

WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE UTILITIES AND ROADING COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, RANGIORA SERVICE CENTRE, 215 HIGH STREET, RANGIORA, ON TUESDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER 2025 AT 9 AM.

PRESENT:

Councillors J Ward (Chairperson), R Brine, N Mealings, P Redmond, P Williams and Mayor D Gordon.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillors T Fulton and B Cairns.

J Millward (Chief Executive), G Cleary (General Manager Utilities and Roding), J McBride (Roding and Transport Manager), K Simpson (Three Waters Manager), J Recker (Stormwater and Waterways Manager), S Allen (Water Environment Advisor), C Fahey (Water and Wastewater Asset Manager), M Liu (Infrastructure Resilience Manager) and K Rabe (Governance Adviser).

There was one member of the public present.

1 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

2 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the meeting of the Utilities and Roding Committee held on Tuesday, 19 August 2025.

Moved: Councillor Redmond

Seconded: Councillor Brine

THAT the Utilities and Roding Committee:

- (a) **Confirms** the circulated Minutes of the meeting of the Utilities and Roding Committee held on 19 August 2025 as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED

3.2 Matters Arising (From Minutes)

Nil.

3.3 Notes of a Workshop of the Utilities and Roding Committee held on Tuesday, 19 August 2025

Moved: Councillor Redmond

Seconded: Mayor Gordon

THAT the Utilities and Roding Committee:

- (a) **Receives** the circulated Notes of the Workshop of the Utilities and Roding Committee held on 19 August 2025.

CARRIED

4 DEPUTATION/PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Speedbumps and Residential Adversities – Marianne Budd

M Budd spoke to her circulated presentation (Trim Ref: 250916176431) about the removal of raised platforms in Silverstream Boulevard, noting she had been fighting to have them removed for the last two years and seven months. The speed bumps had led to excessive noise, vibrations from buses and heavy vehicles and poor pedestrian safety as there was no kerbside to act as a barrier. In her case, the speed hump was at her driveway, which encouraged vehicles to veer onto the driveway to avoid the bump, which in turn further impacted pedestrian safety. The speed bumps adversely and directly impacted all five properties along the block. Residents provided the Council with New Zealand-based research from a range of City and District Councils in New Zealand, which documented that it was detrimental to use speed humps as a traffic calming device in a residential area due to the adverse effects. In addition, New Zealand and Australian-based research clearly indicated that speed humps should not be placed on collector roads that also served as a bus route. Silverstream Boulevard was both a collector road and a bus route, and traffic numbers were on the increase. There were also several instances of items falling into the road from trailers being towed by vehicles, as the speed humps had dislodged loads. This posed a serious safety risk for any following vehicles.

Mayor Gordon noted that he and Councillor Redmond, the Portfolio Holder for Roothing, had met with residents in December 2024. He enquired if M Budd was aware of the recommendation by the Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board, and M Budd replied that she was aware that the Board had recommended the speed humps be removed. However, she wanted to specify that the residents wanted total removal so that there would be no further noise or vibrations resulting in passing traffic. M Budd advised the Committee that for the last two weekends off road bikers, with no number plates, had been using the humps to jump their bikes adding to the danger and noise.

Councillor Cains asked if M Budd had contacted the New Zealand Police regarding the bikers and she replied that every time she had exited her property to take photos they had ridden off, so she had not contacted the Police.

Councillor Ward thanked M Budd for her presentation and invited her to remain for the consideration of the report regarding the matter.

5 REPORTS

5.1 Further Information Report – Silverstream Boulevard Raised Safety Platform Removal Consultation – G Cleary (General Manager Utilities and Roothing) and J McBride (Roothing and Transport Manager)

J McBride spoke to the report which presented the outcome of the consultation undertaken with Silverstream residents on the possible removal of the raised platforms in Silverstream Boulevard. She noted that the Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board had considered this matter and had recommended that the raised platforms be removed.

J McBride noted that there had been a misunderstanding in relation to the reports which appeared in the agenda and tabled further recommendations. Therefore, the recommendations (a) to (c) that appeared in the agenda should include the tabled recommendations (d) to (g) from the Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board minutes. Mayor Gordon suggested that all the recommendations be considered as one item. Mayor Gordon also clarified that Option 7, as detailed in the report, was for the complete removal of the raised platforms in Silverstream Boulevard.

