MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WAIMEA-MAKAURI DISTRICT COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 215 HIGH STREET, RANGIORA, ON TUESDAY, 7 JULY 2026, COMMENCING AT 9AM.

PRESENT

Mayor D Gordon, Deputy Mayor P Redmond, Councillors T Bartle, B Cairns, W Doody (Audio-Visual Link), T Fulton, J Goldsworthy, B McLaren, N Mealings, S Powell, and J Ward.

IN ATTENDANCE

J Millward (Chief Executive), K LaValley (General Manager Planning Regulation and Environment), G MacLeod (Greenspace Manager), D Roxborough (Strategic and Special Projects Manager), S Docherty (Strategy and Business Manager), W Harris (Planning Manager), S Nichols (Governance Manager), M Bacon (Development Planning Manager), K Howat (Parks and Facilities Team Leader), G Maxwell (Business and Projects Advisor), N Thenuwara (Policy Analyst), E Belton (Youth Development Facilitator), L Mealings (Policy Analyst) and C Fowler-Jenkins (Governance Support Officer).

There were six members of the public present.

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts declared.

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Mayor Gordon acknowledged the passing of Kelvin Coe, who served as the Mayor of the Selwyn District from 2007 to 2016. K Coe was involved in community groups and local politics before becoming Mayor, where he guided the district through significant challenges, including the aftermath of the 2010 and 2011 earthquakes.

The Council stood and observed a moment's silence.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 **Minutes of a meeting of the Waimakariri District Council held on Tuesday, 2 June 2026**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Redmond Seconded: Councillor Mealings

THAT the Council:

(a) **Confirms,** as a true and correct record, the circulated Minutes of the Waimakariri District Council meeting held on Tuesday, 2 June 2026.

CARRIED

4.2 **Minutes of a meeting of the Waimakariri District Council held on Tuesday, 16 June 2026**

Moved: Councillor Cairns Seconded: Councillor Goldsworthy

THAT the Council:

(a) **Confirms,** as a true and correct record, the circulated Minutes of the Waimakariri District Council meeting held on Tuesday, 16 June 2026.

CARRIED

4.3 **Matters Arising from Minutes**

There were no matters arising.

5. DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

5.1 **Plan Stop Exemption Application** – M H Kerr, K McCraken and A Schulte.

M Kerr spoke to the ongoing planning constraints affecting 15 Townsend Road, Rangiora. He advised that, despite more than five years of engagement with the Council, adherence to Council guidance, obtaining professional advice, and pursuing available rezoning processes in good faith, no clear or workable pathway had been identified to resolve the matter.

M Kerr noted that the character of the surrounding area had changed significantly over the past two decades, with Townsend and Fernside Roads having evolved into major urban transport routes and substantial residential and commercial growth having occurred nearby. He advised that the Council had previously acquired a section of the property for the construction of the Townsend/Fernside Road roundabout and that approximately 75% of the site was now affected by traffic noise. Concerns were raised that increasing traffic volumes and urban development had rendered the property unsuitable for rural residential and livestock activities and had adversely affected its value and functionality.

M Kerr further advised that rezoning the property would better align it with surrounding land uses, support the future supply of commercial land, and enable a logical and efficient use of the land. He requested that the Council prepare a report to the Ministry for Cities, Environment, Regions and Transport (MCERT) seeking a plan-stop exemption to enable consideration of rezoning the site. It was emphasised that this was not a request for a rezoning decision at this stage, but rather a request to establish a formal and transparent process through which the merits of the proposal could be properly assessed.

Counsel for the Kerr family, A Schulte, acknowledged that obtaining a plan-stop exemption from the Ministry to enable rezoning would be challenging, given the legislative requirements and threshold tests that would need to be satisfied. However, he submitted that an exemption could be justified on the grounds that the rezoning would address what was considered a planning error, better align with the requirements of the Resource Management Act and the National Policy Statement on Urban Development relating to infrastructure and commercial land supply, and support broader strategic objectives for the area.

A Schulte further advised that, if an exemption request were unsuccessful, a private plan change remained a viable alternative. It was noted that previous advice provided to the Kerr family had incorrectly suggested that the Council would be required to reject a private plan change application because the District Plan had been operative for less than two years. In fact, the Council retained the discretion to accept and publicly notify such an application where appropriate. The Kerr family indicated that they would consider pursuing a private plan change and, if necessary, challenge any contrary interpretation.

