

**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 FUNCTION ROOM, RANGIORA TOWN HALL, 303 HIGH STREET, RANGIORA ON THURSDAY 6 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, S Stewart, J Ward and P Williams.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

J Harland (Chief Executive), H Street (Corporate Planner – Policy and Strategy), T Kunkel (Governance Team Leader), K Rabe (Governance Advisor), E Stubbs (Governance Officer) and C Fowler-Jenkins (Governance Officer).

*The meeting adjourned at 12.20pm and reconvened at 1pm.*

*The meeting adjourned at 4pm and reconvened at 4.20pm.*

*The meeting adjourned at 6.15pm and reconvened at 6.25pm.*

**1 APOLOGIES**

No apologies were received.

**2 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Nil.

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

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West Eyreton Hall Committee (Seamus Robertson)	<p>S Robertson spoke on behalf of the West Eyreton Hall Committee. He asked that the Council paid for a fibre connection to the hall and also for the monthly fibre subscription as there was no cell phone reception at the hall.</p> <p>Mayor Gordon enquired as to the reason fibre was requested and S Robertson advised that it had been requested by users of the hall, including meetings involving the Council representatives.</p> <p>S Robertson believed Eyrewell had been completely ignored by the Council in the Long Term Plan. His previous submissions had been acknowledged but there had not been progress on the issues raised. He commented that Eyrewell was the fastest growing area in the district at 75 percent per annum. The greatest risk to the area was fire. He questioned why a fire station had recently been developed in Swannanoa, however, there was no such facility in Eyrewell. The closest fire station was Cust or Oxford which were 15 minutes away.</p> <p>Mayor Gordon advised that fire stations were provided by Fire and Emergency New Zealand (FENZ). The Council could raise his concerns with FENZ.</p> <p>S Robertson noted his concern that with the large growth rate in West Eyreton no provisions had been made for pre-schools or community centres, or any Council services. There were</p>

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	<p>one-way bridges in and out of the area and no apparent funding for roading. South Eyre Road was highly dangerous with many trucks, which was a risk to the local community.</p> <p>S Robertson advised that he had been quoted \$42,000 to join the Main Race Water Extension Scheme. He requested if the amount could be re-explored. While they currently had good potable water, he was concerned about the increase of nitrates which may be a potential health and safety risk to people on his property.</p> <p>S Robertson raised a historical issue of a kanuka block of land that had been 'Noted' in 1975 and was now legally protected with no compensation to the landowner. Mayor Gordon commented Special Natural Areas (SNAs) would be considered as part of the District Plan that was currently going through a review process.</p>
Elsa Wright	<p>E Wright was concerned with the growing population that included numerous subdivisions. She believed that the current traffic systems were limited and that needed to be addressed before more growth occurred. The Long Term Plan was putting the 'cart before the horse' and while Community Centres were desirable, roading needed to be addressed first especially as the district residents travelled primarily by car.</p> <p>E Wright, while acknowledging that the Council needed to work with the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA), commented that the road system should work better. Design needed to take into consideration how people used roads, she used the example of the Motorway on/off ramp at Clarkville.</p> <p>Mayor Gordon acknowledged E Wrights' concerns, advising that the Council had now established a Southbrook Road Working Party.</p> <p>Councillor Doody asked E Wright how effective she believed Central Government's transport proposals were for rural travellers. E Wright noted that there seemed to be difficulties with rural transport with regards to safe cycling options as cars were the default.</p> <p>Councillor Ward enquired about a potential Eastern Bypass and E Wright concurred that it would be a good idea, as there was a higher volume of traffic that went through Southbrook that did not need to.</p>
North Canterbury Province of Federated Farmers NZ (Elisha Young-Ebert)	<p>E Young-Ebert commented North Canterbury Federated Farmers (NCFF) considered the Long Term Plan proposals were generally fair and reasonable with considered priorities and a judicious use of targeted rates. Members endorsed a gradual increase in rates and the effort to keep them affordable, particularly in comparison with some agencies.</p> <p>Mayor Gordon thanked E Young-Ebert for presenting the NCFF submission commenting the full submission had made its points well.</p>

