

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL, FOR THE HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS TO THE DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2023-24, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, RANGIORA SERVICE CENTRE, 215 HIGH STREET RANGIORA ON THURSDAY 4 MAY 2022 AT 12.30PM.

PRESENT:

Mayor D Gordon (Chairperson), Deputy Mayor N Atkinson, Councillors, A Blackie, R Brine, B Cairns, T Fulton, J Goldsworthy, N Mealings, P Redmond, J Ward and P Williams.

IN ATTENDANCE:

J Millward (Acting Chief Executive), S Hart (General Manager, Strategy, Engagement and Economic Development), C Brown (Community and Recreation Manager), K LaValley (General Manager, Planning, Regulation and Environment), G Cleary (General Manager Utilities and Roading), A Gray (Communications and Engagement Manager), H Street (Corporate Planner), K Rabe (Governance Advisor), E Stubbs (Governance Support Officer) and C Fowler-Jenkins (Governance Support Officer).

- *The meeting was adjourned from 3.15pm to 3.17pm to hold an Extraordinary Council meeting which was delayed.*
- *The meeting was again adjourned from 3.20pm to 3.26pm to resume the Extraordinary Council meeting.*
- *The meeting was adjourned from 3.42pm to 4pm for refreshments.*

1. APOLOGIES

Moved: Councillor Goldsworthy

Seconded: Councillor Williams

An apology for absence was received and sustained from Mayor Gordon for lateness (arrived at 1.50pm) and for early departure (left at 5.15pm).

CARRIED

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Councillor Atkinson and Councillor Mealings noted that they would not be taking part in any discussion on matters pertaining to the District Plan.

3. HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS TO THE DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2023 - 24

Submission	Comments
S Rutherford	<p>S Rutherford highlighted his connection to the district, which included being a businessman and Trustee of the Waimakariri Biodiversity Trust. He suggested that reserves adjacent to riverbanks offered an opportunity to increase space for the river to flood during weather events and increased biodiversity in the district.</p> <p>S Rutherford commented that he would like an extra bus per hour added to major bus services between the district and Christchurch. However, he acknowledged that the buses that did run were very reliable. He was pleased to see that the Kaiapoi to Woodend Cycle path had been funded and encouraged the Council to consider a coastal cycle route similar to the Passchendaele Path.</p> <p>S Rutherford would like the Council to make it easier for renters to have a green bin and noted the importance of the green bins in reducing the volume of waste to landfill. He would also like Council to consider landfill machinery that would allow more plastic waste to be recycled.</p>

