

Oxford-Ohoka Community Board

Agenda

Wednesday 4 May 2022

7pm

Zoom

Members:

Doug Nicholl (Chairperson)

Thomas Robson (Deputy Chairperson)

Sarah Barkle

Mark Brown

Shirley Farrell

Wendy Doody

Ray Harpur

Niki Mealings

AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE OXFORD-OHOKA COMMUNITY BOARD TO BE HELD VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM ON WEDNSDAY 4 MAY 2022 AT 7PM.

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

BUSINESS

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1. **APOLOGIES**
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4. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**
 - 4.1. **Minutes of the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board – 6 April 2022**

RECOMMENDATION 5-12

THAT the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board:

 - (a) **Confirms** the circulated Minutes of the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board meeting, held on 6 April 2022, as a true and accurate record.
 - 4.2. **Matters Arising**
5. **DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Nil.
6. **ADJOURNED BUSINESS**

Nil.
7. **REPORTS**

Nil.
8. **CORRESPONDENCE**
 - 8.1 **Request form the Mandeville Sports Club (Trim 220428064556)**
 - 8.2 **Letter of response to the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board's submission to the Council's 2021/31 Long Term Plan (Trim 210202015807)**

THAT the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** the request form the Mandeville Sports Club (Trim 220428064556).
- (b) **Receives** the letter of response to the Board's submission to the Council's 2021/31 Long Term Plan (Trim 210202015807).

9. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

9.1. Chair's Diary for April 2022

A verbal update will be provided at the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board:

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

10. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

- 10.1. Rangiora-Ashley Community Board Meeting Minutes 13 April 2022 (Trim 220414157902)
- 10.2. Woodend-Sefton Community Board Meeting Minutes 11 April 2022 (Trim 220412055620)
- 10.3. Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board Meeting Minutes 11 April 2022 (Trim 220413056526)
- 10.4. Private well study – results from 2021 – Land and Water Committee Meeting 22 March 2022 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 10.5. Health Safety and Wellbeing Report April 2022 – Report to Council Meeting 5 April 2022 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 10.6. May 2021, December 2021 & February 2022 Flood Events – Service Requests Update – Report to Utilities and Roding Committee Meeting 26 April 2022 – Circulates to all Boards.

PUBLIC EXCLUDED REPORTS

- 10.7. Rangiora Site Divestment – Commercial Real Estate Agency Recommendation – Report to Council Meeting 5 April 2022 – Circulates to all Boards.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** the information in Items.10.1 to 10.6.
- (b) **Receives** the public excluded information in Item 10.7, which would remain in public excluded and which was circulated separately.

Note:

- 1. *The links for Matters for Information were circulated separately to members.*
- 2. *Copies of the Public Excluded items were circulated separately to members.*

11. MEMBERS' INFORMATION EXCHANGE

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

Any written information submitted by members will be circulated via email prior to the meeting.

12. CONSULTATION PROJECTS

Nil.

13. BOARD FUNDING UPDATE

13.1. Board Discretionary Grant

Balance as at 30 April 2022: \$4,011.

13.2. General Landscaping Fund

Balance as at 30 April 2022: \$300.

14. MEDIA ITEMS

15. QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDERS

16. URGENT GENERAL BUSINESS UNDER STANDING ORDERS

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board will be held on Wednesday 8 June 2022 at 7pm.

Workshop

- *Mandeville Stockpile – Andy Coker (Community Facilities Team Leader)*
- *Members Forum*

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE OXFORD-OHOKA COMMUNITY BOARD TO BE HELD VIA ZOOM ON WEDNESDAY 6 APRIL 2022 AT 7PM.

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

T Tierney (Manager Planning and Regulation), G Stephens (Greenspace Design and Planning Team Leader), T Kunkel (Governance Team Leader) and C Fowler-Jenkins (Governance Support Officer).

1. APOLOGIES

Moved: D Nicholl Seconded: N Mealings

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

CARRIED

2. PUBLIC FORUM

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

3. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts declared.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1. Minutes of the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board – 2 March 2022

Moved: S Farrell Seconded: W Doody

THAT the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board:

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

CARRIED

4.2. Matters Arising

S Farrell asked if there had been any more information regarding the EV stations in Oxford. Council staff were going to liaise with the Oxford Farmers Market about having the EV stations available 24/7. T Tierney confirmed that V Thompson had been in touch with the Farmers Market, she endeavoured to follow up with V Thompson and report back to the Board.

S Farrell provided the Board with an update on the campaign to reduce the speed limit in Main Street, Oxford. She reported that she had met with Mayor Gordon and J McBride (Roading and Transport Manager) to discuss the matter. She was concerned that a report on the speed limit in Main Street, Oxford would be submitted to the Board, without Council staff conversing with Waka Kotahi about their views and advice to Oxford residents. Mayor Gordon

had undertaken to organise a virtual meeting with Waka Kotahi to discuss the matter.

T Robson requested an update on the stockpile of soil at the Mandeville Sports Club which contained asbestos. The Greenspace Team endeavoured to follow up on the progress of removing the soil.

5. **DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Nil.

6. **ADJOURNED BUSINESS**

Nil.