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<p>^Fiona van Petegem</p>	<p>F van Petegem questioned why the Council was proposing the development of a car park building when it was in direct conflict with the Draft Climate Change Policy. The Council should be considering a 30-50 year plan to appreciate the long term vision. She commented that part of every future policy or plan was a decrease in the number of cars. The Council needed to consider their investment as funds were limited and future changes were huge.</p> <p>Councillor Redmond asked, in a rural district such as the Waimakariri, what F van Petegem would consider as an alternative transport means for travelling around the district. F van Petegem commented that the problem first needed to be understood, i.e. How did the districts population use vehicles, as there would be different solutions for different reasons for travel. It required a lot of assessment but could mean huge savings in infrastructure for the future.</p> <p>Councillor Blackie commented that an argument from retailers was that if they did not provide parking it decreased the economic viability of businesses and enquired for a comment on that concern. F van Petegem noted that there was no direct link between provision of parking and economic vitality. Global studies had shown that removing vehicles increased foot traffic and attractiveness of towns. There was a train connecting Christchurch to Rangiora and also a cycleway. She provided the example of Malta where retail trade had increased in the pedestrian only area.</p> <p>Councillor Doody questioned how people, who had mobility issues, would be catered for with no parking. F van Petegem commented the design of city centres needed to be improved, for example around kerbing.</p> <p>Councillor Mealings asked for F van Petegem to comment on the use of a car parking building to consolidate areas of parking for future proofing. F van Petegem explained, without looking at numbers, a parking building was a large mass of carbon for any carbon budget. Urban planning was a critical part of making a city more accessible. A parking building was there forever and not easy to convert to something else.</p> <p>Councillor Barnett enquired if it were possible to look at city solutions for a provincial town. F van Petegem commented Rangiora was a good sized town for conservation of energy as it was able to provide infrastructure and jobs. Any solution had to be based on its location. The good thing about Rangiora was that it had a radius of about 2km which was an optimal size for operating as a community. If it were designed for people there could be exciting potential for the future.</p> <p>Councillor Barnett commented that Rangiora was a service town for a large catchment of people that travelled into town. F van Petegem commented there needed to be an understanding of how people in the district used vehicles.</p>

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<p>Mandeville Sports Club (Richard Belcher)</p>	<p>R Belcher provided some background on the Mandeville Sports Club (MSC) and ran through the funding submission for the Long-Term Plan as presented in their written submission.</p> <p>Councillor Stewart congratulated the MSC on their fantastic facilities. She asked how their original planting was established without irrigation. R Belcher commented there had originally been a well on the site, and in 2015 a new well was developed. Recent species were becoming more drought tolerant.</p> <p>Councillor Doody enquired how many full-time employees and volunteers the Club had. R Belcher advised he was the only fulltime employee. There were numerous volunteers through the thirteen clubs present at the site. He noted an advantage was the clubs could apply for external grant funding.</p> <p>Councillor Mealings requested clarification on the removal of trees. R Belcher advised that there was a program to replant some trees on the North West boundary as they were becoming older and thinning out.</p>
<p>Ashley Rugby Football Club (David Gambold)</p>	<p>D Gambold introduced the Club commenting it supported the rural community North of the Ashley River. The written submission for the Club had been brief as they had recently changed their ideas on how they would like to proceed with improvements to the club rooms. Originally they were working towards an upgrade of the current facility at an estimated cost of around \$300,000. Their current thinking was a total rebuild would be more suitable.</p> <p>D Gambold explained they had a good relationship with the Greenspace Team whom they had worked with in their recent irrigation system upgrade. He commented that a new building would be used by the growing surrounding community including schools, the tennis club and Civil Defence. A new hall would be brighter and a more pleasant environment to socialise.</p> <p>Councillor Williams asked if funding would be available from the Rugby Union. D Gambold commented that would be likely. The Club itself was financially sound.</p> <p>Councillor Ward enquired about the potential for outside sponsorship. D Gambold advised that would be required considering the cost of a new building. Potential for outside funding was increased substantially if they were supported by the local authority.</p> <p>Councillor Redmond sought clarity on who owned the existing facility and D Gambold advised it was the Council.</p> <p>Councillor Doody asked if the Club had the ability to emulate the success of MSC. D Gambold noted that implementation of the irrigation scheme had been a success and had shown the ability of the Club to project manage.</p>

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Anne Anderson	<p>A Anderson believed that the Council could not afford to delay the library improvements. She did not consider the provided reasoning for delay was sensible. There was currently a lack of space in the library, particularly considering the growth of the district. She acknowledged the digital revolution and commented how that also required space, particularly for computer access. Libraries also provided a space for social interaction.</p> <p>Councillor Barnett enquired how A Anderson would rank the importance of a library at Pegasus/ Ravenswood compared to the improvements at Rangiora. A Anderson believed they were both important, however commented if the improvements were not made at Rangiora everyone missed out on the additional services. Pegasus was not that far away and many residents travelled to Rangiora for other activities.</p>
Pegasus Residents Group (Roger Rule)	<p>R Rule spoke to the written submission noting the further nine people in support in the gallery. He highlighted two aspects of the written submission. Firstly issues with the lake where he encouraged stakeholders to collaboratively find solutions to the algal bloom at Pegasus Lake. Secondly he highlighted road safety, particularly at the Pegasus/ State Highway 1 roundabout. He asked the Council to continue to lobby central government on behalf of residents.</p> <p>There were no questions by Councillors.</p>
Silverstream Reserve Volunteers (Wendy Harris and Nolene Francis)	<p>N Francis and Wendy Harris introduced themselves as representatives of the Silverstream Reserve Volunteers. The Group had been in operation for 15 years gathering twice weekly. They commented that some aspects of the Reserve could do with extra help and advised that they had lodged a similar submission to ECan.</p> <p>W Harris ran through the volunteers written requests to the Long Term Plan including a permanent full-time worker, an ecological assessment, pest control, access through Crown land, and assistance with external funding applications.</p> <p>Mayor Gordon advised that Rachel Thornton in the Community Team would be able to provide assistance with funding applications. The Councillors provided some advice on groups that assisted with the provision of traps.</p>
<b>BREAK (The meeting adjourned at 12.20pm and reconvened at 1pm.)</b>	
Caryn Hardy	<p>C Hardy raised a concern regarding the lack of pedestrian/cycle path on Tram Road in Mandeville which created safety concerns for children cycling to Swannanoa School and other activities. (Supporting information Trim Ref: 210507073380).</p> <p>Councillor Brine enquired how many children were enrolled at Swannanoa School. C Hardy confirmed that the school had 380 students, however, it was anticipated that the increase in housing subdivisions in the area would be bringing more children into the area, who may wish to cycle.</p> <p>Councillor Mealings asked how far away C Hardy lived from Swannanoa School. C Hardy confirmed that she lived</p>

