, etc.
- There is a democratic deficit in New Zealand; property owners vote, renters do not. Local disasters like the Canterbury earthquakes have shown new ways to meet goals for good housing and human priorities.
- Need to provide 50,000 houses by 2020 to meet deficit but will not happen until all political parties agree how will achieve.
- Health issues due to inadequate and suitable housing.
- Some people are not as lucky as others are; need to defend the dignity of all.

Sam Johnson – From the Student Volunteer Army to today
- Do not be afraid to question established systems and processes.
- Creating Communities, not customers — doing it with people, not for them
- The opposite of addiction is social connection.
  - Student army doing exactly the same work prescribed by Youth Courts as punishments. Community Service should not be considered a penalty.
  - Reinventing old movements for new generations, so encouraging community service from primary school age. The Student Volunteer Army Guide to Project Success is a resource created for teachers: aim is to engage 32,000 students from Kaitaia to Bluff.
    - Community Boards can help identify and encourage sensible, meaningful projects for children.
- So far has signed up 300 people to his new community service initiative, WeVisit (WV) but has had to cap to manageable proportions.
  - Connecting generations through visits to older people in their homes, for mutual benefit.
  - Good social engagement for older people- original model was to address social isolation.
  - However, the model was flipped, and the benefits to youth development have been amazing.
  - End tragedy, bring hope.

Hon. Jacqui Dean – Update from the Associate Minister of Local Government
- Local government very important for our communities.
  - Critical to building relationships between local and central government.
  - Funding of long and short-term plans.
- Local Government Amendment Bill is before parliament, very important legislation.
  - Reviews the focus of Local Government to community outcomes instead of just provision of services.

Eyal Halamish- How to think like an entrepreneur
- Community Boards: how do we engage entrepreneur-like thinking? Learnt over time.
• Much harder to get community involved with sustained engagement.

• Process guide to areas of entrepreneurial thinking, but not a lineal process:
  o I – idea space
  o D – designers turn idea into realistic designs
  o E – evaluators: ‘the no people’, will stop bad ideas and time wasters
  o A – action people; do not want to ask anymore question but just commit

• Where to focus? Ideas come from own or others frustrations.

• How to act? To generate Action:
  o Try
  o Measure
  o Learn
  o Try
    ▪ What do you have to do to improve the idea, and how?

• Using this process and repeating it, Eyal created a workable prototype in 2 years, 1 day, and 45 minutes.

**Malcolm Alexander: LGNZ: Big Ticket Projects**

• LGNZ projects- overarching strategy for 2017-19.
  o Leadership and delivery of change on the big issues confronting New Zealand’s communities.
  o Delivering best performance and value for communities, but not just dollar value.
  o Building greater community engagement and stronger local democracy.
  o Choices and decisions made at a local level for local community.

• Water 2050 – quality vs quantity (allocation) and meeting standards.
  o Urban population wastewater disposal is just as problematic as agricultural uses.
  o Affordability of meeting standards.

• Climate Change – speed and degree of impact debated but is certain.
  o Debate about ratepayers subsiding other ratepayers’ decisions re inhabiting hazardous areas.
  o Impacts of growth and demand in these hazardous areas not new although still happening; development and infrastructure has already been undertaken in these vulnerable areas.
    ▪ Example: existing sewers outfalls and pump stations.
      ➢ Will these become inoperable due to flooding?
      ➢ How and which assets should be maintained?
      ➢ Community engagement will be required.

• LGNZ Excellence Programme.
  o CouncilMark.

**Peter Biggs - Reflections on Baxter’s Te Whiore o te Kuri: Connecting with communities in the 21st century**

• Reflection on art increases ideas of community, but also perspectives of community.
• With shrinking households, people are naturally looking for ways to connect with community.
• Crucial to retain youth and talent in communities as these are what drive economic growth.
  o Value driver for youth is not just money but purpose. “What do we stand for?”