A Schulte also outlined alternative options should rezoning not be achieved. These included seeking resource consent for a commercial activity on the site, pursuing relief under Section 85 of the Resource Management Act, 1991 or seeking any future compensation available under proposed planning legislation, on the basis that planning decisions had significantly constrained the reasonable use of the property. It was noted, however, that neither of these options was preferred and that the Kerr family's primary objective remained securing rezoning through an appropriate planning process.

Mayor Gordon asked whether M Kerr had made a submission on the Council's District Plan. M Kerr confirmed that he had and advised that, while the hearing panel had declined the requested rezoning, it had acknowledged merit in the proposal. He further noted that he had received poor advice from his planning consultant during the process.

Councillor McLaren enquired whether neighbouring property owners shared M Kerr's views. M. Kerr advised that he had not discussed the matter directly with them but understood that they had concerns regarding the volume of traffic using Townsend Road.

Mayor Gordon requested that staff prepare a report on the matter.

5.2 **Local Government Merger Impacts** – Drucilla Kingi-Patterson.

D Kingi-Patterson expressed concern that the Government's approach to local government reform was, in her view, bordering on being unacceptable due to limited consultation and unrealistic timeframes for developing a workable model. She believed that greater consideration should be given to the duty of care owed to affected parties, including the retention of skilled workers and institutional knowledge.

D Kingi-Patterson also highlighted concerns about the potential stress and uncertainty that the proposed merger of the Council and Regional Council could place on elderly and unwell residents, as well as on employees of both organisations. It was further stated that the effects of the merger could extend beyond local communities and affect a range of public services, including healthcare, aged care facilities, and transport management.

6. ADJOURNED BUSINESS

Nil.

7. REPORTS

7.1 **Pegasus Residents Association Memorandum of Understanding, Pegasus Community Centre and Confirmation of Fees and Charges** – K Howat (Parks and Facilities Team Leader)

K Howat spoke to the report, noting that ratification was being sought of a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Council and Pegasus Residents Association to support the ongoing operation of the new Pegasus Community Centre scheduled to open by November 2026, and approval of the proposed fees and charges for the new facility.

Councillor McLaren questioned the reason the Council could not adopt a rounded hourly venue hire rate. K Howat advised that the proposed charges had been modelled on the Woodend Community Centre fee structure and were consistent with the fees and charges adopted by the Council through the 2026/27 Annual Plan process.

Councillor Ward queried the anticipated operational budget for the facility. G MacLeod advised that staff were currently undertaking this work and that the operational budget would be reported to the Pegasus Community Centre Project Steering Group before being presented to the Council as part of the 2027-37 Long Term Plan process.

Councillor Powell asked whether a tiered charging structure could be adopted to differentiate between personal events, such as weddings, and other commercial activities. K Howat advised that the proposed wedding hire fee of $625 had been based on the charge currently applied at West Eyreton Hall, which was the only other Council facility in the Waimakariri District regularly used for weddings.

Responding to a question from Councillor Cairns, K Howat explained that the wedding hire fee for West Eyreton Hall consisted of $625 per day, together with a $500 bond. He noted that a bond requirement would also apply to bookings at the Pegasus Community Centre.

Councillor Mealings observed that the community book exchange to be maintained by the Pegasus Residents Group would be smaller than the current community book exchange space. She queried the reason for the reduction in the community book exchange area. K Howat advised that, in designing the new community facility, greater emphasis was placed on maximising flexible, usable community space within the rooms. While provision had, therefore, been made to continue the community book exchange, the available space would be smaller than in the current facility.

Councillor Fulton questioned the appropriateness of applying comparable charges to the Pegasus Community Centre and West Eyreton Hall, noting that the Pegasus Community Centre would be a new, publicly owned and serviced facility, whereas West Eyreton Hall was an older facility maintained by a volunteer committee. He asked whether the fee structure should reflect those differences. G MacLeod advised that staff could consider this matter further and include an assessment of the comparative charging approach in a future report.

Councillor Fulton also asked whether any assessment had been undertaken regarding the potential effects of having two wedding venues operating within Council-owned facilities in the district, following the opening of the Pegasus Community Centre. G MacLeod advised that staff had not undertaken such an assessment. However, usage and booking data would be monitored and reviewed once the Pegasus Community Centre became operational.

