

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL, FOR THE HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS TO THE DRAFT LONG TERM PLAN 2021-2031, HELD IN MEETING ROOM 1, RUATANIWHA KAIAPOI CIVIC CENTRE, 176 WILLIAMS STREET, KAIAPOI ON WEDNESDAY 5 MAY 2021 COMMENCING AT 3.30PM

PRESENT:

Mayor D Gordon (Chair) (until 6.23pm), Deputy Mayor N Atkinson, Councillors, K Barnett, A Blackie (until 4.45pm) R Brine, W Doody (until 6.23pm) N Mealings (until 6.23pm), P Redmond, S Stewart, J Ward and P Williams.

IN ATTENDANCE:

J Millward (Manager Finance and Business Support) (until 5.35pm) A Smith (Governance Coordinator), H Street (Corporate Planner).

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

Members who departed early had commitments to attend a Community Board meeting and meetings as Council appointees.

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest noted. Mayor Gordon subsequently noted his role as Chairperson of the Waimakariri Arts Trust, in relation to the Kaiapoi Arts Expo topic of the Kaiapoi-Tuahivi Community Board submission.

3. HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS TO THE DRAFT LONG TERM PLAN 2021-2031

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Oxford Ohoka Community Board (Doug Nicholl)	<p>Chair D Nichols and Board Member S Farrell were present on behalf of the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board. The submission was taken as read and the following points highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Suggested that there could be better location(s) chosen for the EV charging stations in Oxford and noted concern that there had not been better consultation and communication with the Board on the proposed installation.• The Board supported the Council signing the Memorandum of Understanding with the Government to participate in the first stage of the Three Waters Review, however, opposed the centralisation of Three Waters functions and was concerned with the loss of local knowledge.• The community in Oxford were still in favour of having a dog park in Oxford and there were several community groups who had indicated they would be willing to assist with this facility (including the Oxford Mens Shed, the Keep Oxford Beautiful Group and the Lions Club). It was noted that the Oxford Oval was being used for dog walking and the A&P Association would prefer there was an alternative location for this activity. It was pointed out that it had been a longstanding request from the Oxford community to have a dog park in the town.• The Board supported the provision of more rural pathways for walking and cycling in some of the subdivisions and to schools in the western part of the district. Noted that school buses were not able to be used by those children who lived closer than 3.2

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	<p>kilometres from the school. The Board would like the Council to seriously consider providing more of pathways which would also encourage people out of cars.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board asked the Council to talk to the community and the Pearson Park Advisory Group about an extended skate park facility. S Farrell advised that the Advisory Group had funds available in its budget (\$45,000) plus another \$10,000 grant for the 2020/21 year that could go towards improved recreation opportunities for the young people of the district. • The West Eyreton gravel pit was an eyesore and the Board request that it be filled in, as they believed it was also a health and safety risk in its current state. It was noted that this pit had not been used for a long time. • The Community Board members had received many complaints about the inadequate street lighting in Oxford since the installation of the LED light bulbs. They support funding being made available to fix this, as it was a safety and security problem. • The Board requested the Council review the Policy on Fees for Community Facilities. • The Board strongly supported the Ashley Gorge Reserve Advisory Group's request for funding to purchase and install public BBQs. <p>The Board conveyed a request from the Ohoka Rural Drainage Advisory Group that control be kept on the resurgent water flows in the Mandeville area, and that the Council keep to the previous timetable as the Group believed this was 'a disaster waiting to happen'.</p> <p>Councillor Blackie questioned if the amount of \$95,000 quoted for setting up the dog park was still current and this was confirmed. It was pointed out that it was proposed to be a rural dog exercise area and would be fully fenced.</p> <p>The Board strongly supported the covering of the Oxford Swimming Pool. Mayor Gordon commented that previously it had been the view of the community that they did not want it covered. It was indicated that there had not been recent consultation undertaken with the community on this matter, however it was pointed out that some of the older residents of Oxford would travel to Rangiora to swim in the covered facility. The Board members discussed the covers that could be used to cover pools at night during summer and completely during the winter months to keep the water warmer.</p> <p>A question from Councillor Redmond regarding the fees for hiring community facilities, as the Board submission stated that from the next financial year, groups would be expected to pay 100% of the normal fee. S Farrell confirmed that this was information sent from the Council via letters to community groups (quoted the Oxford Promotions Group and the Oxford Community Trust).</p> <p>Councillors asked questions regarding the West Eyreton Pit and it was confirmed that it was important to get clean fill material to fill in the pit, due to the potential for contamination of the water supply. Mayor Gordon said this matter had been requested by the community previously, however this submission point would be given further consideration by the Council.</p>

