

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RANGIORA-ASHLEY COMMUNITY BOARD HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 215 HIGH STREET, RANGIORA ON WEDNESDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2023 AT 7PM.**

**PRESENT**

J Gerard (Chairperson), K Barnett (Deputy Chairperson), R Brine (departed 7.59pm), I Campbell, M Clarke, M Fleming, J Goldsworthy, L McClure, B McLaren, J Ward and P Williams.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

S Hart (General Manager Strategy, Engagement and Economic Development), S Allen (Water Environment Advisor), K Straw (Civil Project Team Leader), D Young (Senior Engineering Advisor), G MacLeod (Community Greenspace Manager), G Stephens (Design and Planning Team Leader), H Downie (Senior Advisor – Strategy and Programme) and S Nichols (Governance Manager).

There were 17 members of the public present.

**1. APOLOGIES**

Moved: P Williams                      Seconded: J Goldsworthy

An apology was received and sustained from S Wilkinson for absence.

**CARRIED**

**2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Nil.

**3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**3.1. Minutes of the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board – 11 October 2023**

Moved: J Goldsworthy                      Seconded: M Fleming

**THAT** the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) **Confirms**, as a true and accurate record, the circulated Minutes of the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board meeting, held on 11 October 2023.

**CARRIED**

**3.2. Matters Arising (From Minutes)**

The Chairperson advised the cycleways funding from Waka Kota was currently on hold, pending Government direction and funding, however the Council approved the concept of cycleways subject to awaiting funding updates from central Government.

K Barnett queried the Cust Community Centre bollards update, which staff advised the matter was still lying on the table as it was preferred to try intervention with education and signage next year before reassessing the potential move to bollards.

**4. DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**4.1. Rangiora Hacks Group - Sam Fisher**

S Fisher provided an overview of the small group of local residents who had a desire to make Rangiora better/brighter with events and projects in the local area. The group were about celebrating the good things about Rangiora and bringing people together. He was supported by Alan and Lynda in the audience. The group meet regularly to brain-storm about low/no budget events, that rely on volunteers and goodwill. Recent past examples included the King Charles coronation with street parties, Rangoon which was about walking around the outside of Rangiora from the perspective of looking in. A fashion show in North Canterbury is being considered, along with a photo project, increased native plantings and community BBQ for first responders.

On the 2 December there will be an Op-shop fashion show held in Good Street which was sponsored by Compass FM, New World and a local real estate agent.

P Williams suggested linking in with the Community Team for some events such as the community BBQ.

Following questions from B McLaren and M Flemming it was advised that contact details would be circulated to the Board. The Chair thanked S Fisher for his contribution to Rangiora and informing the Board on their activities.

#### 4.2. **Draft Rangiora Stormwater Management Plan – Sophie Allen**

S Allen spoke of the Stormwater Plan that was initiated in 2001 and followed an updated plan and consent in 2017. The Plan has \$9.4m in the LTP budget for next 10years for stormwater improvements. This links with a water management improvements plan report that was circulated to members. The plan looks at projects to mitigate contamination in waterways with a portion of planning work underway in the background to commence projects in 2025.

Between June and September 2024 staff will begin consultation with stakeholders, the Community Board, Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri Runanga, the Water Zone Committee, followed by reporting back.

K Barnett enquired if part of the plan is about an education programme informing what is going into stormwater and how to protect it at source. Staff confirmed this was a component of the overall plan including community involvement and source protection.

### 5. **ADJOURNED BUSINESS**

Nil.

### 6. **REPORTS**

#### 6.1. **Marshall Street Changes associated with Southbrook School Travel Plan – K Straw (Civil Project Team Leader) and D Young - (Senior Engineering Advisor)**

Staff commented on the connectivity outside Southbrook School and the outcome following the travel plan work, following on from traffic signals installation. Staff have worked with the schools on a travel plan and the report relates to the physical works to enhance the one way traffic plan, pickup/drop off area and updating of short term parking nearby. Through the Funding Transport Choices project, funding was approved by Waka Kotahi and there is budget to complete the works with construction proposed to occur through the January school holidays.