Moved: Mayor Gordon Seconded: Councillor Cairns

THAT the Council:

(a) **Lays** the report on the table for further review by staff**.**

CARRIED

Item 7.5 "Bylaw Programme Update July 2026" was taken at this time. The agenda order was retained in the Minutes to mitigate confusion.

7.2 **Adoption of the Parking and Traffic Bylaw 2026** – G Maxwell (Business and Projects Advisor), on behalf of the Parking and Traffic Bylaw 2026 Hearing Panel

G Maxwell spoke to the report, noting that the Council was being requested to adopt the Waimakariri District Council Parking and Traffic Bylaw 2026 (the Bylaw) following the completion of the Special Consultative Procedure and the Hearing Panel's consideration of submissions.

Councillor Fulton asked at what point a public space became classified as a road and when parking issues, such as overnight camping and overstaying in areas like the Pearson Park Oval, became matters for enforcement. G Maxwell advised that this depended on the classification of the land. Regarding the Bylaw, she noted that staff would need to investigate the specific issues being experienced. She further advised that staff could report back to the Council and seek consideration of measures such as parking restrictions or time limits where appropriate.

Councillor Powell noted that road verges were categorised as either urban or rural and enquired whether there were any other classifications. S Binder noted that the definition in the Bylaw distinguished only between urban and rural verges, which collectively covered all areas within the Waimakariri District.

Councillor Powell questioned if it was necessary to include in the Bylaw that *'a person must not stop on verges if it causes any damage to the verge, Council infrastructure, or poses a safety hazard'*. As this was already covered by other clauses in the Bylaw. S Binder noted that the clause was inherited from the existing Bylaw, which adopted a broader approach to fundamental concerns that may apply in any location.

In addition, Councillor Powell queried whether *'in any part of the road that is separated from the roadway by a kerb and designed primarily for pedestrian use or landscaping'* also referred to footpaths. S Binder confirmed that footpaths were covered in the road user rule.

In response to a further question from Councillor Powell, G Maxwell acknowledged that the Bylaw did not override any national legislation.

Councillor Cairns sought clarification regarding the offence provisions relating to parking on berms and the role of damage in determining an offence. L Lee explained that, within an urban area, the offence was committed when a vehicle was parked on a grass berm. Damage to the berm was not a separate offence in itself but was relevant to the severity and extent of the breach. He noted that a person who parked on an urban berm was already committing an offence, and where continued parking resulted in increasing damage, further investigation and enforcement action may be warranted.

Councillor Cairns then asked whether the Bylaw applied to privately owned land. L Lee responded that the Bylaw was not enforceable on privately owned land and applied only to areas within the Council's jurisdiction.

Moved: Councillor Cairns Seconded: Councillor Bartle

THAT the Council:

(a) **Lays** the report on the table till further consideration by the Hearing Panel about parking on verges and motorhomes.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned for refreshments from 10:32am to 10:49am.

Item 10.1 "Petition from Fernside School – Protecting our Braided Rivers" was taken at this time. The agenda order was retained in the Minutes to mitigate confusion.

7.3 **2025 Customer Satisfaction Survey Results** – N Thenuwara (Policy Analyst)

N Thenuwara took the report as read.

Deputy Mayor Redmond asked whether there was any way to differentiate between food safety and alcohol. N Thenuwara stated the information was presented as a combined result due to the low number of responses received.

Moved: Councillor McLaren Seconded: Councillor Bartle

THAT the Council:

(a) **Receives** Report No. 260610134675.

(b) **Notes** the key findings of the 2025 Customer Satisfaction Survey, including that overall resident satisfaction remains high, with variation across service areas.

(c) **Notes** that changes to survey methodology limit comparability with previous survey results, and that the 2025 results should be treated as a new baseline for future performance monitoring.

(d) **Notes** that benchmarking indicated the Council performed well alongside other high-performing councils, while also highlighting areas for potential improvement.

(e) **Notes** that the survey results, including identified service and awareness gaps, will inform Activity Management Plans and the 2027–2037 Long Term Plan.

(f) **Notes** that the 2025 Customer Satisfaction Survey Report and the Council's Annual Benchmarking Report prepared by Key Research Limited will be made available on the Council website.