Moved: Mayor Gordon

Seconded: Councillor Williams

THAT the Utilities and Roothing Committee:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 250828161082.
- (b) **Notes** that consultation on removal of the raised safety platforms was undertaken during August 2025. Twelve (12) letters were sent to property owners and tenants, with five (5) responses received.
- (c) **Notes** that removal of the raised safety platforms was supported by 80% of respondents, while 40% of the respondents also expressed concerns around increased speeds on Silverstream Boulevard as a result.
- (d) **Considers** the consultation feedback in conjunction with request for the approval of the endorsed option.
- (e) **Approves** the endorsed Option Seven: Remove the raised safety platform in Silverstream Boulevard.
- (f) **Notes** that the proposed option is to be funding from the Subdivisional Contribution area. This is an unsubsidised area with two budgets (Council Performed Works PJ 100361.000.5133 and Direct Payments to Developers PJ 100364.000.5133) which has a total annual budget of \$879,077 in the 2025/26 year.
- (g) **Notes** that the overall demands on this budget which are largely driven by development, is managed on an under's/overs basis, with reporting to the Utilities and Roothing Committee on an annual basis.

CARRIED

Mayor Gordon stated that at the site visit he attended with Councillor Redmond, M Budd and another resident had shown that the request had merit and that the stress caused by heavy vehicles, trailers, buses and fast-moving vehicles were more than minor. He understood the issues which caused stressful living conditions while acknowledging why the raised platforms were originally installed. Mayor Gordon also noted that residents further along the street were concerned that the removal of the platforms would result in increased speeds in the neighbourhood and that issue would need to be addressed as the next step in the process.

Councillor Williams supported the motion, noting he sympathised with the residents as he also had speed humps outside his home which regularly woke him at night with vehicles travelling fast

Councillor Mealings noted she was pleased with the inclusion of the tabled recommendations from the Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board as she was originally unsure about the direction of the report. However, she was pleased to support the motion, with the inclusion of the recommendations from the Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board

Councillor Redmond acknowledged that this outcome had taken ten months to resolve since he and the Mayor had become involved. The raised platforms were installed to slow traffic as there was a playground planned at that point. He stated he believed that staff would need to consider other options to mitigate speed along Silverstream Boulevard in the future.

Mayor Gordon queried the timeline for removing the platforms, and J McBride replied that it would depend on when they could get a contractor to do the work. He requested that this information be circulated to members and residents once it was known. Mayor Gordon acknowledged that the Council was responsive to residents' concerns and requests, noting the successful resurfacing of Ohoka Road to reduce noise for Silverstream residents. However, Mayor Gordon acknowledged that some raised platforms could become a

hazard when used in the wrong place and endorsed the Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board's recommendation to have these removed.

5.2 **Reclassification of Stockwater Races** – J Recker (Stormwater and Waterways Manager) and D McCormack (Land Drainage Engineer)

J Recker and K Simpson presented this report, which provided information on a request from the property owners at 1475 North Eyre Road to reclassify a section of Stockwater Race R31-5A from a Farm Stockwater Race maintained by the adjacent property owner to a Council Stockwater Race, which would be maintained by the Council. The report also identified other stockwater races which required reclassification and were identified as part of an ongoing project to improve the accuracy of the stockwater data.

Councillor Redmond asked where the proposed reclassification originated from, and J Recker replied that Waimakariri Irrigation Limited (WIL) had requested that data be improved better to reflect the actual use of the stockwater system.

In response to a question from Councillor Mealings relating to communication, J Recker replied that letters were being sent to property owners affected.

Councillor Fulton queried if WIL's management and maintenance of the stockwater system was audited and was advised that contractors had 24 hours to respond to any issues. The best process was to lodge a service request to ensure issues were dealt with. Councillor Fulton noted that he had been told that residents found it frustrating when trying to contact WIL.

