WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 215 HIGH STREET, RANGIORA ON TUESDAY 22 MAY 2018 AT 1.00PM.

PRESENT

Councillor A Blackie (Chairperson), Mayor D Ayers, Councillors K Barnett, W Doody and D Gordon.

IN ATTENDANCE

Councillors K Felstead, N Atkinson, J Meyer and P Williams
Messrs C Sargison (Manager Community and Recreation), C Brown (Community Green Space Manager), M Greenwood (Aquatic Facilities Manager), Mrs T Sturley (Community Team Manager), Mrs W Howe (Safe Community Project Facilitator), Mrs P Ashbey (District Libraries Manager) and Mrs E Stubbs (Minute Secretary).

1 APOLOGIES

Moved D Ayers seconded W Doody
An apology was received and sustained from Councillor R Brine. CARRIED

2 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of a meeting of the Community and Recreation Committee held on Tuesday 27 March 2018

Moved K Barnett seconded D Gordon
THAT the Community and Recreation committee:
(a) Confirms the circulated minutes of a meeting of the Community and Recreation Committee, held on Tuesday 27 March 2018, as a true and accurate record. CARRIED

4 MATTERS ARISING

Nil.

5 DEPUTATIONS

5.1 Andrew Arps, Environment Canterbury

Mr Arps spoke to a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed Silverstream/Kaiapoi/Waimakariri loop track. The concept was to establish a track from Silverstream to Kaiapoi and back via the Waimakariri Regional Park as a complete recreational loop for the community.

As background Mr Arps explained there were issues with in-stream health especially related to high nitrate levels in the northern part of Silverstream. The Waimakariri Zone Committee looked at large projects around the district.
The loop track had been looked at as a recreational idea for a number of years. Mr Arps showed an old map of the District noting some of the changes to the Silverstream and Kaiapoi river including the Eyre River Diversion for flood protection.

Mr Arps advised that a large part of the track already existed. They were looking a progressing a graphic plan that clearly explained the history, issues and opportunities. There were some key links to establish with property owners including linking two parts of Silverstream through the salmon hatchery.

ENC was also involved. Their proposed cycleway from Christchurch to Waipara could link with the loop track. The track was not to be in isolation and would connect to other urban and rural tracks including from Christchurch. A Arps noted in relation to the Kaiapoi River, there were plans in place for development and addressing urban issues including planting projects.

Mr Arps highlighted the south branch could be a reference point. The great work in the Groynes area demonstrated from an ecological point of view what could be achieved. Key points included, an agreed compelling vision, sustainable ecosystem, environmental, recreational and economic outcomes, opportunity to bridge all rural/semirural/urban groups and link to other recreational amenities.

Councillor Blackie asked referred to linkages required and necessity for easements. Mr Arps explained they needed to be respectful of property owners. They had not been spoken to yet.

Councillor Blackie asked where funding would come from. Mr Arps said there was not a finalised plan. There was potential for funding from the Waimakariri scheme that could be utilised. Creation of wetlands would help with some of the nitrate issues.

6 REPORTS

6.1 Community Team Update – Tessa Sturley (Community Team Manager)

Mrs Sturley advised that the purpose of the report was to provide an update on activity carried out by the community team. She would speak to a PowerPoint regarding social enterprise and would take the rest of the report as read.

Mrs Sturley noted the issues with mental health, addiction and poverty-related issues and that the ‘greater good’ needed to be resourced by more innovative means. She introduced Social Enterprise as a multi-benefit means to support and empower people.

Mrs Sturley ran through an overview of how social enterprise worked. The first stage was when people came into the crisis system and were provided social support. The wrap-around response stage was moving people from need to hope with skills and connections, for example community gardens. The third phase was early intervention or recovery including skill development and work experience which could be achieved through social enterprise such as a business. These provided opportunities to those such as at risk young people and ethnic migrants. The final phase was giving back to the community. Social enterprise helped provide connections upskilling and empowerment but also made money to fund necessary support. There was an increasing preference by consumers for goods and services provided by socially responsible organisations. People go through the social enterprise system moving from dependency to empowerment.

