

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE OXFORD-OHOKA COMMUNITY BOARD HELD AT THE OXFORD TOWN HALL, 34 MAIN STREET, OXFORD ON WEDNESDAY 4 JUNE 2025 AT 6.30PM.

PRESENT

S Barkle (Chairperson), T Robson (Deputy Chairperson), M Brown, T Fulton, N Mealings, P Merrifield and M Wilson.

IN ATTENDANCE

G Cleary (General Manager Utilities and Roading) and K Rabe (Governance Advisor).

1. APOLOGIES

Moved: T Robson Seconded: M Wilson

THAT the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board:

- (a) **Receives and sustained** an application for leave of absence from R Harpur.

CARRIED

2. PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public present for the public forum.

3. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts declared.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1. Minutes of the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board Meeting –7 May 2025

Moved: T Fulton Seconded: T Robson

THAT the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board:

- (a) **Confirms** the circulated Minutes of the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board meeting, held on 7 May 2025, as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED

4.2. Matters Arising (From Minutes)

There were no matters arising.

5. DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

5.1 Environment Canterbury (Ecan) – Councillor C McKay

Councillor McKay was in attendance to update the Board on the decisions taken during ECan's 2025/26 Annual Plan deliberations. She noted that the predicted rates rise was expected to be in the region of 9.9%; however, with staff assistance ECan Council had managed to reduce the rates to 5.8%.

Councillor McKay thanked the Board for its submission to ECan's 2025/26 Annual Plan and was pleased to advise that ECan's Council had heard the concerns raised about the lack of public transport in the Oxford-Ohoka Ward. She drew the Board's attention to the transportation options offered for Rolleston in the Selwyn District as a place to start discussions. Rolleston was being offered either a two or three trip option at an approximate cost of \$149 or \$278 per rate payer with a population base of around 2,500.

S Barkle asked if this was a return trip to Rangiora, why were only Oxford residents affected, as there was benefit to the Rangiora area as well. Councillor McKay acknowledged the question and noted that she had also asked this and was awaiting a reply from ECan staff. S Barkle enquired if the Council would be able to provide feedback prior to the consultation being open to the public on the possible routes and costs to residents, to ensure that both councils were on the same page. Councillor McKay advised that it would depend on the business case prepared by ECan and the overall timeline.

T Robson asked if it would be possible to have a hybrid version on the Timaru trial of 'My Way' rather than starting from scratch. Councillor McKay could not comment on this option.

T Fulton raised the option of using a back route via Darfield as he was aware many Oxford residents used this route. Councillor McKay explained that ECan staff were looking at service providers such as the Community Trust, Vehicle Trust or commercial companies and route options as part of the business case.

In relation to the Eyre River and the request for a district wide rate, Councillor McKay informed the Board that this was an option that the ECan Council would consider in the future.

G Cleary thanked Environment Canterbury for their proactive assistance during the rain event in May 2025 which had assisted in mitigating flooding in the Waimakariri District. He also thanked ECan staff for working collaboratively with Council staff to achieve a good overall outcome.

6. ADJOURNED BUSINESS

Nil.

7. REPORTS

7.1. Proposed Rooding Capital Works Programme for 2025/26 and Indicative Three-year Programme – K Straw (Civil Projects Team Leader) and J McBride (Rooding and Transportation Manager)

K Straw presented the report which sought endorsement of the proposed 2025/25 Rooding Capital Works Programme and took the report as read. Any feedback from the report would be presented to the Council's Utilities and Rooding Committee for consideration.

S Barkle reminded staff that the Board had requested in its 2025/26 Annual Plan submission that the safety improvements planned for the Two Chain /Tram Roads intersection in Swannanoa be replaced by safety improvements at the No 10 / Tram Roads intersection. The Board believed that this intersection was more dangerous and, therefore, in need of urgent attention to mitigate safety concerns, especially during school pick up and drop off times.

T Fulton asked if speed limits near the Mandeville roundabout in Ohoka would be reconsidered and was advised that no changes in speeds, other than round schools, would be adopted. Any further speed limit changes would be considered by the incoming Council after the Local Government Elections in October 2025.

M Brown believed that it was unnecessary for threshold treatments to be carried out on the southern and northern entrances to Oxford and believed that there was a perception that the speeds were higher than they really were.