Following a question from L McClure it was confirmed there was no change to reverse angle parking.

In a supplementary question L McClure enquired about short term parking, with staff advising that the two schools had different thoughts, and staff would continue to work with the schools for positive outcomes.

K Barnett enquired about enforcement. Staff commented on previous issues, advising that staff resourcing in the (parking) enforcement area had increased.

P Williams enquired if Waka Kotahi was funding the full amount. Staff confirmed Waka Kotahi pay 66% of the project with the total cost being \$86,000.

In a supplementary question P Williams asked what instigated this work being undertaken and how many car parks would be lost. Staff explained how the project had developed since the layout changes and traffic lights were installed on Southbrook Road. Staff also commented on the Torlesse and Marshall Street impacts and improvements, with two car parks being removed to open the footpath area up for improved flow and visibility. The alternative was to purchase some neighbouring property which was the least preferred option.

B McLaren sought clarification that the Southbrook School had been fully consulted and were supportive of the recommendations. Staff confirmed this was the case, having engaged with and consulted with the school over a number of months.

Moved: J Ward                      Seconded: B McLaren

**THAT** the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

(a) **Receives** Report No. 230516070310.

AND

**THAT** the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board recommends:

**THAT** the Utilities and Roading Committee:

(b) **Approves** the scheme design (Trim: 220817141870).

(c) **Approves** the removal of two on-street car parks on the eastern side of Marshall Street (opposite No. 33) to accommodate the proposed footpath connection.

(d) **Notes** that the scheme design has been developed in conjunction with Southbrook School, as part of the development of the School Travel Plan, and that the proposed layout has been subject to an independent Road Safety Audit.

(e) **Notes** that this project is funded through the "Transport Choices" funding stream, and this requires that all works is complete by June 2024

AND

**THAT** the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board recommends:

**THAT** the District Planning and Regulation Committee:

(f) **Approves** the implementation of limited time parking on the eastern side of Marshall Street immediately outside the school (between angle parking and the Torlesse Street intersection), with restrictions applying "Monday to Friday" (including School Holidays, and between 8:00am – 6:00pm) as follows:

**"P5 Pick Up / Drop Off Only Monday to Friday"**

(g) **Approves** the implementation of limited time parking on the western side of Marshall Street (No. 25 – 29), with restrictions applying during school days / hours as follows:

**"P15 8:00am – 9am 2:30pm – 3:30pm School Days"**

(h) **Approves** the amendment of existing P5 parking restrictions on Denchs to include the morning pick-up / drop off times (currently restricted for afternoons only), with restrictions applying during school days / hours as follows:

**"P5 8:00am – 9am 2:30pm – 3:30pm School Days"**

(i) **Notes** that staff will update the Schedule of Parking Restrictions upon completion of the works.

(j) **Notes** that there is an existing mobility park on Marshall Street outside Southbrook School that is not currently on the Schedule of Parking Restrictions. This will be added to the schedule in conjunction with the other proposed parking restrictions associated with this report.

**CARRIED**

J Ward commented on the years of consulting and how these improvements would make it safer for the children attending the school.

B McLaren was pleased the school were on-board with the improvements and he could see the benefits for everyone.

6.2. Queen Street Tree report in response to the submission from the Hills – G MacLeod (Community Greenspace Manager)

G MacLeod spoke briefly of the history contained in the report and reflected on the last presentation from Mr Hill representing residents and previous decisions of past Boards. The trees were planted in the 1960's, however with their growth residents have raised issues since 1996. Staff spoke of trying to find a balance between what Mr Hill and some residents advocate for and the maintenance work required to keep the trees healthy.

J Gerard commented on the comprehensive report, which was helpful to the Board; particularly the newer members.

I Campbell queried what consultation had occurred with the residents. Staff advised that consultation had last occurred approximately a decade ago and staff had not proactively sought feedback as there were mixed views, hence the recommendations for consideration.