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<p>Kaiapoi RSA (Neill Price)</p>	<p>N Price asked on behalf of the Kaiapoi RSA for the Council to give favourable consideration to contributing to a memorial wall erected in the RSA Section of the Kaiapoi Public Cemetery.</p> <p>N Price submitted to the Parliamentary Committee on the Review of the Burials and Cremations Act, 1964 on this matter, which was still being considered by Parliament. A submission was also made at the recent hearings on the review of the Council's Cemetery Policy. It was pointed out that not every RSA member qualified to be buried in the RSA section of the cemetery. This could be a place to install a plaque to recognise those people who could not be buried there (this was only available to those who had been involved in active duty). This alternative suggestion could honour those people of the district who had served their country. N Price took the opportunity to acknowledge the Council's Greenspace Team, Delta staff and Sicon staff for their cooperation with the RSA in relation to the work undertaken around the memorial area in Kaiapoi.</p> <p>N Price said there needed to be criteria set for Defence and Services personnel and those who would qualify to have their names on such a memorial wall. The national RSA, Veteran Affairs and Defence Forces had been working for quite some years on defining the term 'veteran' and, however a definitive answer was yet to be determined.</p>
<p>Life Education Trust Canterbury (Andrew Gray)</p>	<p>A Gray, the Community Engagement Manager for Life Education Trust (the Trust), was seeking funding for the Health and Wellbeing Programme in the Waimakariri district. The Trust was the number one provider to schools of health and wellbeing education. All schools in the area, including the smaller rural schools, were visited and their needs assessed. The Trust had recently expanded to a fourth mobile classroom for the North Canterbury region and saw every child at least once a year.</p> <p>Councillor Redmond enquired regarding the Trust's current financial assistance from the Council. It was advised that the Trust currently receives a \$1,000 grant from the Council and no government funding was received, however, some other funding had been sourced from the Rata Foundation and the Gaming Trust. Due to the expansion of the dedicated classroom to meet demand for North Canterbury, the Trust was seeking a contribution towards the operating cost of \$125,000 per annum.</p> <p>Following a question from Councilor Ward, A Gray advised that the Trust was actively applying for funding from other sources, but with the extra classroom and an extra educator, the costs were increasing.</p>
<p>Gerard Phillips</p>	<p>G Phillips spoke to his submission on the Natural Hazards Planning Model, specifically the low lying areas on Williams Street, Kaiapoi from Courtenay Drive South. With the planned upgrade of the kerb and channeling on Williams Street, (possibly in the next six months), the issue with ponding would be alleviated, however, G Phillips noted the area would still stay on the Natural Hazards Interactive Plan and subsequently on the PIMS and LIMS. G Phillips requested that the Natural Hazard plans be updated accordingly. Noting the kerb and channeling upgraded on the west side of Williams Street had shown the improvement in drainage.</p> <p>G Phillips also expressed concerns regarding the condition of Williams Street, south of Ohoka Road near the entrance to the town. This concern would be added as a submission point and a full response</p>