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	<p>approximately two kilometres from the school. She however also wished to cycle, with her children to the Mandeville Shopping Centre and other areas in the neighbourhood.</p> <p>Councillor Barnett questioned if the community had thought of working in partnership with the Council to achieve an acceptable solution. C Hardy noted that they were advised that due to the current Health and Safety regulations this would not be achievable.</p>
<p>Rangiora and Districts Early Records Society (John Briggs)</p>	<p>J Briggs advised that the Rangiora and Districts Early Records Society (the Society) was recommending that the Council should consider making provision for a new museum when upgrading the Trevor Inch Memorial Library and Civic Building. He highlighted the requirements for a new museum. (Supporting information Trim Ref: 210507073376).</p> <p>J Briggs stressed the Society's strong desire for this project to be brought forward as it would keep the momentum with volunteers who may lose interest.</p> <p>Mayor Gordon acknowledged the lack of current storage space at the Rangiora Museum, however, enquired if staff were not working with the Society to find other storage facilities. J Briggs noted that last assistance from Council was the provision of a container on site. He stated that the Society was grateful for the container, however, it was not fit for purpose as it had no temperature or humidity control and was awkward to access.</p> <p>Councillor Mealings sought clarity on the proposed requirements for a new museum. J Briggs listed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Future proof new area – space for display, storage, research, workshop and meetings.</li> <li>• Storage and display areas should be temperature and humidity controlled to preserve artefacts.</li> <li>• Requirement for parking.</li> <li>• Cob cottage would need to be integrated into space in some manner.</li> </ul>
<p>Satisfy Food Rescue (Philippa Hunt)</p>	<p>P Hunt expressed Satisfy Food Rescue's support for the proposed development of the Kaiapoi Community Hub. They believed that the Hub would be beneficial to the local Kaiapoi community and also to the whole Waimakariri District.</p> <p>Mayor Gordon commended Satisfy Food Rescue for the important work they did by providing food to community organisations helping those in need. He sought clarity on the anticipated vehicle movement to and from the site. P Hunt explained that one large truck per week was expected which would be dropping off food. There would also be several small vehicles to distribute food plus volunteers vehicles. However all vehicular movements would be during working hours.</p> <p>Councillor Redmond questioned the terms of Satisfy Food Rescue's lease on their current premises. P Hunt confirmed that they were six months into a three year lease with the option of a further three years.</p>

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	<p>Councillor Blackie noted that Satisfy Food Rescue would be including education into their collaborative work by offering cooking lessons with rescued food. He asked if they had considered the layout of their proposed space so that it included a commercial kitchen. P Hunt advised that the Council staff were still investigating possible designs options.</p>
<p>Woodend Sefton Community Board (Shona Powell)</p>	<p>S Powell provided a brief overview of the Woodend-Sefton Community Board's submission, which included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development of Community Facilities at Pegasus and Ravenswood and the inclusion of a youth facility at the proposed Community Facilities at Pegasus.</li> <li>• Deferral of the expansion and upgrade the Trevor Inch Memorial Library and Rangiora Civic Building to 2029/30.</li> <li>• The deferral of the building of a car park building to service Rangiora Town Centre to 2030/31.</li> <li>• Advocate that the Council utilise local businesses and enterprises wherever possible to provide goods and services to assist the economic recovery of the district.</li> <li>• The Board also sought a commitment from the Council to investigate suitable Park and Ride options in Woodend/Ravenswood.</li> <li>• Supported the Council providing financial assistance in the building of a new Sefton Community Hall at the Sefton Domain.</li> <li>• The Board urged the Council to work with the Templeton Group to formulate a timetable for vestment of the Pegasus Lake to the Council.</li> <li>• The Board requested that the level of service for all dog parks be reviewed and the Gladstone Dog Park be brought up to a comparable level to the other dog parks in the district and that access be provided to the dog park from Gladstone Road for Woodend residents.</li> </ul> <p>There were no questions from Councillors.</p>
<p>Mandeville Residents Association (Karen Jackson)</p>	<p>K Jackson highlighted the concerns that the Mandeville Residents Association had with the parking at the Mandeville Village Complex and drainage in various areas of Mandeville. (Supporting information on drainage issues Trim Ref: 210507073382).</p> <p>Councillor Mealings questioned the Association's request to move the bus stop near the weigh bridge given that there was no current bus service using Tram Road.</p> <p>The Mayor committed to a site visit with elected members and staff to reassess the drainage concerns in the Mandeville area.</p>
<p>Geoff Spark</p>	<p>G Spark noted that although it would hugely affect their farming operations, they supported in principle the building of the proposed Eastern Link Road between McPhail Avenue and Lineside Road. He suggested that the eastern +/-40 hectares of their farm be rezoned to residential.</p> <p>Councillor Doody questioned if the portion of the farm was not rezoned, how they propose to access that area of the farm. G Spark noted that an underpass would need to be constructed.</p>

