

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE OXFORD-OHOKA COMMUNITY BOARD TO BE HELD IN THE MANDEVILLE SPORTS CENTRE, MANDEVILLE ROAD, MANDEVILLE ON TUESDAY 7 MARCH 2023 AT 7PM.

PRESENT

T Robson (Chairperson), S Barkle (Deputy Chairperson), M Brown, T Fulton, R Harpur, N Mealings, P Merrifield and M Wilson.

IN ATTENDANCE

G Cleary (General Manager Utilities and Roading), J McBride (Roading and Transport Manager), H Belworthy (Greenspace Landscape Architect), K Rabe (Governance Advisor) and C Fowler-Jenkins (Governance Support Officer)

There were two members of the public present.

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

2.1. T Gardiner - Dirt Mandeville

T Gardiner enquired on the status of the asbestos rubble and who would be paying to get it removed. G Cleary noted that the Council was in the process of removing the dirt pile, however he was unable to advise who was paying for the removal. T Gardiner noted that the pile of dirt was on his boundary and the first he had heard about the asbestos was when the fences were erected. The compound that was sprayed on the rubble was only supposed to last for two months however the pile had been there fourteen months now and there were noxious weeds and pests in the pile. G Cleary undertook to follow up and get back to T Gardiner.

T Gardiner also asked if the various sports clubs paid rent to the Council. M Brown explained that there were fourteen clubs that were located at the Mandeville Sports Centre and none of them paid any rent however they paid a yearly levy to the Mandeville Sports Club for their membership. The only rental payment was through the Mandeville Sports Centre to the Council for the use of the land.

2.2. T Samarasekara - Bins in Oxford

T Samarasekara noted that he was new to the area and had settled in Oxford. Oxford township had rubbish collection however where he lived, approximately three kilometres from Oxford, there was no collection. He asked if there was any possibility to enlarge the route and so include his road in formalised rubbish collection. G Cleary noted that it was possible depending on where he lived, Council had increased certain routes in the past and extended the recycling collection out. However, there was a cost and the number of houses and the distance would determine whether it was a feasible option. He would pass on the request to the appropriate staff for consideration.

3. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts declared.

4. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

4.1. **Minutes of the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board – 15 February 2023**

Moved: N Mealings Seconded: M Wilson

THAT the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board:

- (a) **Confirms** the circulated Minutes of the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board meeting, held on 15 February 2023, as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED

4.2. **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

4.3. **Notes of the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board Workshop – 15 February 2023**

Moved: S Barkle Seconded: P Merrifield

THAT the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** the notes of the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board Workshop held on 15 February 2023.

CARRIED

5. **DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

5.1. **Environment Canterbury Draft Annual Plan 2023-24 – Councillor Clair McKay**

Councillor McKay noted that Environment Canterbury Draft Annual Plan had gone out to the public for engagement with a 10% rise which was based on the decisions made in Environment Canterbury's Long Term Plan which had predicted a 4.6% rise. Staff had had recommended a 7.2% inflationary increase with making efficiencies, delaying or deferring some programmes or scaling back some programmes. She supported this going out for engagement which was the first one she had done as a Councillor representing her North Canterbury constituencies, she had believed that going out with a 24% rise for two years in a row was too high, however she did acknowledge what Environment Canterbury staff had done well to keep the rise at 10%. Valuation for Waimakariri both urban and rural went up but the percentage increase was higher for urban, and a decrease for the rural landowners.

S Barkle asked for a summary of anything in the Annual Plan that was significant. Councillor McKay noted that within the 10% they were borrowing for a significant piece of regulatory work that Central Government had decreed Environment Canterbury had to do by 2024 regarding freshwater planning. They had budgeted in their Long Term Plan that they were going to be spending in excess between \$6,000,000 and \$7,000,000 a year from year one, two and three. For the first two years they had already committed to borrowing. The other significant project was the flood recovery for the 2021 floods which primarily affected mid Canterbury however the costing on the Waimakariri flooding was around \$20,000,000. As the flooding was considered an emergency NEMA was going to fund \$8,000,000 and Environment Canterbury would have to fund the rest and had already borrowed a tranche of \$6,000,000 in 2022 and in the 2023/24 Draft Annual Plan there would be another \$6,000,000.

N Mealings asked if the Ashley River rating zone review had progressed. Councillor McKay noted that staff had been working on this for three to four years prior to covid and they had hoped to have it finished before Christmas 2022. She undertook to follow up on the status of this work.

