MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL, FOR THE HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS TO THE DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2019/20, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, RANGIORA SERVICE CENTRE, 215 HIGH STREET, RANGIORA ON THURSDAY 9 MAY 2019 COMMENCING AT 1.00PM

PRESENT:

IN ATTENDANCE:
J Palmer (Chief Executive), A Smith (Governance Coordinator), K Rabe (Governance Advisor), and E Stubbs (Governance Support Officer).

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Kaiapoi Promotions Association Inc. – Councillor Atkinson and Mayor Ayers as members.
Cust Community Network – Councillor Barnett as member
Southbrook Sports Club – Councillor Brine attended meeting of the Sports Club.

3. HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS TO THE DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2019/20

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<td>Martyn Cook</td>
<td>Kaiapoi Promotions Association Inc. (KPA)</td>
<td>M Cook commented that KPA were excited about the proposed cycleways. It was important that the cycleways were located in areas that made access to central Kaiapoi simple and safe. KPA were keen to assist the team working on the project and noted key areas including the route from Williams Street to the Passchendaele Path; need for cycle parks, good signage and good links to other cycleways around town. M Cook noted a number of gaps in the existing Kaiapoi cycleway network including Williams Street, Beach Road / Cass Street, to the stop bank on the north side of the river, Otaki Street / Fuller Street. M Cook spoke to a PowerPoint presentation regarding regeneration land safety improvements using the Kaiapoi Carnival as an example. He noted that the Carnival had been a great success and a key contributor to that was the location with the ability to use the regeneration zone and host two independent but connected events. However, there was concern with the condition of the Recovery Zone land. Improvements would require consultation with WDC and additional expenditure. M Cook provided a list of the safety improvements required including drainage and access improvements. He also provided a cost estimate of those at $50,000. This cost could be reduced if access to topsoil to the north east were available. KPA could manage the project he stated.</td>
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Questions

A Blackie suggested the Council may be reluctant to spend $50,000 on land that a developer could take control of in the future and asked if there was a ‘Plan B’ for the land. M Cook replied while Option A was preferable there was a second option.

K Barnett asked if the entire area was WDC owned and M Cook replied yes. K Barnett asked if it needed to stay in greenspace for the carnival or would it be useful in a car parking scenario. M Cook replied that creating a carnival atmosphere on tar seal was difficult. Nice level greenspace was adequate.

Linda Pocock

L Pocock spoke to the effects of global warming and the pressures on sustainability due to a rapid increase in population in the area. She argued against additional investment of public money in sports facilities as it would not be in line with the expressed intention to improve sustainability.

She suggested that there needed to be policy change and that the Biodiversity Officer role required ‘teeth’. She commented on land management practices by farming which has contributed to the need for UV treatment of water to be paid for by the whole community.

With regard to the ZIPA she believed ‘asking’ was not enough, there needed to be education backed up by subsidised action and compulsion through laws.

L Pocock spoke to the loss of hedgerows effect on the environment, including decline in air quality, lack of shelter for animals, increase in surface run-off, loss of habitat for biological controls and loss of bio-film filter, comparable to what was trying to be achieved at the Silverstream experiment without the problem of anaerobic run-off. L Pocock suggested flax would provide those advantages and be compatible with irrigation. She provided a list of advantages of establishing flax or tall grass hedges.

L Pocock suggested the Council should subsidise hedge planting and restoration and introduce bylaws that require consents to remove mature trees and hedge lines. This action would demonstrate leadership to the ratepayers.

Questions

Mayor Ayers asked why L Pocock believed flax hedges were not more common and L Pocock suggested that some regarded flax as weeds.

Councilor Barnett asked if L Pocock had presented her ideas to ECan or nationally and L Pocock replied no. this was her first platform; the ideas were commonplace in Europe and she had assumed it was the case in New Zealand.

Councilor Blackie referred to her comment on anaerobic run-off from Silverstream as that was the first he had heard of it. L Pocock explained it was from personnel communication with someone involved; it equated to a normal urban sewage plant where run-off had be aerated.

