

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE WOODEND-SEFTON COMMUNITY BOARD HELD IN WOODEND COMMUNITY CENTRE, SCHOOL ROAD, WOODEND ON MONDAY 8 MAY 2023 AT 5.30PM.

PRESENT

S Powell (Chairperson), B Cairns, I Fong, R Mather, P Redmond, M Paterson, and A Thompson (Arrived 5.43pm).

IN ATTENDANCE

K LaValley (General Manager Planning, Regulation and Environment) K Rabe (Governance Advisor) and A Connor (Governance Support Officer).

There were four members of the public present.

1 APOLOGIES

Moved: S Powell

Seconded: R Mather

THAT an apology for lateness be received and sustained from A Thompson (who arrived 5.43pm).

CARRIED

2 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

3 CONFIRMATION MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the Woodend-Sefton Community Board – 11 April 2023

Moved: M Paterson

Seconded: I Fong

THAT the Woodend-Sefton Community Board:

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

CARRIED

3.2 Matters Arising

Nil.

3.3 Notes of the Woodend-Sefton Community Board Workshop – 11 April 2023

Moved: B Cairns

Seconded: M Paterson

THAT the Woodend-Sefton Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** the notes of the Woodend-Sefton Community Board Workshops, held on 11 April 2023.

CARRIED

4 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS FROM THE COMMUNITY

4.1 Ashley/Rakahuri Estuary – Grant Davey

G Davey from the Ashley/Rakahuri River Care Group spoke to the Board regarding major challenges facing the banded dotterel in the estuary. The main issue was the infestation of black-backed gulls as well as human disturbance from pedestrians, vehicles, planes and dogs. There were signs prohibiting dogs from the estuary however they were routinely ignored. Black-backed gulls were a well-documented and long-established predator of the eggs and chicks of native birds. They were the third most abundant bird species found in the estuary. During the last season over 250 nests were found and noted that a predator species should never occur in such large numbers near a breeding colony. Due to these high numbers of black-backed gulls there were no banded dotterel nesting long the spit. There was a colony of approximately 1,000 white-front turns nesting at the southern end of the spit. The entire colony had been devastated by the black-backed gulls.

The Ashley/Rakahuri River Care Group had been given \$5,000 from the Waimakariri Water Zone Committee to fund a scholarship for a student to complete a thesis regarding the issues being faced.

G Davey felt this was a jewel of biodiversity for the Waimakariri and it was not being nurtured and protected. A precious part of the environment was being lost and attention needed to be drawn to it. The issues were not the Ashley/Rakahuri River Care Group's core business and they could not afford to spend a lot of time on them. They were planning a public meeting with the participation of the Waimakariri District Council, Environment Canterbury and the Department of Conservation. It would include education, the need for better signage, managing black-backed gull numbers, stronger bylaws and the enforcement of them. He suggested the area could be included in the Te Kohaka o Tuhaitara Coastal Park.

S Powell questioned if the group knew where vehicles were entering the area from. G Davey noted they were unable to cut off access due to white baiters needing access during the season.

S Powell then asked if there could be any improvement to the signage. G Davey felt they were ignored more than read. I Fong stated the signs were vague and could be improved and could be extended down the track through the dunes towards the estuary.

A Thompson suggested the best way to eliminate the threat of dogs was to have areas north of the car park be dog free. S Powell questioned if that was mentioned in the lead up to the previous Pegasus Bay Bylaw review. A Thompson noted it had been raised a number of times.

B Cairns sought clarity on if the River Care Group had drafted their recommended bylaws for the review or if they required assistance. G Davey noted they were unsure of the timing of the review so were yet to write anything up.

S Powell questioned if they had talked to the Te Kohaka Tuhaitara Trust regarding the possibility of them taking over the estuary care. G Davey had spoken to the previous general manager who thought it was a good idea.

S Powell felt the strongest avenue for change was the Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw review and would help to keep the Ashley/Rakahuri River Care Group up to date with all the information regarding it. She noted the Board would most likely be submitting on the review as well. The Board was supportive of

the River Care Group hosting a public meeting and felt there was no harm in exploring every avenue of education.

5 **ADJOURNED BUSINESS**

Nil.