7. **REPORTS**

7.1. **Oxford Ohoka General Landscaping Budget – G Stephens (Design and Planning Team Leader)**

G Stephens spoke to the report noting the Board workshop held in November 2021 to identify possible projects. He highlighted the following projects across the Board's ward that staff was recommending for budget allocation:

- \$3,000 towards the flying fox in the Ohoka Domain which was nearing completion.
- \$3,500 towards purchasing and installing a picnic table in the Swannanoa Domain as identified in the Landscape Plan that was done for Swannanoa Domain.
- \$1,500 towards landscaping around the Rodeo Shed at the Mandeville Domain, the Rodeo Club would be erecting the shed on site, however, they requested support to do some planting around it.
- \$1,500 towards seeding wildflower over the potential unmarked graves that had been identified in the area to the south of the Oxford Cemetery.
- \$350 towards the Oxford Community Gardens to help plant and grow some bee friendly plants.
- \$3,000 towards the Mandeville Village Reserve picnic tables.

G Stephens noted that this left two projects that were previously discussed with the Board for future consideration, one was the pump track at the Mandeville Domain and protection of the West Eyreton train platform heritage site.

R Harpur questioned if the unmarked graves to the south of the Oxford Cemetery would be marked, or was the intention to over sow the whole area with the wildflowers. G Stephens explained the intention was to over sow the whole area with the wildflowers to create garden beads of wildflowers that went over the unmarked graves. At this time, it would not be practical to mark the graves as there were no historic information as to who could have been buried there.

R Harpur further asked if any additional funding allocations were needed for the rural dog exercising area at the Oaks Reserve in Oxford. G Stephens explained that the Board had been successful in their bid to the Council's 2021/31 Long Term Plan and had secured sufficient funding for the rural dog exercising area. No additional funding would therefore be needed in the 2021/22 financial year.

S Farrell noted that there was some opposition to rodeos in the community, she therefore expressed a concern that the Board may receive negative feedback from allocating funding to the Rodeo Club. G Stephens noted that the New Zealand Rodeo Cowboys Association were proud of their sport and had a long association with the Mandeville Sports Club, he did not believe that the Board would receive any backlash for providing money towards landscaping.

S Barkle noted the Swannanoa Domain Concept Plan had been in place since 2014, she wondered why no progress had been made in implementing the plan since then. G Stephens explained that it used to be Council policy to draft a concept plan for each Council domain and reserve, which served as the management plans for that domain or reserve. However, the Council had subsequently shifted to an Omnibus System where all neighbourhood reserves would fall under a Neighbourhood Reserves Management Plan. Moving to the different management technique meant that many of the previous Domain Concept Plans became obsolete.

Moved: W Doody

Seconded: S Farrell

THAT the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 220325044720.
- (b) **Notes** the Board currently had \$13,350 available to allocate to general landscape projects within the Oxford-Ohoka ward from the Board's General Landscaping Budget (PJ 101052.000.5224).
- (c) **Approves** the allocation of \$3,000 towards a grant to the Ohoka Residents Association towards the completion of the Flying Fox and associated landscaping at the Ohoka Domain.
- (d) **Approves** the allocation of \$3,500 towards a picnic table to be purchased and installed at the Swannanoa Domain as per the Swannanoa Domain Master Plan.
- (e) **Notes** Option Two for Swannanoa Domain of planting 10 trees as per the Swannanoa Domain Master Plan and keep this on the table for future allocation from funds when these become available in the next financial year.
- (f) **Approves** the allocation of a grant of \$1,500 towards the landscaping around the Rodeo Shed at the Mandeville Domain.
- (g) **Approves** the allocation of \$1,500 towards purchasing and spreading wildflower seeds over the unmarked graves at Oxford Cemetery as per the plan within this report (Trim 220325044720).
- (h) **Approves** the allocation of a grant of \$350 towards the Oxford Community Gardens for the purchase of bee friendly plants/seeds and potting mix.
- (i) **Notes** there was currently \$500 allocated (October 2020) to the installation of the two picnic tables at Mandeville Village Reserve. These were going to be installed by the Residents Association however this had not been completed and no longer looks to be likely.

- (j) **Approves** the allocation of an additional \$3,000 towards the installation of these picnic tables so that Greenspace Staff could engage a contractor to undertake this work.
- (k) **Notes** this leaves the Board \$300 remaining in the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board's General Landscaping Budget.
- (l) **Approves** \$300 being allocated to contingency for the above projects to be used as required should any of these come in over budget at time of implementation.
- (m) **Notes** this would complete the allocation of the available budget within the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board's General Landscaping Budget for the 21/22 financial year.

CARRIED

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

T Kunkel spoke to the report, noting that the Clarkville Playcentre was known to the Board, as the Board had previously granted the centre funding. The centre was requesting funding to purchase new bikes and scooters for their three to five year olds, they had a new painted track and would like for the children to be able to use the track.

W Doody questioned if the centre had applied to any other Community Boards for funding. T Kunkel advised that ad applied to the Kaiapoi-Tuahivi Community Board for funding towards a mud kitchen, however, the application was declined.

Moved: D Nicholl Seconded: N Mealings

THAT the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** report No. 220317039106.
- (b) **Approves** a grant of \$376 to the Clarkville Playcentre towards the cost of purchasing bikes and scooters.

CARRIED

N Mealings and S Barkle noted that a large number of the children that attended the Clarkville Playcentre was from the Ohoka area. They therefore supported the motion.

7.3. Ratification of the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board's submission to the Waimakariri District Council and Environmental Canterbury's Draft 2022/23 Annual Plans – T Kunkel (Governance Team Leader)

T Kunkel took the report as read.