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	would be included to his submission.
<p>Pines Kairaki Beaches' Association (Tim Stephenson and Heather Smyth)</p>	<p>T Stephenson and H Smyth presented the submission on behalf of the Pines Kairaki Beaches Association (the Association) relating to concerns at the roundabout at the intersection of Beach Road and Dunns Avenue, which they believed needed to be remodeled for functional and safety reasons. The purpose of the roundabout was to slow vehicles however, there was difficulty getting a vehicle round the roundabout because too many of the vehicles were towing boats, trailers or caravans which caused motorists to drive through on the wrong side of the roundabout.</p> <p>H Smyth noted that the earthquake had damaged the popular Pines Kairaki paddling pool that was missed by many residents including the wider Kaiapoi community. The Association wished to have a splash pad placed in Pines Beach Oval. They believed this was an ideal place alongside the playground and bike track. The splash pad could be located in place of the current paddling pool. There were no additional facilities required as water was already available but a small shed for the machinery would be required. A splash pad would suit a wider age range than what a paddling pool would.</p> <p>Councillor Redmond asked if there had been any accidents at the remodeled roundabout. T Stevenson noted he was not aware of any accidents, however it was a 30km/h area so drivers were already traveling slowly. H Smyth advised she had witnessed several close calls at the roundabout.</p> <p>Councillor Barnett, enquired if the community had raised any funds towards the proposed splash pad. H Smyth believed there would be some funding sources available from within the community, but the project needed to have the Council's approval prior to applying for funding.</p> <p>Councillor Ward enquired if the splash pad would be a permanent feature and how much was the proposed budget for the facility. H Smyth advised that the budget was unknown at this stage, but if it was possible to use mains water and disposed of it appropriately, it would assist in keeping the cost down.</p> <p>Mayor Gordon extended thanks to the work of the members of The Pines Kairaki Beaches Association.</p>
<p>Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board (Jackie Watson)</p>	<p>J Watson, as Deputy Chairperson of the Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board, presented the Board's submission. Mayor Gordon declared that he was the Chairperson of the Waimakariri Arts Trust, noting the mention under point (d) Financial support of Kaiapoi Art Expo.</p> <p>The Board supported community facilities at both Pegasus and Woodend, as these were both distinct communities. The Board was also supportive that the Council invest in funding for car parking in Rangiora along with investment in technology to better manage car parking generally.</p> <p>The Board would like to request that any funds set aside for Covid-19 recovery be made available to local businesses owners who were struggling to survive.</p> <p>The Board supported the Council's decision that sustainability and climate change needed to be considered in all decision making and</p>

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	<p>work programmes.</p> <p>Priorities for the Board were the Kaiapoi River rehabilitation, and noted that increased salination remained a problem and it was important that action was undertaken soon. The Board was supportive of the Community Hub development in South Kaiapoi and the development of the town's entrances as these need to be welcoming.</p> <p>The Kaiapoi Art Expo, which was into its 16th year, required the Waimakariri Arts Trust to apply for funding of up to \$500 from all four Community Boards. The Trust requested that the Council rather make a contribution to the Expo (suggesting \$5,000) to assist in keeping this annual event vibrant. This would negate the need to fill in four applications and the associated paperwork every year. The event cost approximately \$60,000 per year.</p> <p>Councillor Barnett asked if Board members had any suggestions for the Council to fast-track ways to encourage climate change and sustainability. J Watson noted there were no suggestions from Board members, however it had been noted that there seemed to be a lack of urgency on these matters.</p> <p>Councillor Barnett enquired regarding the possible funding of the Town Entrance Strategy, and it was confirmed that the Board supported using some of its landscaping budget for this initiative however was awaiting for the implementation of the strategy.</p>
<p>Rangiora Croquet Club Inc (Mary Sparrow and Wil Henderson)</p>	<p>M Sparrow and W Henderson presented this submission, advising the increased membership numbers of the Club was now at 60. With increased membership, the Club had raised \$100,000 for the two additional lawns to be developed which should be available in 2022. However, even with the additional lawns, there was still a shortage of playing greens on Club days and therefore requested the Council to support the development of a further two lawns. Youth Croquet was seeing an increased interest, however the biggest demographic was still the retired age group.</p> <p>Following a question from Councillor Brine, it was confirmed that currently additional space for croquet lawns was not shown on the current Management Plan however there was room available.</p> <p>Councillor Williams asked if there had been any thought given to the need for additional car parking. If needed there was the strip of land between the club land and the Department of Conservation which could be used for parking in addition to the on street parking.</p>
<p>Wellbeing North Canterbury Community Trust (Louise Griffiths)</p>	<p>L Griffiths, Coordinator at Kaiapoi Community Support presented this submission and acknowledged the support that the Council provides to this group. This submission dealt with a request for two internal and three external recorded cameras including cabling to ensure the safety and security for the users of the Kaiapoi Community Centre which was getting busier. There had been discussion with WDC staff who had encouraged members to apply for funding through this avenue. It was confirmed that there has been quotes sought on this matter and these were available through the Council's Greenspace Team.</p> <p>There were no questions from Councillors.</p>

