

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL, FOR THE HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS TO THE DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2022-23, HELD REMOTELY OVER THREE SESSIONS, COMMENCING ON WEDNESDAY 4 MAY 2022 AT 10.32AM, RECOMMENCING AT 5.00PM AND ON THURSDAY 5 MAY 2022 AT 1.30PM.

PRESENT:

4 May 2022: Mayor D Gordon (Chair), Deputy Mayor N Atkinson, Councillors, K Barnett, A Blackie (apology for evening session), R Brine, W Doody, N Mealings, P Redmond, S Stewart, J Ward and P Williams.

5 May 2022: Mayor D Gordon (Chair), Deputy Mayor N Atkinson, Councillors K Barnett, A Blackie, R Brine, W Doody, N Mealings, P Redmond, S Stewart, J Ward and P Williams.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Morning session 4 May: G Cleary (Manager Utilities and Roading), H Street (Corporate Planner), T Kunkel (Governance Team Leader) and A Smith (Committee Coordinator).

Evening session 4 May: J Harland (Chief Executive), H Street (Corporate Planner), T Kunkel (Governance Team Leader) A Connor (Governance Support Officer), and A Smith (Committee Coordinator).

Afternoon session 5 May: G Cleary (Manager Utilities and Roading), H Street (Corporate Planner), T Kunkel (Governance Team Leader), A Connor (Governance Support Officer), and A Smith (Committee Coordinator).

1. APOLOGIES

Moved: Mayor Gordon

Seconded: Councillor Atkinson

An apology for absence was received and sustained from Councillor A Blackie who was absent for the evening session of 4 May 2022 due to a meeting conflict.

CARRIED

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Councillor Atkinson and Councillor Mealings noted that they would not be taking part in any discussion on District Plan matters presented in any of the submissions.

3. **HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS TO THE DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2022 - 23**

NAME	ORGANISATION	COMMENTS
Wednesday 4 May – morning session		
Shona Powell (Chairperson)	Woodend-Sefton Community Board	<p>S Powell spoke on behalf of the Woodend-Sefton Community Board submission, highlighting SH1 safety issues including the challenges of getting across SH1 for pedestrians and cyclists when traveling between Pegasus and Ravenswood. It was acknowledged that this was the responsibility of Waka Kotahi (NZTA), as a State Highway, however the Board encouraged the Council to advocate for a safer way for pedestrians and cyclists to cross SH1 and to investigate options (possibly an underpass). The Board also supported a cycleway/pathway between Woodend and the Pegasus roundabout as part of the Woodend safety improvements.</p> <p>The Board requested consideration of funding for a further matter (not originally included in their written submission) which was for the removal of a hedge at the southern end of Park Terrace, Waikuku Beach. This was an old hedge which was approximately eight - ten metres wide and eight metres high. After removal of the hedge, some native planting would be undertaken. Residents in the vicinity had been consulted, and a staff report was presented to the Community Board's April 2022 meeting. The Board was seeking funding for the coming financial year to cover the cost of removal of the hedge and replanting of native flora.</p> <p>The Board extended thanks to the Council for support of projects in their area.</p> <p>Mayor Gordon confirmed the Woodend safety improvements were supported by the Council.</p> <p>Councillor Doody suggested traffic lights as a possible suitable alternative to the underpass. S Powell commented that turning arrows and pedestrian lights may hold up traffic unnecessarily.</p> <p>Councillor Redmond asked what the relative costs of removal of the hedge was compared to the annual maintenance costs. S Powell advised that the cost of the first trim would be approximately \$20,000 as it had not been trimmed in recent times, with ongoing trims costing approx. \$10,000, every 18 months to two years. The hedge removal, replanting and mulching was estimated to be \$105,000. Greenspace staff were investigating ways to further reduce costs.</p> <p>Regarding the hedge, S Powell advised that most residents had advised that they did not think it was providing much shelter and the Board members believe that in a few years, native plants would provide a good wind break. The Board would like to see the planting happen as soon as possible and</p>

