

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL, FOR THE HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS TO THE DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2025-26, HELD IN THE KAIKANUI ROOM, RUATANIWHA KAIAPOI CIVIC CENTRE, 176 WILLIAMS STREET, KAIAPOI, ON TUESDAY 6 MAY 2025 AT 2.00PM.**

**PRESENT:**

Mayor D Gordon (Chairperson), Deputy Mayor N Atkinson, Councillors A Blackie, R Brine, B Cairns, T Fulton, J Goldsworthy, N Mealings, P Redmond, J Ward and P Williams.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

J Millward (Chief Executive), G Cleary (General Manager Utilities and Roding), H Street (Corporate Planner) and K Rabe (Governance Advisor).

*The meeting was adjourned from 4.16pm for refreshments and reconvened at 4.30pm.*

**1. APOLOGIES**

Moved: Councillor Goldsworthy

Seconded: Councillor Williams

**THAT** the Council:

- (a) **Receives and sustains** an apology for early departure from J Millward, the Chief Executive, who left the meeting at 3.23pm.

**CARRIED**

**2. HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS TO THE DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2025 - 26**

Submitter	Comments
Chris and Tracy O'Brien	<p>T O'Brien advised that Priors Road, Fernside, between Daiziels Road and Mt Thomas Road was sealed. She believed a developer would be sealing Priors Road from the Rangiora end to its junction with Daiziels Road, which left approximately 750 meters of road unsealed. Residents experienced dust and damage to vehicles from stone chips from the unsealed section of the road.</p> <p>T O'Brien noted that the increased commercial traffic using Priors Road further damaged the road. The dust clouds created by fast-moving commercial vehicles made it dangerous for children cycling to and from school, as the dust clouds of passing vehicles obscured them. She, therefore, requested that the Council work with the developer to ensure the full length of the Priors Road was sealed.</p> <p>The Mayor questioned whether staff had raised the question of sharing the cost of sealing the remainder of Priors Road. T O'Brien replied that the residents were financially unable to contribute to the cost of sealing the last section of the road, especially in the current economic climate.</p> <p>Councillor Blackie asked how many residents lived on the unsealed section of Priors Road and was advised that six households were directly affected.</p> <p>Councillor Redmond enquired how long the O'Briens had been living on Priors Road. T O'Brien noted that they bought the house in October 2024 and moved in in February 2025.</p>