Moved: T Robson Seconded: S Barkle

THAT the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** report No. 220323043334.
- (b) **Retrospectively ratifies** its submission to the Waimakariri District Council Draft Annual Plan 2022/23 (Trim Ref: 220321041661).

- (c) **Retrospectively ratifies** its submission to Environmental Canterbury's Draft Annual Plan 2022/23 (Trim Ref: 220323043407).

CARRIED

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1. Change in Greenwaste Composting Facility

Moved: T Robson Seconded: S Farrell

THAT the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** the information on the change in Greenwaste Composting Facility (Trim 220322042180).

CARRIED

9. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

9.1. Chairperson Report for March 2022

Attended a North Canterbury Neighbourhood Support Meeting – It was suggested at the last meeting that the manager increase her hours from twenty to thirty hours a week.

Moved: D Nicholl Seconded: T Robson

THAT the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board:

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

CARRIED

10. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

- 10.1. Rangiora-Ashley Community Board Meeting Minutes 9 March 2022 (Trim 220308032770)
- 10.2. Woodend-Sefton Community Board Meeting Minutes 14 March 2022 (Trim 220308032926)
- 10.3. Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board Meeting Minutes 21 March 2022 (Trim 22032804547)
- 10.4. Land Acquisition 260 Revells Road – Report to Council Meeting 1 March 2022 – Circulates to the Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board.
- 10.5. Health Safety and Wellbeing Report March 2022 – Report to Council Meeting 1 March 2022 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 10.6. Libraries Update – Report to Community and Recreation Committee Meeting 15 March 2022 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 10.7. Fill and Connection of Oxford Road Water Race R3N-1 to Stormwater System Proposal – Report to Utilities and Roading Committee Meeting 22 March 2022 – Circulates to the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board.

PUBLIC EXCLUDED REPORTS

- 10.8. Variation to Contract 18/18 Solid Waste Facilities and Maintenance: Transportation and Disposal of Green waste to Alternate Facility – Report to Management Team Meeting 14 March 2022 – Circulates to the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board.

Moved: R Harpur Seconded: S Barkle

THAT the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** the information in Items.10.1 to 10.7.
- (b) **Receives** the public excluded information in Item 10.8, which would remain in public excluded and which was circulated separately.

CARRIED

11. MEMBERS' INFORMATION EXCHANGE

S Farrell

- Attended the Oxford Promotions Association Annual General Meeting which resulted in the change of Chairman and Secretary.
- Did a Snap, Send, Solve regarding the unsightly mess on the corner of North Eyre Road and Tram Road.
- Proposed Mural on the public toilets – She noted her frustration because there had been no guidance and it now had to go to Manu Whenua for input on whether native birds and flora could be painted on a public toilet.

R Harpur

- Attended a virtual meeting of the Mandeville Sports Club.
- Received a letter from a resident of Ohoka Meadows which was signed by 22 of the 23 residents there who were concerned about a pond which no longer existed at the entrance to Ohoka Meadows.

S Barkle

- Attended a virtual meeting of the Waimakariri Health Advisory Group – The Group discussed the extended hours for the health hub. The Oxford Hospital was closed temporarily due to staffing shortages, however, there was concern it could potentially stay closed. The Coldstream Road Covid centre had closed.

W Doody

- The Council's updated Backflow Prevention Policy which was to protect the drinking water from any discretion going back into the water was approved. The policy was first adopted by the Council in 2014, and it therefore seemed timeously for the policy to be reviewed. The policy also now fell under the auspice of the new Water Services Act 2020, which came into effect in November 2021 and the updated policy is now aligned with this Act and the draft Drinking Water Standards. An obligation was placed on water suppliers to protect networks from backflow. There were now dedicated filling points where contractors may take water for construction works. Contractors need to apply for a permit, there was, however, no charge for this.
- Council approved a twelve month permit to extend Flamingo Scooters to continue their commercial services in the Waimakariri District for up to 300 scooters.
- Social and Affordable Housing Working Group had a site visit to a facility in Woolston to see if it would fit into the Waimakariri District.
- Kathy Graham (Road safety Coordinator/Journey Planner) has resigned and Ian Kennedy (Road Maintenance Engineer) would be retiring.
- One of the local heritage coordinators, Sally O'Connell, was continuing her local heritage tour featuring street and road signs across the district.