Mrs Sturley noted that social enterprise needed to be viable businesses. The new drive in social enterprise has happened over a number of years and there
were now strong networks developed across New Zealand and regionally. Mrs Sturley provided a food company example of social enterprise showing various examples of good and services as income sources and the opportunities that provided to people including employment, social interaction, food and skills.

Mrs Sturley advised that C Sargison was leading a review of Council’s procurement policies and was looking at social procurement. There was currently a lot of discussion around New Zealand on the practice.

Mrs Sturley showed a YouTube clip ‘fill their lunchbox’ from a director of a social enterprise in New Zealand providing lunches for kids.

D Ayers asked if Rivertown Café in Kaiapoi was an example of social enterprise and Mrs Sturley replied yes. D Ayers asked if there had been discussions with ENC and Mrs Sturley replied there had been. It was important to point out there were already examples such as Hope Café. There was more discussion than there used to be and more recognised support such as from the Rata Foundation.

D Gordon referred to item 4.4 of the report regarding facilitating an Age-friendly district and asked if that included working with the roading department with issues such as footpath cut downs. Mrs Sturley commented that it aligned with the Accessibility Strategy implementation plan. An age friendly community was a holistic plan.

N Atkinson asked if there had been a stock take of social enterprise across the district and was it known how many businesses were out there? Mrs Sturley replied that while they were aware of businesses a stock take was something they needed to do.

W Doody asked about the Community College catering and cooking facilities. Mrs Sturley noted they had been used in the past however there were some challenges.

Moved D Gordon seconded K Barnett

THAT the Community and Recreation Committee:

(a) Receives report No. 180510051654

(b) Notes that staff have submitted an application to the Office of Seniors for $11,997 in funding to support the development of an Age Friendly Community plan for our District.

CARRIED

D Gordon liked the reference to social enterprise. He believed it was very important to have an age friendly strategy that looked at basic transport, footpaths and accessibility to prevent barriers and improve connectivity. He fully supported the application for funding.

D Ayers commented that age friendly was not just about disability but also involvement in the community. Older people were a huge resource for the community and most organisations relied on people from that age group. D Ayers raised an experience of a café in Hanoi run by street kids. He offered a helpful resource who ran social enterprise organisations overseas as someone to speak to.

N Atkinson referred to his question about a stocktake. He advised that he had received no funding for his own trust for the last 10 years. It was important to identify older people transitioning from the workforce to retirement. They had great skills that could be utilised and give back to the community.
6.2 **Violence Free North Canterbury Update – Tessa Sturley (Community Team Manager)**

W Howe spoke to a PowerPoint presentation. She noted the change in name and branding to reflect a more positive visionary future. Groups involved included Wellbeing North Canterbury, AVIVA, Oxford Community Trust, Police, Work and Income and a number of others.

W Howe showed infographics reflecting family violence statistics in New Zealand. Some of the statistics included:

- 23 adults and 9 children killed by family violence annually.
- 120,000 investigations of family violence by police.
- 1 in 10 experience elder abuse.
- An estimated 75-80% of all family violence occurrences not reported.
- New Zealand had the highest reported rate in the developed world.
- Half of deaths occurred at the time of separation.
- In North Canterbury between 2008 and 2017 there had been a doubling in the number of reported incidences. This was on a population growth of 26%.

W Howe hoped that statistics were more in line with an increase in reporting, however it was difficult to get that break down. From the statistics chances were that staff, or people you know, are experiencing family violence. Family violence was about power and control.

W Howe provided an overview of successful initiatives 2016/18 including running programs in schools for students and staff. There was an increasing acceptance to sessions in the Hurunui and they would continue to work on increasing numbers. Pornography, consent and healthy relationship events were run in Oxford and Rangiora. White ribbon campaigns were well supported. W Howe commented it was difficult after any event to evaluate if it had made a difference to the culture around family violence but hopefully it would start to open up conversations. AVIVA reported an increase in self referrals following events and following the appearance of guest speaker Lesley Elliot, four students had made disclosures.