In a supplementary question I Campbell asked about the balance of the residents views and the wider community. The views of the residents are very valid however due to the status of the trees to the wider community and amenity values staff suggest communicating to the wider community rather than restricted to the residents of Queen Street. An example of a potential similar situation where community feedback was received widely was when the Kippenberger Avenue trees were removed several years ago.

K Barnett raised the matter of leaf drop and the report indicating more conversations need to be had regarding the level of service along Queen Street, and enquired if the associated cost would be spread across the community. Staff did not endorse a targeted rate on residents, however supported a general district rate.

L McClure enquired what was the economic value of the trees. G MacLeod commented on carbon, wellbeing benefits, the STEM (Standard Method Tree Evaluation) and the value of the tree itself.

L McClure sought clarity on what happened after the 2012 survey with residents. Staff advised matters were reported to the Community Board as there were a variety of residents views from staged replacement to pollarding. At that time the Rangiora Community Board decided to retain the trees as the residents were split on their views.

P Williams queried the economic value per tree (mentioned in the report) and asked for a copy of the study showing/explaining how the \$7,000 value per tree was derived. G MacLeod advised that a copy of the report could be arranged to be circulated to the Board and if it was considered necessary, an expert could come to the Board to explain the economic aspects in the report further.

I Campbell sought clarification on any maintenance plan that may be proposed. Staff confirmed that any maintenance would only be to the property boundary and not on private land.

Moved: K Barnett                      Seconded: R Brine

**THAT** the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** report No. 231026170975.
- (b) **Approves** the retention of the London Plane Trees on Queen Street, Rangiora.
- (c) **Approves** staff continuing with the current tree maintenance programme for the Queen Street trees.
- (d) **Notes** that staff are to provide a succession planting plan for Queen Street. That this plan should be presented back to the Rangiora Ashley Community Board by April 2024.
- (e) **Notes** that the reason for the succession planting plan is to retain the amenity, biodiversity and other benefits of the trees long term. This will ensure a canopy avenue for future generations.
- (f) **Requests** the staff to investigate a suitable leaf drop maintenance plan for Queen Street.

**CARRIED**

K Barnett appreciated the comprehensive report and the history captured, acknowledging there was a mix of people who had resided in the Street for a long time, while others were more recent. She commented in the high amenity value with the park adjacent, acknowledging the avenue-like entrance to the town centre and the difficulties in balancing residents views with the wider community. K Barnett was supportive of the retention of the trees however she could understand the nuisance aspects particularly related to leaf drop from Plane trees and therefore believed the community could contribute to a higher level of service to ensure Queen Street is easy to transverse. particularly during the autumn months.

R Brine reflected on his 24years at the Council table, and residents expressing their concerns about the Queen Street trees during that time. He commented on the high turnover of residents over the years, their awareness of the trees (and their condition/impacts such as leaf fall) prior to purchasing in Queen Street. R Brine spoke with passion stating the trees are beautiful and that he had supported the trees remaining during his 24years, which was a view he would likely retain into the future.

## 7. CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

## 8. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

### 8.1. Chair's Diary for October 2023

Moved: J Gerard                      Seconded: K Barnett

**THAT** the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

(a) **Receives** report No. 231101174269.

**CARRIED**

## 9. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

- 9.1. Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board Meeting Minutes 18 September 2023.
- 9.2. Oxford-Ohoka Community Board Meeting Minutes 4 October 2023.
- 9.3. Woodend-Sefton Community Board Meeting Minutes 9 October 2023.
- 9.4. July 2023 Flood Event Response and Recovery – Forecast Costs and Funding Sources – Report to Council Meeting 3 October 2023 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 9.5. Submission Emergency Management Bill – – Report to Council Meeting 3 October 2023 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 9.6. Significance and Engagement Policy for Adoption – Report to Council Meeting 3 October 2023 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 9.7. Submission: Government Policy Statement on Land Transport – Report to Council Meeting 3 October 2023 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 9.8. Council Meeting Schedule January 2024 to December 2024 – Report to Council Meeting 3 October 2023 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 9.9. Health, Safety and Wellbeing Report September 2023 – Report to Council Meeting 3 October 2023 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 9.10. Consultation on the Draft Speed Management Plan – Report to Council Meeting 17 October 2023 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 9.11. Eastern Districts Sewer Scheme and Oxford Wastewater Treatment Plan Annual Compliance Monitoring Report 2022-23 – Report to Utilities and Roding Committee Meeting 17 October 2023 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 9.12. July 2023 Flood Recover Progress Update – – Report to Utilities and Roding Committee Meeting 17 October 2023 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 9.13. Cam River / Ruataniwha Report – Report to Utilities and Roding Committee Meeting 17 October 2023 – Circulates to all Boards.