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	<p>In response to questions, G Spark confirmed that the proposed 10-year timeframe would not impact on their decision to sell the land for residential development.</p> <p>Councillor Williams asked if G Spark believed that the rezoning of the land and development as a new subdivision would increase the need for the Eastern Link Road. G Spark stated that he could not comment as it was unknown.</p>
<p>Woodend Beach Community Group (Doug Wethey)</p>	<p>D Wethey noted that the Woodend Beach toilets were earmarked for upgrading in 2025/26 financial year. However, Woodend Beach Community Group (the Group) requested that this project to be brought forward in the light of the population growth in the Woodend area. The Group also wishes the upgrading of the children's playground to include a flying fox and spider climbing equipment to be fast tracked.</p> <p>Councillor Atkinson enquired if the plans for the upgrade of the playground which had been developed by the community had been submitted to Council. D Wethey confirmed that plans had been submitted, the Group however believed that the projects should be brought forward as the toilet upgrade was urgent due to the number of people visiting the beach and the Te Kohaka a Tuhaitara Trust park.</p>
<p>Waimakariri Public Arts Trust (Jackie Watson)</p>	<p>J Watson provided a brief background on the establishment of the Waimakariri Public Arts Trust (the Trust). The Trust was requesting seed funding for the promotion of the Trust as a professional entity.</p> <p>Mayor Gordon enquired how much funding the Trust envision it would require. J Watson advised that it was agreed that \$25,000 per annum should be sufficient to cover promotion and advertising of the Trust, and other ongoing expenses.</p> <p>Councillor Brine noted that by nature a Trust was a stand-alone entity. He questioned how the Trust was going to make it clear that they were not part of the Council. J Watson explained that the potential donors needed to be able to see that the Trust was a professional entity in its own right. There were external funding that the Council could not access, which the Trust could.</p>
<p>Pegasus Community Centre Team (Rhonda Mather)</p>	<p>R Mather reported that the Pegasus Community Centre Team (the Team) supported the development of a purpose built community facility in Pegasus. The Team believed that the Woodend-Pegasus area was regularly overlooked when it came to public consultations by the Council. Another example of the area missing out was the library activities available at the district libraries, such as 'Tech Help', 'Games for 'Grown Ups', 'Storytimes', Babytimes' etc. As there was no library in the Woodend-Pegasus area, these activities were not available.</p> <p>There were no questions from Councillors.</p>



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Kaiapoi Promotions Association (Martyn Cook)	<p>M Cook highlighted Kaiapoi Promotions Association's (KPA) proposed advertising Strategy of the key attractions for visitors to Kaiapoi. The top ranking project for the KPA was the development of a series of Walking/Cycling route guides. The KPA was requesting a one off grant of \$15,000 to create 15 maps of the Kaiapoi, The Pines Beach / Kairaki, and Tuahiwi areas.</p> <p>In response to a question from Councillor Doody, M Cook confirmed that the KPA had applied to the Long Term Plan for funding of the maps.</p>
ICE North Canterbury Gymsports (Basil Buwalda)	<p>B Buwalda advised that the North Canterbury Sport Recreation Trust (NCSRT) owned the building at 28 Edwards Street currently being used by ICE. The venue was of critical importance to ICE, as there were no other suitable buildings in the Rangiora area which had a 9 metre high studs, suitable parking, storage and a foam pit. The loss of the venue could mean the closure of ICE. The ICE had been in negotiations with the NCSRT to purchase of the building for NZ\$890,000 excl. GST.</p> <p>B Buwalda explained that ICE had approached various banks to finance the purchase. In the worst case scenario, ICE would require a further 35 percent of the deposit (\$311,500) to complete the purchase, and was therefore requesting the Council to assist them in purchasing the building.</p> <p>Councillor Brine enquired if the Council had assessed ICE's financials. B Buwalda advised that ICE's financials would be made available to the Council after the Long Term Plan process.</p> <p>Councillor Williams sought clarity of ICE's current lease. B Buwalda noted that ICE was six months into a three year lease.</p> <p>Councillor Redmond questioned if a purchase agreement was in place. B Buwalda confirmed that an unconditional purchase agreement was in place until May 2021.</p> <p>In response to questions, B Buwalda advised that ICE would be able to service the mortgage if it purchased the building and have a \$65,000 operating budget for the first year.</p>
Break (The meeting adjourned at 4pm and reconvened at 4.20pm.)	
Waikuku Surf Life Saving Club (John Ellerm)	<p>J Ellerm elaborated on the reasons that the Waikuku Surf Life Saving Club (the Club) needed assistance and support with building a new Club House. He noted that the current clubhouse was 44 years old and was coming to the end of its useful life. The Club's membership had grown to approximately 400 members and the building was too small for current needs.</p> <p>Councillor Williams asked what the estimated total cost of project would be. J Ellerm advised that the envisaged new clubhouse would be approximately \$4 million.</p>