**Wendy McGuiness – Tackling poverty in New Zealand**

• Perspectives regarding problems in our community are all different.
• Government identifies need, but can be another 50 different perspectives to the real needs of our community.
  o Hidden problems.

• McGuiness Institute, *TacklingPovertyNZ 2016 Tour: Methodology, results and observations*.
  o 240 individual suggestions how to tackle poverty, p40
  o Quoted Dairy Farmer Young, p17
  o Asset Rich Cash Poor, p18
  o Like most farmers, p56
  o Present low income, pp59-60
  o Children only one set, p54
  o Exercise: Clothes school ones, pp37-39

• Another, emerging perspective on poverty: asset rich, cash poor.
  o Foresight NZ, # foresight NZ
    ▪ Playing cards
SATURDAY 13 MAY

Long Service Celebration
- D Lundy and J Gerard – received 14+ years’ service award to Community Boards. A great achievement.

David Hammond – Nothing less than equal
(Hammond Consulting)
- 1928 – Analogy of Local Government: white, crusty loaf of bread with nibbled edges. Unchanged for more than 90 years.
- Technology has now changed how elected representatives and Councils need to respond to their community.
- Mapping a new agenda for New Zealand Community Boards.
  - Boards need to define their primary role as ‘place shapers.’
  - Became equal partners, with different roles, with elected council. Will all benefit with higher satisfaction in the community.
- Project outcomes dependent in the community being united in vision with all elected members.
  - Building strong and prosperous communities:

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- Councillors as facilitators; shaping development with the community. It is the community’s plan, to reshape to their vision, for best outcomes.

Donald Riezebos: How the Local Government Commission can affect you
- Deals with boundaries and structures of Local Authorities and representative arrangements.
- Rural areas are not effectively represented due to geographic distances each elected representative needs to cover.
- Review may not result in what was wanted or meet community expectations.

Don Cameron, Mayor – Update from the LGNZ president

Meka Whaitiri – Local Government spokesperson, Labour Party
- Local Government plays a vital role in decision-making.
- Essential to have the resources to get the best outcome.

Melanie Coker, Engaging Youth into Local Government
(Deputy Chair of Spreydon Community Board)
- Youth participation is essential.

Darren Keenan & Rae Tye – Organisation and Engagement = Great Outcomes
(IAP2 Australasia)
- Engagement = Consultation.
  - Participate in a meaningful way, making things better.
- Advancement in engagement practice.
  - Issues/problems and opportunity can affect the objective.
    - Housing NZ needs 6,000 houses. There needs to be more planning when 95 houses were damaged or wrecked in the Canterbury earthquakes, with the Eastern area worst affected.
- Take time for a cup of tea and biscuit, and engage with your community.
- The system fails at Council staff level due to need for more planning, because staff fail to engage and listen to the community.

Nick Williams – using civic technology and geo design in community engagement
- Advertising and marketing
- Using different technologies and methods as tools to communicate.
Dr Mike Reid – Conference wrap up

- Thinking outside the square.
- No input without also the input of those affected.
- Working with communities – getting people on side.
- Find out what people/communities want and deliver that, not what Councils think they need.

Final points

- The LGNZ Chair publicly recognised the careful planning by the Waimakariri District Council and the importance placed on conference participation for its Community Board members. Demonstrated ideal of equal partnership between the WDC Council and Community Boards:
  - By simple act of providing board members with a hired mini-van/ bus service:
    - Demonstrates importance of road safety to the WDC.
    - Ensures a safe journey to and from venues for their Board members regardless of weather or social needs.
    - Provides another opportunity to engage and enjoy the company of other board members.
  - Learnt from other delegates that some Boards have their workshop sections Chaired by different Board members each session. Works well to share skills of Chairing and give insight to other Board members of the challenges the Chair has. Would like to see this trialled with OOCB.
  - A very well organised conference, well done to all involved.
REPORT FROM SHIRLEY FARRELL – LGNZ COMMUNITY BOARD CONFERENCE

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to attend the LGNZ Community Board Conference in Methven last week.