L Pocock referred to a recent Danish study that showed increased risk of cancer at concentrations of 4mg nitrate per litre.
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<td>E Twaddell introduced herself as Chair of the St Albans Residents Association (SARA). She had presented to Councillors previously on their alternative plan for the Downstream Effects Management Plan (DEMP) for the end of the northern arterial in St Albans. She applauded WDC for forward planning of park and ride systems. E Twaddell outlined the problems with congestion that were likely to occur in St Albans with the opening of the Northern Arterial. She outlined some of the history of St Albans, the growing population and intensification and noted the numerous local parks, recreational facilities, schools, shopping precincts and community projects. E Twaddell noted they had presented the CCC with an alternative plan to manage the traffic generated by northern Christchurch including 1) a new ‘fast’, frequent bus route connected to hubs; 2) priority measures including permanent bus lanes and traffic restriction at Bealey Ave; 3) paid parking in central city and other high parking generators to dampen demand for driving and generate funds for public transport. E Twaddell noted the new government’s direction on public transport. E Twaddell advised that SARA supported Park and Ride in the Waimakariri, and encouraged implementation as soon as possible. They also supported express bus services and believed Park and Ride should be adjacent to future railway stations. SARA believed parking should be charged for from day one. E Twaddell encouraged greater collaboration between stakeholders.</td>
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<td>G Giller spoke to the role of a Biodiversity Officer. She supported the funding for the role in the Draft Annual Plan, however expressed concern regarding the role. The summary in the DAP did not indicate the full extent of tasks that an officer would be responsible for as discussed in the report to Council on 29 January 2019. In the DAP the role was under the ZIPA and the role would be to work alongside ECan and lead the ZIPA implementation. There was no reference to the role addressing the decline of Kanuka and other terrestrial biodiversity issues and believed there would be insufficient time to focus on that core part of the role. In addition by leading the ZIPA that person would need not just to be an ecologist but a hydrologist. G Giller believed the biodiversity officer and the person to lead ZIPA were two separate jobs, there was a certain degree of integration but to lead the ZIPA would compromise the terrestrial ecology role. G Giller commented that the biodiversity officer role needed a person with specialist skill in ecology and good communication skills to win ‘hearts and minds’. They also needed adequate funding to provide a ‘bag of carrots’ so that the presence of indigenous vegetation would become positive to landowners.</td>
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rather than a burden or something to be frightened of.

Questions

S Stewart commented in the text of G Giller’s submission she disused the ecological fund. G Giller suggested the fund should be reorganised so that vegetation sites had a separate fund for heritage and notable trees. The biodiversity officer would have control of the fund and the separation would make it easier to administer.

Sally Rossiter The Hope Community Trust

S Rossiter explained the Trust wished to run a pilot program for year 12 and 13 youth. They had been in discussion with WINZ and RHS regarding the program. The pilot would try to help prevent the increase in number of 18-24 year old youths who had left school and were unemployable. RHS currently had 200 students in the category of at-risk and vulnerable for whom they were struggling to provide support.

The Trust’s proposal was to go in with specialist counsellors and 24/7 youth workers (who were already working in RHS in collaboration with MSD) to provide counselling sessions for high risk youth to address anxiety, addictions and other issues before they left school. What made the programme different was that it included family to walk alongside students. There was the potential for it to go in all schools. The pilot would involve 64 students and there would be a ripple effect.

Questions

Councilor Atkinson asked what would happen after the 14 week course. S Rossiter replied because of the wrap around care parents would get involved and there would be relationships established with agencies and other programs. The idea of the pilot would be to track progress.

Councilor Gordon asked what had been the response of other potential funders. S Rossiter replied they had not been successful for funding elsewhere; it was difficult to get funding for youth as so many were looking for funding. It was the reason they were looking to do the pilot to show it would be successful.

Councilor Gordon asked if the proposal had been discussed with the Council’s Community Team and S Rossiter replied she spoke to the same groups that the Council team liaised with. The health sector was strapped for funding and there was a gap for youth. They were constantly looking for funding. The counsellors had said they would be prepared to trial for nothing but that was not appropriate.

Councilor Doody asked how those attending would be selected and S Rossiter advised that they could not have a group of ‘the worst’ as they were difficult to manage in groups, they would look at the middle group.

Daniel Huisman

D Huisman spoke to the topic of water quality, UV treatment and the implementation of ZIPA. He was concerned with nitrate levels and noted the recent research which showed increase in colorectal cancer risk at 0.87ppm nitrate-nitrogen in drinking water. Some parts of the district were already above that level. UV treatment would not help with that. He was
concerned with public health and in light of research wanted the Council to review their risk threshold. Should Council be looking at options such as filtering systems, reverse osmosis and distillation?

D Huisman also spoke to sustainability and liked the Council mission statement referring to ‘responsibility and leadership’ however noted there were no actions or budget put aside. It was important for the Council to show leadership in the tough decisions regarding coastal retreat, for example.

D Huisman referred to the recent building refit presentation and noted that sustainability was not a core principle of the design.

D Huisman summarised the ways in which the Council could reduce its carbon footprint as outlined in the written submission including decrease in air travel, moving the Council fleet to electric vehicles and charging points, transportation options such as car-pooling, prioritising local hires, solar energy for building refit, pushing ECan for public transport options and intensive dairying controls and take more active role in local sustainability campaigns. He would like to see carbon neutral targets for the Council and District.

