

WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE DISTRICT PLANNING AND REGULATION COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 215 HIGH STREET, RANGIORA, ON TUESDAY, 15 APRIL 2025, AT 3.30PM.

PRESENT

Mayor Gordon, Councillors T Fulton (Chairperson) N Atkinson (via Teams), A Blackie, B Cairns and J Goldsworthy.

IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor P Redmond and N Mealings.

J Millward (Chief Executive), K LaValley (General Manager Planning, Regulation and Environment), H Downie (Strategy and Centres Team Leader), L Mealings (Graduate Policy Analyst), S Milosavljevic (Senior Policy Planner) and A Connor (Governance Support Officer).

1 APOLOGIES

Moved: Cr Fulton

Seconded: Cr Goldsworthy

THAT the District Planning and Regulation Committee:

- (a) **Receives and sustains** an apology for leave of absence for Councillor Blackie who arrived during the workshop at 4.03pm.

CARRIED

2 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the meeting of the District Planning and Regulation Committee held on Tuesday, 25 February 2025

Moved: Cr Goldsworthy

Seconded: Cr Cairns

THAT the District Planning and Regulation Committee:

- (a) **Confirms** the circulated Minutes of the meeting of the District Planning and Regulation Committee, held on 25 February 2025, as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED

3.2 Matters arising (From Minutes)

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

4 DEPUTATIONS

Nil.

5 REPORTS

Nil.

6 CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

7 PORTFOLIO UPDATES

7.1 District Planning – Councillor Tim Fulton

- Attended ongoing meetings regarding the District Plan, mainly to be informed of the process.
- Received excellent presentations at the Zone 5 and 6 Conference.
- Whiterock Quarry Landfill hearings would start on 14 July 2025.
- The Tram Road Solar Farm decision was expected by 22 April 2025.

7.2 Civil Defence and Regulation – Councillor Jason Goldsworthy

- Civil Defence staff was working through the review's recommendations, which should result in excellent outcomes for the Council and the community.
- Noise complaints were an increasing concern across the district. For repeat offenders, staff had shifted from an education response to issuing Reduce Noise Notices.
- Leading causes of service requests were animal control, noise complaints and parking complaints, totalling 78% of complaints received by Council.

Deputy Mayor Atkinson questioned whether the cause of increased noise complaints was known. Councillor Goldsworthy responded anecdotally that the Waimakariri District's growth and change in demographics seemed to be leading to tension points between neighbours.

7.3 Business, Promotion and Town Centres – Councillor Brent Cairns

- The Council advised around 250 food businesses regarding a levy being imposed by the Central Government. The levy was expected to be approximately \$66 for the first year, \$99 for the second, and \$132 for the third. The levy is intended to enhance core food safety services.
- Tuahiwi School won the top prize and the Race Unity Poster Competition. There was a large number of talented youths in the district.
- Pines Beach Food Forest—dangerous trees had been cleared. A donated apple tree was planted, and a planting day was planned soon. There was a large amount of local interest and support.
- Discussions were ongoing with the Oxford Promotions Action Committee (OPAC) regarding flags for the town centre.
- OPAC was going to change its name to Experience Oxford. It was struggling to get enough people to fill the spaces on its Committee.
- The Rangiora Promotions Sunday Fun Day event had 1500 in attendance.
- Attended Dr Tim Williams' speech arranged by Kaiapoi Promotions on the history and impacts of the conflict in the Middle East.

- Enterprise North Canterbury's (ENC) Funding Committee met to decide on the last funding round for the financial year. Ten applications received some funds, but not as much as requested. Applications were received for multiple music events, a national dog show, Wearable Arts, Big Splash Fund Raiser (Rachel's House), Market in the Park Rangiora, Kaiapoi Art Expo, Blackwells Winter Festival (name changed), Matariki in Kaiapoi and the Winter Festival Rangiora.
- Attended Relay for Life, which was well supported. It was great to see the event held in Kaiapoi and the wonderful support from Kaiapoi Rugby Club.
- Attended the following Council events/meetings:
 - Three Volunteer Expos.
 - The Council's 2025/26 Annual Plan Drop-in sessions, which had a low turnout.
 - Several Welcoming Migrant Meetings which would eventuate into action plans.
 - The Royal Honours event for local recipients.
 - Attended the AF8 event. Some schools would need to consider developing plans to deal with evacuation and getting to safety.
- Attended events/meetings held in the Waimakariri District:
 - The Kaiapoi Fun Run, which had a great turnout.
 - The Silverstream Garage Sale, and was then invited to the Residents' Dinner.
 - Ronel's Cuppa.
 - Last Wednesday Club meeting, which featured three local businesses showing their products and services.
 - The Oxford A&P Show.
 - The Sefton Tug-of-War, which was an excellent community event and a fundraiser. He would be returning to the school to run a pruning workshop that would also help raise funds.
 - Opening of the Pegasus Bay Art Show
 - A Martial Arts fundraiser in Kaiapoi
 - Market in the Park in Rangiora, 45% of attendees were from Rangiora, 7% from Kaiapoi, 2% from Oxford, 11% from Woodend, 4% from the Hurunui District, and 26% from Christchurch, with the remaining 5% being from other parts of New Zealand and or international visitors.
 - Attended a Down by the River event held in the Pines Beach Hall.
 - Farm Strong event, which covered mental health issues in the rural sector.
 - Monthly Food Secure North Canterbury meeting. The public forum covered food security in times of disaster, along with Jo Seagers' writing recipes using rescued food and growing potted vegetables.
- The Zone 5 and 6 Conference had some excellent speakers on the impacts of AI, Speed of change and Social Housing. Otautahi Community Housing was considering providing housing outside the current Christchurch boundary.

Councillor Fulton questioned if there had been a consolidation of the Promotions Associations regarding the events being held in the Waimakariri District. Councillor Cairns advised that there were several independent event organisers in the district, so not all events were hosted by a Promotions Association. He observed that some events clashed due to the lack of an annual Event Plan for the Waimakariri District.

Deputy Mayor Atkinson noted events being held at the same time were not necessarily a awful thing, as it meant the Waimakariri District was a desirable place to visit and hold events.

8 QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDERS

Nil.

9 URGENT GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

10. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the District Planning and Regulation Committee would be held on 20 May 2025.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING CLOSED AT 3.46PM.

CONFIRMED



Councillor T Fulton

20 May 2025

Date