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<p>Flaxton Landowners Representatives (Graeme Stewart and Dave McLaughlin)</p>	<p>G Stewart and D McLaughlin requested assistance from the Council for increased support for the drain on the Flaxton property as well as along the Lineside Road and Boys Road outlets. There needed to be more regular cleaning and maintenance of the drains and should be done annually. When the drains were not maintained rainfall backfilled into the Flaxton Road properties. The water was currently unable to flow and landowners request that the level needed to be corrected. The Council could install sediment traps to stop the sediment entering the drains.</p> <p>Planting done some years ago by Keep Rangiora Beautiful had become overgrown and did not appear to be maintained and were intruding into the drains and restricting flow. The Flaxton Landowners requested that the Council finish the drainage work that was meant to have been undertaken, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the unfinished drain going towards Revells Road; • drain by Richard Smiths that was missed; • Cleaning of the culverts under Lineside Road; • Removal of the blockage in Boys Road drain. <p>The Flaxton Landowners noted Ecan's attempt to create wetlands on their land, noting that the land would not be able to be drained within 100m of designated wetland.</p> <p>Following a question from Mayor Gordon, the Group noted that it had not submitted to ECan through their LTP process.</p> <p>Councillor Ward asked if landowners had been asked to cull birds on their properties. It was confirmed that this was required by Christchurch Airport, as their land was on the flight path. The also noted that with the development of the wetlands there would be more birds in the area.</p>
<p>Beverly Shepherd-Wright</p>	<p>B Shepherd-Wright presented her submission, noting that she cared passionately for her community, having lived here for over 40 years. She acknowledged the work of previous Councils and also the local Iwi, who had brought many good ideas to the Council and provided many opportunities of working together on environmental and community matters.</p> <p>Regarding community facilities, the submitter believed there was sufficient good facilities in Woodend and there was excellent meeting spaces available for most activities.</p> <p>Speaking on the original plan for Pegasus Town, there was to be several community facilities included and that many of these had not eventuated over the years. It was suggested that for future towns planned, that Planners required a condition of consent that the original infrastructure package was part of any ongoing sale. It was too easy for developers to sell a dream.</p> <p>Regarding Pegasus, the submitter would like to see a hall or hub provided for this community and also supported a bigger facility being located at the north end of Ravenswood. This was easy access from Pegasus, and also would provide a facility for Waikuku Beach and greater Woodend township residents.</p> <p>Rangiora Library aspects, it was suggested building an annex onto the back wall of the current library building, as a technology centre. This would be at a reduced cost.</p>

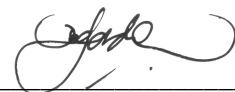
	<p>The submitter was supportive of the Council building being a civic centre and it would be important for this space to be available for the community, however noted that it would be appropriate for staff to be housed in other office spaces around the town as it was not necessary that all staff be in the same building.</p> <p>B Shepherd-Wright did not support the car parking building in Rangiora, and suggested that this was not the solution to the problem of the lack of car parking. There was a need for an increase of mobility spaces in the towns and need to provide good parking options. If there was no parking available, people would go out of the town into Christchurch and shopping malls to do their shopping. There also needed to be more parking available for staff working in the businesses; and believed there were too many areas of yellow no parking lines near the central business district.</p> <p>B Shepherd-Wright supported having a local bus service and believed there was a need for this.</p> <p>B Shepherd-Wright did not support having the big box businesses in the district, as these will take businesses away from the main street, and Kaiapoi (noting what had happened in Papanui, firstly with Northlands Shopping Mall, and now all the big box businesses on Langdons Road).</p> <p>Councillor Mealings questioned regarding using the mobility cards for parking, B Shepherd-Wright advised that even with having a mobility permit, it was difficult to get one of these mobility car parks, noting there were a lot of people used these permits and parks.</p>
Fiona Bennetts	<p>F Bennetts lived in Christchurch but spend a lot of time in Waimakariri, and was a keen cyclist. She appreciated the cycleway along the Northern Corridor which had lights and requested lighting be provided on the Passchendaele Memorial Path. F Bennetts was supportive of having more off-road cycleways in the district and suggested that there needed to be a plan to connect all the satellite towns. She was supportive of reducing cars on roads which would make other modes of transport safer.</p> <p>Noted concerns with agriculture emissions, and suggested the Council needed to work with Environment Canterbury on reducing these emissions through reducing stock numbers, moving away from dairy, beef and sheep farming, growing more crops, planting more trees, moving to regenerative farming practices, reducing or stopping fertilizer use, reducing or stopping irrigation, education and dietary changes.</p> <p>F Bennetts had also submitted to the LTP consultation for Ecan, Christchurch City Council and Selwyn District Council.</p> <p>Question from Councillor Redmond regarding electric vehicles, F Bennetts did not support these, as they were heavier and there was impact on the infrastructure.</p>
Kaiapoi Croquet Club Inc (Jan Chisnall)	<p>J Chisnall noted that there appeared to be some misinformation in the community regarding the Kaiapoi Croquet Club's new facility as part of the Kaiapoi Community Hub. The Club was 116 years old and was looking forward to moving to the new site and welcomed the new neighbours joining the Club also. There was a new architectural clubrooms planned, (photos shown), noting that the current clubrooms was not being relocated.</p>