Overall the organisation of the conference was well planned and structured. Venue was very well appointed and the accommodation at SkiTime very satisfactory.

Don McLeod the MC did a great job and kept it light-hearted with his quotes. Mike Lester, the Chair of the NZ Community Boards Executive Committee, was polished and articulate.

A recurring theme that came from a number of speakers was local authorities need to engage, empower and energise their communities; put local back into Local Government. David Hammond likened Local Authorities as a large white crusty piece of bread which has been the same for 90 years. Councils only nibble at the edge. His presentation Nothing Less Than Equal was thought provoking, as he believes Community Boards should be on equal footing with Councils; Community Boards need to be leading local issues including the development of their communities, its facilities and amenities and the Councils need to be leading the District issues. Community Boards need to be stepping up. They should be doing it with the community, not to the community as many Councils are doing. So this is a challenge for the future. A new word appeared, ‘localism,’ which was used by Bill English in 2013 during a speech “When you are talking about localism in NZ you are running against a deep-seated ideology, and it is one of the reasons why localism has not made a lot of traction.”

Peter Biggs – Connecting with Communities in the 21st Century
He spoke about his agency who did a project on how to understand how communities felt about their area socially.

- While many people felt they are doing a good job communicating with one another it was found there is low level of engagement all around. Local community social bonds are not as strong as we think. Technologies are disruptive and are destroying local communities but not as much as we believe.
- Statistics from the project:
  1. A community is where people help each other out - 53%,
  2. 64% said it was the facilities that make a community.
  3. 25% wanted ways to promote ways for people to know each other.
  4. One in four think Local Authorities should focus on getting people to know each other.
  5. Local Authorities need to be looking at how they can turn this around.

He emphasised that Community Boards need to be proactive to get people to know their neighbours, promote ways for people to get to know each other in the community, and provide communities with local amenities

Sam Johnson - Student Army to Today
I was impressed by his frankness and ability to engage the audience. To hear where he came from as ‘the earthquake boy’ in charge of the Student Volunteer Army during the earthquakes, and now. Having also been on a Community Board in Christchurch, where it ‘frustrated the hell out of him’, he believes Community Boards need to enable people to play their own part in a community and listen more to ‘hearts’ rather than heads. He also said it’s stupid to do something you don’t like, do something you like. Do things with people, not without people.
One of his quotes -
If you tell them how to do it and they achieve, it’s their success.
If you tell them how to do it and they don’t achieve it’s your fault. Sounds familiar

Council’s engagement of youth was an element of his speech, they are useful (even if they are addicted to their phones) and there are many ways Community Boards and Council can develop youth and do things ‘with’ them.
His comment “Councils should mobilise, not only after disasters, but other times”.
Sam co-founded WeVisit which is designed to give youth meaningful jobs and give older people a greater sense of purpose by the ‘visitors’ doing useful things around the older person’s property.

The Update from Hon Jacqui Dean, Associate Minister of Local Government
Advised that Community Boards are the coalface of community.
Some of the things that the Government are involved with:
- Working with Local Authorities to make the community safe from dog attacks
- Regulatory proposal for 3 Waters – water quality
- Very aware that communities are having to deal with pressure from tourism
- Funding available to look at the Freedom Camping issues faced by many cities and towns
- Earthquakes at community level

Eyal Halamish
As well as his presentation, his workshop with Sam Johnson was interesting with the Risk = Hazard + Outrage which is a way of looking at risk communication. Struck a chord, as that was what happened with the proposed quarry in Isaac Road.

His view was that Council’s do the **DAD** concept **Decide** **Announce** **Defend** – which happens most of the time.
Suggests using the **DAVE** model **Declare** **Acknowledge** **Vision** **Evaluation** that will empower communities.