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<td>W Henderson referred to a report of the March Community and Recreation Committee meeting which supported allocating $25,000 to the Rangiora Croquet Club to develop two new greens.</td>
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<td>W Henderson outlined the reason for the need for the new greens. There had been in increase in the number of players from nine to 50, meaning the current two lawns were inadequate. Croquet was now a sports option for RHS and the club was looking to recruit younger members. In addition the club hosted community groups including retirement villages, staff groups and visitors from other parts of New Zealand and overseas.</td>
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<td>W Henderson noted that the lawns would be of a sufficient grade to host national and international competitions and were the best lawns in the Canterbury area. He commented the club members contributed to a wide range of skills for volunteering and fundraising.</td>
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<td>M Sparrow tabled a financial assessment of the additional croquet lawns. Stage 1 had been undertaken in early March. Stage 2 was the major stage and was scheduled for October/November 2019. M Sparrow outlined where the funding would come from including Rata Foundation, Canterbury Croquet Association, Rangiora Croquet Club (cash and labour by members). There was $8,000 yet to be sourced. Keep Rangiora Beautiful was assisting with planting.</td>
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Councilor Barnett asked if there were other funding sources, in addition to the Rata Foundation. It was advised that the club would be applying to the Southern Trust.

Councilor Williams asked if membership would grow with more greens, with W Henderson advising youth was a growth area however the club needed the greens open before they tried to grow further.
| Jayne Rattray (absent) | Friends of the Rangiora Dog Park | K Galloway spoke to a PowerPoint presentation and explained that the Friends of the Dog Park looked after basic maintenance and new facilities of the park. The submission sought approval to develop a third area (for both large and small dogs) which would be an agility course. They were currently fundraising for the materials for the agility course and the Rangiora Lions Club would build the course. K Galloway highlighted the popularity of the dog park noting how much it was utilized. Friends of the Dog Park were requesting $10,000 - $15,000 to be allocated towards fencing of the new activity area, including three sets of gates. Questions Mayor Ayers asked if the request had been before the Community Board. K Galloway advised Greenspace had been involved and previously the Council had provided fencing for the dog park. Councilor Brine asked about large and small dogs being allowed in the same area and C Prickett noted it was expected the dogs going into the agility area would be under a higher level of control. There was an anticipation for two courses which could be used together or separately. |
| Keith Galloway | Chris Prickett | |
| Sam Huo | Pegasus Golf & Sports Club | S Huo spoke to a PowerPoint presentation noting the purpose was to apply for 2020 NZPGA Championship funding and report on outcomes for the 2019 event. Support from Council – local network • Promote the 2020 NZPGA as a local iconic event by NZ and Australia working together to make it more attractive to top golfers. The 2019 event included most of NZ top golfers. • Promote Waimakariri region as a new “destination” to domestic and international high-net-worthy individuals. • Engagement with domestic and international business delegations. In 2019 there was a sport and education seminar held concurrently. Support from Council – Financial • Competition from other regions eg Hawkes Bay / Auckland for hosting the NZ PGA 2020, local government support is vitally important. Suggested $50,000 funding support, to demonstrate local encouragement for hosting this event. Funding will be fully used on marketing and promotion of the Tournament and the region. 2019 outcomes S Huo explained that a research company had looked at media exposure and spectator numbers. Total circulation was 2.2 million with a targeted audience of around 2 million. There were 71 news items to 1.2 million people. 37 domestic mainstream media platforms reported the event. There had been 8,500 domestic visitors (7,000 Christchurch) and 1,500 international visitors to the event. The international visitors had stayed five to eight nights; largely in Christchurch due to lack of accommodation facilities. |
S Huo advised that a resource consent application for a proposed hotel would be in to the Council the following week.

**Target of 2020**

S Huo provided a mission statement for 2020. He noted the NZ Women’s Open hosted between 2010 and 2012 at Pegasus had helped the local sport a lot and the 2019 champion had been a local amateur. S Huo noted the plan to drive visitation to the Waimakariri region. With good funding it could help accomplish another successful event.

**Questions**

Councilor Gordon asked if there had been any discussion with ENC regarding event funding. S Huo replied yes, they were looking for their support also. He noted they had a limited budget.

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Y Lawrence spoke to the issue of road safety. She noted there was a general consensus from residents that speed through Cust Village and outside the Cust School were too high. She noted that Cust School had requested help in this and a process was underway. Y Lawrence commented the high speeds were dangerous considering the high population of young residents and elderly using the footpaths. Currently they were working with the roading team and speed sampling had been done. They had been told that a review of speed limits in Cust was dependent on a speed management strategy being developed by the Council. She urged the Council to prioritise lowering the speed limit in the Cust urban area to 50km/hr.

K Barnett tabled the response to the CCN 2018 submission and noted that the 2019 submission was similar. The reason for similarity was that the request for a footpath from the Cust Community Centre (CCC) to the main road had not been referred to the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board for consideration and determination of priority as had been stated in the 2018 submission response. CCN felt as if the submission had been largely ignored.

K Barnett commented footpaths were poorly maintained and believed the footpath to the CCC was essential. She asked that the Council follow up the response so that it was progressed.