	<p>The Club was currently open two days a week, but members were able to use the lawns at any time. The role of the Club in Kaiapoi was very important in keeping people physically and mentally active, socially connected.</p> <p>There were no questions from Councillors.</p>
Daniel Huisman	<p>D Huisman spoke to his submission noting his support for one combined facility at either Pegasus or north Woodend. The current facility was adequate but would support spending some money to address any shortcomings. He believed the library project should be considered separately from the Civic precinct.</p> <p>D Huisman did not support the parking building in Rangiora and there should be more support for alternative transport options and in light of climate emergency all new major road projects and parking should be deferred. The Council should be more advanced with its goals, with a target for reduced emissions in the next nine years. Younger generations should not pay the full cost for climate change. He would like to see budgeted in this LTP a Climate Change Advisor staff position. This was the best way forward for the Council and would see some meaningful change, in his view.</p> <p>Councillor Atkinson asked if climate change was not inter-generationally funded, and how would this be done. D Huisman suggested that some money should be put into this from now.</p> <p>Councillor Doody noted that with this community being semi-rural, some people need to travel long distances between townships. D Huisman acknowledged there would always be the need for cars, but suggested on-demand shuttles between townships may work,; perhaps in the future having self-driving cars and Ubers in the district.</p>
Ohoka Domain Advisory Board (Edward Hamilton, Rod Buchanan and Ian Blake)	<p>E Hamilton, supported by R Buchanan and I Blake spoke on the Ohoka Bush area, which had previously received a \$10,000 annual grant from the Council and sought for this to continue, as the project was nearing completion. The Advisory Board undertook fundraising for the continued work of the Bush area, and there was continued need for funding for planting and building the flying fox, which was the next project. Continued maintenance involves spraying and mulching, and there was still a large area to be planted out in the next two years. Many plants were donated or propagated by members of the group as a way to reduce costs. The carpark at the entrance of the Domain did get a bit “cut up” with use every week during the Ohoka Farmers Market.</p> <p>Parking area beside the Ohoka Gate Keepers Lodge was used on the days (Fridays) of the Ohoka Farmers Market but if it rains this area becomes boggy. The Advisory Board would like this area to be excavated and a hard surface installed, allowing for some parking and a reliable track in. A quote of \$11,000 had been received to create this as a shingled driveway and parking inside the gate. Any soil excavated from the area would be used within the bush planting or as part of the drop off for the flying fox.</p> <p>Councillor Mealings acknowledged the work of the members of the Advisory Group.</p> <p>The proposed hard surface car park would join up with the pathway from the playground and with the second part of the track.</p>

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Environment Canterbury (Councillor Grant Edge)	<p>Councillor Edge tendered an apology from Councillor Claire McKay who was unable to attend. Councillor Edge advised that the relationship that Ecan has with this Council was highly valued and acknowledged the valued contribution of WDC with the Mayoral Forum and Greater Christchurch Partnership. These groups were all working together to improve the wellbeing of our communities.</p> <p>Councillor Edge highlighted points of the submission from Environment Canterbury – including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council's investment in implementing the Waimakariri Zone Implementation Programme Addendum and support for the Waimakariri Zone Committee. • Supports the Council's improvements to sewer system and also water matters. • Thanks were extended to Councillor Stewart for being the WDC Biodiversity champion. • Ecan was supportive of youth engagement and noted the EnviroSchools Programme that Ecan supports. <p>Mayor Gordon confirmed this was a strong partnership with the two Councils and WDC enjoy working with Councillors Edge and McKay.</p> <p>Question from Councillor Barnett regarding the on-demand bus service being trialled in Timaru. Councillor Edge believed there had been an extension of the six month trial, but would come back with any advice on this.</p> <p>Councillor Stewart questioned the submission that had been heard from the Lineside Road residents (Flaxton Landowners) on the wetlands and drainage there. This was a concern for these landowners and Ecan Councillor Edge advised he would follow up with this and provide feedback to this Council.</p> <p>At this time Deputy Mayor Atkinson thanked Councillor Edge for the submission on behalf of Ecan.</p>

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6.25pm until Thursday 6 May 2021 at 10am, in the Rangiora Town Hall, 303 High Street, Rangiora.

CONFIRMED



Chairperson

25 May 2021

Date