		<p>there was the possibility of contributing some of the Board's landscaping budget to assist funding the planting. The homeowner behind the hedge has advised there was a ditch behind the hedge and had concerns regarding the stability of the land. It was confirmed that the hedge was on road reserve.</p> <p>Councillor Barnett sought clarification of the Board understanding that the Council had no control of SH1, but it was with another authority, and this was confirmed.</p> <p>Regarding Rangiora Airfield, S Powell said that though the Board had not undertaken any in-depth discussion on this, it supported the matters relating to the Airfield.</p>
Shona Powell	Waimakariri Access Group	<p>S Powell spoke to this submission on behalf of the Waimakariri Access Group. The submission raised the need for a toilet in the district that was accessible for people who needed space for a wheelchair or where they could be changed. The Waimakariri Access Group requested the Council commit to investigating a suitable space or site for a Changing Places bathroom in the district and the feasibility of providing a Changing Places bathroom. These bathrooms included accessible changing facilities for those with severe, multiple or complex disabilities in a safe and clean environment. There were members of the community that struggled to use public toilets. Accessible toilets suited those who were relatively independent but those with severe disabilities were restricted. People should not be disadvantaged because of a lack of accessible public toilets, or have to be laid on the floor of public toilets for changing. Access to these Changing Places bathrooms would be restricted to those who required them and would have an access key. Such a facility would have many benefits, not just for the individual, but for all family units, carers and travellers. There are currently five Changing Places bathrooms in New Zealand and more were planned. One was being built currently in Dunedin with two more being planned. These facilities were compulsory in any new public facilities in England since 2021. There were now 1,200 in the UK. Regarding the cost for a Changing Places bathroom it was advised that Dunedin City Council budgeted \$200,000, to build their first one. There was also ongoing costs of regular inspection and certification, safety load testing of the hoist, and maintenance for the equipment, however because these facilities were not open to the general public there was less chance of malicious damage.</p> <p>Having a Changing Places bathroom allowed opportunities for all people to live their life to their fullest and for some people in the community it was a need, not a nice to have.</p> <p>Councillor Atkinson enquired about suggested locations for this facility in Waimakariri. S Powell replied that these could be in existing public buildings (but it would need to be buildings that were open for</p>

		<p>long hours and over weekends) or it could be a standalone facility such as Victoria Park.</p> <p>Mayor Gordon extended thanks to the Access Group for its submission.</p>
Caroline Spollen	The Chris Ruth Centre	<p>C Spollen managed the Chris Ruth Centre in Kaiapoi, which was a day placement centre for people over 21 years of age who had physical disabilities and special needs. One of the best physical therapy exercises for these people in wheel chairs, was swimming. Concern was raised in relation to Dudley Park Aquatic Centre facilities which were not suitable for a patron with disabilities and the changing rooms were too small to manoeuvre an electric wheelchair and the hoist was not suited for the use of an adult. The steps going down to the lazy river restricted use by those in wheelchairs and it was suggested that a ramp be installed or an alternative swing option (C Spollen offered to send through photos). Another restriction was that there was only one wet chair available. There was a lack of facilities in Waimakariri and C Spollen thought the disabled community had not been taken into account when the facility had been built. There was the option to travel to QEII, however this involved further travel. People with disabilities needed to be able to exercise, and swimming was the best option.</p> <p>Mayor Gordon suggested that the Aquatic Centres Manager make contact with C Spollen to discuss first steps in the interim, and further options for the future.</p>
Robert Johnston		<p>R Johnson presented his submission, regarding Significant Natural Areas (SNAs) and protected areas. He believed SNAs should all have a permanent rates relief component similar to the QEII Trust. Nearly half of the Johnson property was set aside as a SNA or protected area.</p> <p>R Johnston supported the stance of the Council and the Mayor relating to Three Waters reforms and did not support the co-governance proposal.</p> <p>Regarding subdivision applications, R Johnston would like the Council to allow any applications for subdivisions that were submitted prior to the change to the rules to proceed, and be eligible for building consents.</p> <p>The Council was commended for its roading repair work in Lees Valley and Ashley Gorge picnic ground clean up following the rain event in May 2021. He was disappointed though that the bridge at the start of Powells Road at the intersection with Ashley Gorge Road, was not widened after it was badly damaged recently. It was frightening to approach the bridge especially when trucks were coming in the opposite direction.</p> <p>In relation to the flood protection rating, R Johnston supported an enlargement of the rating area to protect the rivers in the Waimakariri area and</p>