N Mealings enquired if the Cust / Main Drain sensor for the water level had been fixed and the status of the tree work along the Cust Drain was progressing. G Cleary noted that the Waimakariri District Council had been involved in discussions with Environment Canterbury and had done quite a lot of work in this area. A lot of river gauges had got knocked out in the 2021 flooding, and a lot of work and investment had been done to make them more resilient. Councillor McKay noted in regard to the flood work at the Eyre River there was some erosion areas upstream of Poyntzs Road which had generated considerable remedial work in the area. There had been requests for gravel extraction further down near the fords however that was still to be done. She understood that the majority of flood damage on the Cust River had been done however there was still a bit of tidying up to do. There had been quite a lot of work done particularly down the Plasketts Road area and on the downstream side of Two Chain Road.

S Barkle noted that in the ward groundwater and undercurrents were significant issues and it concerned her that the rural rates for Environment Canterbury were decreasing which would potentially mean that important projects like this may not be receiving the funding and research that they required. Councillor McKay noted it was not that the rates were decreasing as the valuations had gone up. The rates decrease was due to how the equation split between urban and rural. These were general rates so it was not that residents were contributing more or less, the same amount would still be accessible for rural projects.

S Barkle asked how much of a priority the groundwater and the undercurrents in the Boards area were. Councillor McKay was unaware of undercurrents being something that was high on Environment Canterbury's priority list given that, as she understood it, most of the undercurrents were due to the Eyre and other historic channels. Environment Canterbury had invested a lot of money into water quality which was one of their regulatory functions. Also water allocation, consents and policy around making sure they had efficient water uses were also priorities as well as any climate impacts.

T Fulton noted several years ago an Environment Canterbury hydrologist had investigated a land-based area mapping which studied waterflows. This information had later appeared to end up as a designation for an undercurrent. Staff needed to be clear and upfront on the purpose of studies or investigation. Councillor McKay noted that unfortunately whatever data was collected became public and could be used for later studies that had not been anticipated at the time. G Cleary noted that the Council had just decided to investigate rural and urban drainage rating. A number of years ago the Council did quite a big exercise to look at all the three water rating areas, which would lead up to the Long Term Plan. As part of that work staff would be engaging with Environment Canterbury staff as the Environment Canterbury rate for the Eyre River and for example the Ashley River for future river works. There were a whole lot of areas where people did not pay specified rates, and there was a very small nominal district wide flood rate that the Council charged which allowed them to do a bit however issues like undercurrents and naturally occurring waterways were excluded unless it was in a drainage area.

S Barkle asked if there was an update on the Woodstock Quarry. Councillor McKay noted that she was unable to comment as it was before the courts. Wednesday 8 March 2023 the Regulation Hearing Committee would

be deciding on the hearing panel and it would proceed through the normal Resource Management Act process.

6. ADJOURNED BUSINESS

Nil.

7. REPORTS

7.1. Public Engagement on Wolffs Road Suspension Bridge – H Belworthy (Greenspace Landscape Architect)

H Belworthy spoke to the report which sought approval to consult with the community on the preferred option to disestablish the superstructure of Wolffs Road suspension bridge.

T Fulton noted that the WSP report had offered two options. One to disestablish the superstructure and one to restore. He asked why staff had not considered a combination of the two options, given the heritage context of the bridge. He suggested removing the rotten timber and removing the debris around as the first step. If you considered the cost, the heritage values of the bridge and the integrity of the structure it seemed a better option. He noted that the Heritage New Zealand website stated that the Wolffs Road Suspension Bridge was an owner-built wire suspension bridge which dated back to the early 1930s and built immediately after WWII. The bridge had some defining features, it was fabricated from tram rails that had been taken from the streets of Christchurch when the transport board made the change from trams to buses, which was significant from a regional perspective. The suspension cables were purchased from the War Assets Realization Board. These materials were sourced from local farmers and local people as the Council would not support the construction of the bridge despite the fact that you could not cross the river anywhere between Oxford and No 10 Road. This bridge had unified the community and it was built by local people. It had real heritage integrity and a story behind it. He believed that the heritage fabric would not be retained if the suspension elements and removing the decking were removed and only the two towers retained. H Belworthy noted that she would need to check on what WSP had proposed but she believed that the suspension elements should be removed leaving the towers and with the budget to include signage to ensure that the history of the bridge was not lost.

T Fulton noted that he would like to preserve as much of the bridge as possible to encourage visitors and tourism to the area which would be helped to have some historic features in the rural communities. He thought that Council should investigate further to see if it was a viable option to maintain the suspension network of the bridge.