N Mealings

- Local Government New Zealand Rural and Provincial Sector Workshops (Virtual)
- Ohoka Private Plan Change meeting - Organised a meeting with key Ohoka residents, herself, the Mayor and (Manager Planning and Regulation) to answer questions about procedure, timelines.
- Council Briefings.
- Christchurch City Council Coastal Hazards Working Group - work on Coastal Hazards Plan Change and Coastal Hazards Adaptation Framework consultations.
- Arohata te awa Working Group meeting - Ongoing project work.
- Oxford Community Networking Forum - Various community service providers with representatives working in the youth, elderly, disabled, mental health, migrants, and volunteer sectors as well as food banks, Wellbeing North Canterbury and Oxford Community Trust. Covid impacts across all. Particular concern for youth as well as cutbacks to care and 'temporary' closure of Oxford Hospital.
- Greater Christchurch Partnership meeting - Currently focussed on Greater Christchurch Strategic Transport Planning and Investment which closely relates to future MRT and Spatial Planning.
- Local Government New Zealand Zone 5 and 6 Conference - Focus on reforms: Three Waters, Resource Management Act, Future for Local Government and NEMA reform added. Local Government New Zealand had requested that the Government not introduce any further reforms this term.
- Community and Recreation Meeting - Discussed Oxford Hospital temporary closure and elder homecare issues; Aquatics update- doing well in challenging circumstances with staffing, patronage etc.; Libraries- new cards available: free with new memberships, \$2 replacements.
- Council Briefing - Met with Environment Canterbury Councillors regarding: Environment Canterbury Annual Plan.
- Alcohol and Drug Harm Reduction Steering Group - Martin Pinkham interim lead.
- Housing (Social/Affordable) Working Group.
- Land and Water Committee Meeting - Added 10 new wells in Carleton and Swannanoa to private well study which previously only included Cust and Eyreton. (39 total now). 67% Eyreton, 89% Cust, 30% Carleton, 40% Swannanoa exceeded required median of half the MAV of 5.65mg/L Nitrate-nitrogen in PC7 LWRP for private wells. No correlation found between increasing well depth and decreasing nitrates. REALLY IMPORTANT for people to check their private wells!
- Utilities and Roading Briefing - new Drinking Water standards.
- Waimakariri Youth Council meeting - Guest speaker from Sport Canterbury. Discussed ongoing Environmental and Dudley Park projects, WaiYouth events (decisions pending restrictions) and current consultations.
- Extraordinary Council Meeting - Voted to remove Vaccine pass requirements and mandates in line with Government recommendations.
- Butchers Road Bridge was much missed by the community, however, would need to be replaced. In the meantime, Residents had reported difficulty with cycling and walking on alternative Mill Road route to Kaiapoi.

12. CONSULTATION PROJECTS**12.1. Migrant Experiences**

<https://letstalk.waimakariri.govt.nz/migrant-experiences>

12.2. E-Scooters

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

Consultation runs throughout trial and closes April 2022.

The Board noted the consultation projects.

13. BOARD FUNDING UPDATE**13.1. Board Discretionary Grant**

Balance as at 30 March 2022: \$4,387.

13.2. General Landscaping Fund

Balance as at 26 January 2022: \$12,710.

The Board noted the funding updates.

14. MEDIA ITEMS

Nil.

15. QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDERS

Nil.

16. URGENT GENERAL BUSINESS UNDER STANDING ORDERS

Nil.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board will be held on Monday 4 May 2022 at 7pm.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS CLOSED AT 8.24pm.

CONFIRMED

Chairperson

Date

From: oscar.farming@xtra.co.nz
To: [OXFORD-OHOKA COMMUNITY BOARD](#)
Subject: FW: Oxford/ Ohoka Community Board Meeting
Date: Thursday, 21 April 2022 4:49:32 PM
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21/4/22

To Oxford/ Ohoka Community Board Meeting

We applied for funds last year for a new Life Members Board for Mandeville Sports Club (OCT 21). We have purchased the Board, (\$270) but have not had the sign writing done on it. The 3 members (who were instrumental in setting up MSC in the early 1980's) who we wanted to add to our Life Members Board. They feel they are already life members of their original clubs and thought it was really difficult to know who to put on, and who not to, as there was a huge contribution by the whole community.

So we have decided to do a plaque for them instead, are you happy for us to use the \$207 not spent to go toward this?

Kind Regards
Anne Prattley
Chairperson
Mandeville Sports Club

Our Ref: LTC-03-17-04/210202015807

30 November 2021

Doug Nicholl
Chair
OXFORD-OHOKA COMMUNITY BOARD
email: com.board@wmk.govt.nz

Dear Doug, and colleagues on the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board

Thank you for taking the time to submit on the Council's Long Term Plan (LTP) 2021-2031.

This LTP had a focus on providing infrastructure and facilities for a growing community (likely to be around 95,000 by 2050), supporting Covid-19 economic recovery, responding to climate change and considering the impact of the Government's Three Water Infrastructure Review.

People are at the centre of everything we do as a Council. That is why the Councillors and I were delighted to have received and deliberated on 163 formal submissions before making amendments to the Plan which sees a rates increase for the first year of 4.3 percent.

This letter is a follow-up to the one you received from us earlier and aims to address specific points of your submission. For ease of reference, your numbering has been retained.

Key issues for Consultation / Other key issues for Discussion

(a) Covid-19 Economic Recovery

Your acknowledgement of Council's leadership during this time of uncertainty after the Covid-19 pandemic is appreciated, and in this current period of recovery you requested Council keep (rates) increases low or minimal over the next few years.

District recovery preparations began immediately following the March 2020 nationwide lockdown. Initial assessment of the traditional Civil Defence 'recovery environments' reinforced early observations that this pandemic would most significantly impact both the economic and social environments.

As such, an initial draft COVID-19 Recovery Plan was developed and adopted by Council. The plan included 27 'candidate projects' under six programme headings:

1. National and Regional Advocacy
2. Strategy and Planning
3. Development Sector Support
4. Council Capital Programme and 'Shovel Ready' Projects
5. Community and Psycho-Social Support
6. Business Support and Economic Development.

For the most part, the projects took a District-wide or topic issues/topic based approach rather than focusing on specific geographic areas.