Billboards had been installed around the districts with four different designs and Kaikoura family violence network wished to copy those for their district.

W Howe advised there were three objective areas.

1. Raising community awareness of the issue and need for change - a one-off Ministry of Social Development grant of $20,000 had been received to help raise community awareness of the issue and need for change. Also included was raising awareness of elder abuse as a key issue to address.
2. Providing community education opportunities – four breakfast education events were planned with a broad target audience of anyone who worked with people. As an incentive the breakfast would be free.
3. Increasing professional capability – there had been 110 attendees to event in Rangiora presenting the findings of family violence report. in July there was an event planned with Ken McMaster, an international speaker on the issues.

W Howe outlined future opportunities which included working alongside businesses to create a culture that was more open about family violence and provided greater support to staff. Providing this support was beneficial to the workplace.

D Ayers asked about correlations nationally and W Howe advised that family violence was about power and control, it was not directly linked to issues such as poverty but those issues could exacerbate.
W Doody referred to elder abuse and asked if they were planning to go to rest homes and speak to staff as they could often pick up on financial abuse. W Howe commented they would not be visiting rest homes, this was the first inclusion of elder abuse in the plan and the first step was to raise general community awareness.

N Atkinson noted the increase in reporting was not related to population increase and asked was there a relation to extra people working in that space in the community. W Howe commented it was difficult to get data around it and it related to how police recorded events. She liked to think it was more people reporting incidents.

A Blackie referred to the psychological scars of an event such as an earthquake affecting people for about seven years and asked if W Howe thought the graph may level out, or had other issues overtaken the effect of the earthquakes? W Howe did not have expectations around that.

W Doody asked if the team would be talking to Federated Farmers around issues with families moving into the area. W Howe commented that had not signalled them out as a particular avenue. They worked alongside agencies in the Hurunui and there was potential to expand further into the rural area. The current projects of the team were already maximising resources. There were lots of potential areas to follow.

Moved W Doody seconded D Gordon

THAT the Community and Recreation Committee:

(a) Receives report No. 180511051678.

(b) Notes that staff, supported by representatives from Violence Free North Canterbury, will give a presentation on the local and national family violence situation and key priorities for the group in the coming financial year.

CARRIED

D Gordon commented it was a timely report as there were concerning rates of family violence in the district. All initiatives that were underway and the police response were critically needed. Family violence was not okay and any strategies to reduce were very important. He noted the possibility of mobile police stations. He thanked W Howe for reporting fully on an issue sadly occurring in the community.

Mayor Ayers commented that it was difficult to count on reporting and it did require expensive research. It may well be that higher reporting was a measure of success within a community, or it may mean greater incidence. As it was about power and control international studies would be informing work in New Zealand and so should be referred to even though outside New Zealand.

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

M Greenwood spoke briefly to the report. He highlighted that attendance figures needed seasonal adjustments due to few programmes run over the Christmas period. There was an improvement in the financial figures from the previous report. M Greenwood also highlighted the SwimDesk software that was implemented to improve WaiSwim customer experience following feedback regarding lack of engagement. The software was also timesaving for staff with less data entry and paper entries required. C Sargison reiterated the importance of the software as the biggest customer service improvement.
in managing the pool network. It would streamline processes and greatly improve efficiencies. The print report would be launched today. It was for the WaiSwim programme, not the schools programme.

Moved W Doody seconded K Barnett

THAT the Community and Recreation Committee:

(a) Receives report No. 180510051609.

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

CARRIED

W Doody congratulated staff she was impressed with the budget and new software.

K Barnett said it was a good report and noted a muddy path to Dudley pool was to be fixed.