G Cleary explained that if only the timber element was removed then the bridge would not have sufficient support and the cables would swing around and could potentially hit the powerlines. There were actually three options one was to get rid of everything, the second was to leave the towers intact and remove the rest of the superstructure and the other was to fix the whole bridge up. What had not been asked was if there was a way of just prohibiting public access in a way that did not breach any health and safety regulations. He did not think there was an option to leave the bridge as it was as it was deteriorating and would become a hazard over time. There might be an option of deferring the matter by doing minimum maintenance and work to prohibit public access.

M Brown noted that the costings in the report were from 2021 and they would have gone up since then. He noted from his experience how hard it was to get

things into the Councils Long Term Plan and if the Board kept delaying a decision the minimum costs would continue to rise.

T Robson asked what option was being consulted on. H Belworthy replied that they were presenting the disestablishment of the superstructure and signage on the historic nature of the bridge and asking for the public's feedback.

Moved: M Brown Seconded: T Fulton

THAT the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 221118200953.
- (b) **Approves** public engagement to be carried out by staff on the preferred option to disestablish the superstructure of Wolffs Road Suspension Bridge.
- (c) **Notes** that engagement was proposed to be carried out in late March and April 2023.
- (d) **Notes** an evaluation report for the bridge had been undertaken by WSP on 15 April 2021 (210416061922) which included options costed out for either repair or disestablish of the bridge.
- (e) **Notes** that any cost figures in the 2021 report had likely increased. These cost figures would need to be reassessed at a later date.
- (f) **Notes** there was currently no funding for either option, funding would need to be sought via the Council Annual Plan or Long Term Plan process and/or through external funders.
- (g) **Notes** that staff would work with Heritage NZ on requirements under the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014.

CARRIED

It was agreed that the Board meeting should adjourn at 8:07pm to enable the Board to have a workshop about on the Roding Capital Works Programme.

Moved: T Robson Seconded: M Brown

THAT the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board:

- (a) **Agrees** to adjourn the Board meeting to enable the Board to hold a workshop on the Roding Capital Works Programme

Moved: T Robson Seconded: M Brown

THAT the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board:

- (a) **Agrees** that the Board meeting be reconvened.

The Board meeting reconvened at 8:37pm.

7.2. **Appointment of a Representative to the Community Liaison Group – K Rabe (Governance Adviser)**

The report sought the appointment of a Board representative to the Community Liaison Group (Canterbury Landscapes).

There were no questions on this matter.

Moved: N Mealings Seconded: T Fulton

THAT the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 230222024028.
- (b) **Appoints** Board Member S Barkle as its representative and liaison person to the Community Liaison Group.

CARRIED

7.3. **Approval of the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board Plan 2022-25 – K Rabe (Governance Advisor)**

The report sought the adoption of the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board's Plan 2022-25. It was noted that Members had been given opportunity to make changes and amendments prior to adoption.

N Mealings queried if all her Committees should be listed on page 9 and after a brief discussion it was decided that only local groups should be reflected.

Moved: M Brown Seconded: S Barkle

THAT the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** report No. 230124008528.
- (b) **Approves** the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board Plan 2022-25 (Trim: 230222024481).
- (c) **Authorises** the Chairperson to approve the final version of the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board Plan 2022-25, if any further minor editorial corrections are required.

CARRIED

7.4. **Retrospective Ratification of the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board's submission on Woodstock Quarries Ltd Resource Consent Applications – Kay Rabe (Governance Advisor)**

The report sought the retrospective ratification of the Board's submission to the Woodstock Quarries Ltd Resource Consent Applications.

G Cleary stood back from the table and took no part in the discussion or decision on this matter.

Moved: S Barkle Seconded: M Wilson

THAT the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board:

- (d) **Receives** report No 230215020098.
- (e) **Retrospectively ratifies** its submissions on Woodstock Quarries Ltd Resource Consent Applications (Trim 221223222019).

CARRIED

8. CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

9. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

9.1. Chairperson's Report for February 2023

- Attended a meeting at Ashley Gorge.
- Attended the Swannanoa Fair.
- Had a meeting with Andrew Schulte around the Woodstock quarry resource consent – Andrew was currently going through the process of trying to find some experts to amplify the Boards submission. There was still no timeline as yet.

Moved: R Harpur Seconded: M Wilson

THAT the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** report (Trim. 230301027724) from the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board Chairperson.