Over time, and as the relative impacts of the pandemic became better known, the various projects were refined and implemented where appropriate by the existing Units of Council. Council also opted to put a number of the projects on hold, noting that they were not required currently. This helped the Council balance the desire to do more with what is necessary and affordable, and for the next three years overall rates increases of 4.3%, 4.2% and 4.2% are proposed.

(b) Responding to Climate Change and Sustainability – EV Charging Stations

The Board has been in support of the installation of an EV charging station in Oxford since it was first suggested in 2018 and in your submission you noted your frustration at the lack of consultation and communication with you on the proposed installation.

The Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations project has been relatively complex and Council certainly appreciates that there have been a variety of views on the best charger locations within each town as well as the type and number of chargers.

In 2018/19 Council considered the level of public support and investment that they believed appropriate to support such infrastructure and decided that the provision of land (where appropriate) at no cost, on which EV chargers could be installed was appropriate, but was clear that no financial support for the purchase, installation or operation of EV Chargers would be available.

Council staff undertook a process to establish the level of interest from appropriate organisations for the installation of chargers within the District. Only two proposals were received and it was determined that the Meridian proposal was the better, for a number of reasons. Meridian's proposal made use of a significant amount of the \$150,000 Low Emissions Contestable Fund (LECF) they had received in 2019.

This external funding and the use of Council land at no cost were essential factors in making installation of chargers across the District viable. However even with these inputs Council was still required to fund around \$18,000 worth of set-up costs across the four district sites to secure the Meridian and LECF funding.

In addition to the LECF funding, the Meridian proposal relied on a number of other factors including, but not limited to, the cost of sourcing and connecting to the appropriate Mainpower infrastructure. A memo sent to the Board in March 2021 detailed challenges Meridian was facing, with unexpectedly high charges from Mainpower to connect to their network requiring them to revisit the financial arrangements for the various locations.

In Oxford, a \$12,000 shortfall was identified, putting this particular installation in jeopardy. However I instigated further conversations between Council and Mainpower which resulted in Mainpower applying \$6,000 from their Community Fund to this shortfall. As a result Council resolved to contribute the remaining \$6,000 to ensure the Oxford installation could proceed.

With this further investment the Meridian Access Licence for Oxford (land lease agreement with the Waimakariri District Council) was signed, with the approval of Council.

Given the external funding required from partner agencies and their respective commercial requirements, the ability of Council and Community Boards to determine specific outcomes such as locations was ultimately limited. Should Council wish to renegotiate the location or type of chargers being provided it would likely need to provide a much greater level of public funding.

Council believes that the partnership with Meridian has resulted in an excellent outcome with EV charging stations being installed in Rangiora, Oxford, Kaiapoi and Woodend with a very low ratepayer contribution. We will continue to work with Meridian to monitor use of the EV chargers at each of the locations.

(c) Government-led Water Infrastructure Review

You expressed your concern about the proposed centralisation of the Three Waters function.

The Government's proposed Three Waters Reform has created a number of questions for Council, including how local knowledge of our water infrastructure will be maintained if service delivery is centralised.

The Council's position remains that, based on the limited information presented to date, we do not join the Government's Three Waters Reform programme at this point. We are not convinced that there are benefits for the Waimakariri community but, importantly, we needed to hear from the community before reaching a formal decision.

We sought the views of our community by way of a survey and an overwhelming 95% of respondents requested that the Council 'opt-out' of the proposed reforms. This was a clear message from our residents that they do not support this reform proposal, and the feedback emphasized to the Council the importance our community places on the need for major issues to be debated with more rigor.

At an Extraordinary Meeting on 28 September 2021 the Council finalised the feedback it would provide to Government on the reform proposal. It noted its opposition to the proposed model, questioned the reliability of underlying data, and reiterated the results of our community engagement. Subsequently we advised the Minister of Local Government and the Department of Internal Affairs that this Council is not convinced that this proposal provides the best governance and financial outcomes for our District and that, based on the information available to date, we would seek to opt-out of the reform should this decision be required.

Documents relating to the submission to the Minister of Local Government following the Extraordinary Meeting can be accessed at this link:

<https://www.waimakariri.govt.nz/your-council/news-and-information/2021/09/waimakariri-district-council-make-submission-on-three-waters-reform>

The Government is expected to consider all feedback and make decisions on the next steps in the reform pathway over the coming months. When we are advised of the outcome we will convey this to the Board and our community.

(d) The Council's Infrastructure Strategy

You noted that the Infrastructure Strategy refers to Tram Road safety improvements, and although there is funding set aside there appears to be no clarity on what the improvements might entail or the timeline proposed for them. You requested that special attention be given to road safety improvements at the intersection of Tram and North Eyre Roads, which has been the scene of many accidents.

During the 2020/21 year safety improvements were undertaken at the Tram and North Eyre Roads intersection. Prior to this upgrade, a study of the crash history at the intersection was undertaken and the works were designed to address this.

These works have now been completed and a post-construction safety audit has been carried out. As a result it has been recommended that consideration be given to installing

lighting at the intersection as a future improvement; this has been included in the Minor Improvement Programme for 2021/22, in line with the recommendation.

Council is also continuing to advocate for further safety improvements at the Tram Road off-ramp from the motorway.

Board Priorities for Consideration

(a) Oxford Rural Dog Exercising area

You requested \$95,000 to develop the rural dog exercising area in the Oaks Reserve. The master plan for this Reserve, created by Council's Greenspace Team with input from the Community Board, was attached to your submission.