Moved: Councillor Williams

Seconded: Mayor Gordon

THAT the Utilities and Roading Committee:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 250902163593.
- (b) **Authorises** the following reclassification changes for sections of the water race network:
 - (i) R31-5A - Reclassify approximately 210m from a Farm Stockwater race to a Council Stockwater race
 - (ii) R3M-6 – Reclassify approximately 230m from a Council stockwater race to a Farm Stockwater race
 - (iii) R10-2 and R10-2A – Reclassify approximately 1100m from a combined stockwater and Irrigation Race to a Farm Stockwater race
 - (iv) R3I-5
 - Reclassify approximately 750m from a Farm Stockwater race to a Council Stockwater race.
 - Reclassify approximately 150m from a Council Stockwater race to a Farm Stockwater race.
 - (v) R3I-1
 - Reclassify approximately 870m from a farm stockwater race to a Council Stockwater race.
 - (vi) R8-1 – Reclassify approximately 800m from a Council stockwater race to a Farm Stockwater race.

Table 1: Summary of race classification changes

Race	Classification Change	Length (m)
R3I-5A	Farm race to Council race	210
R3I-5	Farm race to Council race	750
R3I-1	Farm race to Council race	870
	Total	1830

Race	Classification Change	Length (m)
R3M-6	Council race to farm race	230
R3I-5	Council race to farm race	150
R8-1	Council race to farm race	800
	Total	1180

Race	Classification Change	Length (m)
R10-2/R10-2A	Combined race to farm race	1100
	Total	1100

Table 2: Net change in race length per classification

Classification	Net Change (m)
Farm race	1100
Council race	650
Combined race	-1100

CARRIED

Councillor Williams supported the motion which he believed was a rational approach and noted that this matter had been discussed at the Stockwater Race Advisory Group meeting recently. Mayor Gordon concurred.

Councillor Ward thanked J Ricker and K Simpson for their work in tidying up the data relating to stockwater races.

5.3 Mowing Exemption Request – 18 Blackadder Road Pegasus – S Binder (Senior Transportation Engineer)

J McBride spoke to the report, which sought a decision from the Committee in relation to a request for an exemption to the berm maintenance responsibilities laid out in the Road Reserve Management Policy for a property in Pegasus. Exemption from mowing the berm outside one's residence could be applied for based on the following criteria:

- stormwater conveyance function of the berm
- berm design (e.g., steepness)
- traffic safety impacts on road users
- larger areas (greater than 400m²)
- any exceptional circumstances, such as compassionate grounds.

Councillor Ward queried whether there was the possibility of the Council working with community groups to assist the resident to mow the berm. J McBride was not aware of any organisations that would be able to assist in this instance.

Councillor Redmond asked how old the resident was, and J McBride replied that she did not know the age of the resident as the only information provided by the resident was the email attached to the report.

Councillor Williams queried whether the Council could approach the Citizens Advice Bureau to ascertain which community organisations could be approached to assist the resident. Mayor Gordon agreed with this option and suggested the Community Team be approached to work with the resident and community groups to achieve a beneficial outcome.

Moved: Mayor Gordon

Seconded: Councillor Redmond

THAT the Utilities and Roading Committee:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 250624114291.
- (b) **Declines** a mowing exemption request for no. 18 Blackadder Road.
- (c) **Requests** that the Council's Community Team work with the resident and community organisations in the area to assist with the mowing of the berm in the future.
- (d) **Notes** that the request does not meet the criteria for such an exemption set out in the Road Reserve Management Policy.
- (e) **Notes** that approval of the mowing exemption request is estimated to cost \$2,800-6,400 annually, depending on grass growth.

CARRIED

Mayor Gordon sympathised with the resident; however, he was wary of setting a precedent by granting an exemption to the resident.

Councillor Redmond noted he was in support of declining the request, especially given the lack of information supplied in the request. He acknowledged that the property was a corner property, which meant that the berm requirement was twice what it would be with a normal property, and believed there was sufficient merit to request the Council's Community Team to intervene in this matter.

Councillor Brine supported the motion; however, he sympathised with the resident about maintaining road reserves and berms, when not feeling well.

Councillor Williams also supported the motion, acknowledging that if berms were not regularly mown, the resulting untidiness would impact the rest of the street.

5.4 **Avian Botulism Management 2024/25 and a Bird Deterrent Proposal** – S Allen (Water Environment Advisor)

S Allen presented the report, which summarised the occurrence, costs and management of avian botulism during the 2024-25 season at the wastewater treatment plants at Kaiapoi. The report also explored the option of using a laser, such as the Avix Automatic Mark II, to ensure better outcomes for bird species, without compromising midge management or human safety.

