

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL  
HELD VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM ON FRIDAY 1 APRIL 2022 COMMENCING, AT 9AM**

**PRESENT**

Mayor D Gordon (Chairperson), Deputy Mayor N Atkinson, Councillors K Barnett, A Blackie, W Doody, N Mealings, P Redmond, S Stewart, and P Williams.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

J Harland (Chief Executive), L Smith, (Manager People and Engagement), R Hawthorne (Property Manager), S Hart, (Strategy and Business Manager) and T Kunkel (Governance Team Leader).

**1. APOLOGIES**

Moved: Mayor Gordon                      Seconded: Councillor Redmond

An apology for absence was received and sustained from Councillor R Brine.  
Councillor P Williams requested early departure from 9.40am.

**CARRIED**

Councillor J Ward was absent from the meeting.

**2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Nil.

**3. REPORT**

**3.1. Covid-19 – Vaccine Pass removal for Aquatic Facilities, Libraries and Community Facilities – L Smith (Manager People and Engagement)**

L Smith noted that the Council's Covid-19 Protection Framework (CPF) had been implemented to ensure the safety of the community and staff and was mostly well-received. However, last week the Government announced that from 11.59pm on 4 April 2022, My Vaccine Pass would no longer be required, which meant that people would no longer have to be vaccinated to enter those venues currently covered by the pass.

L Smith explained that the vaccine mandates were never intended to be permanent, and it was assumed that the mandates would be reviewed periodically. It was believed that a review was now appropriate due to the high overall vaccination coverage in the community and the large proportion of people with some immunity from natural infection. Therefore, it was recommended that the Council consider removing the My Vaccine Pass requirements for community facilities including Aquatics and Libraries from 11.59pm on 4 April 2022. Scanning of QR codes would also no longer be required.

L Smith advised that facilities would continue to review their risk mitigation measure while the Omicron variant was still highly prevalent in the community. Next week, the Council would also conduct a full Risk Assessment Review of staff roles to ensure sufficient risk mitigation measures were still in place to protect staff in high-risk positions. These would include physical distancing, mask-wearing, remote working where possible, and good hygiene practices.

In response to a question by Councillor Doody, L Smith confirmed that the MainPower Stadium would also no longer require My Vaccine passes from 11.59pm on 4 April 2022 for entry.

Councillor Barnett questioned if the staff that were high risk or still felt at risk due to the high level of Omnicom in the community would be accommodated. L Smith advised that the Council would be reviewing its risk assessment of all roles, especially the high-risk roles, to ensure staff safety. She confirmed that this could include re-deployment if required.

Moved: Mayor Gordon

Seconded: Councillor Williams

**THAT** the Council:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 220330047404.
- (b) **Approves** that the Aquatics Facilities would remove the requirement for My Vaccine Passes for all visitors and staff to its facilities at Rangiora and Kaiapoi effective from 11.59pm on 4 April 2022 at all levels of the Covid-19 Protection Framework (CPF).
- (c) **Approves** that the Libraries would remove the requirement for My vaccines Passes for all visitors and staff to its facilities at Rangiora, Kaiapoi and Oxford effective from 11.59pm on 4 April 2022 at all levels of the Covid-19 Protection Framework (CPF).
- (d) **Notes** that the organisation would manage a phased return to full services in Libraries and Aquatic Centres depending upon staffing levels and current Covid-19 community spread.
- (e) **Notes** that the organisation had removed the requirement for all staff to hold vaccine passes to complete their roles, however, maintained that the risk assessment framework was required to support those staff members working in high-risk roles during a pandemic. The current Covid-19 Management Policy had been updated to reflect these changes.

**CARRIED**

Mayor Gordon noted that the Council always maintained that it would review the Covid situation regularly based on the information provided by the Government and Ministry of Health. He supported the motion as the vaccine mandates were never intended to be permanent. However, he urged the community not to become complacent with Covid-19, as there was no clarity if the South Island had reached the Omnicom peak. Therefore, it was important for people to wear masks, practise good hygiene, and follow Ministry of Health advice. He remarked that this was an important time to continue to show respect and kindness to each other.

Mayor Gordon further commented that when the Council placed access restrictions on Council facilities it had been a difficult decision for the Council to make. However, based on the information available at the time, the Council believed that it had acted in the best interests of the community and the staff. He expressed his appreciation for the work done by L Smith and the Human Resources Team and for the excellent advice provided during this challenging time.

Councillor Doody, based on her personal observations, commended the staff at the Oxford Service Centre for the way they implemented the Government regulations in a bid to keep both staff and the members of the public safe while visiting the centre.

#### 4. **MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WITH THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED**

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

Moved: Councillor Barnett

Seconded: Councillor Atkinson

**THAT** the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

The general subject of the matter to be considered while the public was excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to the matter and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution, are as follows:

Item No	Minutes/Report of	General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
4.1	Report of R Hawthorne (Property Manager) and S Hart (Strategy and Business Manager)	Strategic Property Dealings, Rangiora	Good reason to withhold exists under Section 7	Section 48(1)(a)

This resolution was made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

Item N°	Reason for protection of interests	LGOIMA Part 1, Section 7
4.1	Protection of privacy of natural persons; To carry out commercial activities without prejudice; Maintain legal professional privilege; Enable Council to continue with (commercial) negotiation without prejudice or disadvantage Prevent the disclose of information for improper gain or advantage	Section 7 2(a) Section 7 2(b)ii Section 7 (g) Section 7 2(i)  Section 7 (j)

**CARRIED**

#### **CLOSED MEETING**

*The public excluded portion of the meeting occurred from 9.12am to 9.29am.*

#### **Resolution to resume in open meeting**

Moved: Councillor Blackie

Seconded: Councillor Atkinson

**THAT** the Council

- (a) **Notes** this report would remain in Public Excluded until the various negotiations and transactions were concluded, including those in relation to the potential longer-term on-sale of some of the Percival Street site, after which the recommendations included in the report may be released.

**CARRIED**

**OPEN MEETING**

**5. NEXT MEETING**

The next scheduled ordinary meeting of the Council will commence at 1pm on Tuesday 5 April 2022 and will be virtually and live-audio streamed.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.31AM.

**CONFIRMED**



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Chairperson  
Mayor Dan Gordon

3 May 2022

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Date