K Barnett noted support for sustainably and was appreciative of assistance with the CCC rural recycling project.

**Questions**

Councilor Doody asked if the CCN preferred the footpath to the CCC to follow the road or grassed area. Y Lawrence commented there was a case for both options. There was a concern stairs would be difficult for elderly or those with prams to navigate. However traffic turned down the road with speed and a safety barrier may be required.

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R Belcher spoke to a PowerPoint, advising that they wished to discuss two key areas for an increase in the annual maintenance budget.

Following the 2013 wind storm 3km (9 hectares) of the boundary was cleared of pine trees. This had created maintenance issues as the equipment was
not large enough to maintain the area. The MSC also had the goal to develop a track with shelter and ornamental trees around the perimeter of the reserve for recreation and leisure. To return the land to a state which could be maintained with MSC owned equipment the club requested $6,700 annually for the next four years. The funding would assist mulching, removing the vegetation growth and stumps.

The second area for which they requested funding was for tree topping near the playground and on the east boundary at $4,900.

Questions

Councilor Gordon asked for clarity on the amount requested and R Belcher advised it was for $6,720 for four years and a one off of $4900 for a total this year of $11,620.

Councilor Blackie noted the audit fee cost and asked on whose requirement the accounts be audited. R Belcher advised that it was in the constitution the accounts be audited. In the past that had been by internal members however that was no longer allowed. Councilor Gordon advised Canterbury Community Accounting charged a low audit fee.

Wayne Hart
Angela Kennedy
Southbrook Community Sports Club (SCSC)

W Hart commented that the Southbrook Sports Club was coming out of a dark hole over the past two years with issues around funding and management. A lot of work had been put in over the past year on improved costings and understanding economic drivers to work out their position.

The Club was a joint venture between Saracens Rugby and Southbrook Cricket. Southbrook had since withdrawn and was affiliated along with netball, touch and Special Olympics. He was conscious of the hard work and effort over many decades, however acknowledged there were legacy problems.

WDC had provided a lot of support to the club. As a committee, the question was where to go now. Analysis of costs showed a high level of fixed costs at $36,000. The club received income from bar proceeds. There was a structural deficit in the annual budget of $15,000. In order to operate the club on a sustainable basis they needed assistance with the fixed costs of operating the club. The application was for a $15,000 grant to assist with operating costs for the 2019-20 year.

Upgrade developments could be funded through grants and fundraising and Saracens also had earthquake insurance. They did not want to use these funds for operating costs. W Hart noted the written submission included a copy of the strategic plan and relevant pages from financial statements.

Councilor Brine asked if the club was aware that in the case of last resort the club would revert back to WDC ownership. The club was aware. W Hart noted that the main building and changing rooms were in dilapidated condition. The changing rooms required upgrade or replacement, due to their location in the middle of the carpark, replacing was a better option.

Councilor Atkinson asked how the heating costs had been halved and W Hart advised that the karate club no longer used the facilities and they had required significant heating.
Councilor Barnett asked if it was possible to see income and expenditure for the club. W Hart advised there was a summarised version in the strategic plan. Accounts over the past few years had not been to a good standard.

Councilor Barnett noted the Council had raised fees on community facilities and asked if there was potential for the club to do the same. W Hart noted advice from the clubs were that they financially restrained.

### Afternoon Tea break

**Paula Greer**  
**Canterbury Botanical Society (CBS)**

P Greer spoke to the Council’s recommendation to employ a full-time biodiversity officer, noting that the draft National Policy Statement on Biodiversity signals the identification and protection of significant natural areas. The Society is in support of fencing off areas of the Canterbury plains to protect them from damage from grazing, and human interaction so that the natural vegetation and eco systems have a chance to recover. There may need to be some weeding out of exotic plants and by clearing sections some of the seeds embedded in the ground would have a chance to shoot and thrive. Added to this some eco planting where necessary would encourage regrowth of the natural flora and encourage insects and birds to re-inhabit the area.

It is important to note these plain plants were dry and too much water can be harmful to the native plantings. Flax which is predominant now does not like arid ground.

**Questions:**

Councillor Barnett enquired about disposable water run-off from lifestyle blocks and farms in the area; would this not defeat the object of encouraging plain-loving plants. P Greer responded, no because the protected areas could have a mixture of plantings to mitigate the extra water from run-off.

**Jackie Watson**  
**Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board (KTCB)**

J Watson summarised the Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board submission, drawing attention to items listed under the heading ‘Other’. Some of these items had been requested for several years.

**Questions:**

Councillor Barnett asked why the Board did not support the recommendation of a biodiversity officer. The Board feels that the Council should continue to use contractors when required rather than employing another staff member.

**Annie Bonifant**  
**Ohoka Domain Advisory Group (ODAG)**

The Group acknowledges the support that WDC has given the group and the Domain. Recently the peppercorn rent charged to the Ohoka Market was increased to a market-based rental. The Group feel that this and any other income generated by the Domain should be given to the Group to be used for the betterment of the Domain and in particular the restoration of the Gatekeepers Lodge which is now a much loved and admired feature of the domain.