6 **REPORTS**

6.1 **Application to the Woodend-Sefton Community Board's 2022/23 Discretionary Grant Fund – Kay Rabe (Governance Advisor)**

K Rabe took the report as read. She noted the North Canterbury Adventure Club had applied to all four Community Boards and to date the Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi and Oxford-Ohoka Community Boards had declined the applications for various reasons.

R Mather questioned why the other Boards declined the applications. K Rabe replied that Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board declined the application due to there being insufficient numbers benefiting in its Board area. They also felt if parents chose to remove their children from mainstream education they should not expect ratepayers to fund social activities they would otherwise be receiving in a school environment. The Oxford-Ohoka Community Board declined the application due to several more viable applications and insufficient funds as well as the lack of benefit for its community.

Moved: I Fong

Seconded: M Paterson

THAT the Woodend-Sefton Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 230418053488.
- (b) **Declines** the application from the North Canterbury Adventure Club.

CARRIED

I Fong believed the application was poorly prepared and agreed that if parents chose to remove their children from mainstream schooling it was not the Boards role to fund outdoor activities for them.

B Cairns noted home schooling in the district was increasing however agreed that they choose to step away from normal schooling and should have to pay for it.

P Redmond supported this motion as this type of educational funding was for taxpayers not ratepayers.

K Rabe noted the Woodend Netball Club had a large increase of members since going unisex with an increase of interest from boys in the area.

Moved: R Mather

Seconded: A Thompson

- (c) **Approves** a grant of \$500 to the Woodend Netball Club towards the purchase of additional uniforms.

CARRIED

R Mather felt the application was worthwhile and the uniforms needed.

K Rabe stated the Menzshed were looking for new equipment to produce top quality workmanship.

Moved: B Cairns

Seconded: A Thompson

- (d) **Approves** a grant of \$500 to the Menzshed Pegasus Woodend Community Trust towards the purchase of additional workshop tools and equipment.

CARRIED

B Cairns noted the Menzshed brought great value to the community with the work they had done and would continue to do. A Thompson concurred.

R Mather felt the Menzshed had undersold themselves in their application by saying only 30 people would benefit from this grant. She stated it would have a benefit to the whole community.

K Rabe noted that the Pegasus Residents' Group was looking for funding toward hosting a community event for Matariki.

Moved: A Thompson

Seconded: P Redmond

- (e) **Approves** a grant of \$500 to the Pegasus Residents' Group Incorporated towards hosting a community Matariki event.

CARRIED

A Thompson noted this was a good local group doing good local things.

P Redmond supported a local group organising a local event for the community.

B Cairns highlighted the fact the Woodend-Sefton area had no promotions group organising events which resulted in the area missing out on Council funding.

6.2 **Ratification of the Woodend-Sefton Community Board's Submission to the Waimakariri District Council and Environment Canterbury's Draft 2023/24 Annual Plans – Kay Rabe (Governance Advisor)**

S Powell noted she was unable to present at the Environment Canterbury Annual Plan hearing due to ill health. She presented at the Waimakariri District Council Annual Plan hearing with I Fong and R Mather also present.

Moved: I Fong

Seconded: R Mather

THAT the Woodend-Sefton Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** report No. 230418053820.
- (b) **Retrospectively ratifies** its submission to the Waimakariri District Council Draft 2023/24 Annual Plan (Trim Ref: 230316036696).
- (c) **Retrospectively ratifies** its submission to Environment Canterbury's 2023/24 Draft Annual Plan (Trim Ref: 230322039565).
- (d) **Notes** that the Chairperson will speak to both submissions at the respective Council hearings.

CARRIED

7 CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

8 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

8.1 Chairperson's Report for April 2023

Moved: S Powell

Seconded: B Cairns

THAT the Woodend-Sefton Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** the report from the Woodend-Sefton Community Board Chairperson (TRIM: 230501060399).

CARRIED

9 MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

9.1 Oxford-Ohoka Community Board Meeting Minutes 6 April 2023. Rangiora-Ashley Community Board Meeting Minutes 12 April 2023. Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board Meeting Minutes 17 April 2023.