		<p>R Johnston sought the support of the WDC in persuading Ecan to establish an enlarged rating area. The mid-section of the Ashley River was not included in the rated areas. The Council should be concerned with the loss of 190 metres of property at the Deep Creek diversion channel exit where it flows to the Ashley River.</p> <p>Regarding the Ashley Gorge Reserve, R Johnston suggested there was the need for a second public toilet at the top picnic terrace. He acknowledged support for the upgrade of the water supply, with the growth of Ashley Gorge continuing and the requirement for water supply standards to be met.</p>
<p>Rachel Thomas (Senior Policy Advisor) C Henderson</p>	<p>North Canterbury Province of Federated Farmers</p>	<p>C Henderson spoke on the rates noting that Federated Farmers members appreciated the modest increase proposed by the Council. However many farmers were impacted by even small changes due to the high values of their properties. He reminded the Council to be prudent on spending and asked the Council to consider the farming community who contribute significantly to the district.</p> <p>Regarding the Community Hub in Kaiapoi, Federated Farmers recommended that the shortfall be met primarily by those who resided near the Hub and that it should be a targeted rate. Those who would benefit most were those who lived closest to it.</p> <p>R Thomas referred to the section in the Consultation Document regarding the funding shortfall for the Kaiapoi Community Hub, suggesting that there could be a clearer way for information to be provided to the public, and that currently it was a bit confusing.</p> <p>Federated Farmers supported the upgrading of the Kaiapoi flooding and stormwater improvements, however recommended that the Council reassess the funding shortfall to reduce reliance on the general rate.</p> <p>The Roding network needed to be maintained to a high standard and the funding shortfall of \$450,000 would only have a minimal impact on the rates, and also suggested alternative funding be explored.</p> <p>C Henderson advised that North Canterbury Federated Farmers shared the Councils concern regarding Three Waters reform and supported the stance of the Council. Thanks were extended to the Mayor.</p> <p>Mayor Gordon suggested that a meeting be arranged with Council staff and representatives from Federated Farmers.</p> <p>Councillor Atkinson noted the history of the way rates were levied across the district, and C Henderson responded that whether this be land value or capital value, farmers saw the numbers increased the most.</p>

Tessa Warburton		<p>T Warburton spoke to her submission expressing concern that the Council was not doing enough to look after water in its natural form. Concerns were also noted about the untidy appearance of water way areas where she regularly goes walking. Waterways need protection from farm animals and from invading species. T Warbuton said that water was not just about drinking, irrigation and waste and we needed to take pride in the natural environment. All water needed to be taken seriously and to be protected for future generations to use and enjoy.</p> <p>It was suggested the Council should introduce Bylaws to protect the riverbeds and she would like to see some action and boldness on protecting all the waterways in the district. There was too much damage being done by 4WD vehicles using the riverbeds. There was no reason for people to be driving the length of the riverbeds when there are legitimate 4WD tracks all over the district.</p> <p>She suggested that volunteers were relied on too much by the Council, and this reliance needed to change. T Warburton would like to see the most practical step undertaken to keep recreational vehicles outside all riverbeds in the district. This would also need to be coordinated with Ecan.</p>
Miles and Gillian Giller		<p>M and G Giller spoke to their submission which supported the proposal to increase rates grants for Significant Natural Areas (SNAs) and to introduce a variable rate for landowners of mapped SNAs. This would engender landowners support and encourage value of SNAs and the management of them. SNAs required pest and weed control to allow them to be looked after and mapping SNAs did not actually protect the area. The submission pointed out a potential anomaly where the proposed rates grant was made available to mapped SNAs in support of indigenous biodiversity initiatives.</p> <p>Clause 2.3 of the WDC Policy S-CP 1907 states that <i>“No grant will be made to a property that has a designated indigenous vegetation site if the status of that property is ‘Non-rateable’ in terms of the Local Government (Rating) Act”</i>. The submitters pointed out that QEII covenants are included under the non-rateability provisions in Clause 2.3. This would make them ineligible for assistance from the WDC rates grant even if they were also a mapped SNA. Mr and Mrs Giller would like the wording in this clause adjusted accordingly, so that people can receive either the QEII covenant or the SNA rate reduction and did not want to see people who have QEII covenants disadvantaged. M Giller advised that assistance was provided initially by QEII, but after that time, the responsibility was with the landowner.</p> <p>Subsequent to the hearing, the Gillers provided the following suggested rewording of Clause 2.3 of the Policy</p>