CARRIED

10. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

- 10.1. Woodend-Sefton Community Board Meeting Minutes 13 February 2023.
- 10.2. Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board Meeting Minutes 20 February 2023.
- 10.3. Rangiora-Ashley Community Board Meeting Minutes 15 February 2023.
- 10.4. Submission on the Review into the Future of Local Government – Report to Council meeting 7 February 2023 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 10.5. Ratification of the Council submission to variation 1 of the Proposed District Plan – Report to Council meeting 7 February 2023 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 10.6. Submission on the Water Services Legislation Bill and Water Services Economic Efficiency and Consumer protection Bill – Report to Council meeting 7 February 2023 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 10.7. Establishment of a Property Portfolio working Group – Report to Council meeting 7 February 2023 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 10.8. Review of Elected Member Conference and Training Policy – Report to Council meeting 7 February 2023 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 10.9. Health, Safety and Wellbeing Report January 2023 – Report to Council meeting 7 February 2023 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 10.10. UV Treatment Strategy and Rationale – Report to Council meeting 8 February 2023 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 10.11. Aquatics February Update – Report to Community and Recreation Committee meeting 21 February 2023 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 10.12. July 2022 Flood Response Update - Report to Utilities and Roading Committee meeting 21 February 2023 – Circulates to all Boards.

Moved: M Brown Seconded: S Barkle

THAT the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** the information in Items.10.1 to 10.12.

CARRIED

11. **MEMBERS' INFORMATION EXCHANGE**

S Barkle

- Canterbury Landscapes site visit – good to see they had been keeping within their boundaries and seemed to be quite innovative with what they were doing.
- Had a meeting with Andrew Schulte and T Robson about the Woodstock quarry submission.
- Attended the Ohoka Mandeville Drainage Advisory Group meeting. Very robust discussion particularly about the Ohoka Stream.
- Attended the Ashley Gorge meeting – was good to see Jean Paul, he was doing a really good job keeping the grounds as they were, and it seemed like he was a very community minded person. He was a really great asset to that location.
- Attended the Swannanoa School Fair – acknowledge the mammoth undertaking from the fair committee, it was a shame about the weather. It seemed like they were still looking to have made a third down what they usually would make.

T Fulton

- Waimakariri Water Zone Committee meeting – had a presentation from a supplier of a portable water quality analysis kit, they saw it demonstrated. Discussion on who was responsible if water from private water supply was deemed questionable. Were problems with the water supply, given that there could be more than one family affected or was there an expectation based on the sample results that Waimakariri District Council or Environment Canterbury would do something.
- Attended, with Councillor Goldsworthy, an introduction to district planning and regulation with staff and found it really useful as a new Councillor.

R Harpur

- Attended Mandeville Sports Club meeting.
 - Good to welcome the new Council representative N Mealings.
 - There was a good turnout of club representatives.
 - Summer sports were starting to wind down and winter sports were ramping up.
 - The big talking point was the asbestos, and it was getting removed.
 - The women's toilets had been painted.
- Attended Ohoka Mandeville Rural Drainage Advisory group meeting.
 - Commended Council staff's handling of a difficult meeting.
 - Meeting with people from the north side of Tram Road that had the drains going through their properties in Millfield and Sandona and they were upset about some of the maintenance that was happening in the urban areas. They were also upset about the Mandeville diversions.
- Attended Swannanoa School Fair.
- Attended North Canterbury GreyPower meeting.
 - There was a meeting with Mayor Gordon with the executives on the matter of footpaths. They were quite adamant that they were for pedestrian traffic and that scooters should be kept off.
 - Power prices were a big issue for the elderly – most of them used GreyPower electricity but the numbers of membership had decreased by more than half.
 - There was a big discussion around call centres a lot of the elderly had issues understanding some of the accents.
 - Health was the main concern and it seemed like the report was that the Rangiora Health Centre had been put on hold. S Barkle noted that there was a bit of a hold up because of a potential addition to the hub so there was a delay, but it could be for the benefit of everybody.

M Brown

- Congratulated the Chairperson on the Boards Facebook page.

P Merrifield

- Attended the Diversion Road meeting.
- Went to the Ashley Gorge – good to see how good it was looking and how well it was being maintained.
- Attended the Swannanoa Fair.

M Wilson

- Had some enquiries about Amuri Net and whether it was going to continue down Bradleys and no it was not.
- Attended the Swannanoa Fair – great to see the community showing up despite the weather.
- Worked on the submission for the smoked tobacco regulatory scheme – did quite a bit of research about what was going on because there was a lot of concern that those vape shops were popping up along routes where students were heading to school. There was a survey done in 2022 at three schools in the North Island and she found it significant was that 45% for students started vaping because someone shared their vape with them at school. In year nine 75% of students had not tried vaping but by the time they got to year thirteen there was only 40% who had not tried it. There had also been a noticeable drop in smoking as a result, but vaping was never intended for those under eighteen.