T Fulton enquired whether any work had been carried out at the T-intersection at Church and Main Streets, Oxford as had previously been requested. The resident had installed tyres painted white to mitigate issues and all that intersection needed was a chevron board to improve safety. K Straw undertook to follow up and advise the Board accordingly.

S Barkle noted that the Tram/Bennets Roads intersection in Starvation Hill was in poor condition and questioned if any work was planned in this area as part of the proposed Roothing Capital Works Programme.

S Barkle requested a workshop to be held to update the Board on all the proposed safety upgrade planned for Tram Road as well as proposed timelines. However, safety improvements to the No 10 / Tram Roads intersection were essential and should be prioritised. The matter of improved street lighting at intersections was briefly discussed; however, there was no budget for this work currently.

S Barkle also suggested that the sign on West Eyreton Road warning of the change to shingle needed to be relocated as it was too far in advance of the change.

Moved: M Brown

Seconded: P Merrifield

THAT the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 250505077283.
- (b) **Endorses** the 2025/26 DRAFT Proposed Roothing Capital Works Programme (Trim: 250505277435).
- (c) **Endorses** the indicative Roothing Capital Works Programme for the 2026/27, 2027/28 and 2028/29 years.
- (d) **Notes** that feedback from this report, and reports to the other Community Boards, will be taken by staff at the Board meetings and will be incorporated into the final report which is proposed to be taken to the Utilities and Roothing Committee in July 2025 for approval.

CARRIED

8. CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

9. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

9.1. Chairperson's Report

- Met with local family to discuss their unique need for the Wolffs Road suspension bridge. Also met with staff to discuss and refine the memorandum of understanding with the Wolffs Road Footbridge Society Inc. and Council staff.
- Met with the Mayor and other Community Board Chairpersons. – Nominations for Community Service Awards discussed.

- Attended an Ohoka Mandeville Advisory Group meeting - Discussed how the system held up in latest weather event – all was well due to the water table being lower at the beginning of the event. Residents from Threkalds Road came to speak to the Group about the flooding they experienced and their fear of further water coming down the area. They were wanting some solutions on getting the water away from their properties.
- Swannanoa School - Met with a Swannanoa School representative to discuss its potential involvement in the community lead pathway project. The school was very keen to get involved with students helping with plantings, potentially growing plants and helping to promote community planting days.
- Woodstock Quarry Ltd (WQL)- Various meetings throughout the month re WQL. Filed not to enter into mediation along with WDC, ECan and Transwaste. The main reasoning for parties to not agree to mediation was to do with the complexities of the various consents and amendments to consents that the applicant had filed for. These amendments were to do with the quarrying activities however there was concern there could be overlap and/or add confusion as to what consent applied to what due to the cross-over of activities on the same site. The applicant had until June 12th to supply evidence to clarify this matter. Mediation could then take place after this if parties agreed however it was not necessary, and hearing dates had been set. The Board had until August 15th to supply further evidence. Court had set a hearing date for Monday 17th November. The Board now needed to decide what matters it wanted to supply evidence on. This evidence would have to be in the form of experts. The Board would need to see if there were any locals who may be able to supply any relevant information. This would be discussed after the board meeting.
- Mandeville Resurgence - had been taking note of resurgence after the last weather event. The southern channel seemed to be on the rise post rainfall event. It was running between Chapmans Boundary Road and East of Two Chain Road. It took a couple of weeks to reach No 10 Road. The Northern channel started flowing on the northern side of Tram Road on Sunday 25th at 11.30am. Both channels now have a consistent flow so future rain events may cause issues.
- Wards Road community project. Expecting a report to allocated funds from the Landscape budget in July. Load of mulch had been donated and the gorse sprayed and removed. Echo Warriors may be able to supply plants in the future.

Moved: M Wilson

Seconded: N Mealings

THAT the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** the report provided by the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board Chairperson.