		<p>2.3. Where a designated indigenous vegetation site is also subject to a QEII covenant, the reduction in rates shall be the greater of either that available through non rateability provisions under the Local Government (Rating) Act, or that available through the rate reduction provisions of the District Council's policy Grants in Support of Indigenous Biodiversity Initiatives.</p>
<p>Jo Coughlan Constance Phua (Project Manager)</p>	<p>NZ Chinese Language Week</p>	<p>C Phua presented the submission seeking funding support of \$2,000 from the Council for NZ Chinese Language Week which was being held in September 2022. This event was run by a Charitable Trust and they were hoping to work with the Council on activities that would be available during the language week.</p> <p>A video presentation was shown of the 2021 Chinese Language Week. Annual celebrations of Chinese Language week had been held for the last eight years.</p> <p>It was agreed that Deputy Mayor Neville Atkinson, who was Portfolio holder for International Relations, would make contact with the Charitable Trust following the hearing.</p>
<p><i>The hearing adjourned at 12.10pm and reconvened at 5pm.</i></p>		
<p>Wednesday 4 May – evening session</p>		
<p>Shirley Farrell (representing Ted Dring)</p>	<p>Oxford Blind & Low Vision Group</p>	<p>S Farrell spoke to this submission on behalf of the Oxford Blind and Low Vision Group and read a statement. This referred to the ongoing requests over recent years for the speed reduction on the Main Street of Oxford from 50kph to 40kph. There had been some confusion in information received from Waka Kotahi (NZTA) on the requirements for the Council to implement this speed reduction. The Council was of the understanding that it would be required to install costly traffic calming measures however Waka Kotahi were now indicating that this was unnecessary and it was sufficient for the Council to install appropriate speed limit signage.</p> <p>In the statement Mr Dring had commented that he could not understand why the Council staff were not working with the community on this matter rather than just responding with a “No” to the request of the group. It was anecdotally said that the local Police had observed many close calls with vehicles parking too close to the pedestrian crossings and there was also the issue with electric vehicles (being quiet) putting visually impaired people at risk.</p> <p>Mayor Gordon referred to a meeting that he had with S Farrell and the Roading and Transport Manager, noting the conflicting advice that the Council had been receiving and staff had been working hard to seek clarification. The staff position had been correct in the process, however there had been conflicting information received from NZTA which needed clarification from Cabinet level and the</p>

		<p>Council was awaiting confirmation of this, prior to reconsideration of the matter.</p> <p>S Farrell noted that the speed limit had been an ongoing matter for the past eight or nine years, which had been frustrating for Mr Dring and the group however Waka Kotahi had suggested the group keep dialogue open with the Council.</p> <p>Councillor Barnett sought confirmation and it was noted, that a report would come back to the Council, for reconsideration once the decision from Cabinet had been received.</p> <p>Councillor Redmond noted that under the NZTA guidelines for safe speed the formula was 50kph through Oxford, but the current mean speed through the Oxford township was 43kph and enquired what was hoped to be achieved with the speed reduction. S Farrell assumed that traffic would travel at close to 40kph with the mean speed being 41kph through the business area.</p> <p>Councillor Doody asked which part of Main Street of Oxford was Mr Dring referring to and S Farrell believed this would be between Bay Road and Burnett Street.</p>
<p>Doug Nicholl (Chairperson)</p>	<p>Oxford-Ohoka Community Board</p>	<p>D Nicholl believed the Board's submission was self-explanatory and was open for questions.</p> <p>Regarding the speed limit for Main Street Oxford, Mayor Gordon advised that there had previously been conflicting advice received from Waka Kotahi and a further report would be presented to the Community Board and Council in the near future.</p> <p>Councillor Barnett asked for more detail on the footpaths, noting that the submission requested footpaths on both sides of roads, which was above the Council's level of service. D Nicholl noted that there were areas of concern for some residents of Oxford who had been requesting footpaths for many years. Some of these streets mentioned in the submission currently had footpaths only on one side of the street.</p> <p>Councillor Redmond asked what practical affects the Board expected to see by lowering the speed limit to 40kph on Main Street of Oxford. D Nicholl responded that it was hoped it would be safer for older residents and vision impaired people.</p> <p>Following a question from Councillor Williams regarding the Boards views on development of the Rangiora Airfield, and D Nicholl personally felt this was an important asset for the district and any necessary improvements should be undertaken. He noted that there hadn't been significant discussion by the Board on the airfield, except supporting that the Airfield became self-funding.</p>