**Questions:**

Councillor Gordon enquired of plans to restore the Gatehouse, and if the Group have costings for the full restoration of the building? It was advised a full restoration plan is being worked on but is difficult as
things change depending on what can be saved and what is available in the line of materials.

Councillor Felstead asked if the Group were aware that the income generated by the Domain is, in fact used for the Domain eg the upgrade of the children’s playground. Yes was the response.

Ann Jeffs  Rangiora Museum

David Petrie spoke to his presentation (Trim 190510066646). D Petrie gave a brief overview of the work done by the Rangiora Museum and the inherent responsibility of caring and protecting the artifacts donated to them. However the Museum did not have a sufficient storage space or one that is climatically controlled. At present the museum was using two shipping containers which are not fit for purpose as they were too small and not ventilated. This is a real concern for the storage of photographs which are now being damaged due to dampness. The museum would like the Council to investigate the provision of a permanent solution and provide a suitable building, specifically for holding and maintaining valuable memorabilia, records and photographs. This building must be climatically controlled.

Questions:

Councillor Blackie enquired what the criteria for a purpose built facility is. D Petrie responded that it should be constructed on piles, insulated, access for storage and approximately 192m² which will fit on the museum site.

Helen Edh  Oxford Visually Impaired Group

H Edh spoke about her concern regarding the speed of traffic on High Street, Oxford. It is very difficult for disabled people to cross the road and the crossing in the middle of the retail section of Oxford is not terribly safe. She feels that traffic needed better signage warning them of the crossing as many vehicles do not seem to be aware that the crossing is there until they are right on top of it. She would like the Council to reduce the speed limit from 50k/hr to 30k/hr as many smaller towns are doing on the North Island.

Questions:

Councillor Meyer enquired if cars do not stop at the crossing? H Edh was unable to answer because she cannot see if the cars have stopped or not. She relies on her hearing but this is not infallible now as some cars are electric and very quiet.

Councillor Felstead asked if the footpaths had been repaired. H Edh advised work was occurring now.

Deirdre Ryan  Community Wellbeing North Canterbury Trust (CWNCT)

D Ryan spoke to her presentation (Trim 190510066645) which highlighted new programmes and the ongoing work done by the Trust and thanked the Council for its ongoing support throughout the year. The Trust is requesting an increase in its annual funding of $17,000 as a contribution toward a vehicle replacement programme.

Jim Gerard  Rangiora-Ashley Community Board (RACB)

Duncan Lundy spoke to the Board’s submission providing a brief summary and also highlighting the section “Other Matters” which covered roading, cycleways, walkways and rates.

Questions:

Councillor Brine commented on the change in rates and the difficulty in predicting income and
Doug Nicholl | Oxford-Ohoka Community Board (OOCB)  
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D Nicholl spoke to the Board’s submission giving a brief summary highlighting the Other Comments section which covers Board funding, car parking, skate park, footpaths, cycleways, Ashley Gorge Road safety barrier, Mandeville flooding, Pearson Park lighting, Swannanoa Domain, West Eyreton Well and surrounds, general landscaping fund.  
**Questions:**  
Councillor Gordon enquired what the discretionary fund was currently. It was advised $6,200.  
Councillor Blackie asked why does the Board not want to support the Park and Ride recommendation. The response was that the rural area does not have a public transport system so it is not considered relevant at this time.  
Mayor Ayers enquired if the skate park lighting had improved. It was advised that the Service Centre lights shine down the street which can make it difficult to see when looking in that direction.  
Mayor Ayers asked if the improvement of drains along Two Chain Road had made any difference. It was advised that there was little difference as the Silverstream was at capacity which still causes flooding.