9.2 Private Plan Change 30 Ravenswood Development Ltd Resolution of Appeal and Approval of Plan Change – Report to Council meeting 4 April 2023 – Circulates to the Woodend-Sefton Community Board.

9.3 Waimakariri District Council Growth Projections for LTP 2024/34 – Report to Council meeting 4 April 2023 – Circulates to all Boards.

9.4 ANZAC Day Services 2023 – Report to Council meeting 4 April 2023 – Circulates to all Boards.

9.5 Health, Safety and Wellbeing Report March 2023 – Report to Council meeting 4 April 2023 – Circulates to all Boards.

Moved: I Fong

Seconded: M Paterson

THAT the Woodend-Sefton Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** the information in Items 9.1 to 9.5.

CARRIED

10 MEMBERS' INFORMATION EXCHANGE

B Cairns

- Met with Pegasus Residents Group and Council staff regarding setting up the youth division of their group to hold events targeted at the youth of Pegasus. The school principals had been approached and some had provided names for a youth committee to be formed. The first event was most likely going to be a movie night and they were trying to secure a screening licence from the library team which would save funds.
- Was working with Greenspace to have their templates altered to have event planners consider allocating space for disabled parking.
- Also working with Greenspace to agree on borders to be installed at the Pegasus/Woodend Food Forest. Additional planting was ongoing and seating from the Menzshed had been installed making it a welcoming area for people.
- Attended Arts Strategy event. The group was developing a district wide strategy which would encompass the arts and creativity would be championed.
- There was a two day event being held in June at Kaiapoi high School called the Ngā Manu Kōrero speech competition. This was the first time this event was to be held at Kaiapoi High School since 1995.
- There were nine students selected from schools in the district to attend a Youth Leaders Conference with Sir Ian Taylor.

A Thompson

- Had received positive feedback regarding the removal of the hedge in Waikuku Beach.
- The Board would potentially receive an application for security cameras in Waikuku Beach.
- There was still local interest in the bypass.

I Fong

- Attended Pegasus Residents Association meeting.
- The Sefton Hall sewage overflowed and had to be pumped out.
- Attended Anzac Services.
- Attended Waimakariri Annual Plan hearing.

M Paterson

- Attended Woodend and Cust ANZAC services.
- Had been working with the Stalker family regarding signage for Stalker Park.
- Attended Community Association meeting. The shelter by the tennis courts at Woodend Primary School had to be cleaned out. Were going to paint the shelter to give it a refresh. Had received \$2,500 for the Community Garden from a charity.

R Mather

- Attended GreyPower Annual General Meeting.
- Attended Ronel's Community Cuppa. Had 54 people in attendance (Waimakariri District Council staff and elected members were present) to discuss the Draft Annual Plan.
- Attended Waimakariri District Council Community Networking Forum. The three Board members that attended had involvement with community organisations and were not just there as Board representatives.
- Attended public meeting regarding vape stores. Vapes were touted as a tool to assist smokers giving up however, they were not available by prescription only.
- Visited the Pegasus/Woodend Menzshed.
- Attended Waiora Links Community Trust meeting.
- Attended Sefton and Pegasus ANZAC services. There was a lack of suitable parking available at the Sefton service.

Philip Redmond

- Attended meeting regarding concerns with Waka Kotahi's planned safety improvements alongside residents and James Caygill. Planned to send a letter from the Mayor also signed by the Board Chair outlining the issues raised.
- Appointed Chair of the Road Safety Committee.
- Attended public meeting regarding vaping.
- Attended Zone 5 and 6 meeting in Queenstown. Minister of Local Government presented.
- Had been busy with Annual Plan submissions and had over 30 people present.

11 CONSULTATION PROJECTS

Nil.

12 BOARD FUNDING UPDATE

12.1 Board Discretionary Grant

Balance as at 31 March 2023: \$4,710.

12.2 General Landscaping Fund

Balance as at 31 March 2023: \$13,090.

13 **MEDIA ITEMS**

14 **QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDERS**

15 **URGENT GENERAL BUSINESS UNDER STANDING ORDERS**

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Woodend-Sefton Community Board is scheduled for 5.30pm, Monday 12 June 2023 at the Woodend Community Centre, School Road, Woodend.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 6.31PM.

CONFIRMED

Chairperson

Date