Councillor Fulton queried if the outbreaks of avian botulism were related to seasonal conditions, and S Allen agreed noting it was more prevalent during hot, dry conditions. Councillor Fulton further asked if the changing environmental conditions had changed management practices, and S Allen confirmed that there had been no change to the management practices that increased risks.

In response to Councillor Redmond's query regarding the downward trend of avian botulism over the years, S Allen explained that by the proactive management, the cycle had been broken by collecting the bird carcasses which prevents the toxin from being passed on to other birds, i.e. the maggot carcass cycle.

Councillor Redmond questioned whether the downward trend of avian botulism was the reason that staff were not recommending the use of a laser deterrent. S Allen stated that the main reason for not recommending the technology was that it had not been proven to be effective for management of avian botulism or the unforeseen consequences, such as midge reduction and Pukeko control.

Councillor Williams raised concerns about the costs of hiring laser equipment for 12 weeks, whereas the Marlborough Vineyards had been able to purchase a system for far less than the hire cost. He also noted that the report raised health and safety concerns. S. Allen agreed that she had been surprised by the cost of the selected model. In response to the question regarding danger from being exposed to a laser, the Class 3B option that was proposed recommended that contractors wear special laser glasses, which followed the well-established guidelines.

In response to Councillor Fulton's query regarding the possible unintended change in midge population with the use of lasers, S Allen reiterated that there was no evidence that the midge population would be unaffected. However, this could affect the bird population, which fed on midge larvae as its key food source.

Councillor Fulton noted that he had seen the use of lasers on neighbouring farms, and they produced a terrific light source. S Allen agreed, stating that she was unsure of the impact that the light source would have on neighbouring properties.

Councillor Ward noted the increasing number of Canadian Geese and queried if the laser technology could be used to deter this species. S Allen noted that Canadian Geese's range and numbers were increasing to the point that Christchurch City Council and the Council had resorted to culling. The Greenspace Unit, which had been involved in culls before, had not been a party to the discussions pertaining to laser; however, she could pass the information to them for consideration.

Moved: Councillor Redmond

Seconded: Councillor Mealings

THAT the Utilities and Roding Committee:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 250821154899.
- (b) **Notes** the bird death numbers (152 birds) for the 2024-25 season at Coastal Council Wastewater Treatment Plants (WWTPs), as collected by contractors, with six birds collected at the Kaiapoi Lakes. In comparison during the 2023-24 season, 431 birds were collected from coastal Council WWTPs by contractors, with a minor avian botulism outbreak at the Kaiapoi WWTP, and two birds were collected at the Kaiapoi Lakes.
- (c) **Notes** that the Council Avian Botulism Management Plan was updated in 2024 to Version 3, including procedures if Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI, such as the H5N1 strain) is suspected instead of avian botulism.
- (d) **Approves** the status quo, to not install a laser at the Kaiapoi Wastewater Treatment Plant due to the cost of installation, health and safety management requirements, and uncertainty of effectiveness outweighing the potential benefits
- (e) **Notes** that Council staff will monitor the development of laser technology as a bird deterrent, particularly for case studies of use for avian botulism management and/or for preventing pukeko damage to native wetland plantings.

- (f) **Notes** that Council staff will continue to proactively engage with concerned members of the public about avian botulism control.
- (g) **Circulates** this report to the Community Boards for information.

CARRIED

Councillor Redmond stated that the report was self-explanatory, and as there was no pressing need for a laser, he was comfortable maintaining the status quo. He was also comfortable monitoring the situation for any changes.

Councillor Williams noted his concern relating to hiring costs of the laser technology; however, the technology should be considered for future use if it had potential.

Councillor Mealings did not believe spending \$31,000 on laser technology was warranted, given the lack of certainty of the unintended effects or how effective it would be in this situation. She advocated for continued monitoring of the technology to identify improvements and gain more clarity on its effectiveness before any decisions were made in this regard.

Mayor Gordon acknowledged that the Council had expert staff who were passionate about the environment and thoroughly investigated any complaints. In the future, technology may assist. He acknowledged M Bates' work and noted that his commitment should be respected.

Councillor Fulton stated that staff responded to concerns raised by the community regarding birds and midges; however, the Council needed to act with caution prior to decisions being made, as there were instances where possible solutions ultimately became bigger problems in the future, such as the importation of opossums, stoats, and weasels.