The Council has put aside \$95,000 for this dog park to be built as per that master plan. This would see an off-lead dog exercise area in the Oaks Reserve for the enjoyment and use of the community. This is identified for year three of the Long Term Plan.

Staff will be in contact with the Community Board in year two of the Long Term Plan to finalise the concept and prepare for construction in year three.

(b) Multi-use footpaths and cycleways

(i) Rural areas

The Board advocated for the development of multi-use paths in the Oxford-Ohoka Ward.

The Council has a Walking & Cycling Strategy with the vision that "Waimakariri residents choose to walk and cycle" and "the environment is friendly, safe and accessible for walkers and cyclists". At your Board Meeting of 4 March 2020 Thomas Robson was appointed to the Walking and Cycling Strategy Steering Group.

The strategy provides a framework which sets key priorities for the District. We have been working to provide inclusive infrastructure linking our towns, advocating for safe walking and cycling infrastructure, and working to integrate walking and cycling with public transport to provide more multi-modal transport options.

However we do agree that we could be doing more. We are looking to address this and are working to develop a Walking & Cycling Network Plan which will confirm preferred walking and cycling connections across the District and identify gaps as well as providing a prioritisation process for delivery.

Delivering on walking and cycling infrastructure is something that's important to the Council. An example of our commitment can be seen through the recent extension of the Rangiora-Woodend Path to complete the connection to Woodend.

We know there is more to do in this space which is why staff have engaged with the Community Board and sought your input prior to finalising a report to Council that recommended seeking input from our community on the Walking & Cycling Network Plan. That community engagement has, unfortunately, been delayed due to the constraints brought about by Covid restrictions; staff will advise Community Boards of the revised timeframe for the engagement.

Provision of walking and cycling facilities can have a major impact on the health and wellbeing of our residents and it will be important to promote the value and importance of this infrastructure within our communities.

(ii) Communities and towns

Your submission noted that there are streets in Oxford with no footpath, or only on one side of the road. It was the Board's opinion that the Council should be installing

footpaths on at least one side of urban roads and, wherever possible, on both sides. The Board urged that footpaths be provided in the following areas:

- Tui Street
- Weka Street (between Park Avenue and the new subdivision and parts of Kowhai Street)
- Rata Street
- Matai Place, Knight Street
- Harewood Road (between Park Avenue and Burnt Hill Road)

Included in the Long Term Plan is \$100,000 per year for new footpaths in urban areas in our major towns, including Oxford. A programme was prepared and reported in 2015, with a further update on the programme to the Utilities & Roading Committee in 2018.

The delivery of the new footpath programme was put on hold in 2020/21 due to Covid-19 constraints but is planned to resume in this current financial year. The programme is included in the Roading Capital Works Programme.

The following are comments on the specific projects you raised:

- Tui Street - programmed for 2021/22
- Weka Street (Park Avenue to end) - programmed for 2021/22
- Rata Street - a footpath was constructed down one side in 2017. Currently sits outside of the 4-year programme.
- Matai Place - currently sits outside of the 3-year programme
- Knight Street - programmed for 2024/25
- Harewood Road (between Park Avenue and Burnt Hill Road) - currently sits outside of the 4-year programme.

You also advised that “The Board shares Oxford residents' concern regarding the lack of lighting at footpaths and requests funding be made available in the LTP for the provision of appropriate lighting at green linkages and associated pathways including provision of bollard lighting along the pathway in Pearson Park from Main Street to the Oval and lighting along the pathway between Main Street (beside the Seventh Day Adventist Church) and the Three Peaks subdivision”.

Staff have conducted works in the area to support greater provision of light for night-time users of the Pearson Park Oval to Main Street, including the lifting of trees and placement of lights in the area.

The Pearson Park Advisory Group currently receives an annual grant of \$11,000; should the group feel that this is a priority they have the ability to work with Council on this as a solution.

Staff would welcome working with the Oxford Ohoka Community Board to look at where lighting might be required elsewhere in Oxford, including the pathway to the Three Peaks subdivision. Council staff, with the Community Board, can identify what might be required and associated costs, for consideration by the Pearson Park Advisory Group and the Oxford Ohoka Community Board, and for future Council consideration.

(c) Rural communities

You noted that the Board would like to see rural communities represented more in the District Plan. You said: “The Board would like to see consultation within the community to see what people would like to see and then a plan to prioritise and implement some of these ideas”.

The Proposed District Plan was publicly notified on 18 September 2021 and all ratepayers were sent this notification and information on how to make a submission.

The Board advised its support of the development of a BMX track/scooter/skateboard area in the central area of the Oxford Ohoka Ward.

Currently there is a skate park (which is also used by scooters and BMX bikes) available for use in Pearson Park, and a BMX track at Ohoka Domain. The Mandeville Sports Club is also looking at options for a bike/BMX track around Mandeville Domain; this is identified in their concept plan.

Staff would be happy to work with the Community Board and wider community if they wished to install a BMX/Pump track, noting that these assets are often built and maintained by volunteers.

The Council has not identified any specific funding in the Long Term Plan for the provision of such facilities in the Oxford area; however staff have been asked to work with the Board to evaluate the current general landscape funding to see if it is sufficient going forward, and how they might support projects of this nature.