(g) **Circulates** this report to Community Boards for their information.

CARRIED

Councillor McLaren noted his interest in the survey results and the way the research had been conducted. While acknowledging the positive results, he suggested that greater value might be gained by focusing on areas where respondents had expressed lower levels of satisfaction. Councillor McLaren appreciated that individual business units were reviewing their own results and considered there to be an opportunity to identify common themes across the organisation. He further suggested that positive practices and success factors identified within one business unit could potentially be applied more broadly across the Council.

Mayor Gordon expressed satisfaction with the results, noting that they indicated a high level of community satisfaction within the Waimakariri District. He acknowledged that there would always be opportunities for improvement but considered the findings to reflect a highly engaged community. Referring to responses on future governance options, Mayor Gordon observed that support for a standalone council, as well as favourable views of North Canterbury, appeared to reflect a desire within the community to maintain the benefits of local service delivery. Mayor Gordon noted that residents valued their interaction with Council staff and that he regularly heard positive feedback regarding the quality of those interactions.

Deputy Mayor Redmond commented that the benchmarking results showed that overall satisfaction with the Council was comparable to that of the highest-performing councils included in the survey. He noted that direct comparison with previous surveys was not possible due to changes in methodology. Overall, Deputy Mayor Redmond considered the results excellent, while recognising that there were still areas where the Council could seek further improvements.

7.4 **Draft Community Outcomes for Public Consultation** – S Docherty (Strategy and Business Manager)

S Docherty spoke to the report, noting it followed on from a Council workshop where the Council reviewed the existing community outcomes in the current Long Term Plan. This work would inform the development of the Long Term Plan 2027/2037.

There were no questions from elected members.

Moved: Councillor McLaren Seconded: Councillor Bartle

THAT the Council:

(a) **Receives** Report No. 260504108117.

(b) **Approves** the Draft Community Outcomes for public consultation (Trim 260504108080).

(c) **Appoints** Councillors Joan Ward (Long-term Plan Portfolio Holder), Councillor Jason Goldsworthy, Councillor Tim Bartle, Councillor Brent Cairns and Councillor Shona Powell to the Hearing Panel to hear any submissions to the Draft Community Outcomes and provide recommendations to Council on any further amendments to the community outcomes.

(d) **Notes** that the Draft Community Outcomes will inform the development of the Long Term Plan 2027–2037 strategic framework, strategic priorities, activity management planning, and performance reporting framework.

(e) **Notes** that staff will seek to work with Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri representatives to get their feedback on the Draft Community Outcomes.

(f) **Circulates** this report to the Community Boards for their information.

CARRIED

7.5 **Bylaw Programme Update July 2026** – S Docherty (Strategy and Business Manager)

S Docherty took the report as read and highlighted new legislative requirements under the Regulatory Standards Act 2025. She advised that the Act required councils to prepare consistency and accountability statements to accompany bylaws.

Councillor Cairns questioned whether staff had considered consulting with the New Zealand Motor Caravan Association as part of the feasibility assessment for the Freedom Camping Bylaw. S Docherty commented that staff had not yet engaged with the New Zealand Motor Caravan Association but would do so before reporting on the draft bylaw to the Council.

Moved: Councillor McLaren Seconded: Mayor Gordon

THAT the Council:

(a) **Receives** Report No. 260624149849.

(b) **Notes** the Regulatory Standards Act 2025 introduces legislative change that requires the Chief Executive to provide a Consistency Accountability Statement (CAS) for bylaws adopted by the Council from 1 July 2026 onwards.

(c) **Notes** work on the Bylaw Programme currently includes the following Bylaws:

i. New Traffic and Parking Bylaw – report to Council 7 July 2026
ii. Review of Property Maintenance Bylaw – report to Council 7 July 2026
iii. Updated Stock Movement Bylaw – Hearing 18 November 2026
iv. New Commercial Wastewater Bylaw – expected late 2026
v. New Residential Wastewater Bylaw – expected late 2026
vi. New Public Spaces Bylaw – expected early 2027.

(d) **Notes** feasibility studies are underway for possible bylaws related to the keeping of animals and freedom camping.