5.5 **Accountability Reporting for Waimakariri Biodiversity Trust Funding 2024/25 – S Allen (Water Environment Advisor)**

S Allen presented the report, which provided information on the deliverables achieved by the Waimakariri Biodiversity Trust, which was part-funded by the Waimakariri District Council.

Councillor Williams raised concerns regarding volunteers planting too close to drains and rivers, which meant that any maintenance vehicles were unable to access the area without destroying plantings in the process. He queried whether the budget was being utilised correctly and included communication related to planting. S Allen explained that the budget was for operating costs for the Trust, for the cost of the contractors who carry out their roles and their hours per week. Funds from other sources were used for specific projects and not related to planting plans. She highlighted that the Trust had undertaken some of the actions, and part of that was to do with providing advice to private landowners.

Mayor Gordon pointed out that while the Council provided contestable funding for projects, other funders, such as the RATA Foundation and other organisations, had funded projects within the district.

Councillor Fulton asked if S Allen believed it was more efficient for the Trust to deliver these outcomes or if an in-house team would be more efficient. S Allen replied that she did not have that information, however, she believed the Trust was, as it was able to source funding not available to the Council.

Moved: Councillor Ward

Seconded: Councillor Mealings

THAT the Utilities and Roothing Committee:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 250822155722.
- (b) **Notes** that the Council staff will distribute the approved budget of \$20,000 budget to the Waimakariri Biodiversity Trust for the 2025/26, following satisfactory completion of deliverables for 2024/25.
- (c) **Notes** that the Council will assess the deliverables for 2025/26 from the Waimakariri Biodiversity Trust, before confirming that the future allocated \$20,000 for 2026/27 can be distributed.
- (d) **Circulates** this report to Community Boards and Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga, for information.

CARRIED

Councillor Ward believed that the Trust was a worthwhile initiative that could access outside funding to achieve desirable outcomes.

Councillor Mealings agreed, noting that the Trust had the ability to move in areas not available to the Council.

Mayor Gordon supported the motion, stating that the initiation of the Trust was an investment that benefited the Natural Environment Strategy and reflected the progress the Council had made in this arena. The Trust was able to connect volunteers with projects that needed to be done and connect farmers and rural residents with information related to best practices for natural environment matters. It also assisted with implementing the ZIPPA partnership with Environment Canterbury. Mayor Gordon stated he was proud of the work done, which showed balance and partnership. He believed that the Council should do a stocktake on all the work carried out to date and workshop it with the community to inform them of the achievements the Council had gained.

Councillor Williams acknowledged this was important work; however, he was concerned about the waste when plantings were destroyed needlessly.

Councillor Fulton acknowledged the energy and vibrancy that volunteers brought to the projects, and the Trust generated this by working with schools, farmers and other community organisations, bringing people together who had passion and enthusiasm in restoring the natural environment.

5.6 **Information Report for Source Upgrade Package 2 – Garrymere (Exploratory Drilling) – C Fahey (Water and Wastewater Asset Manager) and T Doornkamp (Project Manager)**

C Fahey and K Simpson were in attendance to present the report, which provided an update on Contract 24/83 following the completion of the exploratory sonic drilling at the Garrymere Water Headworks site.

Mayor Gordon queried if, if another water source could not be located, the option to connect to the Summerhill Scheme would be available. K Simpson replied that being considered, of which Summerhill was one; however, staff were hoping for a successful outcome to the drilling.

Mayor Gordon queried if the Garrymere Water Advisory Group were still active and, if not, if it could be reinstated. K Simpson noted that the group was not currently active however it would be straightforward to set it up again.

Moved: Councillor Williams

Seconded: Mayor Gordon

THAT the Utilities and Roothing Committee:

(a) **Receives** Report No. 250820153773.

- (b) **Notes** that the project to drill a second well at the Garrymere headworks in order to provide redundancy to the existing well has so far not been successful in obtaining a suitable source, and further exploratory work is required to determine the availability of suitable water-bearing layers.
- (c) **Notes** that the investigation works beyond what has been allowed for initially in Contract 24/83 is funded through the District Water Account, as an exploratory exercise to better understand the availability of groundwater sources in the Garrymere area, potentially with benefits beyond the Garrymere Scheme. This funding approach was approved by the General Manager Utilities and Roothing, following discussion with the Chief Executive.
- (d) **Notes** that further exploration steps may be required depending on the success or otherwise of the approach outlined in this report. Further exploration is subject to hold points requiring further approval of the General Manager Utilities and Roothing.
- (e) **Notes** that should all exploratory steps detailed in this report be completed without success, staff will undertake further investigation into alternative options. Any new or currently unidentified alternatives will be brought to the Management Team or Council for consideration and approval before any action is taken. This report will also cover implications on budget, and any requirements for additional funding.