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Oxford-Ohoka Community Board	<p>S Barkle and T Robson were in attendance and highlighted the following points contained in the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board's (the Board) submission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requested that No. 10 Road intersection be dealt with as a priority and be substituted for the proposed safety improvement work on Two Chain Road.</li> <li>• Increased education on how to drive on rural roads to improve safety, especially at intersections.</li> <li>• Be open and accommodating to community initiatives focused on mitigating boy racers in neighbourhoods.</li> <li>• An increase in costs was acknowledged as out of the Council's control; however, the Board was supportive of the way the Council was managing this issue.</li> <li>• Requested that general rates for Three Waters be introduced rather than the current targeted rates.</li> <li>• Mandeville resurgence – The Council should do more research to understand water flows prior to starting Stage Two.</li> <li>• Concern regarding the maintenance of shingle roads, especially where tar seal meets shingle. Urgent attention was needed to the change of surface from tar to shingle at the intersection of North Eure Road between Browns Road and Chapmans Boundary Road.</li> <li>• Supported Kate Valley being the only landfill for the Waimakariri District, and private landfills should be actively discouraged.</li> <li>• Main Street in Oxford was in bad condition and needed urgent maintenance work.</li> <li>• Requested that footpaths be provided on numerous roads in Oxford.</li> <li>• It was requested that footpaths be installed around rural schools to future-proof roading infrastructure, especially with the possibility of school bus services being reduced.</li> </ul> <p>Councillor Fulton confirmed the site on Browns Road, Okuku, and queried whether the drop from tar seal to shingle would damage a vehicle. S Barkle agreed that it would definitely damage a normal vehicle.</p> <p>Councillor Cairns asked if S Barkle had investigated the costings for the proposed waste plant, and she replied that she had not.</p> <p>Mayor Gordon noted that the new Council would consider a district-wide rating for Three Waters in 2026.</p>
Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board	<p>J Watson elaborated on the following points included in the Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board's (the Board) submission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Board supported the Three Waters reform.</li> <li>• Requested that services such as rubbish, sewerage and water be introduced to more rural areas.</li> <li>• Requested that priority be given to the development of the cycleway between Kaiapoi and Woodend.</li> <li>• Supported the Council's financial management strategy.</li> <li>• Requested a review of drainage charges to be carried out to ensure that residents do not continue to pay twice for the same service.</li> <li>• Requested that a Green Buffer Zone be established along Courtenay Stream from opposite Helliers through to the Kaiapoi Lakes. This would support the Council's Natural Environment Strategy.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerned that the Board's town entrances work had been delayed for so long, with little progress being made.</li> <li>Commended the Council on managing to keep rates low.</li> </ul> <p>No questions from elected members.</p>
Rangiora-Ashley Community Board	<p>J Gerard and K Barnett were in attendance and emphasised the following points from the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board's (the Board) submission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Congratulated the Council on its countrywide leadership in the Three Water reforms.</li> <li>Concerned regarding the cuts to the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) subsidies and reduction of funding for the roading network.</li> <li>Requested that the Council consider continued road maintenance at the intersection of Tuahiwi Road and Rangiora Woodend Road, as this was an important road for the district.</li> <li>Commended the Council for keeping rates affordable.</li> <li>Supported work on the Rangiora Eastern Link Road; however, requested that the Townsend Road culvert and Skew Bridge be kept to the forefront of projects.</li> <li>The Board acknowledged that the Southbrook Sports Club building was no longer fit for purpose; however, it requested that consideration be given to alternative building styles to mitigate the building costs.</li> <li>Commended the Council for taking the opportunity to provide the district with after-hours medical service.</li> <li>Urged the Council to encourage the New Zealand Police to provide a greater police presence in the town centres.</li> </ul> <p>Councillor Redmond noted that the upgrade to the Townsend Road culvert had been approved.</p> <p>Councillor Brine advised that at the recent meeting with the Southbrook Sports Club, there had been a lengthy discussion on alternative building styles to reduce the overall cost of the project.</p>
Mary Sparrow	<p>M Sparrow took her submission as read, noting she was concerned about the cuts to the NZTA funding subsidy and suggested that the Council request that Highway 72 be reinstated as a State Highway. She noted that currently, the portion of the State Highway that ran through the Waimakariri District was reasonably short, which meant that the District was at a disadvantage when receiving or being considered for Government funding.</p> <p>M Sparrow reminded the Council that Highway 72 was originally classified as a State Highway; however, it had been downgraded to a tourist route some decades ago. Given the increase in traffic in the Waimakariri District, she believed this route should now be reinstated as a State Highway.</p> <p>Councillor Redmond asked if M Sparrow was aware that the Selwyn District Council had commissioned a report to support a similar initiative. M Sparrow replied that she was not aware of that; however, the Waimakariri District Council should consider following their lead.</p>