Stephen McQuarrie | Rangiora Youth Community Trust (RYCT)  
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S McQuarrie spoke to a PowerPoint presentation, which provided a snap shot of the work of the Youth Workers. Currently seven youth-workers, working a total of 80 hours per week at both Rangiora High School and Rangiora New Life School. The submission requests funding of $20,000 over the next two years to cover wages and training.  
Youth work is a 24/7 connection, connecting with schools and providing one on one mentoring. The Youth Workers work with schools, including helping to integrate year 9’s into school, who run their own clubs (craft club and gaming club). RYCT promotes ways for young people to grow and develop. S McQuarrie spoke on the WDC Youth Strategy, noting a lot of shared goals with the goals of Rangiora Youth Community Trust and a lot of crossover. Julia Malcolm, Deputy Principal at RHS quoted that Youth Workers provide a need in the schools for students and fully endorses their work. It was noted that a lot of students have anxiety issues. A recently published WDC Youth Strategy Survey, showed the positive impact of the youth workers, with 56% of young people responding that a youth worker is the best support for young people.  
Councillor Barnett asked about the funding for the Youth Workers. It was advised the budget is targeted at a quarter from the Church, quarter from the school, and half from community grants and fundraising by the Trust. There is a similar arrangement in Selwyn, with the Selwyn District Council successfully partnering with local trusts and churches in the same way.  
Councillor Doody asked if the counsellors at RHS work with the Youth Workers. This is a two way support and sometimes counsellors refer young people to the Youth Worker.
David Morgan  Morgan Group Ltd
D Morgan spoke on Development Contributions, specifically for redevelopment/in-fill housing. In WDC the current development contribution rate is so high that it is not commercially viable. D Morgan has spoken to numerous Councils about development levies and quoted the different levies, with some Councils having zero levies, and some with higher levels where residential development is discouraged. D Morgan believes that development contributions are important and noted the benefits of constantly changing existing residential area. Noted that their business is currently developing an existing property of one house, with four new residences. Condensed developments in existing areas has advantages with better quality insulated homes. It is an opportunity for improved housing stock, improving the town centre without depreciating values. He believed there is a real imbalance in Waimakariri in the development contributions charged for in-fill housing than what is charged for a new subdivision.

Martin Pinkham
M Pinkham did not attend

Doug Nicholl  Ohoka Drainage Advisory Group (ODAG)
D Nicholl spoke to the submission topic of Mandeville flooding. The Advisory Group is aware of the concerns of many residents when there is heavy rainfall, referring to the 2014 rain event. The issue is where the water is going to be taken. The ODAG would like to have funding for the redirection of resurgence of Mandeville storm water to be brought forward to 2019/20 as this is urgently required. There were no questions from members.

Karen Jackson  Mandeville Residents' Association (MRA)
Members of the MRA present at the hearing included: Des Lines, Graham Rouse, Rosina Rouse, James Ensor, Richard Jackson and Graeme Chisnall. A copy of the presentation read by Rosina Rouse was made available for Councillors and also shown as a PowerPoint presentation.
The submission concerns the stormwater drainage issues in the Mandeville and Swannanoa area. The MRA represents more than 50 households in the Mandeville, Swannanoa area. The MRA has met regularly over the last year discussing these concerns with flooding and drainage and to determine some options for remediation of these. The MRA is grateful to the Council staff and consultants for the time provided in meeting, discussing plans and recommendations. The MRA is asking the Council to establish and provide costs for all of the options in the comprehensive Drainage Plan (the Plan is part of the Associations submission documentation).
Mayor Ayers commented on the recommendation from the MRA of redirecting flood water to the old Eyre River bed, which could be challenging getting water across Mandeville Road. J Ensor acknowledges this is a challenge, but said this is only short times when there are peak flows.
The MRA also submitted on options for a car park at the commercial centre on Mandeville Road.

Shona Powell  Woodend-Sefton Community Board (WSCB)
Board Chair Shona Powell, supported by Board members Rhonda Mather, Andrea Allen and John Archer, presented the submission on behalf of the Woodend-Sefton Community Board.
ZIPA – supported Option A, but the Board members...
have concerns with duplicating and/or encroaching on ECAN responsibilities. Issues noted were the monitoring of private wells and education on stormwater.

The Board does not support the Tennis Courts development, suggesting the Council investigate what other sports could use this land. There are plenty of tennis courts already available for use in the district.

Park and Ride facilities – asked the Council to put funding towards a local park and ride facility if ECAn are not willing to. This could involve more parking available in Rangiora.

Pegasus Community Facilities – the Board believes the Council needs to start planning for a purpose built facility that the area deserves. This facility needs to include a kitchen and toilets.

The Board suggested a need for some car parking provided along Tiritiri Moana Drive as this gets very busy in the summer with people walking on the pathway to either Waikuku or Woodend Beaches. Currently parking is on the verge alongside the road and the Board noted safety issues with cyclists and pedestrians.

Gladstone Park – redevelopment has been very well received by residents, but there needs to be lighting along the new path for safety reasons, and also a request for equipment provided at the dog park for some interest for the dogs.

Connectivity - the Board would like to see some funding for the pathway along Rangiora Woodend Road extended to connect with the Jill Creamer Walkway on Woodend Beach Road. The Board would like Council support for NZTA to provide a footpath north of Woodend on SH1 so pedestrians can safely connect with the Jill Creamer Trail to the Beach.

Mayor Ayers asked if information recently produced from NZTA, included the footpath on north of Woodend. Board Members said no this did not appear to be included.

Councillor Gordon questioned on priorities for community facilities in both Pegasus and Ravenswood. Board members responded that land should be set aside for community facilities in both Pegasus and Ravenswood.

Councillor Williams asked if members have a preference of priority. S Powell responded that Pegasus would be the priority over Ravenswood, with the population already established at Pegasus.