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Madeleine Burdon	<p>M Burton spoke to her submission and focused on social inclusion, transport, housing and accessibility in particular to older people. She commented on the proposed extension of the Rangiora Library and related to the unique role of libraries in providing a safe welcoming and inclusive space. In regards to the proposed carpark and deferring this option. Her comments focused on the opportunity to better utilise the budget spend, on provision of an affordable, accessible and reliable transport system to enhance local connectivity, ease of access to services and the wider benefits that would provide.</p> <p>Councillor Ward questioned how M Burton would rate the Abbeyfield concept. M Burton noted that it would depend what it was compared with in terms of other social models. She was unsure of how long-term other models had been operating but she rated it very highly given that the benefits were massive and not just to the occupants and it was self-funding.</p> <p>Councillor Doody asked with regard to the preparation of food, was cooked food provided or did the occupants cook individually. M Burton understood that the occupants could make their own breakfast and that the house keeper, the only paid position, did the shopping and prepared lunch and dinner for the occupants.</p>
Henare Uru	<p>H Uru expressed his concerns that the proposed Pegasus and Ravenswood community facilities as well as the proposed upgrading of the Trevor Inch Memorial Library and Rangiora Civic Building being subsidized by ratepayers.</p> <p>There were no questions from Councillors.</p>
Michael de Hamel	<p>M de Hamel explained that the Kaiapoi Croquet Club (the Club) needed \$200,000 to be included in the Long Term Budget for the Council's acquisition of the Club's land in Revells Road, Kaiapoi. The Council had been talking to the Club about the possibility of relocating to the proposed Community Hub. However, due to budget constraints the Council could only afford to fund the development of two lawns, and could not afford to provide funding for a clubhouse at the new site. There were also no funds available to the Club for its present land. The result was that the Club has been asked to gift its present land to the Council, and to fund both the additional two lawns and the new clubhouse. M de Hamel believed this proposal to be unfair to the Club as the elderly members would not be able to raise the funds for the two additional lawns and the new club building.</p> <p>Councillor Atkinson questioned if other members of the Club held a different opinion. M de Hamel noted that he was not a member of the Club and confirmed that the Club members did not agree with his views, he however thought the proposal was not beneficial to the Club.</p>

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<p>Te Kohaka o Tuhaitara Trust (Catherine McMillan and Greg Byrnes)</p>	<p>C McMillan noted that the that the Te Kohaka o Tuhaitara Trust (the Trust) was very aware of the support that the Council gave them as a settler partner, and appreciated the ongoing financial support. The Trust also wanted to acknowledge all the other support that they received from the Council. The area that the Trust owned/managed was to a large extent the district's boundary to the sea. With the advent of climate change and the sea water inundation the Trust was very conscious of the responsibilities it carried to meet the Council's sustainability and environmental outcomes. The Trust also aimed to provide what they could in the way of recreation, education and cultural support.</p> <p>G Byrnes noted that the support that the Trust received from the Council was the primary reason why it was in the position that it was. Currently the Trust was working with the University of Canterbury to scope a Secondary School Science Program for most of the high schools within the Greater Christchurch Region, so it was not just about planting trees; it was about engaging with education and recreation.</p> <p>There were no questions from Councillors.</p>
<p>Orana Wildlife Trust (Lynn Anderson)</p>	<p>L Anderson explained that the Orana Wildlife Park (Orana) was an amazing asset that significantly contributed to economic development and recovery of Canterbury including the Waimakariri District. Orana was also very important for the community of Waimakariri as it provided an opportunity for families to enjoy a time in nature and connect with animals which was important for wellbeing. Orana supported the Department of Conservation with various key programmes for the recovery of New Zealand native species. Currently Orana had over twenty New Zealand native species living and breeding on the park grounds of their own volition. Orana had been recognised by the new Tui Corridor project. Education was a core part of Orana's mission and care for the environment were included in all public talks to visitors.</p> <p>However, running a modern zoo was very expensive and to ensure the ongoing viability of the park into the future they needed to secure more sustainable levels of ongoing operational funding. Orana was therefore seeking \$250,000 per annum from this Council</p> <p>Councillor Redmond asked how the proportional funding would be calculated amongst the four neighbouring Councils. L Anderson noted that they had to start somewhere so the \$250,000 was a suggestion and were open to other formulas.</p> <p>K Barnett noted that the total amount Orana was seeking from the four Councils was \$1,500,000 and Waimakariri was 10 percent of visitors which was only \$150,000. She enquired what education programmes Orana offered to Waimakariri's local schools. L Anderson explained that they had a contract with the Ministry of Education as a Learning Experiences Outside the Classroom Programme which was partly funded by the Ministry and most of the schools in Canterbury visited Orana.</p>