CARRIED

Councillor Williams noted that drinking water was essential and continuing to drill was the best option in his opinion.

Mayor Gordon thanked staff for the update and noted that the Council had done extensive work with the community and the Rangiora Ashley Community Board previously in relation to the Garrymere scheme, keeping them informed and on side with the progress of the work.

Councillor Fulton agreed that Water Advisory Groups were essential, and contact should be maintained as members had invaluable historical knowledge.

Councillor Brine noted that many schemes had challenges that needed to be overcome, and sometimes water needed to be brought from other areas. to ensure a safe drinking water supply for the entire district.

5.7 **May 2025 Flood Recovery Progress Update and Project Update on Infrastructure Resilience Fund for 2024/25 and 2025/26 – G Cleary** (General Manager Utilities and Roothing) and M Liu (Infrastructure Resilience Manager)

M Liu presented the report, which provided a progress report and an update on infrastructure resilience for the 2024/25 and 2025/26 years.

Councillor Fulton asked if, during flood recovery, infrastructure was replaced like-for-like. G Cleary replied that, for the most part, infrastructure was upgraded at the time of replacement.

Councillor Williams queried whether the work done at Waikuku Beach was considering the proposed new development. K Simpson advised that any on-site drainage management would need to be included within the development scope and therefore should not impact

the Waikuku Beach community. However, any current deficiencies at Waikuku were being addressed, and during weather events, pumps were deployed to mitigate issues. A larger pump station was also being considered.

In response to Councillor Mealing's query regarding Tram Road/Mill Road improvements, K Simpson replied that many of these improvements were on hold until a decision on the proposed Ohoka development had been received, as any improvements may be impacted by any development in the area in the future. Staff were continuing to work with landowners to assist where possible in the meantime.

Moved: Councillor Williams

Seconded: Councillor Brine

THAT the Utilities and Roothing Committee:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 250902164270.
- (b) **Notes** that 67 out of 80 maintenance checks have been completed, three are waiting for the estimates from contractors, three are awaiting approval, five need detailed investigation, and two are in progress.
- (c) **Notes** that out of 50 preliminary investigations: 31 have been completed, 12 remain under review, and seven are in the phase of finalising their service request assessment forms.
- (d) **Notes** that of the nine 2024/25 projects from the Infrastructure Resilience Fund, five projects have been completed, two are in construction, and two are in the design phase.
- (e) **Notes** that of the eleven 2025/26 projects from the Infrastructure Resilience Fund, two existing projects and three new projects are in the design phase, four projects are in the investigation phase and two are to be started.
- (f) **Circulates** this report to all Community Boards for information.

CARRIED

Councillor Williams supported the motion and thanked staff for the report.

Councillor Ward also supported the motion and thanked the staff for the work done over the past year.

6 PORTFOLIO UPDATES

6.1 Roothing – Councillor Philip Redmond

Focus areas for staff:

- Pre-reseal and edge break repairs were underway. This work was increasing as the Council headed towards the reseal season.
- Drainage works and the installation of soak pits were continuing, including culvert renewals.
- Remetalling of unsealed roads was ongoing across the Waimakariri District, as was bridge maintenance and repair work.
- Queen Street, Rangiora footpath repairs were nearing completion.
- Trip hazards on footpaths were a continued focus across the district.

Capital:

- The Woodend to Ravenswood / Pegasus Footpath Contract had been tendered and was currently being evaluated.
- Design work was underway on a number of capital projects.

Other Items:

- Watermain works on Kingsbury Ave / Ashley Street / Wales Street, Rangiora were continuing. Work would be starting outside Rangiora High School during the school holidays.
- Water main installation on Johns Road and Percival Street, Rangiora, was to start next month.