N Mealings

- Council Meeting 7 March 2023.
 - The Council had decided to establish a Drainage and Stockwater Rating Working Group to investigate options of the possibility of having a district wide drainage rate. It would only be looking at rural drainage because at this point rural drainage and stock water was not included in the Governments Three Waters. The Working Group consisted of Mayor Gordon and Councillors Fulton, Mealings and Williams and Council staff members Jeff Millward, Gerard Cleary and support from the Finance, Rating and 3 Waters teams.
- Canterbury Mayoral Forum Climate Change Action Planning Reference Group – First meeting of new regional group convened through the Canterbury Mayoral Forum to deliver a collaborative Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan.
- Council Session – Strategy / Master Plan – Interactive strategy workshop with Council and staff.
- Social Services Waimakariri Advisory Group – Bi-monthly meeting of district social service providers to network and collaborate on local issues. Includes representatives from AOD services, food banks, health, police, social work, community groups etcetera.
- Community Wellbeing North Canterbury Trust Board meeting.
- Utilities and Roading Committee meeting – Chaired the meeting. South Eyre Road next site for pavement rehabilitation starting early mid March 2023; Vegetation trimming being undertaken in Lees Valley; due to several planned works to be done on Ashley Gorge Road in the short term, Council staff were working with the contractor to see if works can be combined and done in one closure to minimise disruption. New stainless steel water storage tank (first of its kind in Waimakariri) at Mandeville finally under construction; Contractor will be reservoir sealing throughout the district including Oxford from March 2023; Council staff working hard to wrap up flood response investigations and maintenance from 2022 events by end of June 2023.

- District Planning and Regulation Committee meeting.
- Council Workshop – Chlorination update – despite works already undertaken, Council still must have demonstrably safe reservoir repairs, UV treatment from 24 June 2023, continuous water quality monitoring stations (online from 23 June 2023) or case is different.
- Community and Recreation Committee meeting – Marshall family bequest sculpture now installed in Ohoka Domain; Next Steps ‘one-stop-shop’ website launching 29 March 2023 and will replace Social Services Waimakariri and Altogether Hurunui websites to direct people to help.
- Natural Environment Strategy PCG meeting – progressing NES development.
- Canterbury Landscapes Supplies site visit – met with CLS staff and EDEAI members at composting plant. Good to see improvements in the site and open dialogue between staff and residents.
- Met with chair of Waimakariri Biodiversity Trust – discussed work of the Trust and what Waimakariri District Council was doing in that space.
- Council briefing and workshop session.
- Extraordinary Council meeting – to approve Draft Annual Plan to go out for consultation. Started at 14.6%, trimmed down to 5.97% average. Open 17 March to 17 April 2023.
- Mandeville Sports Centre all clubs meeting – discussed upcoming events / issues. Painting of changing rooms / toilets underway.
- Waimakariri Youth Council meeting – Guest speaker: Lesley Ottey / EcoEducate Planning launch of activation platform and mural at Dudley Park.
- Ohoka Mandeville Rural Drainage Advisory group meeting – first meeting of new term. D Nicholl re-elected as Chairperson. Three new members in attendance.
- Portfolio catch-up with staff - Waimakariri District Council working with other Canterbury Councils to develop a Climate Action Plan through the Canterbury Mayoral Forum. Currently undertaking a Climate Resilience Stock Take with Waimakariri District Council departments to update work done in 2019.
- Swannanoa Fair – Oxford-Ohoka Community Board staff at fair. Pleased to see the return of this great community event led by Swannanoa School. Unfortunate weather, but glad to see it did not deter people from coming.

12. **CONSULTATION PROJECTS**

12.1. **Pegasus Community Centre**

<https://letstalk.waimakariri.govt.nz/pegasus-community-centre>

Consultation closes Wednesday 15 March 2023.

The Board noted the consultation project.

13. **BOARD FUNDING UPDATE**

13.1. **Board Discretionary Grant**

Balance as at 28 February 2023: \$1,539.

13.2. **General Landscaping Fund**

Balance as at 28 February 2023: \$13,090.

The Board noted the funding update.

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 is scheduled for 7pm, Wednesday 6 April 2023 at the West Eyreton Hall, West Eyreton.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.28pm.

CONFIRMED



Chairperson

5 April 2023

Date