Councillor Barnett questioned the current state of the pathway between Woodend School and the Jill Creamer Walkway. S Powell confirmed that the upgrade of the pathway from the Jill Creamer Walkway along to Woodend School has not progressed at this stage.

**Dinner Break**

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<td>D Kingi-Patterson was lobbying for an after-hours health service and would like to see the old Rangiora Hospital restored. The provision of health services is</td>
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<td>grossly underfunded in the district, which will be evident once the census results become available.</td>
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<td>Regarding if there is any emergency, has worked in traffic management, emergency management and worked in accident and emergency. D Kingi-Patterson believes the Council needs to work with iwi and the Government to provide a safe working and life environment, and to seek support and work with community groups, schools and the public to make this happen.</td>
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<td>Would like the bus service to stop outside the rest home on West Belt. This would then provide transport for residents to get to the doctors and the shops.</td>
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<td>Having more train services across the region, would open up more areas for housing development.</td>
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<td>D Kingi-Patterson is funding for filming projects required and waiting for the Ngaio Marsh Theatre to re-open.</td>
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<td>David McPherson presented on behalf of the Pearson Park Advisory Group. The Group appreciates the support of the Council.</td>
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<td>Skate Park – would like some discussion on having this facility expanded for the young people to accommodate all age groups.</td>
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<td>Security Lighting – requests that the Council provide adequate lighting along the pathway from Main Street to the Oval.</td>
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<td>Sealing of car park, between Oxford Butchery shop and old pine trees - this area is used for the Oxford Farmers Market. Members would like this area to be sealed and it would tidy up the area; it currently is not a good look in the middle of the town.</td>
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<td>Resealing of Oval and drainage - this is already in the Council plans.</td>
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<td>Fencing and gates – the Group would like the fence between the Park and the housing complex in Meyer Place replaced in the 2019/2020 year so that the landscaping and plantings can be done. Gates at the entrance to the Farmers market need to be replaced or else hung a bit better and trees planted in the area of the Skate Park and Farmers Market. This would provide shade in the summer. Request that this tree planting programme commence in 2019/2020 year.</td>
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<td>When asked on preferred priority, D McPherson advised this would be the sealing of the car park, and the second priority if the fencing between the park and the pensioner housing. Also would like the Council to look at funding for the skate park expansion. Security lighting is also a preference.</td>
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<td>Councillor Doody confirmed there are currently discussions between Council staff and parties regarding the fence between the pensioner units.</td>
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<td>Pearson Park Advisory group receive a grant of $10,000 a year which has been used for a hard court close to the skate park (helped with the Lions), put in some tables and seating. Put in a stage and would like to put a roof on top of that.</td>
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| Councillor Barnett asked if there could be a plan provided to Councillors, with a budget included for
Sam Redman introduced the presentation, and spoke on the Waimakariri Youth Strategy. Bella, Ellie and Caitlyn for the Youth Council were present.

The Youth Council have a concept plan for a Development at the Dudley Skate Park. Stage One of this plan includes an activation platform (stage), mounded seat, fixed seating, and further additions including a power station, solar charging seat and other fixtures. An estimate of the cost of Stage One is $50,000. Bella spoke on the plan for the stage as part of the redevelopment project. Mention was made of the Gap Filler projects in Christchurch which are well used, and believes this would be a good thing to have in the community which could be used by lots of different groups. Youth need to have somewhere to go and meet together.

Caitlyn noted that there have been concerns about the skate park area being safe, for the youngest of ages and oldest of ages. It is hoped that having this development nearby would reduce any bad behaviour. Ellie would like this space to inspire further development in the Park and be a space where community can come together.

The Youth Council are asking for $20,000 for permanent aspects of the development. Mayor Ayers noted that he, and Councillors Gordon and Barnett are on the Youth Council.

The stage (activation platform) could be used for any sort of performances, or classes. S Reman noted that with the Kaiapoi Skate Park where everything is together, this is a place where people feel safe.

Laurence Smith, President of Rangiora Tennis Club, Johnny Carter (President) and Brian Heron (Secretary) from the Southbrook Tennis Club presented the submission which seeks support from the Council to build a tennis club complex on Coldstream Road.

L Smith thanked the Council and staff who have assisted with the proposal to date. The current Rangiora Club owns its own facility and has a small but stable membership at its current site. The future of tennis in Rangiora comes before the long term needs of current membership. The club is asset rich and cash poor, which limits any ability for development of the current site. The courts are locked and there is no court lighting. This year the club has had limited ability to provide coaching, with more juniors playing than could be coached. The combination of the clubs, Southbrook and Rangiora, and partnering with the Council would enhance the ability to promote tennis, provide more public accessibility to courts, all year round play with lighting, future proof a complex for players of all levels and put Rangiora on the tennis map for hosting tournaments.
Brian Heron noted having the courts available with lighting provides the ability to play all year around. Southbrook Club has an asset which could realise $250,000 - $300,000 and to join with Rangiora, this would give the opportunity to promote the membership of the sport.