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Waimakariri Public Arts Trust	<p>W Henderson and J Watson were in attendance and highlighted the following points of the Waimakariri Public Arts Trust's (the Trust) submission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Council was acknowledged and thanked for its funding support; however, the Trust had ongoing administrative costs that the current grant could not cover.</li> <li>• To attract funding, the Trust needed to present a professional image and website, and a resource to maintain the website was essential. The website would promote the Trust and the art in the Waimakariri District through the Arts Trail and other events and art-related programmes.</li> <li>• Attracting sponsors to assist in covering costs was essential to enabling the Trust to host events or art-related happenings within the District.</li> <li>• He noted that the Trust currently had Trustees whose skills worked well together, which resulted in good outcomes. However, all the Trustees were volunteers, and most were retired and therefore lacked IT or financial capabilities.</li> </ul> <p>Councillor Fulton asked if the Trust would prefer to have a budget set up to run events and promotional activities. W Henderson was unable to answer without further investigation or consideration.</p> <p>Councillor Fulton also enquired about the maintenance of public artworks. W Henderson explained that the Trust had a maintenance register and monitored the artworks annually. The Council's Greenspace Team would then arrange for the required maintenance to be carried out.</p> <p>Councillor Cairns questioned whether the proposed Arts Trail would remain private or if there would be an opportunity to add commercial aspects, such as site visits to artists' studios for tutorials, to generate funds. W Henderson agreed that this was a possibility in the future.</p> <p>Councillor Ward sought clarity on the various arts trusts in the Waimakariri District. J Watson advised that all the trusts were individual entities and ran separately, although all promoted the arts in the district.</p> <p>Mayor Gordon suggested that Councillor Blackie, as the Council's Arts Portfolio Holder, should arrange a workshop to update Councillors on the different art streams within the district.</p>
Rangiora Bowling Club	<p>N Hewett was in attendance and raised the following points on behalf of the Rangiora Bowling Club (the Club):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Club requested the Council's assistance in removing the Heritage notation in the District Plan currently applied to the Club building.</li> <li>• This was a small club that received approximately \$26,000 from annual subscription fees. However, the insurance cost for a mainly unusable Club building was \$23,800. Hence, the Club decided to stop insuring the building in 2024.</li> <li>• The building was not fit for purpose; the top story could not be used as it did not meet building standards, the roof leaked and needed to be replaced, and only one small lounge area was heated.</li> <li>• The Club wished to either move to a different site or demolish the Club building and build something more suitable. However, the Club was unable to sell the property due to the building's heritage status and was unable to repair the building due to the cost.</li> <li>• If the Club were able to relocate, it would take it several years to reestablish itself and the bowling greens.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Most of the club members were elderly and could not support the Club with physical work.</li> </ul> <p>Mayor Gordon noted that staff had been assisting the Club with reviewing options and asked who the Club was currently working with. N Hewett confirmed that the Council's Greenspace Strategy and Partnership Team Leader, Jill Borland, was assisting the Club.</p> <p>Councillor Fulton observed that the Rangiora Museum was looking for additional storage space and enquired if the Club would consider sharing space. N Hewett noted that the Club would be happy to share space; however, during the Winter Weekly Tournament, it could have up to 50 players on site.</p> <p>Councillor Williams asked who applied for the Heritage status in the first place and was informed that there was no record of when, who, or why the Heritage status was applied for.</p> <p>In response to a question from Councillor Ward, N Hewett advised that the building was made of cement blocks and was very cold. It had one small, heated lounge area; however, this was not large enough to accommodate the Club's Winter Tournament.</p> <p>Councillor Ward noted that the building's glasswork would need replacing soon, which would cost approximately \$200,000; therefore, the Club needed to be able to remove the heritage status as soon as possible. N Hewett agreed that the timeframes for a decision were getting very tight, hence the request for the Council's assistance.</p> <p>Councillor Blackie asked if a change in the Club's building's status needed to be considered as part of the District Plan process prior to removal of the Heritage status. N Hewett replied that the Club was not sure of the process, which was also why they had come to the Council for assistance.</p>
Ohoka Domain Advisory Group	<p>Representatives from the Ohoka Domain Advisory Group (the Group) were in attendance and elaborated on the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grateful for the Council's support and noted that the work carried out at the Ohoka Domain was from dedicated volunteers.</li> <li>The tennis court had been patched and repaired several times, which had resulted in an uneven surface and the lines needed to be repainted. The BMX track also needed to be resurfaced.</li> <li>The damaged play equipment required repairing, and a few more play options were requested for this very well-used playground.</li> <li>Every couple of months, the wastewater tank was pumped out with a sucker truck, which was an ongoing expense. The Group suggested that it would be more efficient and cost-effective to install a pump.</li> </ul> <p>Mayor Gordon asked if the Group received an annual grant from the Council. A Bonifant confirmed that the Group had received \$10,000 per year for three years. However, the Group member who normally dealt with the request for funding had been overseas, and the Group's request had not gone through. Therefore, it had not received any funding for the 2024/25 financial year.</p> <p>Councillor Mealings enquired whether the Group had missed the submission deadline for the Council's 2024-34 Long Term Plan, which had left it without Council funding for the next three years. A Bonifant confirmed that the Group would not be receiving funding for the next three years.</p>