(e) **Notes** that bylaws are subject to statutory review requirements and may also be reviewed earlier where the Council identifies a need to ensure they remain effective, fit for purpose, and aligned with legislative requirements.

(f) **Circulates** this report to Community Boards for information.

CARRIED

Councillor McLaren supported the motion, thanked staff for bringing the report to the Council, and commented that it was helpful to have visibility into the current status and progress of the Council's bylaws.

Mayor Gordon also expressed support for the work being undertaken. He noted that the quality of advice being provided to the Council on bylaw matters, including considerations of enforceability and appropriateness, had improved significantly. Mayor Gordon emphasised the importance of the Council receiving robust and reliable advice to support effective decision-making.

Item 7.2 "Adoption of the Parking and Traffic Bylaw 2026" was taken at this time. The agenda order was retained in the Minutes to mitigate confusion.

7.6 **Adoption of Elected Member Expenses Policy** – S Nichols (Governance Manager)

S Nichols spoke to the report, noting that the proposed amendments were required to align with the Remuneration Authority's Determination effective from 1 July 2026 and to incorporate associated changes. She advised that the only substantive amendment related to a minor adjustment to the mileage reimbursement provisions, which was reflected in the policy. A further minor change concerned the security provisions, with the previous restriction limiting eligibility for members residing outside the Waimakariri District removed. S Nichols confirmed that the amendments did not include any changes to elected member remuneration.

There were no questions from elected members.

Moved: Councillor Goldsworthy Seconded: Councillor Cairns

THAT the Council:

(a) **Receives** Report No. 260624149692.

(b) **Approves** the Elected Member Expenses Policy to 30 June 2027 (Trim 210811131910).

(c) **Notes** that a copy of the updated adopted Policy is sent to the Remuneration Authority.

(d) **Circulates** a copy of this report and the approved Expenses Policy to all Community Boards for their reference.

(e) **Notes** the Remuneration Authority made no amendments to the elected member remuneration for the 2026/27 financial year.

CARRIED

8. HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELLBEING

8.1 **Health, Safety and Wellbeing Report 19 May 2026 to 17 June 2026** – J Millward (Chief Executive)

J Millward took the report as read, and there were no questions from elected members.

Moved: Councillor McLaren Seconded: Councillor Fulton

THAT the Council:

(a) **Receives** Report No. 260617144640.

(b) **Notes** that there were no WorkSafe notifiable incidents this month. The organisation is, so far as is reasonably practicable, compliant with the duties of a person conducting a business or undertaking (PCBU) as required by the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015.

(c) **Circulates** this report to the Community Boards for their information.

CARRIED

9. MATTER REFERRED FROM THE COMMUNITY AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

9.1 **Adoption of the Waimakariri Youth Action Plan 2026-2029** – E Belton (Youth Development Facilitator) and L Mealings (Policy Analyst)

L Mealings took the report as read, and there were no questions from elected members.

Moved: Councillor Cairns Seconded: Deputy Mayor Redmond

THAT the Council:

(a) **Adopts** the Waimakariri Youth Action Plan 2026-2029 (Trim 260528126247).

(b) **Nominates** the General Manager of Community and Recreation to approve any minor edits to the Plan over the 2026 to 2029 period, should any circumstances change, in acknowledgement of the need for flexibility in the delivery of youth development.

(c) **Notes** that no further funding is being sought in relation to the Youth Action Plan project at this time, and that the Community Team will continue to actively seek external funding to support the implementation of community-related strategies.

(d) **Notes** that the Waimakariri Youth Action Plan 2026-2029 (Trim 260528126247) is the direct result of a thorough early engagement process, co-designed with the Youth Action Plan Advisory Group. This engagement directly captured the voices of over 1,100 local 12- to 24-year-olds.

(e) **Notes** that the Waimakariri Youth Action Plan 2026-2029 (Trim 260528126247) has received endorsement from the Youth Action Plan Advisory Group, as well as Sport Canterbury.

(f) **Circulates** this report and attachments to Community Boards for their information.

CARRIED

Councillor Cairns commented that the project represented an excellent example of collaboration, with a large number of people contributing to its success. He acknowledged the collective effort involved and described the work undertaken as extraordinary.

Deputy Mayor Redmond described the initiative as a significant achievement, particularly in its success in capturing the views and perspectives of young people. He congratulated staff on the work undertaken and the quality of the engagement process.