Councillor Williams asked if the clubs would be able to fund the maintenance and lighting of the courts, or would that be up to the Council. B Heron advised that there has been a draft business plan drawn up, and with people using the courts on a "pay to play" basis, this will generate some income. The NC Sports Trust are in support of this proposal. If the courts are used for tournaments this could generate income.

Councillor Barnett remarked that a comment has been made that tennis has low participation rates, L Smith believes the memberships are low here now, but there is the opportunity to grow tennis in Rangiora with this proposal.

If this proposal did not progress through the Council, L Smith advised that this matter would have to go back to the committees of both tennis clubs for a decision and Southbrook Club would also have to reconsider their situation.

A copy of the letter of support for the tennis court proposal from the North Canterbury Sport and Recreation Trust was tabled and copies will be circulated to all Councillors.

Jim Martin

J Martin spoke to his presentation and provided a history of his involvement with tennis which he has been involved with all his life, either as a player or administrator. When he moved to Rangiora to live in 2012 he saw the need to promote the game of tennis and has become involved with the possibility to build a new tennis facility in Rangiora. J Martin has had the role as a facilitator between Rangiora and Southbrook tennis clubs and the Council. Personally, J Martin said this case is overwhelming; the opportunity would make the game much more visible and complement the courts at Kaiapoi. The Clubs contribution would be more than the Councils contribution. The two tennis clubs want a quality and complete facility. This would provide certainty for the Clubs, and if this does not progress, it will be the younger players who will miss out, and the casual "pay to play" players.

Mayor Ayers noted the newly opened Wai Puna Wai, there is tennis courts there - this is a tennis centre like Wilding Park.

Councillor Barnett asked about the Ashburton tennis facility. J Martin said the Council did contribute to this facility as well as the Ashburton Licensing Trust.
| Martin Searle | M Searle advised he had been involved in tennis in North Canterbury for 35 years, as a player and now coach. Reference was made to the new hockey turf that has had the support of the Council and the covered pool at Dudley Park, with these sports both being encouraged. M Searle is involved with the Fernside Club, which has asphalt courts. There is lighting on these courts, but the lights are for netball and not suitable for tennis. A lot of people in North Canterbury drive into Christchurch to play business house tennis, under a covered environment or under lights. A modern facility with good lights would keep local people playing locally and would support this facility. Ashburton Tennis Centre has promoted the game there, and their tennis is a lot stronger now. This is similar situation with the tennis centre in Blenheim. Having a good tennis facility like this on Coldstream Road will encourage more people to play the game, and be a good drawcard for new people moving to the district.  
Councillor Brine asked if there would be benefits in centering the sport in both Kaiapoi and Rangiora. Interclub competition could move to this new centre for some of the smaller clubs.  
Mayor Ayers enquired if having children play, means that parents will start playing or then resume playing again. Yes this happens. Supports the “pay for play” of courts; rather than commitment to paying a subscription to a club.  
Following a question from Councillor Meyer, M Searle believes there is enough capable people to support this proposed facility once it is up and running. |
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| Rhonda Mather | Rhonda Mather, Ronnel Stevens, and Roger Rule from the Pegasus Residents Group presented the submission. Also present in the public gallery, were a large number of supporters of the Group.  
R Rule spoke on the need to have a purpose built community facility in Pegasus.  
R Mather spoke on fees for hiring the current Community Centre and is involved with booking of the centre. Noted that the increase in fees charged are penalising the elderly who are a large group of users of the centre and urged the Council to reconsider these proposed increases.  
The quest is for the Council to start planning for a purpose built facility which will be on reserve land which has been provided by Todd Properties. R Mather referred to a media announcement from 16 December 2014 advising that Todd Properties would be vesting two large parcels of lakefront land to the community and the Council was accepting this offer. The Group suggests that one of these sites could accommodate the proposed community facility. The building suggested as a community facility, will provide a focus for the community and to have a sense of ownership. The centre will be a focal point where people can gather and socialise with others. (To have a state of the art building). It is as leaders of the community, to invest and develop in North Canterbury. There is significant support from various groups in Pegasus for a community facility to be built. The Group suggests that the money set aside for the tennis court proposal on Coldstream Road might be
better spent on a community centre in Pegasus.
Councillor Barnett asked if residents of Pegasus would be happy with a rate rise to accommodate funding for a new community centre at Pegasus. R Mather would like the Council to commit in the future, suggesting three years’ time, and the PRG would then have time to work with stakeholders and source other funding. This would be a centre partially staffed by volunteers. While the PRG members would be happy to have the library and service centre in Pegasus, they believe Ravenswood to be the more logical and central point for it. Also, they strongly believe that the Pegasus facility (whatever form it takes) needs to be built and completed much sooner than the planned Ravenswood community facility. The land has yet to be vested to the Council, as this will happen when the Lake comes under control of the Council.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.20pm.

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