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	<p>In response to Councillor Fulton's query, A Bonifant confirmed that work was being done to include the tennis court in the Council's asset maintenance schedule.</p>
Kirstyn Barnett	<p>K Barnett congratulated the Council on its handling of the recent rain event, noting the infrastructure had coped well with the downpour. She was concerned about the NZTA funding, which had been substantially reduced. She suggested that more education be undertaken to remind residents that the Waimakariri District was growing and getting busier, which meant that drivers should consider alternative routes and transport options.</p> <p>K Barnett urged the Council to pay off the earthquake loan rather than using it to 'smooth' infrastructure expenditure to mitigate rate increases. She believed continuing to use the earthquake loan in this way was not financially transparent.</p> <p>K Barnett noted that the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board was considering concept plans to develop a public toilet at the Millton Memorial Community Reserve, which it had advocated for some years ago. This was a good initiative; however, since the Board first raised the issue, the area around Millton Reserve had become much busier with the increased size of the dog park and the development of the park-and-ride facility. She therefore asked the Council to consider installing more than one public toilet to cope with the increased demand. She also suggested that the Council review the number of public toilets in and around the town centres, as with the growing population, it may be prudent to reassess the number of toilets available.</p> <p>Councillor Redmond asked if K Barnett wished the Council's 2017 Public Toilet Strategy to be reviewed. She replied that she did not want to risk the Millton Reserve toilet being delayed due to a review of the strategy. However, she would like the Council to consider installing more than one toilet to cope with the increased usage of the area.</p>
Woodend-Sefton Community Board	<p>S Powell and R Mather were in attendance to present the Woodend-Sefton Community Board's (the Board) submission and emphasised the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Urged Council to ensure the pathway between Woodend and Ravenswood was installed in the 2025/26 financial year.</li> <li>• Requested that the Community Boards' Landscape Budget allocations be reviewed to represent the populations in each area equitably.</li> <li>• Again, requested that the targeted service rate for maintenance of street trees be removed from Pegasus residents.</li> <li>• Requested that serious consideration be given to a second egress to Pegasus. With the increase of residents, the only egress onto State Highway One (SH1) was often gridlocked during peak times. A second entrance could not wait for the development of the Woodend Bypass, which may not impact the bottleneck significantly.</li> <li>• The Waikuku Skate ramp was unsafe, and the Board had been requesting this to be fixed or removed for several years.</li> <li>• The Waikuku Beach toilets needed to be replaced prior to the current schedule of 2051/61. This was a popular area with several recreational opportunities, and the current toilets were old, not easily accessible and had no changing facilities.</li> </ul> <p>Mayor Gordon requested that a workshop be arranged for Board members, Councillors, and staff to discuss these matters in more detail, given that several of these concerns were longstanding.</p>



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	<p>Councillor Cairns asked who currently controlled the emergency exit to Pegasus; S Powell was, however, unsure.</p> <p>Councillor Redmond questioned why the Woodend Bypass would not ease congestion at the SH1 entrance/exit. S Powell noted that it would be dependent on whether the Bypass was tolled.</p>
Lawrence Turner	<p>L Turner, a resident of Highfield Lane, Rangiora, requested an upgrade of the infrastructure on Highfield Lane, which should include footpaths, lighting, and drainage. The road was a narrow one-lane roadway, so pedestrians had to walk on the road as there were steep swales on both sides of the road, which filled with water in wet weather.</p> <p>L Turner noted that due to the lack of streetlights, it was difficult to see pedestrians walking on Highfield Lane at night. Due to the narrowness of the road, vehicles had to use driveways to turn around, and parking was a challenge.</p> <p>L Turner raised a concern that a commercial business had opened at the end of Highfield Lane, which had increased traffic volumes, with drivers not knowing the laneway's limitations. Currently, the laneway serviced 12 residential homes and one business, with two of the properties being of a significant size, which could be subdivided in the future and which would increase traffic.</p> <p>No questions from elected members.</p>
Linda Graveson	<p>L Graveson, a resident of Highfield Lane, Rangiora, noted that until recently, traffic in the lane was largely resident-based, and as such, residents behaved with mutual respect and care for their neighbours. However, since the business had been operating, traffic volumes had increased dramatically, with many being commercial vehicles delivering goods. Vehicles now did not give way or seem to take care when travelling down Highfield Lane, and pedestrians were at risk.</p> <p>L Graveson observed that while she supported local businesses, she did not believe that this residential area was an appropriate location for a commercial entity. Therefore, she requested that the Council investigate the compliance of the business operating on Highfield Lane. She also urged the Council to consider the safety implications for residents by urgently upgrading Highfield Lane's infrastructure.</p> <p>Councillor Blackie asked what hours the business on Highfield Lane was operating. L Graveson advised that it seemed to be operating from 8am to 7pm, with an average of 16 unfamiliar vehicles accessing the lane daily. These vehicles were parked unsafely and increased the risk to pedestrian safety.</p> <p>Mayor Gordon noted that staff were working on the compliance issues with the business concerned.</p> <p>Councillor Williams questioned how the refuse truck navigated Highfield Lane and was informed that it used the driveways to turn.</p>