Mayor Gordon expressed his support for the Waimakariri Youth Action Plan, noting that it had been considered by the Council on several occasions throughout its development. He acknowledged the Youth Council's contribution and thanked both its members and staff for their efforts in bringing the plan to completion.

Councillor Mealings commended the outstanding commitment of everyone involved, noting that participants had willingly given their time to share their views and experiences. She highlighted the significant amount of qualitative information that had been gathered and considered that the findings would place the Council in a strong position to undertake youth-focused planning in the years ahead. Councillor Mealings expressed her pleasure at seeing the plan adopted.

10. CORESPONDANCE

10.1 Petition from Fernside School – Protecting our Braided Rivers

Mayor Gordon observed that he had attended a presentation by students from Fernside School and had formally received a petition from them. He noted that the students had undertaken a project focused on the Ashley/Rakahuri River and were seeking action to support environmental outcomes. Mayor Gordon advised that the students wished for the petition to be presented to the Council for its consideration. He acknowledged the students' efforts and commended the high level of interest and engagement they had shown in the issue.

Councillor Ward asked whether the students were aware of the volunteer group working within the Ashley/Rakahuri River area to trap pests and feral cats. Mayor Gordon confirmed that they were aware of the Ashley River Care Group’s activities.

Deputy Mayor Redmond noted that the students appeared to be seeking a seasonal bylaw and sought clarification regarding jurisdiction over the riverbed. Mayor Gordon understood that responsibility rested with Environment Canterbury but advised that a report would be prepared to clarify the matter.

Moved: Councillor McLaren Seconded: Councillor Ward

THAT the Council:

(a) **Receives** Item 10.1 for information.

(b) **Requests** a report from staff to come back with a consideration of the petition and what options there may be.

CARRIED

Councillor McLaren expressed his admiration for the quality of the research undertaken by the Fernside School students and the depth of thought reflected in their work.

Mayor Gordon acknowledged the students' passion and enthusiasm, describing them as the future custodians of the district. He noted that protecting braided rivers was an objective shared by the community and commented that the students' work had highlighted the range of predators affecting native species, noting that the issue extended beyond cats to include other predators such as owls.

Councillor Mealings was encouraged by the students' response and considered the petition to be a timely reminder of the importance of being good ancestors and protecting the environment for future generations. She noted that the students had conveyed this message effectively through their petition and expressed interest in seeing how they would continue to contribute to the community as they grew older and became more actively involved in civic affairs.

Councillor Fulton commended the students for their efforts and acknowledged their strong interest in and commitment to the natural environment.

11. COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR INFORMATION

11.1 Minutes of the Community and Recreation Committee meeting 21 April 2026

11.2 Minutes of the Utilities and Roading Committee meeting 12 May 2026

11.3 Minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting 19 May 2026

Moved: Councillor Bartle Seconded: Councillor Goldsworthy

THAT the Council:

(a) **Receives** Items 11.1 to 11.3 for information.

CARRIED

12. COMMUNITY BOARD MINUTES FOR INFORMATION

12.1 Minutes of the Woodend-Sefton Community Board meeting 13 April 2026

12.2 Minutes of the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board meeting 6 May 2026

12.3 Minutes of the Woodend-Sefton Community Board meeting 11 May 2026

12.4 Minutes of the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board meeting 13 May 2026

12.5 Minutes of the Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board meeting 18 May 2026

Moved: Councillor Fulton Seconded: Councillor Mealings

THAT the Council:

(a) **Receives** Items 12.1 to 12.5 for information.

CARRIED

13. COUNCIL PORTFOLIO UPDATES

13.1 **Iwi Relationships** – Mayor Dan Gordon

Mayor Gordon thanked all the elected members who had made themselves available for the cultural training. It was noted that attendance was greatly appreciated, as it was important for strengthening understanding of iwi relationships.

Mayor Gordon reported that while Tanya Wati remained involved, she was no longer the Ngāi Tūāhuriri representative. Nicole Manawatu-Brennan had taken on the role of Ngāi Tūāhuriri representative. The implications of this change would become clearer over time. The strong relationship established with T Wati was acknowledged, and N Manawatu-Brennan was noted to be well known and respected. Mayor Gordon noted that the appointment was a democratic decision and that the Council would continue to focus on maintaining positive and productive relationships with iwi.