<p>Areta Wilkinson (Chairperson) M Brown (Trustee)</p>	<p>Oxford Arts Trust</p>	<p>A Wilkinson and M Brown presented this submission on behalf of the Oxford Arts Trust. The Trust was seeking increased financial support from the Council, as this adds to community wellbeing for the district. The Deed of the Trust had recently been changed to include wellbeing through the arts. Last year's highlights included an exhibition from Christchurch prison. The Te Reo programme would run again this year through Matariki. It was also proposed that the Trust play a larger role in the local school programme.</p> <p>The Trust still had plans for a garden area to host outdoor art events.</p> <p>To deliver community wellbeing through the arts, the Trust was seeking an increase in the Community and Recreation grant from the Council. The Trust insurance was \$4,783, and it was seeking a grant of \$10,000. To keep the gallery open from Thursday to Sunday, required \$15,000 per year. Other ways that the Council could assist, was possible sharing administrative staff, noting that the volunteer model was not viable and could not continue to operate at the required level of work at no cost. The Art Trust also requested use of the Council space in the local newspapers for advertising.</p> <p>Councillor Atkinson asked if information on the income of the Trust could be supplied to the Councillors. Subsequent to the hearing information was provided and circulated to all members.</p> <p>Councillor Williams asked if there was information on the number of people who visit the gallery. It was noted that numbers had dropped by about 2,000 during the current year as a result of the Covid lockdown. Councillor Williams also asked if there was a group in Oxford who could assist with beautification of the outside area.</p> <p>M Brown spoke on signage expenses, noting that with the Gallery being located back from the road frontage, it was a visual barrier to visitors, and therefore funding for signage was also requested.</p> <p>The Trust received funding for classes, from the Community Arts Council.</p> <p>Mayor Gordon noted that the original grant was put forward to cover insurance, power and phone costs. These other opportunities would be considered, however to assist with the Council's consideration of the increased grant, the Trust would need to provide information on income. Thanks were extended to the Trustees and volunteers for all the work that was done to run the Gallery in Oxford.</p>
<p>Emma Frazer</p>	<p>Oxford Pony Club</p>	<p>E Frazer presented this submission was on behalf of the Oxford Pony Club, located at the Carlton Domain. The Club were grateful to have this space available for use. However for people using the domain, including dog walkers and other members of the public there was no supply of drinking water.</p>

		<p>There was a limited water supply, which was not drinkable and this was then potentially a health and safety risk for both regular users, and more importantly for visitors who may not realise that the water was not potable. During the regular Pony Club meets and events, members had to take their own drinking water, including water for the horses. It was understood that there was a Council reticulated water supply on the same side of the road as the Domain. The submission requested that this supply be accessed into the Domain, and either use the existing concrete tank or install a new tank, and plumb the public toilets and the Oxford Pony Clubrooms. With a new tank, it was estimated that it would be at a cost of less than \$3,000. This was a four hectare site, which the Council would have the ability to put a dwelling on if it chose to sell in the future. The Club relied on volunteers who currently maintained the grounds, undertaking mowing and spraying, as there was no stock allowed on the grounds. This was quite a burden on club members, and E Frazer believed the work for installing a water supply would be undertaken by Council contractors.</p>
Greg Byrnes (Manager)	Te Kōhaka o Tūhaitara Trust	Greg Byrnes was unable to attend the hearing. His submission was taken as read.
Emily Belton (WDC Youth Development Facilitator, Ruby Wilson (Co-chair of Youth Council) and Tessa Sturley (WDC Community Team Manager)	Waimakariri Youth Council	<p>E Belton, R Wilson and T Sturley were present for consideration of this submission. R Wilson spoke on the skatepark project, noting there had been unforeseeable delays due to the impact of Covid restrictions. Following discussions, the Youth Council in conjunction, with community consultation identified the deck activation project as the top priority within the wider project. A more detailed funding strategy had been initiated by the Youth Council for the complete project. There had been continued community consultation throughout the project, and this facility was something that the community wanted and would be of benefit to the wider community.</p> <p>E Belton noted the Youth Council had been working alongside the Council's Community and Greenspace teams to progress the project. There had been a positive response from the Rangiora Lions Club, noting that there had been significant increases in costs since the original quote was received. Greenspace were currently investigating cost reduction measures for the activation platform which would be a space for the whole community to use, and for Wai Youth to activate space, for example holding skate jams at the Dudley Park skate park.</p> <p>T Sturley noted the cost increases in the current environment were not unexpected and commended the work of the Youth Council in addressing these increases.</p> <p>Mayor Gordon confirmed that this submission was a holding submission to Council, if other funding sources were not forthcoming. Staff were looking</p>