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Waimakariri Access Group	<p>S Powell spoke to the Waimakariri Access Group's (the Group) submission and noted the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• She thanked the Council for its ongoing support.</li> <li>• Requested that a low-cost safety measure of red slurry painted 50km/h speed limit be installed on the road at the thresholds to Oxford township.</li> <li>• Requested that consideration be given to providing mobility parking in White Street, Rangiora, near the Dudley Park skate park.</li> <li>• Thanked the Council for the new hoist at Dudley Pool; however, noted that the accessible bathroom was inadequate for use by teens or adults with limited mobility or for those in larger power chairs.</li> <li>• Raised the matter of planters near pedestrian crossings that were higher than 1 metre, especially those which contained high plantings. This made it difficult for wheelchair-bound pedestrians to be seen until they were on the crossing, and also limited their view of traffic. The Group, therefore, requested that planters be reduced in height and that colourful bedding plants be used rather than hedging.</li> </ul> <p>Councillor Fulton asked if the Group considered 50km/h the correct speed for Main Street, Oxford, given its demographics and width. S Powell acknowledged that there was some contention regarding the correct speed of Main Street; however, given that the speed was currently set for 50km/h, the Group would abide by that speed.</p>

*The meeting was adjourned from 4.16pm to 4.30pm for a refreshment break.*

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Kaiapoi Promotions Association	<p>M Pinkham spoke to the Kaiapoi Promotions Association's (the Association) submission and raised the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Association was still actively working on developing the recreational cycleway along the stopbank from the highway near Doubledays Road to the Kaiapoi Town Centre.</li> <li>• The Association requested that the Council consider remedial work on the Mafeking Bridge, noting that during events, the narrowness of the bridge caused bottlenecks and therefore requested that a wider deck be installed.</li> <li>• The Association was still interested in producing a Kaiapoi Town Map showing walking and cycleways as well as points of interest within the town. It wished to be able to provide hard copies and digital versions and directed the Council to look at similar maps produced by the Nelson Council.</li> <li>• Noted that Kaiapoi still required an outdoor event site and observed that there was a budget set aside for power installation at Norman Kirk Park. However, the Association would prefer that funding be directed to an adequate event area located closer to the town centre.</li> </ul> <p>Councillor Ward noted that Enterprise North Canterbury (ENC) was working on cycle and walking maps of the Waimakariri District and asked if the Association was partnering on this project. M Pinkham replied that ENC's focus was district-wide, whereas the Association's focus was on Kaiapoi town.</p> <p>Councillor Mealings commented that signage on cycleways could be confusing and queried what format the intended maps would take. M Pinkham advised that the Association wish to provide hard copies at popular retailers such as Coffee Culture and other eateries, as well as digital capability.</p>