CARRIED

10. **MATTERS FOR INFORMATION**

- 10.1. Woodend-Sefton Community Board Meeting Minutes 12 May 2025.
- 10.2. Rangiora-Ashley Community Board Meeting Minutes 14 May 2025.
- 10.3. Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board Meeting Minutes 19 May 2025.
- 10.4. Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw 2024 Implementation Plan and Advisory Group Terms – Report to Council Meeting 6 May 2025 – Circulates to all Boards
- 10.5. Submission to Central Government Consultations April 2025 – Report to Council Meeting 6 May 2025 – Circulates to all Boards
- 10.6. Council Submissions Process and Delegation – Report to Council Meeting 6 May 2025 – Circulates to all Boards
- 10.7. Health, Safety and Wellbeing Report March 2025 to Current – Report to Council Meeting 6 May 2025 – Circulates to all Boards

- 10.8. Progress Update on Capital Work Renewals Programmes and Sports Ground Growth Programme for Greenspace – Report to Community and Recreation Committee Meeting 20 May 2025 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 10.9. Libraries Update to 8 May 2025 – Report to Community and Recreation Committee Meeting 20 May 2025 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 10.10. Aquatics May Report – Report to Community and Recreation Committee Meeting 20 May 2025 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 10.11. Draft Annual Plan 2025-2026 Special Consultative Procedure – Report to Council Meeting 27 May 2025 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 10.12. Drainage Staff Submission to Annual Plan 2025/26 – Report to Council Meeting 27 May 2025 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 10.13. Water Supply – Utilities and Roading Department Staff Submission to the Draft 2025/26 Annual Plan – Report to Council Meeting 27 May 2025 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 10.14. Wastewater – Utilities and Roading Department Staff Submission to the Draft 2025 Annual Plan – Report to Council Meeting 27 May 2025 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 10.15. Roading Staff Submission to the 2025/26 Annual Plan – Request Changes to the Roading Capital Works Budget – Report to Council Meeting 27 May 2025 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 10.16. Greenspace and Strategic and Special Projects Staff Submission to the 2025/26 Annual Plan – Report to Council Meeting 27 May 2025 – Circulates to all Boards.

Moves: M Brown

Seconded: P Merrifield

THAT the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** the information in items.10.1 to 10.16.

11. **MEMBERS' INFORMATION EXCHANGE**

T Robson

- Ashley Gorge – proposal to build an information shelter and display area to include cultural history, tracks and also to house a small utility room and storage. Funded by the Gala Day and should be completed by November 2025.
- Pearsons Park – discussed proposed bike track location.
- Cameras for Community Trust
- Baxter Place site meeting and concerns moved onto drainage staff.
- Woodstock Quarry meetings and discussions.

T Fulton

- District Plan process meetings and communication on timelines.
- Wolffs Bridge working-bee was held with ECan's support to clear trees and vegetation. Found mounting plinth which was a good find.
- Oxford Drainage Advisory Group meeting – heard about Deep Creek flooding history and swampy vegetation.
- West Eyreton historical signage – final design. Waimakariri Libraries staff had been extremely helpful with this initiative.
- Looking at appropriate location for the Swannanoa Railway sign – probably on the corner of Two Chain Road and North Eyre Road.

M Brown

- The big tree has been cut down and provided firewood for community projects. The tree took down the fence which had since been repaired.

- Attended Oxford Promotions Action Committee (OPAC) which discussed the Oxford Lights event.
- Oxford Health Charity Ltd.'s (OHCL) offer for some land in Oxford had been accepted and was being worked through its due diligence on the conditions in the contract. OHCL would apply for a resource consent and had engaged a project manager to assist