- 9.14. Adoption of Road Safety Action Plan 2023/24 – Report to Utilities and Roothing Committee Meeting 17 October 2023 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 9.15. Rangiora Stormwater Monitoring Report 2021-22 – Report to Utilities and Roothing Committee Meeting 17 October 2023 – Circulates to Rangiora-Ashley Community Board.
- 9.16. Aquatics October Update – Report to Community and Recreation Committee Meeting 17 October 2023 – Circulates to all Boards.

Moved: J Goldsworthy      Seconded: L McClure

**THAT** the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** the information in Items.9.1 to 9.16.

**CARRIED**

## **10. MEMBERS' INFORMATION EXCHANGE**

I Campbell attended the A&P show, noting the good turnout and variety of entertainment. He had been in contact with Greenspace following up on the Loburn Domain project developments, which had secured a sponsor with \$5,000 to assist with the momentum of the project.

J Goldsworthy commented on the Community Service Awards, where he presented Andrew Hyde an award. The Rangiora Promotions Association Board had experienced a high turnover and were taking some time to refocus on what promotions they wish to provide in the future. The cycleways matter had a healthy debate at Council as a detailed plan is prepared, subject to funding. There was also a strong debate resulting in a grant to the Cust Bowling Club. J Goldsworthy had been on the Hearing Panel for the Community Outcomes consultation which was an interesting hearing to be involved on.

B McLaren matters were incorporated in the agenda.

M Clarke had recently attended a Church fair with half the raised funds going to a Rural Property Trust and half the funds donated to Abbyfield. At a recent meeting of GreyPower the main concern was digital currency and bus fare payments. Street trees on a subdivision had been raised along with concern expressed about the speed that mobility scooters travel on the road around the town and the potential danger to pedestrians.

K Barnett attended the funeral of staff member Gary Boot and spoke of his input into the district. Toot for Tucker was scheduled for 5 December, with volunteers still being sought. This was an important event as the Food Bank were getting busier from a community in need.

P Williams advised there were many Council meetings and workshops occurring, attended tender openings, the Airfield Advisory group meeting and the Community Service Awards.

J Ward commented on the Council being informed through LTP workshops ahead of the January budget meetings. She chaired the Utilities & Road Committee and the Road Reserve Management Hearing as well as attended the Community Service Awards, Rangiora airfield meetings, the AGM of Waitaha Primary Health with Dr Lorna Martin providing an update on future health hub developments. There were many challenges with inflation and growth and seeing what we can afford and balancing rates which would be debated at the end of January.

M Fleming had circulated a listing of meeting attendances which included WAG, drainage advisory group, beach viewing platforms, matters pertaining to the library and mobility scooters, Rangiora Borough School anniversary and an unveiling of the Ron and Barabra Macky memorial seat being the founders of Keep Rangiora Beautiful.

L McClure attended the Rangiora Borough School anniversary, community services awards, and a highlight was being the Rangiora volunteer coordinator for the Cancer Society Pink Ribbon collection.

R Brine commented on the transfer station upgrade proposal, the cycleway decision of Council, and an exciting sporting project that would benefit the community to be announced in the future. There was encouragement for members to look at the Pegasus Bay Bylaw information that was currently out for consultation. He spoke of the important work involved with the Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan and the impacts over the next 30 years on the district. The deliberations begin the following week.