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	<p>Councillor Redmond questioned who had funded the town maps in Nelson. M Pinkham noted that the Nelson City Council had funded the hardcopy version, and a private company had sponsored the app.</p>
Martin Pinkham	<p>M Pinkham observed that he considered the Council's Long Term and Annual Plan processes to be a waste of time, given that very few public submissions were included in the final plans. He believed the Council should provide a contestable fund for private submissions, which would be fairer and more transparent. He further noted that the response to submissions was slow and did not always match the issues raised or the minutes produced.</p> <p>M Pinkham advised that he and the Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board had requested that the Adderley Terrace area be cleaned up several times over the years, yet nothing had been done. This area was overgrown and unkept, and did not reflect Kaiapoi well, given that it was an entrance to the town centre.</p> <p>Regarding Local Water Done Well, M Pinkham did not believe that the Council's preferred option would be cheaper or more efficient and suggested the Council reconsider the option of establishing a single CCO whose sole focus would be on water affairs. An excellent example of an efficient CCO was Transwaste.</p> <p>Mayor Gordon asked who M Pinkham was working with regarding the clean-up of Adderley Terrace and was advised that M Pinkham had been liaising with the Council's Greenspace Manager, G McLeod.</p>
Oxford Arts Trust	<p>Dr A Wilkinson and representatives of the Oxford Arts Trust (the Trust) were in attendance to present its submission and highlighted the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thanked the Council for its annual grant, which allowed the Trust to provide the community access to art.</li> <li>• Noted that new safety regulations had been established, which required the Trust to comply with the completion of an Annual Compliance Schedule, which involved a fire alarm annual survey, a monthly fire alarm test, certification fees and an annual building WOF, which amounted to \$1,190 per annum. Hence, the Trust requested that the Council consider increasing its annual grant to cover these additional expenses.</li> </ul> <p>Mayor Gordon asked if the Trust was aware that the grant was inflation-linked, and Dr Wilkinson confirmed that she was aware; however, this was an additional expense.</p> <p>Councillor Cairns noted that the financial records showed no income received from the workshops given and questioned why this was so. Dr Wilkinson explained that the Trust only charged a small fee for workshops, which were hosted using grant funding. However, it was believed that charging a higher entrance fee may be a barrier to people attending.</p> <p>Councillor Fulton enquired whether hosting more events would assist with the Trust's funding stream. Dr Wilkinson replied that the Trust was run by volunteers who already covered many hours. She acknowledged that the recent Flow event had been extremely successful; however, to run that type of event more regularly would mean the Trust would require outside support.</p>

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	<p>Councillor Redmond asked why the funding received from Creative Communities was not reflected in the Trust's financial report. Dr Wilkinson thanked Councillor Redmond for pointing out the omission in its draft financial statement. She would correct this oversight in the final version and circulate the amended report to Councillors later.</p>
Arts Waimakariri	<p>Dr A Wilkinson and J Watson presented this submission, and the following points were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suggested that some of the Development Contributions be utilised to provide dedicated spaces for artistic activity and/or integrating art (including building design) into new developments.</li> <li>• Developers could be required to contribute financially to public art initiatives either through a fixed percentage of the development or a cash-in-lieu payment to be used to commission artwork, acquire existing pieces or support ongoing maintenance of artwork within the district.</li> <li>• Art could be integrated into public buildings, facades, entrances and landscaping, enhancing the overall aesthetic and character of the development.</li> <li>• Request that the Council consider this matter with a view to a staged implementation during the Long Term Plan process in two years' time.</li> </ul> <p>No questions from elected members.</p>
Neil Price	<p>N Price, a resident of Smith Street, Kaiapoi, was concerned about the increased traffic through the Smith/Charles and Ranfurly intersection and the increased speeds along Smith Street. He noted that if there was an accident on SH1, traffic was often redirected down Smith Street to Williams Street, which caused long tailbacks and congestion.</p> <p>N Price acknowledged the sign that Charles Street was unsuitable for trucks; however, trucks were still using Charles Street regularly. Also, the pedestrian walkway access point from the stopbank across Charles Street was overgrown with large plantings, making visibility for both pedestrians and vehicles difficult.</p> <p>N Price additionally noted that the gutter on the south side of Smith Street cracked in several places, which allowed weeds to grow to some height. He, therefore, requested regular tidy-ups from Charles Street to Saul Street.</p> <p>Deputy Mayor Atkinson noted that both Cass and Saul Streets were wide roads, and traffic should be encouraged to use these rather than Charles Street. He asked N Price if he believed the situation would be improved if Charles Street were closed to traffic other than resident vehicles. N Price did not agree that closing Charles Street would be required.</p> <p>Councillor Redmond suggested that restricting the right turn onto Charles Street would force traffic to utilise the roundabout at the end of Smith Street or the two wider side streets. He queried if making Charles Street a one-way street would mitigate the problems being experienced. N Price agreed that it would; however, he noted that Ranfurly Street had increasing traffic volumes, which was also an issue to be factored into the equation.</p>