		<p>further to endeavour to keep the costs down on this project.</p> <p>Councillor Barnett referred to the Deed of the Youth Council and how it was set up, and requested if there was a need for regular funding to be made available to the Youth Council to realise some of their aims and proposed projects? T Sturley responded that project funding was something that the Youth Council undertook with the support of staff. It was confirmed that this was a one-off grant requested by the Youth Council for this project. E Belton added that if there was project funding available that would be appreciated, but noted that having members involved in funding applications and attending meetings such as this hearing, was good experience for members personal development.</p> <p>Mayor Gordon noted the work that staff had undertaken to attempt to reduce costs of the project. Thanks were extended to the presenters and appreciation for the work of the Youth Council.</p>
<p><i>The hearing adjourned at 5.57pm and reconvened at 6.03pm.</i></p>		
<p>Tania Wati and Te Maire Tau</p>	<p>Te Ngāi Tūahuriri Rūnanga</p>	<p>Te Maire Tau and T Wati spoke to the submission of Te Rūnanga regarding the draft Review of the Rating Policy for Maori Land which was included in the Council Draft Annual Plan 2022/23. The Policy arose from the recently passed Local Government (Rating of Whenua Maori) Amendment Act 2021. The Rūnanga supported the spirit of the Policy but had concerns regarding some of the text.</p> <p>Te Maire Tau highlighted rates, noting the preferred idea which the Rūnanga supported, was establishing a Ngāi Tahu Rates Commission for the whole of the South Island. Mention was made of the legislation that was in place from previous governments dating back to 1967. The Council was encouraged to support the proposal put forward in this submission.</p> <p>Also highlighted from the submission, was that Maori land was heavily over-regulated. The view supported all rates from the Tribe should come from a central source.</p> <p>Appendices to the submission were highlighted, being the suggested additional text to the Policy document.</p> <p>Para 15 – the Rūnanga did not believe that the decision on rating of Maori Land should be solely that of the Chief Executive of the Waimakariri District Council.</p> <p>Para 19 – the Rūnanga did not believe that the Policy gave effect to the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi.</p> <p>Paras 20 – 24 - Te Maire Tau provided a summary of the historical issues with missing Maori land titles that these paras refer to.</p>

		<p>Paras 25 – 30 Rates Commission – Regarding the missing land titles, the Rūnanga were now supporting the establishment of the Rates Commission. There needed to be a rates revenue, and not to have a rates revenue is considered a negative. The Rūnanga confirmed their support for a South Island Commission, which would give access to the rates revenue that Ngai Tahu generates in Christchurch and other large areas. As submitted in para 28 - this would involve the Council transferring rates collected on Maori land to the Commission. These rates collected would then be reinvested on infrastructure and development projects within the Maori Reserves in its boundaries.</p> <p>The Mayor confirmed that the Council would be ready to resume the meetings of the Mahi Tahu Joint Development Committee when the Rūnanga were ready.</p> <p>Councillor Redmond asked if this process had been undertaken by other Councils in New Zealand or was this a prototype or pilot scheme. Te Maire advised that this was a prototype but believed it would eventually be occurring throughout New Zealand. He believed there was no other option as every other council, particularly in the North Island, were facing the same problem and confirmed support of the Rūnanga for a Ngai Tahu Rates Commission for the whole of the South Island.</p> <p>Mayor Gordon thanked the submitters for their presentation and advised that the Council would need to seek advice on the points made in the submission.</p>
<p><i>The hearing adjourned at 6.15pm and reconvened at 1.30pm on Thursday 5 May 2022.</i></p>		
<p>Thursday 5 May - afternoon</p>		
<p>Jackie Watson (Chairperson)</p>	<p>Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board</p>	<p>J Watson presented the Board’s submission and highlighted the following:</p> <p>Acknowledged the low rate increase that the Council had proposed in spite of rising costs.</p> <p>Kaiapoi Community Hub: Thanks were extended to the Council for the support provided during the consultation with the community, promoting the benefits of having the hub in their community. However the Board would like to see more community groups being encouraged to use this facility.</p> <p>The Board expressed disappointment that Waka Kotahi (NZTA) had withdrawn some of their funding and with the Council limiting the rate increase, there would be a decrease in service levels.</p>