13.2 **Greater Christchurch Partnership Update** – Mayor Dan Gordon

Mayor Gordon reported that activity had largely been paused until later in the year, pending greater clarity on the direction of local government reforms. Some workstreams continued on a scaled-back basis, with resources and capacity being redirected to other priority areas. This approach was noted as being consistent with previous discussions.

Councillor Mealings noted that James Caygill had been elected as Interim Chairperson; however, the frequency of meetings had generally been reduced by approximately half. She noted that only a small number of key workstreams were continuing, focusing on the most pressing matters that could be progressed collaboratively. Aside from these priority workstreams, organisations were largely progressing independently at present. It was acknowledged that substantial work remained to be undertaken within each organisation.

13.3 **Government Reforms** – Mayor Dan Gordon

Mayor Gordon provided a high-level update on the Government Reform Programme. He noted that a briefing on current updates and next steps was scheduled to take place shortly and further information from recent meetings would be shared when available. Mayor Gordon reported that additional updates had been received regarding the likely next steps for the Head Start Pathway programme. Recent discussions at various forums and other communications have resulted in a clearer understanding.

Regarding other reform programmes, Mayor Gordon noted that decisions on the Resource Management Act, 1991 reforms and the proposed replacement planning framework remain pending. He acknowledged that the timing was becoming increasingly constrained due to the proximity of the general election period, making it more difficult for the Government to progress significant legislative changes. It was suggested that any substantial announcements would likely need to be made prior to the general election.

13.4 **Climate Change and Sustainability** – Councillor Niki Mealings

Councillor Mealings highlighted the following:

- A Climate Champions meeting was held on 26 June 2026. The Climate Champions Group operated under the Canterbury Councils Forum and included representatives from each council within the region. During the meeting, members conducted a detailed review of Action 2 of the Canterbury Climate Change Partnership Plan, focusing on emissions-reduction initiatives. Councils were asked to identify which actions they supported maintaining and to highlight their priorities moving forward.
- The Council's 2024/25 Organisational Greenhouse Gas Inventory had been completed using a new baseline. Overall emissions had increased by 3.4%; however, this increase was lower than the rate of district growth over the same period. Significant reductions in solid waste emissions had been achieved compared with the 2017/18 inventory, indicating that waste minimisation initiatives were delivering positive outcomes.
- Resilience Explorer Programme. A development roadmap for the Resilience Explorer Programme had recently been completed. Urban Intelligence, the company responsible for developing the programme, had undertaken extensive data analysis to guide future enhancements. The tool supports spatial planning and could be used for a range of functions, including emergency response, asset management, and strategic planning.

  The 2026 Liquefaction Layer from the National Liquefaction Model, produced by the Natural Hazards Commission, had recently been added to the Resilience Explorer Programme. This updated information would replace the older 2009 and 2012 datasets and provide improved information for future risk assessments.
- Regarding the Council's Asset Risk Assessment Programme, a pilot assessment had previously been completed for solid waste assets. A similar assessment had now been completed for green space assets and was undergoing review. One notable finding was that 388 green space assets had been identified as being at high risk of fluvial flooding, providing valuable information to support future risk management and adaptation planning.
- The District Climate Risk Assessment was underway. Urban Intelligence had been engaged to develop a GIS-based Spatial Framework across the Waimakariri District to support the assessment. This work had been completed and would contribute to the next stages of the project.

13.5 **International Relationships** – Deputy Mayor Philip Redmond

Deputy Mayor Redmond did not provide an update at this time.

14. QUESTIONS

Nil.

15. URGENT GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

16. MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WITH THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED

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

In accordance with section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act (or sections 6, 7 or 9 of the Official Information Act 1982, as the case may be), it is moved:

Moved: Councillor Mealings Seconded: Councillor Bartle

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting:

