PRESENT

Councillors K Barnett (Chairperson), A Blackie, R Brine, W Doody, D Gordon, Mayor D Ayers

IN ATTENDANCE

Councillors N Atkinson, J Meyer, S Stewart, P Williams, Deputy Mayor K Felstead.

C Brown (Manager Community and Recreation), J Palmer (Chief Executive), M Greenwood (Aquatic Facilities Manager), P Eskett (District Libraries Manager), G MacLeod (Greenspace Manager), T Sturley (Community Team Manager), C Sargison (Manager Special Projects), E Stubbs (Governance Support Officer), C Fowler-Jenkins (Governance Support Officer)

1 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

2 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were reported.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of a meeting of the Community and Recreation Committee held on Tuesday 21 May 2019

Moved Councillor Gordon seconded Councillor Doody

THAT the Community and Recreation Committee:

(a) Confirms the circulated Minutes of a meeting of the Community and Recreation Committee, held on Tuesday 21 May 2019, as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED

4 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

5 DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations.
6 REPORTS

6.1 Airfield Advisory Group Amended Terms of Reference – C Sargison
(Manager Special Projects)

C Sargison noted that it had been several years since the terms of reference of the Airfield Advisory Group has been updated. Councillors Gordon, Williams and C Sargison was involved in a number of meetings with representatives of the airfield over the last few months where concerns was expressed about the representation on the Advisory Group. In particular by the Canterbury Recreational Aircraft Club which was the largest club at the airfield but they only had one representative on the Advisory Group.

C Sargison further noted that general users of the airfield felt that they were not being communicated with as there was no representative from ‘non club users’ were on the Advisory Group.

C Sargison informed the Committee that it was proposed that three representatives from airfield users would be appointed after expressions of interest were shown. Also that Council appointees were confirmed to be Bruce Drake and Keith Vallance.

K Barnett asked why there were two Councillor and no Community Board representatives, when with other advisory groups there were often one Councillor and one Community Board representative. C Sargison advised that the Airfield Advisory Group always had Council appointees on it, it used to be only one but recently they have found that it was more helpful to have two. C Sargison further explained that the Advisory Group often relied on Councillors to advise staff on finance related issues..

K Barnett enquired if the Advisory Group were satisfied with that many Council and club appointees. C Sargison stated that final airfield appointments would be made by the Committee. The club would appoint their own representatives.

K Barnett requested clarity on the criteria the Committee should use for the appointment of people who were not affiliated to aviation or an Aero Club. C Sargison confirmed that the appointments would be done the same as for other advisory group.

Moved Councillor Gordon seconded Councillor Doody

THAT the Community and Recreation Committee:

(a) Receives report No. 190626090222
(b) Approves the Rangiora Airfield Advisory Group Terms of Reference (Trim 190617084689)
(c) Confirms that the Council appointees to the Airfield Advisory Group are Bruce Drake and Keith Vallance.
(d) Approves staff seeking nominations for three representatives of Airfield Users not affiliated to an Aero Club.
(e) Notes that appointments of the three representatives will be made by the Community and Recreation Committee.

CARRIED
D Gordon noted that he supported the report. The appointment of CRAC members as well as the three airfield users would be a good mix.

D Gordon also noted that B Drake and K Vallance would offer a huge amount of knowledge and expertise at the airfield. P Williams concurred.

D Gordon commented that the airfield was an asset to the area, and it was not only important that they maintain the membership that they currently had but also look to add new membership.

W Doody noted the amount of work done in the last three years by the Advisory Group.

6.2 **Community Team Update – Social and Health Sector – T Sturley (Community Team Manager)**

T Sturley spoke to the report and explained that this report served as a general update on the work the Community Team did to support the Social and Health Sector. It provided an overview of the three key networks supporting the health and wellbeing of Waimakariri residents those being; the Waimakariri Health Advisory Group, Social Services Waimakariri and the Waimakariri Access Group.

T Sturley stated that the report did not cover suicide prevention and family violence work as these portfolios did not form part of the work being done by the Community Team.

T Sturley that Waimakariri has an accessibility strategy in place long before many other larger local authorities. The development of this strategy has ensured that there was a real commitment across the organisation and the district into making sure that Council facilities could be accessed by everyone in the district.

T Sturley highlighted the work being done by the Waimakariri Access Group. Especially the accessibility walks which have been going for years, where they bring in elected representatives and members of key departments across Council and take them around the community in mobility scooters and vision impairment goggles to really get them to appreciate the implications of some of the decisions and planning that they are making. She noted that it was heartening to see that groups like Civil Defence are considering accessibility at the welfare centres.

T Sturley identified the second group that she wanted to talk about, Social Services Waimakariri, she noted the group was formally established in 2007. It was initially a chartered group of 30 local social service providing agencies. It was fortunate for the local social service sector to have such a good network. She noted that the idea behind the network was that they identify and address gaps in social service provisions.

T Sturley noted that the third group mentioned in her report was the Waimakariri Health Advisory Group. She explained that the idea was that this group would be an advisory group to the Council that could advise them on issues and opportunities that affected the health outcomes for local residents.

T Sturley advised that there had been an ongoing discussion recently about the value of combining the Waimakariri Health Advisory Group and Social Services Waimakariri. However, a decision still needed to be taken.

In conclusion, T Sturley commented that she was happy that age concern had extended their services to the Waimakariri district, particularly the home visit provision for local residents.
Moved Councillor Blackie seconded Councillor Doody

THAT the Community and Recreation Committee:

(a) Receives report No. 190704094780.