His organisation has a website **oursay.org** which engages the community in surveys for Council’s. Frustrations can be addressed, empathise with people on Facebook etc. Don’t overthink it. Stand in some-one else’s shoes. Try It, Measure it and Learn from it. That way Councils can work out what will work. People are frustrated with their Councils and one way of finding out why is ask them. See below. He believes it helps people be honest with their Council.
Malcolm Alexander

LGNZ Big Ticket Projects -

- Looking at problems with 3 Waters: Potable, Stormwater and Waste Water Vision 2050. Quality water is an issue, and warned that compulsory chlorination may happen. This will be brought to the table before Government makes a decision.
- Planners need to think carefully on what they are doing
- Climate Change is happening – science is proving that
- Easter Trading – Council’s need to make that decision
- Concern expressed about wellbeing of communities, the environment, social aspect and health.

Start with a Smile Campaign – hosted by Vincie Billante, John Hobbs and Michele Hider

Ashburton District Council is to be congratulated on taking this over. “The Blue Couch” travels around the district to events, public places, workplaces, schools and community spaces, giving people the opportunity to get to know someone from a different background. Because of the high number of migrants in the district the campaign encourages people to smile, start a conversation and ultimately could make new friends. Because communities are becoming more ethnically diverse, it is important that locals provide a welcoming environment that will assist migrants to settle. This workshop, in my view, embraced the comments made by other speakers regarding working with the community for better outcomes.

While David Laurence was unable to attend his speech was read and contained the following points:

- Still work to be done with many Councils to transfer more powers and decision making to Community Boards. The current level of devolution largely rests with the political appetite of the Mayor and Councillors.
- Sees Community Boards as an opportunity rather than a threat.
- Believes the LGNZ is a strong advocate of Community Boards as a way of ensuring a local voice in changes.

Conference Windup Dr Mike Reid

He touched on:
Standing in others shoes; Healthy bonding; Defending the dignity of every individual; Advocating for the people left behind, and Accept the importance of homes and communities. Normally you leave a conference on a high but I am afraid he let it down with his 30 minutes of boring and very irrelevant windup presentation.

In Conclusion

Naively I thought Community Boards around the country had the same responsibilities and powers. Networking with other Community Board members show that each Council has its own delegation of power and responsibilities for their Boards. Many of the speakers believe that Councils need to address these and give responsibility to the local Community Boards.

I found the Conference enlightening, a realisation that Councils maybe need to look at their old crust of bread and instead of nibbling at the edges, take a good bite and give Community Boards more local responsibility.

Shirley Farrell
Oxford-Ohoka Community Board Member
20 May 2017
NZ COMMUNITY BOARD CONFERENCE 2017

MAKING 1 + 1 = 3

REFLECTIONS FROM JOHN LYNN OXFORD OHOKA COMMUNITY BOARD

STANDOUT KEY NOTE SPEAKERS AND KEY MESSAGING FOR ME

DAVID RUTHERFORD – ADEQUATE HOUSING / SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

- All born in dignity and rights.
- Respect each other and defend others dignity.
- The cornerstone in which peace is foundered, are, quite simply, respect and understanding for each other.
- Working together, we build peace by defending the dignity of every individual and community.

SAM JOHNSON – VOLUNTEER STUDENT ARMY

- Question the process – how can it be done differently?
- Grow movements for impact – not empires for ego.
- Involve and communicate with your team in processes and systems – involve them in your decision-making.
- SVA Guide to Community Project Success – Primary School focus in community involvement. Oxford-Ohoka Community Board needs to share this programme with all Primary School Principals in our catchment.

MALCOLM ALEXANDER – LGNZ BIG TICKET ITEMS

- WATER 2050 – going to be the critical challenge for all Councils and Community Boards.
- Do things, not talk about doing things.
- If you never want to be criticised, don’t do anything new.

PETER BIGGS – CONNECTING WITH COMMUNITIES IN THE 21st CENTURY

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SURVEY AND KEY RESULTS

To understand how close Kiwis are to their community, and the role of Local Government could play in enabling “Community”.

- Social Bonds Results:
  52% quite close
  13% feel close
  35% not close
  Overall Engagement is low.

- Key role for Local Authorities Results:
  - High on physical expectations.
  - Low on getting to know your communities.

