

**MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE OXFORD-OHOKA COMMUNITY BOARD HELD VIA ZOOM ON WEDNESDAY 2 MARCH 2022 AT 7PM.**

**PRESENT**

D Nicholl (Chairperson), T Robson (Deputy Chairperson), S Barkle, W Doody, S Farrell, R Harpur and N Mealings.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Mayor D Gordon.

C Brown (Manager Community and Recreation), T Tierney (Manager Planning and Regulation), T Kunkel (Governance Team Leader) and C Fowler-Jenkins (Governance Support Officer).

**1. APOLOGIES**

Moved: N Mealings    Seconded: W Doody

**THAT** an apology for absence be received and sustained from M Brown.

**CARRIED**

**2. PUBLIC FORUM**

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

**3. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

**4. CURRENT REGISTER OF INTERESTS**

Moved: D Nicholl    Seconded: T Robson

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

(a) **Received** the current Register of Interest.

**CARRIED**

**5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**5.1. Minutes of the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board – 2 February 2022**

Moved: T Robson    Seconded: N Mealings

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

(a) **Confirms** the circulated Minutes of the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board meeting, held on 2 February 2022, as a true and accurate record.

**CARRIED**

**5.2. Matters Arising**

Nil.

## 6. DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

### 6.1. Mandeville Stockpile – C Brown (Manager Community and Recreation)

C Brown provided a brief background on the stockpile of soil that had been dumped at the Mandeville Sports Club (MSC). He advised that on the 23 January 2022 the Council received information that contaminated soil may have been dumped at the MSC. The Council quickly inspected the soil and decided that it would be prudent to erect a shade cloth covered fence around the pile as staff were unable to determine exactly what contaminants were in the soil.

After containing the soil, the Council employed experts in contamination testing, environmental engineers Tonkin and Taylor, who undertook an assessment of the site by taking ten soil samples. Two of the samples tested positive for containing solid asbestos material. Once it was established that the soil was contaminated, the Council proceeded to liaised with the MSC on how to deal with the matter. As part of their assessment Tonkin and Taylor provided some recommendations on what the Council should do to ensure public safety, which was the Council's main priority. The assessment report recommended that the Council could put a polymer layer around the outside of the soil pile to contain it completely, which the Council had subsequently done.

C Brown highlighted that it was important to note that asbestos was only found in two samples, and the asbestos which was found was contained within a bound substance which meant there was very little risk of it becoming airborne. The Council were therefore confident that sufficient measures had been taken to ensure public safety while the soil was at the MSC. The next step was to work with the MSC and Tonkin and Taylor on the most effective and safe way to dispose of the soil.

T Robson questioned why it had taken the Council over a month to let the Board know about the problem. C Brown noted that although the Council was made aware in late January 2022 that there may be contamination, the Tonkin and Taylor assessment report, confirming the contamination, was only received on 11 February 2022, where after the Council started liaising with the MSC on the best options of ensuring public safety. Once this was done the elected members was advised of the situation, before a press release was put out. Ideally, the Council would have liked to inform the Board sooner, however, they had to wait for the assessment report and did not want to jeopardise any future actions the Council may need to take.

T Robson further asked if the Council knew why the soil was dumped at the MSC, and by who. He also enquired if the Council would be seeking reimbursement of the cost to disposing of the soil. C Brown explained that as part of their eight years Concept Development Plan, the MSC was developing a walking and cycling track around the outside of the Domain. About five years ago some of the trees on the North Eyre Road side of the Domain were removed which had created some uneven ground in between the remaining trees. The soil was to be used to level out this area as part of the cycle and walking track. The MSC was currently investigating options for removing the soil and the cost implications.

Lastly, T Robson enquired if the polymer that was sprayed on the pile was an acrylic, and would the polymer be maintained going forward and had Environment Canterbury (ECan) been notified of the contamination. C Brown confirmed that ECan had been notified and that the Council would ensure, with the help of Tonkin and Taylor, that the polymer was being maintained to ensure public safety.

R Harpur expressed concern that the matter had not been raised at the previous MSC Delegates meeting, which he attended as the Board's representative. He questioned why the MSC, who knew the soil was being tested, had not erected public warning signs sooner. He expressed a further concern that the clubs that used the MSC

grounds were not warned of the possible contamination. C Brown could not comment on the actions of the MSC, however, he noted that the Council and the MSC only received confirmation that the soil was contaminated on 11 February 2022, so the MSC may not have known about the contamination at the time of the MSC Delegates meeting.

S Barkle suggested that it may be prudent for the MSC to request a soil report from suppliers to ensure that similar situations did not happen again. C Brown noted that the Council was working with the MSC on appropriate supply chain management processes to be followed if they need to purchase any fill on the site again.

N Mealings asked that in the interest of preventing this from happening again, could the Council advise the MSC on why resource consents were required. C Brown confirmed that the MCS would be briefed on the processes and procedures they needed to follow when moving fill.