Events:

- The Kickstart Motorcycle event was held on Sunday 14 September 2025. 547 people attended the event.
- There was a new event called 'Hotrods to Fernside' planned for 19 October 2025 (fundraiser for Fernside School).
- The Rangiora A&P Show was scheduled for 24 and 25 October 2025.
- Oxman Triathlon would be held on 30 November 2025.
- Canterbury Half Marathon would be held in Pegasus on 14 December 2025 with road closure adverts going out next week.

Councillor Redmond also related that he had gone to Lees Valley with the Mayor and staff to talk to residents on work being carried out there.

Councillor Redmond thanked the Committee for its support during the term.

6.2 **Drainage, Stockwater and Three Waters (Drinking Water, Sewer and Stormwater) – Councillor Paul Williams**

Water

- Commissioning of the UV system at the Ohoka Water Treatment Plant would commence the week of 21 September 2025 and was on track for completion the following month, before the December 2025 deadline.
- EQ4 well in Pegasus had been drilled, and well testing was underway.
- McPhedrons wellhead installation work was progressing well and was expected to be completed before Christmas 2025.
- The Ayers Street Water Treatment Plant to East Belt water main project was underway. The western section was completed and HEB were now working from the eastern end.

Wastewater

- The Beach Road wastewater pump had been refurbished and was to be reinstalled the week of 21 September 2025.
- The Septage Facility at the Rangiora Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) was due to be opened to all contractors next month.
- New inlet screens at the Kaiapoi, Woodend, Waikuku Beach and Oxford WWTPs arrived this month and were currently planned to be installed by Christmas 2025.
- Midge spraying and trapping had commenced at both the Woodend and Kaiapoi WWTPs.

Drainage / Stockwater

- The Rural Drainage Maintenance Contract had been awarded to Grounds and Services Ltd (GSL), who would begin work on 1 November 2025.
- The final Drainage Group meeting would be held on 17 September 2025. A letter would be sent out to all current members and would be advertised in the local newspapers to seek members for the next term of Council.

6.3 Solid Waste– Councillor Robbie Brine

- Staff was still working to locate a suitable site for the Cust Recycling Depot.
- The new Council would have a significant amount of information to assimilate on the changes and requirements for solid waste. It was suggested that this be done through a series of workshops.
- Recommended that the Solid Hazardous Waste Working Party be reinstated in the next term.

Councillor Brine thanked the Committee for the work carried out over the term and the professionalism of the staff involved.

6.4 Transport – Mayor Dan Gordon

- Excellent visit to Lees Valley, which was a valuable annual trip. Recommended that the new Council continue the practice of visiting the area annually to understand the challenges residents faced. He thanked D Young for his work with the Lees Valley community.
- Mainland Rail – rolling stock would arrive in the next few weeks and had been invited to attend its arrival. Hoped this initiative would prove successful and with the possibility of increased use in the future.
- Signed off on the Council and Board's submission to the New Zealand Transport Authority on the tolling for the bypass. Residents were not supportive of the toll, especially for such a short distance.
- Acknowledged and appreciated the regular meetings with J McBride and G Cleary to discuss roading/transport issues to enable proactive action.
- Thanked all the Portfolio Holders for their work during the term and believed that this system worked well.

Councillor Mealings noted that she had a keen interest in the topics and decisions made during the Committee meetings, as many of the topics impacted or had an indirect effect on her Portfolio of Climate Change and Sustainability, and thanked the Committee for their work and commitment.

Councillor Ward also thanked the Committee and noted that she had enjoyed working with G Cleary and J McBride were grateful for the work the staff did on behalf of the Committee and the Council.

G Cleary thanked members for their kind words on behalf of himself and the staff. He noted that the Council and its Committees had worked together in response to the Government's new regulations. He thanked the Council's foresight in setting up the Infrastructure Resilience Team and the Water Service Delivery Unit and dealing with the change and challenges to the Solid Waste regulations.

7 QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDERS

Nil.

8 URGENT GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

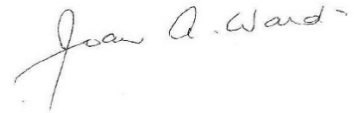
NEXT MEETING

This was the final meeting of the Utilities and Roading Committee for the 2022-25 electoral term.

The new Council would be sworn into office late October 2025, with Council and Committee meetings resuming from mid-November 2025. Further information will be advertised and listed on the Council's website

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 11.20AM.

CONFIRMED



Chairperson



Chief Executive

24 September 2025

Date