EYAL HALAMISH – HOW TO THINK LIKE AN ENTREPRENEUR RESPONDING TO COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

- Why think like an Entrepreneur?
  - Solves an unmet human need.
  - Takes calculated / multiple risks.
  - Sees a gap that has not been met.
IDEAS
D DESIGN
E EVALUATE
A ACTION

- How do we act like an Entrepreneur?
  - Don’t overthink it.
  - Try It, Measure It, Learn from It, Try It Again.

- Getting ideas from our frustrations – quick fixes when we focus on what our frustrations are.

- Engage the community in their frustrations:
  - Solution Based Outcomes.
  - Focus on their frustrations – not yours.
  - STAND IN THEIR SHOES!!

- R = H + O
  RISK = HAZARD + OUTRAGE (Public Perception)
  HAZARD = Expert Assessment of Risk
  OUTRAGE = Public Assessment of Risk

Think about the Isaac Road Quarry Issue – all the expert advice and mitigants had been assessed by experts on behalf of ReadyMix, but they underestimated the Outrage factor of the residents.

- DAD versus DAVE

What is our Council’s approach to engaging our communities in promoting key projects across the district?

Decide OR Declare What We Want to Do
Announce OR Acknowledge our Mistakes and Rectify
Defend OR Vision – Share it with our Community
Evaluate and Amend

DAVID HAMMOND – NOTHING LESS THAN EQUAL

- Put the Local back into Local Government.
- Public want partner Councils.
- Mapping a new agenda for NZ Community Boards:
  - Define your primary role.
  - Become equal partners with the elected Council.
  - Clarify roles and give mutual respect.
  - Develop a close working relationship with Council.
  - Deliver benefits locally.
  - Engage WITH your Communities and don’t DO IT TO your Communities.

- WHAT YOU THINK BOARDS CAN DO – EXPAND YOUR THINKING
- Move from being a LISTENING POST to a DECISION MAKING ROLE
NEXT TIME

- Suggest we try to have all WDC Board members in one accommodation venue.
- Ability to attend more workshop sessions – there were six available sessions but we could only attend two during the conference.
- More time for Question and Answer sessions after each presentation.
- Community Board Zone meetings – need to clarify what the concept, purpose and communication process is for feedback from Community Boards. Our Zone representative was poorly prepared for the session, did not understand what her role was. Gave me no confidence in her ability to represent our voice and concerns.

GENERAL FEEDBACK

- Venue and facilities were great.
- Accommodation also very good.
- Programme mix / variety was overall very informative and insightful, particularly the first day.
- Enjoyed the opportunity for “Workshop” Sessions.
- Two days duration of the conference is the ideal timeframe.

THREE KEY OUTTAKES TO TAKE TO THE OXFORD-OHOKA COMMUNITY BOARD TEAM

1. How do we take a more proactive approach to engaging more effectively with our local communities to understand what their frustrations are? How we can work together to develop solutions?

2. What is the role of the Community Board? Do we wish to remain as a ‘listening post’ or do we want to have the role of making more local decisions?

3. Challenge the Process – when was the last time Community Boards and the Council got together to review each other’s roles within our communities? It appears every Council in NZ has a different approach / delegation of roles and authority with their Community Boards.
New Zealand Community Boards Conference 2017

Heritage Centre Methven

From May 11th to May 13th I attended the New Zealand Community Boards Conference. The conference consisted of a wide variety of speakers on a wide variety of topics from social issues to cultural considerations and even business concerns. This broad spectrum reflects the arena in which the Community Boards operate and emphasised to me the importance of our role, and the need for Boards to be diverse and relevant.

I found the address by David Rutherford, the Human Rights Commissioner, to be interesting and of use. The Commissioner raised issues that are relevant now and will become even more so in the future such as a need for high quality social housing and support. He encouraged Boards to take responsibility for the vulnerable and socially deprived, and to provide for them in policy and services. The Commissioner emphasised the need for Boards to consider the needs of the disadvantaged when considering policy, particularly in the areas of education, housing and health.