W Doody enquired if the MSC Board was being supported by Council staff as they were going through quite a tough time regarding the soil contamination. C Brown explained that Council staff had been assisting and advising the MSC Board. He acknowledged that it was very difficult for the MSC, however, they were taking the matter very seriously and were implementing all of the right measures to get the matter resolved as swiftly as possible.

T Robson asked if Tonkin and Taylor had also tested for any other contaminated that may be contained in the soil, which may therefore be a risk to the groundwater below. C Brown replied that they had tested for heavy metals, polyromantic hydrocarbons and total petroleum hydrocarbons and had found those to be at acceptable levels.

## **7. ADJOURNED BUSINESS**

Nil.

## **8. REPORTS**

### **8.1. Application to the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board's Discretionary Grant Fund 2021/22 – T Kunkel (Governance Team Leader)**

T Kunkel spoke to the report noting that an application had been received from the Oxford Arts Trust towards the cost of purchasing an air purifier which they wanted to utilise in their large facility so they could continue their classes which they received Government funding for.

S Barkle asked if an air purifier was essential to have to enable the Trust to continue with their lessons. T Kunkel did not believe it was necessary, however, the Trust wanted to comply as much as possible with the Government guidelines and they felt this was the easiest way to ensure that their members could safely attend classes.

W Doody noted her concern about the number of people the Trust may have in their classes if the Board granted the funding for an air purifier. T Kunkel explained that even if the Trust had the air purifier they would still need to comply with the Government regulations on social distancing and number attendees at gatherings.

S Barkle questioned if there was any reason that the attendees could not be spaced out and be requested to wear masks during classes. W Doody commented that although it was a large room it was not well ventilated.

Moved: W Doody

Seconded: R Harpur

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

- (a) **Receives** report No. 220215019547.
- (b) **Approves** a grant of \$500 to the Oxford Arts Trust towards the cost of purchasing an Air Purifier Model Z3000, provided that the Trust provides the Board with additional information about room ventilation during their classes.

**CARRIED**

8.2. **Approval of the updated Oxford-Ohoka Community Plan 2020-2022 – T Kunkel (Governance Team Leader)**

T Kunkel noted the Community Plan had been updated to include the relevant information from 2021 as provided by the various departments. After the Board approved the draft plan, it would be submitted to the Council's Creative Admin Team for editing, formatting and layout. The final plan would be submitted to the Chairperson for final sign-off.

Moved: T Robson

Seconded: N Mealings

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

- (a) **Receives** report No. 220217021132.
- (b) **Approves** the updated Oxford-Ohoka Community Plan 2020-2022. (Trim 220217021114).
- (c) **Authorises** the Chairperson to approve the final version of the Oxford-Ohoka Community Plan 2020-2022, subject to any further minor editorial corrections, if required.

**CARRIED**

9. **CORRESPONDENCE**

9.1. **Letter regarding the Main Street, Oxford speed limits**

T Robson asked if the letter could be forwarded to the Council's Roading Team and if the Council could provide the Board with an explanation, as the information in the letter seemed contradictory to the information provided to the Board. T Kunkel noted she had already forwarded the letter to the Council's Roading and Transport Manager, J McBride, who was dealing with the matter. She further noted that regarding the letter about the speed limits in Main Street sent to the Council, the Mayor's office was in the process of setting up a meeting with the Board members and J McBride to discuss the matter further.

S Barkle understood that the speed limits had already been considered by the Council and they had declined that the proposed 40km/h speed limit along Main Street, Oxford. She questioned, that based on the information contained in the letter, if the Council would be willing to reconsider its previous decision. Mayor Gordon advised that he currently held the portfolio for transport for the Council so the matter would receive his full attention where after he would report back to the Board. He encouraged the Board to make a submission to the Council's 2022/23 Annual Plan on their concerns.

## 10. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

### 10.1. Chairperson's report for February 2022

- Attended the Ohoka Rural Drainage Advisory Group meeting, there seemed to be considerable opposition to the idea of the subdivision in Ohoka.
- Attended the North Canterbury Neighbourhood Support meeting.

Moved: R Harpur

Seconded: T Robson

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

- (a) **Receives** the verbal report from the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board Chairperson.