		<p>Regarding the Rangiora Airfield upgrades, the Board agreed that this was an important asset to the district, however would like the Council to investigate further funding options, rather than relying on the ratepayers, with the airfield being a commercial operation.</p> <p>The Board extended thanks to the Mayor and Councillors for the work in trying to make some changes to the Three Waters matters.</p> <p>The Board asked that the Council to consider investigating a shuttle service operating within the district, which could be a way of reducing the numbers of people using their cars. For example, a mini-bus service from Pegasus to Rangiora, or Kaiapoi to Oxford.</p> <p>The Board requested that the Council investigate traffic safety issues outside Kaiapoi High School, which was a very busy traffic area. This had been requested previously by the Community Board.</p> <p>Councillor Redmond asked if there was a shuttle operating at the moment in the district? J Watson couldn't confirm if there was a service within the district at the moment, but felt that this could be an option in using smaller buses. Mayor Gordon noted there was the North Canterbury Minibus Trust which operated a service to transport people to medical appointments. Environment Canterbury were currently operating a trial of the MyWay bus service, in Timaru and the Council support this being trialled in Waimakariri.</p> <p>Regarding the operations at Rangiora Airfield, Councillor Ward clarified that the majority of aircraft based at the Rangiora Airfield are recreational aircraft.</p>
<p>Jim Gerard (Chairperson)</p>	<p>Rangiora-Ashley Community Board</p>	<p>J Gerard presented the submission noting that the Board had nothing but praise and appreciation for the job that the Council had been doing during difficult times. There were no major issues that the Board noted in the Annual Plan and were pleased with the cautious but positive approach to keep rates low, whilst balancing at the same time, but not halting progress in the district.</p> <p>The Board was very appreciative of the role of the Mayor and Council in handling the changes in local government, including Three Waters and other central government reform programmes. The Board appreciated and fully supported the Council on the direction it had taken with these issues.</p> <p>The Board had concerns on the budget over-spend of \$500,000 on the Ashley River stormwater project and would request that the Council kept within its budget. The work involved with the Shovel Ready</p>

		<p>Projects was appreciated and the Board supported these.</p> <p>The Board supported the work required for Kaiapoi Community Hub and the funding for the flooding and stormwater improvements which were necessary for Kaiapoi.</p> <p>The Board noted concern at some of the shingle roads in the district and also disappointment at the retraction of funding by Waka Kotahi leaving the Council to find funding to keep the road network at a safe level.</p> <p>The Board strongly supported the upgrade of facilities at the Rangiora Airfield and believed this was a sound move.</p> <p>The Board also supported the water supply improvements at Ashley Gorge and acknowledged support for the proposed rate rebate for property owners with SNAs listed.</p> <p>The Board supported the Council's application for exemption for chlorinated water supply and would be following this in the months ahead.</p> <p>The Board requested some input on the Development Contributions and asked that this come back to the Board for input and information.</p> <p>In summing up, J Gerard reflected that the Community Board was very happy with the direction that the Council was going, appreciated the difficulties the Council has faced, and the united front of the Council had been very important.</p> <p>There were no questions from members and the Mayor extended thanks to the Community Board members for the work that they undertake.</p>
<p>Phillipa Hunt (Founder/ Chairperson)</p>	<p>Satisfy Food Rescue</p>	<p>P Hunt spoke to the submission. Satisfy Food Rescue supported development of the Kaiapoi Community Hub and the work that the Council had done regarding this project. There had been tremendous growth over the past 12 months and the group were distributing a significant amount of food within the Waimakariri and Hurunui districts. The Kaiapoi Community Hub would be a very worthwhile asset to enable continuation of this food distribution and to have communal spaces and educational work regarding food. The Group was looking forward to working with the other groups using the Kaiapoi Community Hub. The work that Satisfy Food Rescue do was important for the wellbeing of the district and appreciated and thanked the Council for its support of the group.</p> <p>Councillor Barnett asked if there would be connections with Oxford, Cust and other rural communities with the Hub being located in Kaiapoi. P Hunt said the group worked with the Oxford Community Trust and also 12 Baskets which was</p>


		<p>based in Oxford. This worked both ways, with food being delivered to Oxford for distribution there, and also food coming from the Oxford Supervalue to be distributed in other areas. The group also worked with The Salvation Army and Hope Community Trust.</p> <p>P Hunt advised that the group had 1.4 tonnes of chicken (800 frozen) delivered today from Ingham Chicken and were always endeavouring to increase relationships with food producers. The new Hub design would include walk in freezers.</p> <p>Councillor Doody asked about the Oxford Lions, who had undertaken a significant amount of work for Satisfy Food Rescue. P Hunt advised that the group had received over 14 tonnes of food from the Lions between October 2020 and June 2021, and there had been continued food sourced from them over the past few months. Satisfy Food Rescue valued the relationship they had with the Oxford Lions club.</p> <p>It was planned to have a commercial kitchen at the Kaiapoi Community Hub which could be used for educational cooking and also to have spaces for skill sharing relating to gardening etc. Currently Satisfy Food Rescue didn't have any relationships with meat producers, however would be keen to establish these if able to do so.</p> <p>Councillor Mealings extended her thanks to P Hunt for what she had done for the district. If people had more food than they required, with home gardens or small orchards, this could be collected by the Satisfy Food Rescue. People could be directed to the Satisfy Food Rescue website, or the email address if there was food to be collected or it could be delivered.</p> <p>Mayor Gordon extended his thanks to P Hunt for her work and for the work that the Satisfy Food Rescue group do for the community, in collaboration with other groups.</p>
Rhonda Mather		<p>R Mather presented her submission, focusing on the Pegasus Community Centre. Although this was included in the LTP, R Mather commented that there was no guarantee that it would be completed in the timeframe and it was important for this to progress.</p> <p>Currently the population in Pegasus is 4,200, which was well above the trigger point for community facilities. The current Woodend Community Centre was running to capacity according to staff. The two proposed Community Centres at Ravenswood and Pegasus were both quite different with the proposed venue at Ravenswood to be a Council Service Centre.</p>