(d) Skate Park in Oxford

You requested that the Oxford Skate Park be upgraded and extended, advising that Board members have observed high usage by locals and visitors to the area.

The Oxford Ohoka Community Board has requested an extension to the Pearson Park skate area on a number of occasions. Currently the skate park meets the Council's approved Levels of Service for skate park provision. If the Community Board would like to see further expansion of the skate area, the Pearson Park Advisory Group has sufficient funding to enable this but would have to endorse this project as a priority in order to commit funds to it. Council staff will convey the Board's request to the Advisory Group.

The service request regarding lighting has been actioned, but you noted that the light needs to be re-positioned for maximum effect. Please raise this with the Greenspace team.

(e) Rural Heritage

You urged the Council to protect the character and integrity of the rural landscape by making funding available for the restoration and maintenance of historic rural infrastructure such as the Wolffs Road Suspension Bridge.

The Council does have a statutory responsibility to recognise and protect historic heritage within the District. This is currently given effect to by the District Plan, which contains regulatory protections for listed heritage resources. General provisions for some heritage areas and sites are also provided by the Historic Places Act / Pouhere Taonga Act.

The District Plan Review provides an avenue for the Board to submit on the proposed provisions and the proposed schedule of buildings or places to be listed, and the Board's knowledge of the history of the Ward should add significant value to this review process.

Council staff commissioned an evaluation report on the Wolffs Road Suspension Bridge. This report identified costs for both repair and removal/replacement of the bridge.

The intention is to bring a report to the Community Board seeking its preferred option and report this back to the Community and Recreation Committee for their consideration. At this time staff will seek guidance from the Committee regarding the level of community engagement required.

It is worth noting that there is a significant difference in price for the repair or replacement of the bridge. Please find attached the report which has been prepared for Council. Staff would be happy to meet with you to discuss the implications of the report before meeting with the Community Board and Council.

(f) Oxford Community Aquatic Centre

You requested that the Council give consideration to covering the pool at the Oxford Community Aquatic Centre in order to make this facility available to the community all year round.

Adding a roof to this facility is not currently being considered due to the significant additional capital expense and plant that would be required. Neither the Long Term Plan nor the District Aquatics Strategy has identified the need or funding for such a project. There will need to be further investigation into the benefits, costs and support of such expansion which will occur in future updates of the Strategy.

(h) Street lights in Oxford

You requested that funding be made available to install improved street lighting in Oxford to aid safety and security, with an additional consideration being a request for making Oxford a "dark skies" area due to the observatory based within the town.

The Oxford Observatory has previously made a submission to Council requesting the establishment of a Dark Skies Reserve in Oxford. For such a Reserve, amber LED is the preferred LED as no light is emitted in the blue wavelength spectrum, and the lights need to be shielded. These LED luminaire have a similar appearance to Low Pressure Sodium lamps, although there is a 20% (approximate) price premium for this product.

Oxford was the first town to have its P Category street lighting upgraded to LED (4000K), with 126 of the 186 lights in Oxford having been changed. At the time several lighting deficiencies were uncovered. Changing the light colour to amber LEDs would not address these deficiencies and would likely highlight further deficiencies such as unsuitable light pole spacing.

Should the Dark Sky Reserve proceed, budget would need to be allocated. The cost of changing Oxford lights to be Dark Skies compliant is likely to be approximately \$70,000 and this does not include any additional lighting to address the current deficiencies. It is noted that if these existing lights were to be changed, the existing LED luminaires might be salvaged for re-use elsewhere on the network; however this would be an additional cost which has not been budgeted for and would be unlikely to attract any co-funding subsidy.

(i) Five Roads intersection in Mandeville, No 10 Rd, McHughs Road and Nth Eyre Road

The Board requested that the Council consider making funding available in the future for the installation of concrete splitter islands at this intersection and the required street lighting, should these become necessary.

The safety improvements being undertaken in the 2020/21 year at the Five Cross Roads intersection in Mandeville (McHughs Rd / North Eyre Rd / No. 10 Rd) are being carried out under the Minor Improvements Programme which is a set annual budget allocation.

The budget for low-cost safety improvements around the District is allocated to a number of focus areas such as minor lighting improvements, school safety improvements, roadside hazard removal, minor works and intersection improvements. Future improvements at the intersection will need to be considered and prioritised against other safety issues around the network, then funded accordingly.

(j) Fresh Water

You said: “We believe Council needs to take the initiative and implement all practicable methods to protect our waterways. The Council also needs to support ECan in fresh water initiatives”.

The Council is working jointly with Environment Canterbury and other partners to implement the Canterbury Water Management Strategy for protection of our waterways. Because freshwater issues are of high importance, the Council has committed staff resource and project funding in the draft Long Term Plan to Zone Implementation Programme Addendum (ZIPA) projects, as guided by the Waimakariri Water Zone Committee.

There are also initiatives in the Long Term Plan, such as the Arohatia Te Awa (Cherish the River) project, for the creation of ecological and recreational corridors. The first waterway to be selected is the Cam River, with an intent to focus on more waterways throughout the District over time.

We will continue to keep the community informed of the Council’s freshwater work and encourage opportunities for the community to protect our waterways.

(k) Riparian planting

You supported riparian planting along waterways and Council drains in your Ward, recommending the Council investigate the development of green pathways between towns and reserves as this is an issue that has been brought to Board members’ attention by a number of residents living in the rural areas.