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	<p>K Barnett further enquired that with the amount of environmental projects that Orana was undertaking, was there any way that Orana could obtain more funding from the government in terms of their conservation work. L Anderson explained that Orana was currently awaiting the outcome of a grant application to Jobs for Nature, since they were about to take over an additional 55-hectares of land to future proof the park. A one off amount of funding from the Department of Conservation was anticipated at the end of June 2021.</p>
<p>Martin Pinkham</p>	<p>M Pinkham expressed his disappointed with the consultation document provided as part of the Council's 2021/22 Long Term Plan (LTP). He noted that as not all information had been made public, and that the process lacked transparency.</p> <p>M Pinkham expressed his concern that the Waimakariri District did not plan ahead for the provision of community facilities in fast growing areas such as Pegasus and Ravenswood. He suggested that the Council should develop a 30-year Spatial Plan for expected high growth areas that included linkages to existing and future communities, a long term transport strategy, and associated community facilities.</p> <p>M Pinkham also noted his concerned that the Council wanted to spend ratepayer's money on a parking facility in Rangiora that should be funded by parking contributions from local business developers, as was done in the past.</p> <p>M Pinkham advised that he supported the development of a Community Hub in Kaiapoi, however, he did not support its proposed location in the South Kaiapoi Regeneration area. The proposed utilisation of this site for a Community Hub was contrary to the provisions of the Council's Regeneration Plan, and any change of use should therefore be undertaken as part of the upcoming District Plan Review. He further advised that Kaiapoi was in desperate need of housing and the Council should therefore consider the development of high density residential units on the site.</p> <p>In conclusion, M Pinkham highlighted his opposition to the development of the Kaiapoi West area as a bus parking area and leasing the site to Go Bus.</p> <p>There were no questions from Councillors.</p>
<p>Southbrook Community Sports Club (Peter Freeman)</p>	<p>P Freeman provided a brief background to the management of the built facilities at Southbrook Park. The Southbrook Community Sports Club (the Club) was now solely run by volunteers and was currently busy with a strategic review which included a future feasibility study. He expressed the Club's appreciation for the \$24,000 grant from the Council in the previous financial year.</p> <p>P Freeman explained that the Club was requesting an annual grant of \$26,000 from the Council, to cover the Club's structural deficit in fixed costs which included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$4,936 in annual rates</li> <li>• \$14,00 in annual insurance</li> <li>• \$ 7,667 in lights, power and heating.</li> </ul>

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	<p>P Freeman noted with concern that the Club's rates increased by 37 percent over the last four years and its fixed electricity charges increased by 177 percent. The Club was competing with private venues and Council-owned facilities for business and was not able to successfully compete due to the high operating and maintenance costs.</p> <p>Mayor Gordon questioned if the possibility of the Club being placed on the Council insurance had been investigated as previously requested by Council. P Freeman noted that this had not happened and the Mayor requested that the matter be urgently investigated.</p> <p>Councillor Ward enquired if the Club had explored the possibility of securing a major sponsor. P Freeman explained that the Club had sought to secure sponsorships, however, due to the Covid-19 pandemic sponsorships had become hard to find as there were so many organisations in need.</p> <p>Councillor Ward further enquired if the Saracens Rugby Football Club Inc. was funded by the New Zealand Rugby Union. P Freeman advised that the Rugby Football Club was receiving funding from the New Zealand Rugby Union. However, the Rugby Football Club was already effectively subsidising the facilities for the other affiliated clubs.</p>
Alistair Lennie	<p>A Lennie requested the Council rethink its approach to addressing climate change issues, which would impact on the design of the library, civic precinct, and car parking building in Rangiora. He advised that the Council should encourage the use of other means of transport such as cycling. To encourage people to cycle in the district, A Lennie suggested the following ideas which could be incorporated into the redesign of the Rangiora Civic Centre:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reallocate some streets in Rangiora so that half-widths of streets were dedicated to cycling only.</li> <li>• Provide safe routes around the town for cycles and electric bicycles.</li> <li>• Install solar panels and develop charging points, to provide the electricity for charging of electric bicycles.</li> <li>• Incorporate dedicated cycleways in the design of new housing subdivisions at the very beginning of the planning process.</li> </ul> <p>Councillor Redmond questioned if A Lennie had noticed any changes in the volume of traffic and the development of roads and cycleways in the Waimakariri District since he had returned after 20 years. A Lennie noted the vast development of Rangiora and Kaiapoi which had had large areas of land developed for roads and houses.</p> <p>Councillor Blackie questioned if A Lennie believed that in light of local weather if Canterburyans would cycle to work. A Lennie commented that it would benefit the community even if residents only cycled to work on good days.</p>