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Spokes Canterbury	<p>A Scott spoke to the Spokes Canterbury (Spokes) submission and raised the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requested the Council to advance an integrated and accessible transport network. This would enhance community wellbeing, safety, inclusivity and connections.</li> <li>• Requested that priority be given to safety around schools by providing safe active transport options for students by reducing speed and moving pick-up and drop-off zones away from school gates.</li> <li>• Requested the construction of the Woodend to Ravenswood walking and cycling connection to be done during the 2025/26 financial year.</li> <li>• Requested that any intersections receiving safety upgrades should include best practice cycle treatments, including the Fernside/Todds Roads intersection.</li> <li>• The park and ride areas should include cycle and ride options as public transport reduced congestion and makes roads safer for all.</li> <li>• Requested that the building of the Woodend to Kaiapoi cycleway be progressed.</li> <li>• Requested that priority be given to the cycle connection from High Street to Southbrook Road in Rangiora.</li> <li>• Requested that budget be provided to address priority red and orange cycle infrastructure included in the "Love to Ride" maps, particularly those around schools.</li> </ul> <p>Councillor Fulton noted that concerns had been raised regarding the speeds of e-bikes on shared pathways and asked what A Scott suggested. A Scott noted that not all e-bike users travel at high speed, as many of the older generation used e-bikes. She believed that cyclists should be educated, and consideration given to adopting similar rules to those Europe followed, which stated that vulnerable users got priority. In any accident, the vulnerable user was not held liable, because this would ensure safety for all users on shared pathways.</p> <p>Councillor Redmond queried if A Scott intended for the Council to continue building the cycle network without NZTA funding. A Scott agreed that the Council should as this expenditure would give the best return of all transport options and improve health and wellbeing.</p>
Surf Lifesaving NZ Ltd	S Bryce of Surf Lifesaving NZ Ltd was unable to attend the hearing.
Jan Smithson	<p>J Smithson, a resident of Highfield Lane, Rangiora, explained that she had a daughter who was legally blind and no longer felt safe leaving her home alone. Currently, the Lane was a shared, narrow road with no footpaths, deep swales with no effective drainage, and no lighting. Residents used to work together to ensure the safety of all, as everyone was familiar with the road conditions and looked out for pedestrians. However, recently, a commercial business had been established in Highfield Lane, which resulted in an increase in traffic, many of whom were commercial vehicles and were unfamiliar with the Lane's conditions and its residents.</p> <p>J Smithson requested that the Council urgently upgrade the 1980s infrastructure in Highfield Lane to 2025 living conditions, which should include a safe footpath, lighting, and proper drainage.</p>

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	<p>Councillor Redmond asked how long J Smithson had lived on Highfield Lane and was advised over 30 years. At the time, there were only six residents on the road.</p> <p>Councillor Redmond questioned why the request to upgrade Highfield Lane was only being made now. J Smithson replied that her daughter had the right to leave her home unafraid and have access to the surrounding community. She also believed that a commercial entity should not be allowed to operate in the type of environment that comprised Highfield Lane.</p>
Joe Holland	<p>J Holland spoke to his submission, which included his concerns regarding the Council's debt level, its spending, the high cost of living within the Waimakariri District, and the poverty faced by many in the district, being exacerbated by the Council's practices and policies.</p> <p>Councillor Redmond questioned how the Council should fund development and infrastructure without incurring debt. J Holland noted that the Council should look internally and work with locals and businesses to achieve its goals.</p>
Adrienne Saunders	<p>A Saunders spoke to her submission and highlighted the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rangiora Health Hub - Although she believed a 24-hour surgery was essential, there had been insufficient disclosure regarding this project. There was a lack of financial transparency, and the Mayor seemed to have a conflict of interest as the Director of Waitaha Primary Health Ltd. She questioned why the Council was funding a project that should be funded by the Central Government and taxpayers, not local rate payers. She was also concerned that this project was not included in the Council's Long Term or Annual Plans.</li> <li>• Rates remissions on second dwelling - She believed that full disclosure had not been made in this matter. She further believed that there should be no double charges on any land titles occupied by family members.</li> <li>• She was worried about the Council's increase in debt, which was being underwritten by rates.</li> <li>• Woodend Bypass was initially designated to run along the coast; however, the route changed due to the development of Pegasus Township, which impacted residents' homes and land. The development directly affected A Saunders' family as the bypass would impact their property, which had been in their family for 94 years. She felt that the compensation offered for the land did not adequately cover the loss and was worried about the proposed closure of Ward Road.</li> <li>• Previously, concerns had been raised regarding the approval process and the financial transactions involved in the establishment of Pegasus Township. It had been alleged that there were undisclosed payments made to the developer to obtain consent for development, which had led to concerns about transparency and potential conflicts of interest.</li> <li>• MainPower Stadium - Concerns were raised about the inaccuracy of the reported cost of development, which was more than advised. She noted that the failure to disclose key information, conflicts of interest and possible criminal actions were not to be overlooked and urged the Council to launch an investigation into the breaches of public trust and criminal activities involved.</li> </ul>