16.1 Confirmation of Public Excluded Minutes of Council Meeting 2 June 2026

16.2 Contract 25/48 Blackett Street Stormwater Upgrade Tender Evaluation and Contract Award Report

16.3 Approval to commence partial property acquisitions on Main North Road (Woodend) from NZTA

16.4 Ravenswood Stage 6 Development Contributions Reconsideration

16.5 Broad Road – Earthworks and Vegetation Clearance in a Significant Natural Area (SNA) – Breach of District Plan

16.6 Kaiapoi Bridge Balustrade Replacement Project Overspend

16.7 Waimakariri Public Arts Trust Trustee Appointments

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

Item No	Subject	Reason for excluding the public	Grounds for excluding the public.
MINUTES			
16.1	Confirmation of Public Excluded Minutes of Council Meeting 2 June 2026	Good reason to withhold exists under Section 7	To protect the privacy of natural persons and enable the Council to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial). Also, to maintain legal professional privilege. **LGOIMA Section 7 (2)(a), (g) and (i).**
WATER SERVICES REPORT			
16.2	Contract 25/48 Blackett Street Stormwater Upgrade Tender Evaluation and Contract Award Report	Good reason to withhold exists under Section 7	To protect the privacy of natural persons and enable the Council to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial). Also, to maintain legal professional privilege. **LGOIMA Section 7 (2)(a), (g) and (i).**
REPORTS			
16.3	Approval to commence partial acquisitions of nos. property on Main North Road (Woodend) from NZTA	Good reason to withhold exists under Section 7	To enable the Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities and enable the local authority to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations). **LGOIMA Section 7(2)(h) and (g).**

16.4	Ravenswood Stage 6 Development Contributions Reconsideration	Good reason to withhold exists under Section 7	Making the information available would likely unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of the person to whom it relates. To enable the Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities and enable the local authority to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations). Also, to maintain legal professional privilege. **LGOIMA Section 7(2)(b)(ii); (h) and (i)**
16.5	Broad Road – Earthworks and Vegetation Clearance in a Significant Natural Area (SNA) – Breach of District Plan	Good reason to withhold exists under Section 7	To maintain legal professional privilege. **LGOIMA Section 7(g)**
16.6	Kaiapoi Bridge Balustrade Replacement Project Overspend	Good reason to withhold exists under Section 7	Making the information available would likely unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of the person to whom it relates. To enable the Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities and enable the local authority to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations). **LGOIMA Section 7(b)(ii) and (h)**

CARRIED

CLOSED MEETING

The public excluded portion of the meeting ran from 11.15am to 2.08pm

OPEN MEETING

16.2 **Contract 25/48 Blackett Street Stormwater Upgrade Tender Evaluation and Contract Award Report** – M Henwood (Project Engineer) and J Recker (Stormwater and Waterways Manager)

Moved: Councillor Ward Seconded: Councillor Fulton

THAT the Council:

(a) **Receives** Report No. 260608132125.

(b) **Authorises** Council staff to award Contract 25/48 Blackett Street Stormwater Upgrade to Ongrade Drainage and Excavation Limited for a sum of $1,488,085.09 (excluding contingency).

(c) **Notes** that this project is funded from the following budgets shown in the table below, and that there is sufficient budget available.

Budget Name	Total Budget	Construction Budget Available for this Contract	Recommended Tender Price (incl. 10% contingency)	Remaining Budget
Blackett Street Piping budget (PJ 100789.000.5123)	$1,968,350.00	$1,765,395.72	$1,581,708.75	$183,686.97
Rangiora Water Renewals 2026 / 2027 budget (PJ 100002.000.5104)	$837,600.00	$50,000.00	$47,313.41	$2,686.59
Minor Improvements (Walking and Cycling) (PJ 102719.000.5133)	$1,188,000.00	$10,000.00	$7,871.44	$2,128.56

(d) **Notes** that in accordance with the Conditions of Tendering, all tenderers will be advised of the name and prices of all tenders, and the number of tenders received. This information will be made available to the public if requested.

(e) **Approves** that the report, attachments, discussion and minutes remain public excluded for reasons of protecting the privacy of natural persons and enabling the local authority to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial) negotiations and maintain legal professional privilege as per LGOIMA Section 7 (2)(a), (g) and (i).

(f) **Approves** the recommendations becoming public; however the report, discussion, minutes and attachments remain public excluded.

CARRIED

17. NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary meeting of the Council was scheduled for Tuesday, 4 August 2026, commencing at 9am and would be held in the Council Chamber, 215 High Street, Rangiora.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING CLOSED AT 2.20PM.

CONFIRMED

Chairperson
Mayor Dan Gordon

4 August 2026

Date