The idea has merit that should be explored and would meet the intention of that project. It would also support the Arohatia Te Awa project which is led by Cr Sandra Stewart. The project is to link both biodiversity and recreational opportunities across the District’s waterways, as described in your submission. Greenspace staff will be going to each Community Board in the coming financial year to discuss the project and outline a programme of works.

(l) West Eyreton Pit

For many years the Board has been asking that the Council investigate the best options and create a master plan that will sort this issue, urging the Council to make funding available as a matter of urgency.

Council understands that this is a priority for the Board and will ask staff to create a plan for both the Oaks Reserve and the West Eyreton Pit. Given the proximity of the two land parcels, there is a clear relationship.

(m) Oxford sewer rates

You asked:

1. Why the scheme seems to be so expensive to run
2. What is proposed for the substantial depreciation fund that the Council is accumulating from the scheme?
3. Whether or not bringing forward some improvement works could result in a long-term cost-saving?

The reason the Oxford Sewer Rate is double that of the Eastern District rate is due to the different size of the schemes and the economies of scale achieved from a larger scheme. The Oxford sewer scheme services approximately 900 properties, while the Eastern District scheme serves approximately 20,000 properties.

Prior to upgrading the Fernside and Loburn Lea sewer schemes, which both had fewer than 50 properties connected, those rates were more than double that of the Oxford sewer scheme rate.

The following addresses the specific questions you raised:

1. Why the scheme seems to be so expensive to run.

The total operating expenditure of the scheme is approximately \$900,000, comprising of asset management and scheme overheads (\$128,000), reticulation maintenance (\$24,000), pump station maintenance (\$20,000).

The treatment plant operation and maintenance budget is relatively high due to the type of plant which requires a high level of operator monitoring and control, and also due to the sludge disposal costs. As part of the stimulus package of work Council is looking at whether additional on-site treatment of the sludge could be undertaken to reduce the sludge transportation and disposal costs.

2. What is proposed for the substantial depreciation fund that the Council is accumulating from the scheme?

The renewals fund has a current balance of approximately \$375,000. This is expected to build to approximately \$1.95 million over the 10 years of the LTP. Over this time approximately \$1.05 million on renewals is planned to be spent at the treatment plant.

3. Whether or not bringing forward some improvement works could result in a long-term cost-saving.

The Council is looking at the following as part of the stimulus package of works which potentially may identify capital improvement works that could be undertaken to reduce operating expenditure in the long term:

- Sludge treatment disposal options – to reduce the sludge transportation and disposal costs.
- Treatment plant strategic plan – the number of connections to the wastewater treatment plant is expected to nearly double over the next 50 years. A review and update of the strategic plan for the treatment plant is currently under way.
- Inflow and infiltration study – flow and level sensors have been deployed across the reticulation to determine if there are any particular sub-catchment areas that are contributing to high inflow to the plant.

The above work may identify upgrades which will reduce the operating and maintenance costs for the treatment plant and hence reduce the overall sewer rate.

In addition to the above, in October 2021 Council considered the 3-Waters rating structure which included equity of charges between schemes. This rating proposal would see the potential financial joining of Oxford sewer with the wider Eastern Districts Sewer Scheme. Council noted the complexity of this issue and that any future decisions on when to revisit this matter should await the outcome of the Government's Three Waters Reform.

(n) Council policy on fees for Community Facilities

You stated that the Board disagrees with the Council's position on fees and charges for community facilities and would therefore request that the Council review it.

The new process approved by Council means that community groups will have to apply for a grant to offset the booking of a community facility. The budget for this grant funding is approximately \$30,000. A sub-committee meets regularly to consider applications.

The general hourly rate for a community group booking is \$10.22 and this is already subsidised by the general ratepayer. As this process is relatively new, Council is not considering a review at this time.

(o) Council's Town Entrances Strategy and Implementation Plan

The Board requested that funding be made available for the Council to implement and action the strategy.

Council makes provision each financial year for improvements to each Community Board area through its General Landscaping Fund. This has been the traditional area from which town or village entrance projects have been funded, for example Lineside Road and, more recently, the entrance to Waikuku.

Council supports each Community Board to work with staff to allocate this fund towards improvements to town entrances and staff are available to work with Boards on the design and costings of these projects. As such we have approved the allocation of \$30,000 per annum to assist with town entrance projects. Staff will be working on a report to assist with the creation of a process around how this will work across the Board areas in line with the Town Entrance Strategy that was prepared in 2019. This will include consideration of both the maintenance and capital cost each project might require. Staff will be engaging with each Board on this process.

(p) Support for other Submissions

The Board expressed its support for the Ashley Gorge Reserve Advisory Group's request to Council to provide funding to purchase and install a public BBQ at the Ashley Gorge Reserve.

Council supports the work the Advisory Group is undertaking and has made dollar for dollar provision of \$17,000 to enable the BBQ project to be implemented.

If you would like to read a full copy of the Long Term Plan you can find these at the Rangiora, Kaiapoi and Oxford Service Centres and Libraries, and on the Council's website: <https://www.waimakariri.govt.nz/your-council/council-documents/long-term-plan>

Thank you for your interest and contribution to the development of our District's Long Term Plan. The Council and I appreciate your support and the excellent advocacy you and the Board provide for and on behalf of the Oxford and Ohoka Ward community.

Yours sincerely



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