One topic that definitely resonated with me was the discussion around Youth Scholarships. This was raised as an effective way to build closer relationships between Community Boards and the community’s that they serve. These scholarships effectively create a dialogue between Boards and local Youth and their families, and build a relationship that I believe is currently lacking. I feel that a Youth Scholarship rewarding achievers in the Academic, Cultural and Sporting worlds would be a great way to encourage Youth to engage more with Boards and Local Bodies, and would open their eyes to the relevance of these institutions. The implementation of the Youth Scholarship scheme could also forge closer bonds between the Youth Council and the Board, involving both in the development and promotion.

I also found Eyal Halamish’s presentation to be of value. Eyal emphasised the need for Boards to be relevant and representative and he discussed ways to connect the community in order to best assess needs and spot opportunities. He also discussed ways in which to respond to community concern and outrage and emphasised the need to be consultative rather than defensive, and to work with the community to find solutions rather than to shut down discussion. Eyal’s message was one of helping civic leaders to make relevant decisions by maintaining open lines of communication.

David Hammond, former CEO of Thames Coromandel District Council, spoke about the importance of the Community Board and the way in which it is best utilised. I feel that David described a very effective Community Board that was in partnership with the Council he worked for, and this to me highlighted a lack of relevance that I feel that the Oxford- Ohoka Community Board suffers from. David discussed a situation where the Community Board is the cornerstone of the Local Body decision making process, rather than a rubber stamp for the Council staffs’ agenda.
Sam Johnson, founder of the Student Volunteer Army, was an enthusiastic and entertaining speaker who spoke about community interaction and building connections. Sam has developed WeVisit – a company that connects generations and hopes to end social isolation in New Zealand. He emphasised to me the need for Boards and Councils to hear and receive the views of all members of the Community, not just the most vocal and most visible.

The Local Government Minister, Jacqui Dean, and the Labour Local Government spokeswoman, Meka Whaitiri, I felt wasted the opportunity to provide useful information in favour of electioneering, and this was perhaps the least useful of all the talks.

In conclusion I feel that the Conference was interesting and thought provoking. The over-whelming message was one of consultation and relevant representation. The role of the Community Board is I believe being largely undervalued and Boards should be better utilised, especially in the area of community consultation. Community Boards offer the Council a valuable resource and should be viewed as such. The conference emphasised to me the way in which all Local Bodies exist to represent and fulfil the needs of the Community as best they can, rather than to implement their own agenda or for individuals to further their own careers. New technologies exist now to make it easier than ever to hear the views of the community, and because of this, there will be a greater expectation that Boards focus on these views. When there is a conflict and not all needs can be met (as is inevitably the case), it is vital that we communicate this clearly. Transparency is vital in all Board dealings and communication is the key to success. The closer the engagement with the Community the greater our chances of success, because essentially we exist to serve and the best way to do that is to LISTEN.
1. **SUMMARY**

On May 9, I was invited to attend a pre-media release meeting at offices of Christchurch Ready Mix Concrete Ltd (ReadyMix). Also in attendance were members of the Isaac Community Association (ICA), and representatives from Ngai Tahu. We were there to be informed of ReadyMix’s decision to relocate the proposed quarry site from Isaac Road to elsewhere on the landowner’s property. I commended ReadyMix, on behalf of the Board, for listening to the ICA and Board’s opposition to the original proposal. A great result, and example of the Board supporting its community.

On May 18, several Board members and myself, attended a combined drainage committees meeting. We heard a brief report on the CAREX group’s activities in relation to the use of glyphosate, and other methods of weed control in drains as well as the possible effects on fish and insects in the streams.

The All Boards meeting on May 22, included a report on the District Development Strategy, upcoming forestry harvest plans for the Kaiapoi-Woodend Ward, and State Highway 1 improvement strategies. There was a good turnout from our Board. Thank you all.

Doug Nicholl
Chairperson
Oxford-Ohoka Community Board

2. **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board:

(a) **Receives** report No. 170529054345.