

**MINUTES OF A RECONVENED MEETING OF THE WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL,  
FOR THE HEARING OF SUBMISSION TO THE DRAFT LONG TERM PLAN 2021-2031,  
HELD IN THE OXFORD TOWN HALL, MAIN STREET, OXFORD ON FRIDAY 7 MAY  
2021 COMMENCING AT 10AM**

**PRESENT**

Mayor D Gordon (Chairperson), Deputy Mayor N Atkinson, Councillors K Barnett, A Blackie, R Brine, W Doody, N Mealings, P Redmond, J Ward and P Williams.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

J Harland (Chief Executive), V Spittal (Policy Analyst– Policy and Strategy), K Rabe (Governance Advisor) and C Fowler-Jenkins (Assistant Governance Officer).

**1. APOLOGIES**

Moved: Mayor Gordon                      Seconded: Councillor N Atkinson

**THAT** an apology for absence be received and sustained from Councillor S Stewart.

**CARRIED**

**2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

No conflicts were recorded.

**3. HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS TO THE DRAFT LONG TERM PLAN 2021-31**

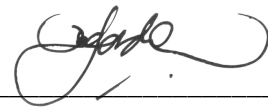
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Shirley Farrell	<p>S Farrell explained that she was requested to spearhead a project for the restoration of the Wolffs Road Suspension Bridge. This bridge was classified by Heritage New Zealand as Classification 2 and was built in approximately 1948 by the Wolff family. The bridge was subsequently handed over to the Council and unfortunately it has not been maintained. S Farrell elaborated on the refurbishment proposal.</p> <p>Councillor Redmond enquired how many people would use the bridge once it had been restored. S Farrell noted that this was unknown, however, with cycling becoming popular it could be incorporated into a cycle trail in the future.</p> <p>Councillor Doody questioned if S Farrell would be willing to meet with herself and other parties to discuss possible fund raising for the restoration of the bridge. S Farrell believed that this was a matter better discussed between the Council and Heritage New Zealand. However, she believed that it may be possible to raise \$200,000 via community fund raising, though it was unlikely that the community would be able to raise \$520,000 or more.</p> <p>Councillor Mealings enquired that if the structure was replaced, did it mean that a new bridge would be erected and how would that affect the heritage status of the bridge. S Farrell noted that she could not comment of the matter as it was outside the scope of her knowledge.</p> <p>Councillor Barnett asked what S Farrell's preferred option was. S Farrell stated that her personal opinion would be to restore the bridge for pedestrian and cycle traffic, however, if this was not possible then a</p>

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	<p>board displaying the history of the bridge should be erected and the remains of the bridge tidied up. She recommended that the community be consulted of the proposed restoration of the bridge.</p> <p>Councillor Barnett expressed a concern about the safety of the bridge, if people climb up on it. S Farrell commented that to her knowledge no one climbed on it now, however, it may need to have some security added.</p>
Ted Dring	<p>T Dring requested the Council to re-evaluate the speed limit on Main Street, Oxford. According to T Dring, the matter was previously raised with the Council, however speed surveys done by the Council had found that the average speed of traffic on Main Street was marginally under 50km/h. The speed was therefore not considered excessive, and the Council thus held the opinion that it was not necessary for the speed limit in Oxford to be reduced.</p> <p>T Dring however believed that the growing number of shops along Main Street in Oxford and that the increase in the surrounding residential townships had led to Main Street being busier. He requested that the speed limit on Main Street be reduced to 40 km/h.</p> <p>There were no questions from Councillors.</p>
Oxford Arts Trust (Areta Wilkinson)	<p>A Wilkinson emphasised the following issues that the Oxford Arts Trust (the Trust) believed was important (supporting information Trim Ref: 210507073402):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How the Gallery could assist the Council to achieve its community outcomes.</li> <li>• The opportunities of the Council to increase its support of art, culture and heritage.</li> <li>• What support the Trust wished to see in the Waimakariri District.</li> <li>• The specific support the Trust needed.</li> </ul> <p>There were no questions from Councillors.</p>
Hospitality New Zealand (Peter Morrison)	<p>P Morris urged caution around rates increases, while Hospitality New Zealand was supportive of the Council's projects, it did not believe businesses should carry an unfair proportion of the rates bill. He noted that traditional accommodation operators were seeking a fairer playing field with regard to commercial vs non-commercial rates and regulation. Short-term rental accommodation operators did not require the same building and operational compliance and therefore did not attract the associated costs that commercial accommodation providers did.</p> <p>In response to questions by Councillor Atkinson, P Morris stressed that the hospitality sector needed consistency throughout the country.</p> <p>Councillor Blackie questioned how a register of all the casual accommodation suppliers could be compiled. P Morris advised that it could be done as the information was publicly available. Queenstown now had a policy that any accommodation supplier who had clientele for more than 90 percent of the time would be classified as commercial.</p> <p>Councillor Barnett asked if all casual accommodation was regulated how that would affect the affordability of accommodation. P Morris commented that there should be a level playing field for all providers in relation to rating and health and safety regulations including fire protection.</p>

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Linda Pocock	<p>L Pocock noted that the increase in population the Council was planning for would inevitably lead to more waste and demand for land fill with all its environmental problems. The Council therefore needed to consider the environmental aspects and climate change when considering new projects.</p> <p>Councillor Redmond sought clarity on what water came from outside the Waimakariri District. L Pocock explained that she was referring to ground water coming from the mountains and surface water i.e. rivers come from hills, which generally originated outside the district.</p> <p>Councillor Redmond also sought clarity on what L Pocock meant with 'contamination from junction leaks'. L Pocock advised that when older pipes were repaired solder was used which contained lead. The Councillors noted that all the older pipes had been replaced therefore there was no contamination.</p>
Ashley Advisory Group (Glen Kruger)	<p>G Kruger advised that the Ashley Gorge Reserve was a popular destination for visitors. Families, clubs and community groups frequently picnicked at the Reserve whilst making use of the nearby multiple recreational opportunities available. At present there were no public cooking facilities available within the Ashley Gorge Reserve. The Ashley Advisory Group was therefore seeking funding for the development of safe BBQ cooking facilities within the Williams Flat area of the Reserve.</p> <p>Councillor Ward enquired if the Ashley Advisory Group had approached businesses to sponsor the BBQ. G Kruger confirmed that the Group had not sourced any sponsorships.</p> <p>Councillor Blackie commented that the Men's Shed may be another option to get cheap picnic tables etc.</p>

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11.38am.

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Chairperson

25 May 2021

Date