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<p>Pegasus Parkrun (Chris van der Leer and Jacky Handcock)</p>	<p>C van der Leer explained that the Pegasus Parkrun was part of a global network of free community events which entailed a five kilometre event that took place every Saturday morning around Pegasus Lake. J Handcock highlighted the social benefits of the parkrun, which allowed participants to gain confidence, meet people, be part of the community and take on new challenges. The weekly events also gave noticeable benefits to local businesses.</p> <p>C van der Leer advised that the course for the parkrun currently started and ended at 70 Pegasus Main Street. To ensure that the parkrun could continue at its current location, the Council was therefore requested to purchase approximately 1,200m<sup>2</sup> of land on the boundary of the property at 70 Pegasus Main Street for community use.</p> <p>Council Redmond enquired what the plans for the parkrun would be if the owner of 70 Pegasus Main Street sold the property. C van der Leer advised that there was no suitable alternate route for the parkrun in Pegasus, so the event would have to relocate.</p> <p>Councillor Blackie questioned if it was known if the owner of 70 Pegasus Main Street would be willing to sell the ±1,200m<sup>2</sup>. C van der Leer noted that they had not contacted the property owner yet, as they were waiting for a Council decision on the matter.</p>
<p>Craig Sintes</p>	<p>C Sintes expressed a concern regarding the lack of investment into the Surf Lifesaving facilities along Waimakariri beaches. This was endangering the lives of beachgoers.</p> <p>C Sintes supported the development of a community centre in Pegasus. However, he had a concern regarding the proposed location of the proposed community centre near the medical centre or the school. He believed that there were properties better suited available in Pegasus.</p> <p>In response to questions, C Sintes confirmed that the development of lifeguard towers along the beaches would assist the team from Waikuku Surf Lifesaving, whom were patrolling the beach.</p>
<p>Sefton Hall Committee (Paul Lochhead)</p>	<p>P Lochhead provided a background to the history of the Sefton Hall which was badly damaged during the 2010 and 2011 earthquakes. The Sefton Hall Committee were able to secure funding for a feasibility study to investigate the best option for the future of the Hall. The findings of the feasibility study, was that it would be best to rebuild the hall at another long-term location.</p> <p>Councillor Redmond enquired how the Sefton Hall Committee planned to fund the rebuild. P Lochhead highlighted that the Committee had \$300,000 from its insurance pay out and would be selling the old library building (±\$140,000) and the current hall (±\$350,000). The remainder of the required funds (±\$710,000) would be raised by fund raising and applying for various grants.</p>

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	<p>Councillor Doody enquired if the Sefton Hall Committee would be able to service a loan if they needed to finance the remainder of the required funding. P Lochhead advised that the Committee was hoping to raise all the required funds as it would not be able to repay a loan on the halls current income.</p>
<p>Waimakariri United Football Club (Sabrina Ilett and Adam Kaiser )</p>	<p>A Kaiser elaborated on the various achievements of the Waimakariri United Football Club (the Club), which had over 60 teams that competed in several competitions. The Club ran a free football programme for over 300 children every week as part of its new Excel initiative. The Club also offered a number of community programmes across different demographics, including football in preschools and primary schools.</p> <p>The Club was requesting the Council to improve the current lighting at Kendall Park and to also invest in another pitch with appropriate lights at the park to allow the Club to grow. The lighting at Maria Andrews Park in Rangiora also needed to be upgraded to allow for coaching in the early evenings during winter months. The Club also requested the Council to consider building a Clubhouse at Kendall Park.</p> <p>S Ilett acknowledged that the Club had management problems in the past, however, a new Board had been appointed who were dedicated to the future of the Club.</p> <p>Councillor Atkinson enquired what the cost of upgrading the lighting at Kendall Park would entail. A Kaiser noted that previous quotations were in excess of \$20,000. The Club had sourced at grant for the upgrading of the lighting at Maria Andrews Park.</p> <p>Councillor Atkinson further enquired as to what was the proposed timeframe for the upgrading of the lighting. A Kaiser advised that best case scenario the upgrading of the lighting at Maria Andrews Park would be completed this year and the upgrading of the lighting at Kendall Park in 2022.</p> <p>Councillor Brine questioned if the Club had investigated the possibility of training at the A and P Showgrounds. A Kaiser confirmed that it was investigated, however, the venue was found not to be suitable.</p>
<p>West Eyreton Smallbore Rifle Club (Paul Boerlage)</p>	<p>P Boerlage provide a brief history of the Smallbore Rifle Club (WESRC) which was established almost 72 years ago and first operated from the West Eyreton Hall. The Council had suggested that the WESRC relocate while constructing the Cust Community Centre, so there would be enough users to support the proposal for the Centre. Over recent years the health and safety requirements for shooting facilities had become stricter and it has become clear that the Cust Community Centre was not really suitable for the WESRC longer term. The two major concerns were lead contamination and the air purification of the facility. Target Shooting New Zealand inspected the range in the Cust Community Centre and had highlighted a number of alterations required to obtain range certification.</p> <p>P Boerlage advised that in light of the above, the WESRC believed that it would be more beneficial if the Club relocated</p>