N Meetings

- Attended Property Portfolio Working Group meeting.
- Attended Christchurch City Council's Coastal Hazards Working Group
- Attended Council workshop
- Arohatia te Awa Working Group - Ohoka Stream Loop- Planting started. Ecological work/ monitoring ongoing. Access to Department of Conservation (DOC) land being worked through. Discussion regarding access further around the back of Silverstream to create a larger loop trail by going under the Ohoka Road Bridge. Promising to be a good new community asset.
- Met with 2025 Youth Member of Parliament/Waimakariri Youth Council Co-chair. - Had a passion to empower youth by better transport options- particularly connecting rural areas and better town routes.
- Attended Community Wellbeing North Canterbury Trust
- Attended Community and Recreation and District Planning and Regulation Committee meetings.
- Attended Ohoka Rural Drainage Advisory Group meeting - Deputation from Threlkelds Road residents; Staff meeting with ECan river engineers to investigate Cust Main Drain River specifications and possible upgrades. Discussion at Mandeville Groundwater Resurgence. Maintenance update-Mill Road south side drain cleaning and improvements; Ohoka Stream south branch clean up.
- Mandeville All Clubs meeting - Health and Safety workshop was held with Health and Safety Systems consultant discussing Health and Safety responsibilities for clubs.
- Mandeville Sports Club Board meeting - The Board was looking for an independent trustee with governance skills and an interest in sports and recreation to join the Board who was not a member of the club to give an impartial outside view around the table. A local historian, Gerald Sandry had written a book on Mandeville which might be of interest to the community. (not yet published.).
- Canterbury Biodiversity Strategy Revitalization workshop - attended the second workshop for the Revitalization of the Canterbury Biodiversity Strategy attended by a diverse range of people from pest control groups, biodiversity trusts, QE2 Trust, ecologists, and local government, as well as those from DOC, KiwiRail, Lyttleton Port, Fed Farmers etc. Feedback from that would be incorporated and brought back to stakeholders as part of the revitalization of the Canterbury Regional Council's strategy.
- Attended Greater Christchurch Partnership Committee meeting.
- Dudley Park Youth Week event - attended the High School music event at Dudley Park as part of Youth Week celebrations. Well attended twilight event. Good fun!
- Mudfish Celebration evening - attended a nighttime event hosted by the Waimakariri Landcare Trust at the Bennetts Stream diversion celebrating our native taonga, the kowaro/ mudfish. Great to see the work being done to enhance habitat and protect this wee treasure!
- O'Kair Lagoon Planting Day - took part in the planting day organised by the Waimakariri Biodiversity Trust also attended by UC's Student Volunteer Army.
- Oxford Skate Jam - attended the Oxford Skate Jam at the Pearson Park skate park run by Cheapskates and the Waimakariri Community Team. Awesome to see so many young people out having fun, learning new tricks, and showing off their skills! Another great Youth Week event.
- Attended Community Wellbeing North Canterbury Trust Board meeting - Winter Food drive on through June: <https://www.wellbeingnc.org.nz/links/>

- Attended 2025/26 Annual Plan deliberations
- Attended Council meeting.
- Attended Waimakariri Youth Council meeting.
- Attended Solid Waste Working Party meeting - discussed location options for the Cust Rural Recycling facility. Staff to return with more detailed analysis.
- Youth Consultation Plan open for public consultation.

M Wilson

- Waimakariri Health Advisory Group - discussed extended hours medical hub. Promote that this was not a 24/7 service.
- Kaiapoi Laboratory staffing issues are the reason the Kaiapoi Laboratory is now often closed.
- Nicki Carter and Tessa Sturley reported back to Waimakariri Health Advisory Group about the work being done to prepare our community for disasters.
- Retrenchment of services causing uncertainty
- Harder for elderly to access services due to technology increased requirements.

P Merrifield

- Attended Oxford Museum AGM – no changes to the committee and concern regarding the container storage as Pearson Park Group against preferred location.
- Attended GreyPower meeting – new committee members. Percentage of over 65's is greater than the percentage of under 20's.
- Oxford Area Emergency Hub – uncertain of status and would check with the Communications and Engagement team.

12. CONSULTATION PROJECTS

12.1. Pegasus Youth Space

<https://letstalk.waimakariri.govt.nz/pegasus-youth-space-options>

Consultation would close on Friday 6 June 2025.

12.2. Volleyball Net Installation at Kaiapoi Domain

<https://letstalk.waimakariri.govt.nz/volleyball-net-installation-at-kaiapoi-domain>

Consultation would close on Friday 13 June 2025.

12.3. 2025 Environmental Awards

<https://letstalk.waimakariri.govt.nz/2025-environmental-awards>

Applications to close on Saturday 28 June 2025.

The Board noted the Consultation Projects.

13. BOARD FUNDING UPDATE

13.1. Board Discretionary Grant

Balance as at 31 May 2025: \$2.

13.2. General Landscaping Fund

Balance as at 31 May 2025: \$3,083.

The Board noted the Board funding updated.

14. **MEDIA ITEMS**

Nil

15. **QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDERS**

Nil

16. **URGENT GENERAL BUSINESS UNDER STANDING ORDERS**

Nil

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board was scheduled for 6.30pm, Wednesday 2 July 2025 at the Oxford Town Hall.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.41PM.

CONFIRMED



Chairperson

2 July 2025

Date

Workshop
(8.42 – 9.28pm)

- *Members Forum - informal discussion on Woodstock Quarries Limited.*