(b) Notes the role that Community Development staff play in supporting the ongoing work of the Waimakariri Health Advisory Group, Social Services Waimakariri and the Waimakariri Access Group.

(c) Notes Community Team staff involvement in regional groups and networks that promote and facilitate health and wellbeing.

CARRIED

Councillor Doody acknowledged the great work that the Community Team was doing. Councillor Gordon agreed and stated that it was very useful for the Committee to receive this update. He also noted that it would be useful to take the report to the Community Boards and potentially for the new Council after the elections.

Mayor Ayers commented that it was important to support rural groups through the Rural Health Alliance of Aotearoa.

Councillor Barnett stated that the report showed how broadly the Council was involved in facilitating community development and the amount of information that comes back to the Committee really helps inform them to make better decisions as a Council.

6.3 Aquatic Facilities Update – M Greenwood (Aquatic Facilities Manager)

M Greenwood explained that this report provided an update on the Councils’ aquatic facilities, he took the report largely as read.

M Greenwood commented on the attendance levels which were down eighteen thousand from the previous year, he noted that this was mostly in the recreation numbers and reflected the opening of additional facilities within the greater Canterbury area.

M Greenwood noted that item 4.3 was a request to offer KiwiAble card holders a further discount on programmed activities. He noted that they have been working with KiwiAble for a number of years and believed that supporting this recommendation would be in line with the Councils’ community outcomes.

Item 4.4 highlighted the work being done to ensure that the Council was meeting the current needs of the community, further it detailed the progress towards developing a strategy document for aquatics within the district.

M Greenwood reported that the North Canterbury Swimming Club wanted to host a fundraising event, a swim carnival, which would require the Dudley Aquatic Facility to close early at the end of July 2019. They were currently advertising the earlier closing time to ensure they minimise the disruption to other users. It was anticipated that hosting the event would draw in a greater number of people and result in a significant increased income than was normal for a weekend evening. The event would also have the flow on benefit of the ongoing development and training of their coaching staff.

Councillor Barnett asked if a survey has ever been done about how many Aquatic Facility users come from Christchurch.
In response, M Greenwood commented that they do collect those numbers, however the survey uptake was tricky as same people seemed to use the facilities. He also noted that they were looking at the in house surveys that they do and welcomed any input.

Councillor Barnett also noted she would be quite interested to know how many people form Waimakariri learn to swim through the “Learning to swim Programme.

Moved Councillor Doody seconded Councillor Gordon

THAT the Community and Recreation Committee:

(a) Receives report No. 190620087197.

(b) Notes Aquatic Facilities progress against its key performance indicators including Facility Attendance, Financial results and Water Quality.

(c) Approves a 25% discount on Aquatic programmes to be offered to KiwiAble Leisure Card holders, which will have negligible effect on forecasted income.

(d) Approves support of a fund raising event run by the North Canterbury Swim Club involving a 50% discount on facility hire and an early closure with a potential income impact of around $350.00, to support the development of both coaching staff and competitive swimmers through additional coaching workshops.

(e) Circulates the report to the Boards for their information.

CARRIED

Councillor Doody stated that she was thrilled with the activities aimed at get the younger people swimming. She also noted how vital it was for the North Canterbury Swim Club to continue.

Councillor Gordon expressed his support for the increase in benefits to the KiwiAble Leisure Card holders. He stated that families with a young children that may need to use the pools for physiotherapy would benefit from the concession card.

7 PORTFOLIO UPDATES

7.1 Greenspace (Parks Reserves and Sports Grounds) – Councillor Robbie Brine

Councillor Brine advised that the topic would be covered at a later meeting.

7.2 Community Facilities (including Aquatic Centres, Halls, Libraries and Museums) – Councillor W Doody

Councillor Doody noted how impressed she was by the Migrants Suitcase Exhibition. She recommended that members should try and visit the exhibition when it came Kaiapoi and Rangiora.

Councillor Doody advised that she could not attend the last Social Services Waimakariri meeting but would be attending the next meeting.

Councillor Doody reported that she attended the hearing for the indoor court facility which she found very interesting.
Councillor Doody stated that the concern driving courses in the district have been very well supported and were very beneficial. She highly recommended people do take the offer up when it arises.

In conclusion, Councillor Doody advised that North Canterbury Neighbourhood Support, met yesterday where they were starting to look at places to hold little barbeques in diverse spaces.

7.3 **Community Development and Wellbeing – Councillor K Barnett and Councillor W Doody**

Councillor Barnett noted that over the last couple of months their focus has been on the youth. They had the Youth Council and WaiYouth combined team building day she noted that the most valuable part of that exercise was the ‘strengths finder’ and working out what strengths were in your team. She noted that this would be a good exercise for the Council.

Councillor Barnett commented on the employment expo that was held at Rangiora High school, she noted that the event exceeded all expectations of attendance and they were now looking at making it an annual event.

Councillor Barnett also elaborated on other events that she attended, such as, a Stakeholder Group for youth space in the community. She noted that quite a few people attended and that it was very interesting to get the perspectives of the older people and the younger people. She also noted that she recently attended the Youth Boys Canterbury and piolet ice climate change talk with the Waimakariri Ecan youth representative, she noted how impressed she was with the quality of the questions being asked.

8 **QUESTIONS**

There were no questions.

9 **URGENT GENERAL BUSINESS**

There was no urgent general business.

As there was the further business, the meeting closed at 1:38pm.

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Chairperson

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Date

**WORKSHOP**

At the conclusion of the meeting will be the following items:

(a) Libraries workshop – Paula Eskett (District Libraries Manager)

(b) Greenspace Priority projects 2019 / 20 – Chris Brown (Community and Recreation Manager)