6.4 Library Update – Philippa Ashbey (District Libraries Manager)

P Ashbey spoke to the report to update activities in the library. She highlighted the professional development of a staff member. The temporary storage unit had been set up to alleviate pressure on shelving while having the items still at hand. The Spark Jump –stepping up programme was a free computer literacy programme and offered a free wifi modem to families in need. The benefits could be life-changing. P Ashbey noted that also included in the report was results of an Official Information Act request for data on library services.

P Ashbey spoke to a PowerPoint presentation showing a snapshot of library services. Statistics included

- 485,000 visitors to the library
- 2500 new members this year
- 537,000 items checked out

P Ashbey noted that Oxford issues had increased again since the opening of the new facility. All other measure were well up with good library use in various forms.

The ‘Murder in the Library’ event was well attended with entrants in the Ngaio Marsh awards involved in a panel discussion.

In initiatives to improve inclusiveness a group of librarians took lessons in New Zealand sign language to help provide a friendly welcome. P Ashbey showed a YouTube clip of staff showing their new skills. The video would also be displayed in the library so those arriving would receive the greeting. It had been timed relative to sign language week. J Palmer commented that the initiative was to be applauded, it helped connect more effectively with the profoundly deaf and he had been delighted to see it.

Moved D Gordon seconded D Ayers

THAT the Community and Recreation Committee:

(a) Receives report No. 180511051846

(b) Notes the professional activities of library staff development and the movement of a small portion of the collection to temporary storage
Notes the activities and events offered by the Waimakariri Libraries from February to April

Notes the customer services improvements related to the Census 2018, reading promotions, services for older adults, the Spark Jump initiative which provides free Wi-Fi modems to families, a new programme of class visits, and a popular new holiday activity

Notes the response to the Official Information Act request for data on library services

Circulates the report to the Boards for their information.

D Gordon commented that 80% of card holders using their card showed the value of the libraries. He read out the quote from Hilary Mercer regarding the benefits of libraries.

D Ayers commented that learning language was a big challenge for deaf children and the more open they could be to that part of the community the better. Referring back to W Howe’s report on family violence he noted the ‘Murder in the Library’ and that the majority of murders were family related – murders were not just a chalk mark.

W Doody noted the Valentine’s Day promotion and P Ashbey said they had been surprised at the uptake of a mystery book.

7  PORTFOLIO UPDATES

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

C Sargison noted that LTP deliberations.

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

W Doody advised she had attended a Red Cross afternoon tea for volunteers and was impressed with the number of dedicated volunteers with long service history – up to 40 years of Meals on Wheels. Meals on Wheels started in New Zealand first in North Canterbury in 1851.

Visited the Kaiapoi Skate Park mural and was impressed with the students. They had applied and received funding from Creative Communities for the project.

Tenders for the Ashley Gorge heritage pavilion would come through shortly.

7.3 Community Development and Wellbeing – Councillor Kirstyn Barnett and Councillor Wendy Doody

K Barnett attended the Youth Council meeting. They had a new Facebook page and new logo. A survey they designed would go out to young people in June. It had a focus on what youth would like to see in the district and on mental health.

K Barnett commented the visit to China had been very productive especially in regard to schools and cultural exchange with minority groups, as well as business discussions. She felt privileged to be part of the delegation.

8  QUESTIONS

Nil.
9 **URGENT GENERAL BUSINESS**

Nil.

10 **MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WITH THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED**

*Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987*

Moved A Blackie seconded K Barnett

**THAT** the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution, are as follows:

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This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

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**CLOSED MEETING at 2.32pm**

**Resolution to Resume in Open Meeting**

Moved A Blackie seconded D Gordon

**THAT** open meeting resumes and the business discussed and the recommendation with the public excluded remains public excluded.

CARRIED

**OPEN MEETING at 2.35pm**
CONFIRMED

___________________________  Chairperson

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**BRIEFING**

At the conclusion of the meeting, a briefing was held to discuss Airfield developments.