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	<p>to the Oxford Shooting Range. The Oxford range's building was damaged during the 2010 earthquake which the Council had repaired. P Boerlage confirmed that to meet Target Shooting New Zealand's requirements the Oxford range would need upgrading, however, these were significantly less than those required for the Cust Community Centre. The WESRC were therefore seeking approval to relocate to the Oxford Shooting Range and also financial support to undertake the work required to bring the range and clubrooms up to standard.</p> <p>Councillor Brine sought clarity on the expected costs of upgrading the Oxford Shooting Range. P Boerlage noted that the WESRC had not yet done detailed costing.</p> <p>Councillor Redmond asked how many members the WESRC currently had. P Boerlage advised that the club's membership was between 15 to 18 members. However, the membership was expected to grow if the club relocated to better facilities.</p> <p>Mayor Gordon noted that a detailed report would be submitted to the Council shortly on the proposed relocation of the WESRC.</p>
<p>PCL Group (Jedd Pearce and Mark Revis)</p>	<p>J Pearce noted that the Waimakariri District had a long and proud history of protecting and respecting its heritage. There had been massive restoration programmes of repairs to some of heritage buildings damaged during the earthquakes but there was still work to do. The Group was requesting the Council to support the private development of heritage buildings.</p> <p>M Revis explained that the restoration of heritage and historic buildings were uneconomic, yet they formed a key component of the diversity of buildings and provided a reference point to new generations of how buildings were constructed decades and centuries ago. One example of this was the BNZ Building in Kaiapoi, which was a Category 1 listed Heritage Building which the Group was in the process of restoring.</p> <p>Councillor Redmond enquired if the Group wished the Council to make funding available to all private developers for the restoration of historic buildings. J Pearce advised that while Government had some funding available by way of application or grant monies, there was very little available at a local level and a general fund that all developers could access would therefore be ideal.</p> <p>Mayor Gordon sought clarity on how much funding would be needed. M Revis believed that \$100,000 would be a beginning, however, any contribution would assist developers.</p>
<p>Break (The meeting adjourned at 6.15pm and reconvened at 6.25pm.)</p>	
<p>Rangiora Ashley Community Board (Jim Gerard)</p>	<p>J Gerard highlighted the following submission points on behalf of the Rangiora- Ashley Community Board (the Board):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Board supported the development of a community facility in Pegasus, however, did not support the development of a community facility in Ravenswood and believed that two facilities could lead to isolation of communities.</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Board was in support of the upgrade and expansion of the Trevor Inch Memorial Library however understands the rationale of combining the projects to get a cohesive outcome. The Board however considered it prudent to defer the expansion of the civic building at this time.</li> <li>• The Board was aware that presently the land in Durham Street which was utilised for parking was leased by the Council. If this land was secured for the next several years the Board would be comfortable with the deferment of the building of a car park building.</li> <li>• The Board would like to acknowledge the excellent work of the Council in managing the Covid-19 emergency.</li> <li>• The Board also wished to acknowledge the difference the new Northern Motorway had made to traffic flows within the greater Christchurch area.</li> <li>• The Board was concerned at the loss of local knowledge of maintenance and management of the water infrastructure which could lead to inefficiencies and cost increases, should the management and control be removed from the Council.</li> <li>• The Board had grave concern regarding traffic congestion in Southbrook Road. The Board acknowledged the proposed traffic lights at Torlesse/Coronation Street intersection which would assist pedestrian safety but believed that this could increase traffic congestion in the area.</li> <li>• The Board would also request that priority be given to the development of a roundabout at the SH1 and Rangiora-Woodend Road intersection. This would increase use of this road network and take pressure off the Southbrook Road.</li> <li>• The Board requested that consideration be given to expanding the Dudley Aquatic Facility to include children play features such as wave pools and hydro slides.</li> </ul> <p>There were no questions from Councillors.</p>
Drucilla Kingi-Patterson	<p>D Kingi-Patterson elaborated on the development plans for Greenmoon Studios and the various projects that the studios would be undertaking. She noted the need for local councils to actively support the arts.</p> <p>There were no questions from Councillors.</p>

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7.30pm to recommence at 10am in Oxford on Friday 7 May 2021

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Chairperson

25 May 2021

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