		<p>R Mather stressed the need to get the development of a Community Centre in Pegasus underway urgently and would like to have some public consultation on the preferred site for such a facility.</p> <p>Councillor Doody asked about the Waitaki Reserve not meeting the criteria. R Mather advised that there was concern from Council staff on the proximity to residential properties, however it was noted that there were quite a few parking spaces there. C Brown was concerned that this reserve was not central enough.</p> <p>Mayor Gordon acknowledged the advocacy work that R Mather did for the Pegasus community.</p>
Councillor Grant Edge	Environment Canterbury	<p>Councillor Edge presented the submission on behalf of Chair Jenny Hughey and Environment Canterbury. The importance of the partnership and collaboration of the two Councils was noted, dealing with a raft of changes coming from central Government, including changes to the resource management system and the evolving role of local government. A demonstration of the need to work together was the joint response to the oil leak into the Kaiapoi, Cam and Waimakariri Rivers earlier in 2022. Ecan acknowledged the Councils significant contribution to the Canterbury Mayoral Forum and the various working groups, including Mayor Gordon leading the Climate Change Steering Group and the now completed Climate Change Risk Assessment document; a joint effort of Canterbury councils, which would look at the regional adaption as the next step.</p> <p>The Greater Christchurch Partnership was another example of working together, with Mayor Gordon, and Councillors Atkinson and Mealings participating in regular meetings, to ensure there was a planned approach to growth and strategic planning across the wider Greater Christchurch area. Investment in public transport was a significant part of the initiative.</p> <p>Regarding the Canterbury Water Management Strategy, Environment Canterbury strongly supported the implementation of the Waimakariri Zones Action Plan, which was progressing well.</p> <p>Environment Canterbury would work alongside the Council in upgrading wastewater treatment systems and applying for discharge consents for the five urban stormwater schemes and the actions to help improve freshwater outcomes.</p> <p>There was support for the Council in managing coastal land in Tutaitara Coastal Park for a range of multiple values, and the work to protect freshwater habitat and indigenous species along the Cam River.</p> <p>Acknowledgement of the WDC investment in youth engagement, referring to Enviroschools was made. Support was also noted for the drinking water upgrade programme, including Ashley Gorge.</p>

		<p>Acknowledgement was noted for the ongoing work to identify the SNAs in line with the Canterbury Regional Policy Statement and funding towards the Biodiversity fund and also acknowledgement of landowners for their maintenance of SNAs.</p> <p>Councillor Edge complimented the Council on the WDC Annual Plan Consultation Document which he found easy to read.</p> <p>Mayor Gordon thanked Councillor Edge and extended thanks to Chair Jenny Hughey and Environment Canterbury for the close working relationship that Waimakariri District has with them.</p>
Jane Zammit-Withers		<p>J Zammit-Withers presented her submission which related to the rate charge that was added onto her residential rate, due to operating a hair dressing salon from her home. There was a doubling up of levies charged with this additional rate, for example for the library, aquatic centres and contribution to the Canterbury Museum. It was pointed out that beauty therapists did not need to have any additional costs, and J Zammit-Withers asked why it was predominantly at-home hairdressers who have to pay this extra charge.</p> <p>She was not made aware of this extra charge when she first approached the Council about setting up her home business and the submitter asked if this information could be made available to people in future who were intending to set up an at-home business.</p> <p>The submitter would like to know how this extra rates charge came about and believed this was not logical, as she had not changed the footprint on her property, or increased the value of her property.</p> <p>J Zammit-Withers advised that following enquiries with other Councils, that both Christchurch City Council and Selwyn District Council do not impose any additional charges for home hairdressing salons, however Hurunui District Council did apply this additional charge.</p>

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2.36pm on Thursday 5 May 2022.

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Chairperson
Mayor Gordon

24 May 2022
Date