**CARRIED**

## 11. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

- 11.1. Rangiora-Ashley Community Board Meeting Minutes 9 February 2022 (Trim 2202090244)
- 11.2. Woodend-Sefton Community Board Meeting Minutes 15 February 2022 (Trim 220218022525)
- 11.3. Oxford-Ohoka Community Board Chairpersons Report for the Period January – December 2021 – Report to Council Meeting 1 February 2021 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 11.4. Woodend-Sefton Community Board Chairpersons Report for the Period January – December 2021 – Report to Council Meeting 1 February 2021 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 11.5. Rangiora-Ashley Community Board Chairpersons Report for the Period January – December 2021 – Report to Council Meeting 1 February 2021 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 11.6. Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board Chairpersons Report for the Period January – December 2021 – Report to Council Meeting 1 February 2021 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 11.7. Amendments to School Variable Speed Zones – Report to Council Meeting 1 February 2022 – Circulates to the Rangiora-Ashley and Oxford-Ohoka Community Boards.
- 11.8. Stockwater Race Bylaw 2022 – Request for Adoption – Report to Council Meeting 1 February 2022 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 11.9. Wellbeing, Health and Safety Report February 2022 – Report to Council Meeting 1 February 2022 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 11.10. Ashley Gorge Water Supply Compliance – Report to Council Annual Plan Meeting 2 February 2022 – Circulates to the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board.
- 11.11. Wastewater Treatment Plant Fencing Contract Completion – Report to Utilities and Roading Committee Meeting 22 February 2022 – Circulates to all Boards.

## PUBLIC EXCLUDED REPORTS

- 11.12. Rangiora BNZ Corner Site (70 and 74 High Street) – Divestment Evaluation Panel – Report to Council Meeting 1 February 2022 – Circulates to all Boards.

Moved: T Robson

Seconded: S Barkle

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

- (a) **Receives** the information in Items.11.1 to 11.11.

- (b) **Receives** the public excluded information in Item 10.12, which would remain in public excluded and which was circulated separately.

**CARRIED**

**12. MEMBERS' INFORMATION EXCHANGE**

**T Robson**

- Attended an Ashley Gorge Advisory Group meeting and farewell for the Chairperson who was retiring from the Group. The Group also bid farewell to the previous camp operators.
- Fielded numerous complaints from residents about the Mandeville stockpile of soil.

**R Harpur**

- Attended the Ohoka Rural Drainage Advisory Group meeting which voiced their opposition to the proposed Ohoka subdivision.
- Grey Power meeting did not take place due to Covid.

**S Barkle**

- Expressed her disappointed with the time it took for the Board to be advised about the contamination at the MSC.
- Fielding many questions about the proposed Ohoka subdivision and therefore requested to be kept informed.
- Raised concern about the current high water table levels, especially in light of potential future flooding.

**S Farrell**

- Concerned about the damage to the toilets at the Community Garden in Pearson Park which had again been vandalised.
- Noted that the Oxford Farmers Market had confirmed that they would like the EV Chargers to be available 24/7.

**W Doody**

- Attended the Oxford Rural Drainage Advisory Group meeting. There were concerns about the amount of water that had been flowing down Mounseys Stream.
- Oxford Pool were struggling with a lack of staff and the Council may have to close the pool earlier this session.
- She expressed her appreciation for the previous operators of the Ashley Gorge Campground.

**N Mealings**

- There had been a large amount of discussion in the community about proposed Ohoka subdivision, which she was fielding a lot of queries for.
- It had been a busy month for water related issues.
  - On 9 February 2022, before the last flood event she visited a property on Mill Road, Ohoka that had some issues with the drain and later on discussed with Council staff.
  - On 11 February 2022 she received a call from a Mandeville resident whose tank had run dry because a contractor inadvertently forgot to turn it back on.

- Rain event on 12 and 13 February 2022, she did her best to keep people informed on social media the challenges.
- 15 February the culvert bridge over the Ohoka Stream failed.
- 22 February observed the anniversary of the Canterbury earthquake.
- Attended:
  - An all Boards Briefing regarding the Council's position on the proposed Three Waters reform and their involvement in Communities 4 Local Democracy.
  - The Ohoka Rural Drainage Advisory Group meeting.
  - Audit and Risk Committee Meeting
    - The Council's Capital Works Programme was behind schedule.
  - Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Group meeting.
  - District Planning and Regulation Committee meeting
    - 59% increase between 2020 and 2021. Managed to process 96.5% of the applications within the statutory timeframes. Briefing on tiny homes.
  - Waimakariri Youth Council meeting.
  - North Canterbury Youth Services Networking meeting.
  - Council meeting.

### 13. **CONSULTATION PROJECTS**

#### 13.1. **E-Scooters**

<https://letstalk.waimakariri.govt.nz/e-scooter-trial>

Consultation runs throughout trial and closes April 2022.

#### 13.2. **2022/23 Draft Annual Plan**

Link to consultation document available 4 March 2022 on the Council website. Consultation closes 4 April 2022.

The Board noted the consultation projects.

### 14. **BOARD FUNDING UPDATE**

#### 14.1. **Board Discretionary Grant**

Balance as at 22 February 2022: \$4,887.

#### 14.2. **General Landscaping Fund**

Balance as at 22 February 2022: \$12,710.

The Board noted the funding update.

### 15. **MEDIA ITEMS**

Nil.

### 16. **QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDERS**

Nil.

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

Nil.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board will be held at the Mandeville Sports Centre on Wednesday 6 April 2022 at 7pm.

<p><b>Workshop</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Members Forum</i></li></ul>
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THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 8.25pm.

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Chairperson

6 April 2022

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Date