## 11. **CONSULTATION PROJECTS**

Noting information is on the Council website in the “Lets Talk” section.

### 11.1. **Speed Management Plan 2023/27**

Consultation closes Monday 27 November 2023.

### 11.2. **Relocating the Pines Beach Playground**

Consultation closes Friday 17 November 2023.

### 11.3. **Libraries Survey**

<https://letstalk.waimakariri.govt.nz/libraries-survey>

### 11.4. **Environment Canterbury – Let’s Pick a Path**

<https://haveyoursay.ecan.govt.nz/hub-page/pick-a-path-ourfuture>

Consultation closes Sunday 3 December 2023.

The Chair explained to members the differences of a drop-in session, and it not being an open forum for debate.

The Board noted the consultation projects.

## 12. **BOARD FUNDING UPDATE**

### 12.1. **Board Discretionary Grant**

Balance as at 31 October 2023: \$8,957.

### 12.2. **General Landscaping Fund**

Balance as at 31 October 2023: \$27,370.

The Board noted the funding update.

## 13. **MEDIA ITEMS**

Nil.

## 14. **QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDERS**

Nil.

## 15. **URGENT GENERAL BUSINESS UNDER STANDING ORDERS**

Nil.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board is scheduled for 7pm, Wednesday 13 December 2023.

The formal Board meeting concluded at 8pm.

R Brine and S Wilkinson were not present for the workshop which commenced at 8.04pm.

It was noted that G Stephens would attend the next Board meeting workshop to discuss details of the proposed maintenance programme for the Queen Street trees.

A workshop was presented by *Grant Stephens (Design and Planning Team Leader) on Community Board Landscaping Budget projects.*

The Board were updated on the budget allocation, being \$26,190 for the 2022/23 year plus carryover funds bringing the total to \$31,691, as well as a quick reflection on where funds had been spent. These included the Millton Memorial Reserve roadside with colourful tulips and trees in the Reserve and seven seats along the Passchendaele Memorial Pathway. There was a future project funded by a wider budget to enable water to trees in strategic locations.

It is proposed a report would come to the Board in the near future for decision on potential projects. These potential projects include (but not limited to):

- Youth Council Dudley project progression
- Millton Memorial Reserve more trees and changing fencing to be more accessible
- Kippenberger Avenue entrance – autumn planting
- Improved town entrance areas
- Oxford Road town entrance

Security of trees on Lineside Road was also discussed.

The Board were generally supportive of concentrating on town entrances and would seek further information from the Youth Council on project requirements, anticipating this to be included in the upcoming report.

*At 8.27pm Heike Downie (Senior Advisor – Strategy and Programme) and Grant Stephens presented a workshop on a proposed new Laneway at 202/190 High Street. Anna Childs (property) was also present.*

Staff commented on a new public laneway for Rangiora Town Centre between High Street and Blake Street. From the High Street entrance this laneway would be adjacent to the ASB Bank and the Creama Coffee Shop (as the former GJ Gardiner building is currently under redevelopment).

Staff explained land under Council ownership (Blake Street) and impacts from the High Street laneway through to Blake Street and reflected on the Rangiora Town Centre Strategy 2020.

Several examples of potential options, draft laneway design and parking plan were presented. Approximately 22 carparks at 11 Blake Street (council owned) plus the Right of Way access and vehicle loading zone was outlined.

Adjacent owners have seen draft plans and are supportive of the general direction, however information will come by way of a report in the near future on the options and costings.

B McLaren raised a query about security cameras to be considered in conjunction with any building owner arrangements (and also in Good Street). There was some general discussion about laneways and cameras for security and safety of users, and these factors will be considered as part of the overall project.

The workshop concluded at 9.03pm.

S Hart spoke of Community Board delegations and future property purchase recommendations. Further consideration was to occur with any delegation changes to be approved by the Council in due course.



THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.11pm.

**CONFIRMED**



Chairperson

13 December 2023

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Date