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	<p>Mayor Gordon advised that he was the Council's appointee on the Waitaha Primary Health Ltd, previously known as the Rural Canterbury Primary Health Organisation. Despite the misinformation being spread, he had no financial interest in the development of an extended and after-hours care facility in Rangiora.</p> <p>Mayor Gordon further noted that the Woodend Bypass was being developed by the NZTA and not the Council. As previously offered, he was willing to broker a meeting with the NZTA if it would assist her family.</p> <p>Councillor Redmond sought A Saunders' opinion on how the Council should fund capital projects. A Saunders noted that there should be restrictions on the number of people allowed to live in the Waimakariri District so that the infrastructure could cope with the number of residents. Also, Development Contributions should be used to pay for related infrastructure, and developers should be responsible for roading, drainage and waterworks when developing within the district.</p>
North Canterbury Dog Training Club	<p>D Lyons and J Kirk were in attendance to request that the Council consider providing land for the North Canterbury Dog Training Club's (the Club) activities. The following points were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Club was currently operating from the Racecourse; however, there was no lighting for winter training and restricted indoor facilities.</li> <li>• The Club would require fenced, secure land with sufficient lighting and, if possible, an on-site building.</li> <li>• Suggested that the Council could consider the land between Cone Street and Milton Avenue, which was in close proximity to an existing dog-friendly space and was located in Rangiora.</li> <li>• The Club currently trained on Monday evenings and usually had between 80 and 90 dogs in training on any given night.</li> </ul> <p>Councillor Cairns asked how many dogs were in a class and was advised that each trainer had a maximum of eight dogs in their class. He also asked if the Club sometimes trained at the Park and Ride facility in Kaiapoi. D Lyons confirmed that the Club used the facility and New World Kaiapoi for their 'Good Citizen' classes, which offered dogs the opportunity to learn how to behave in crowds.</p> <p>Councillor Fulton asked if the Club would consider sharing facilities, noting that a dog club operated out of Mandeville Sports Grounds. J Kirk advised that they were aware of the club and yes, they would consider a shared facility. However, they would be reluctant to relocate to Ohoka as most of their dog owners resided in Rangiora.</p> <p>Councillor Williams questioned if the Club was just looking for land or if they wanted the Council to provide funding for buildings and equipment, etc. D Lyons noted that the Club was self-funded, relying on volunteers to assist with training. It kept the fees as low as possible to ensure everyone had the opportunity to train their dogs to be good citizens.</p> <p>Councillor Ward enquired if the training occurred on lead or if the dogs were allowed to run free. D Lyons replied that training was done on lead.</p> <p>Councillor Ward asked if that meant that the area could be unfenced and suggested the A&amp;P Show Grounds. D Lyons noted that they had originally been located at the Show Grounds; however, there was uncertainty regarding the continued availability, which was why they had relocated to the racecourse.</p>

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	<p>Councillor Redmond noted that no financial information had been submitted and questioned the Club's status. J Kirk commented that the Club was an incorporated society and that she would circulate the up-to-date financial records, as the Club had just held its Annual General Meeting.</p> <p>Mayor Gordon thanked D Lyons and J Kirk for their presentation, noting that no decision could be made now. However, staff would be in contact to discuss possible sites and work with the Club to achieve a favourable outcome.</p>

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING CLOSED AT 6.43PM.

**CONFIRMED**




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Chairperson  
Mayor Gordon

27 May 2025

Date