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	<p>Councillor Williams asked if S Rutherford knew that greenwaste to landfill was necessary for methane production, allowing the landfill to produce electricity for the national grid. S Rutherford replied that the volume required should be quantifiable.</p> <p>Councillor Williams asked about the benefit of increasing bus services outside of peak times when, at times, the buses were empty. S Rutherford believed it was based on perception, if people saw more buses running, they would be more inclined to use the service.</p> <p>Councillor Brine asked if tenants would be willing to pay for a green bin, and S Rutherford replied that in his case, definitely.</p> <p>Councillor Fulton asked how applicable S Rutherford thought that the principle of 'letting a river go' was for lowland rivers. S Rutherford gave the example of a forestry reserve adjacent to the river where the stopbank could potentially be moved to the far side of the reserve from the river to increase the size of the river channel.</p>
<p>Abbeyfields - M Sparrow V Reveley</p>	<p>M Sparrow and V Reveley spoke to the submission. It was uncertain whether the Central Government Affordable Housing Fund would be extended beyond 2027, and the challenge was accessing the fund. In the past 12 to 14 months, an incorporated society had been created, and small-scale fundraising totalling \$19,000 had been undertaken. However, an essential step to applying to the fund was a clear pathway to owning or leasing land, and there was now a degree of urgency.</p> <p>M Sparrow asked if the Council could assist by identifying potentially available land to allow Abbyfields New Zealand to start their evaluation of the land, site planning, and initiating fundraising for the 50% of funds to match the Affordable Housing Fund.</p> <p>Councillor Williams asked how the corporation was set up. M Sparrow advised Abbeyfields NZ, Abbeyfields Properties Ltd and Abbeyfield House in the Waimakariri were non-profit organisations. Each house had one or two paid staff to assist residents.</p> <p>Councillor Blackie asked if they had a ballpark figure. M Sparrow advised it was \$3 million to secure the land and tenanted with 14 studio units, a housekeeper flat and a communal living area. It filled the 'no-mans' land between a retirement village and remaining in their own home. The aim was to cater for socially isolated residents. Nursing care, such as dementia, was not provided.</p> <p>Councillor Redmond asked how urgent the land purchase was. M Sparrow advised that they did not know how long the Affordable Housing Fund may be available, therefore, the sooner, the better. V Reveley noted they were not relying solely on the fund. Once they had the land, they could fundraise.</p>
<p>C Wightman</p>	<p>C Wightman expressed concern about referencing the United Nations (UN) Agenda in the Council's Proposed District Plan. As a ratepayer, he had never been consulted on or given authority to its inclusion in the District Plan. He believed the UN and its affiliates, the World Economic Forum and the World Health Organisation, followed false science. He commented that climate change occurred before humanity and that there was massive, contrary science to climate change. He suggested that the UN was not something that many Kiwis wished to be part of.</p> <p>Concerning water standards, he declined the proposal of investment in water treatment. Residents could provide their own water treatment if they wished, and he suggested the Council improve water quality at source. Contrary science showed the dangers of fluoride and chlorination.</p> <p>Regarding stormwater upgrades, C Wightman suggested these needed to be tempered to avoid hysteria over climate events.</p>

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	<p>With regards to roading upgrades, C Wightman agreed with increased expenditure, noting that the need for upgrades was caused by poor drainage system maintenance. However, there needed to be a focus on value for money from service providers.</p> <p>As a tiny house builder, C Wightman believed that the Council had stood in his way to assist people with affordable housing. In addition, he expressed concern that the Woodend Holiday Park may close.</p> <p>C Wightman expressed concern about the inequality in the District Plan, where iwi was not required to pay development contributions for Māori Reserve land, however, non-Māori developing the same land were required to.</p> <p>Regarding quality of life, C Wightman was concerned the Council was following the concept of 15-minute cities, which he believed removed freedoms and did not belong in North Canterbury.</p> <p>C Wightman requested that any reference to the UN Agenda be removed from the District Plan.</p> <p><i>On behalf of the Council, Deputy Mayor N Atkinson received a Petition from C Wightman, which requested the removal of all references to the UN Agenda 2030 in the District Plan'.</i></p> <p>Councillor Redmond asked if C Wightman supported Council's application for Chlorine exemption and C Wightman advised he did.</p> <p>Councillor Redmond asked if C Wightman agreed with Council resolving the outcome of weather events and C Wightman commented he believed there should be moderation to the infrastructure spend.</p> <p>Councillor Redmond asked in C Wightman would be generally happy with the Annual Plan if any reference to the UN Agenda was removed and C Wightman advised no, as the Annual Plan was based on the agenda and false science it needed to be rewritten.</p> <p>Councillor Williams asked irrespective of false science did C Wightman agree that the Council should address drainage issues to fix problems. C Wightman suggested that effort needed to be moderated and not knee-jerk. He did not believe that the Council should pull back on core services.</p>
<p>Mandeville Residents Association (MRA) – L Douglas J Ensor R Rouse</p>	<p>D Lines tabled a series of photos of flood events dating back to 1986 to show the extent of flooding in the Mandeville area over time. He believed flooding was worsening due to dairy irrigation, increased development, and the effects of climate change. The flood of 2017 had been significant, and following that, there had been a heated community meeting in Mandeville with Council representatives.</p> <p>D Lines commented on the timing of work. While Council had agreed on the urgency of remediation, the work had been pushed out, and Stage 2 was now scheduled for March 2025, with construction proposed in 2026/27. In addition, while there had been remedial work, the main issue around the resurgent channel had not been resolved after nine years, and it was causing property owners stress and anxiety.</p> <p>R Rouse advised that she had lived in the Mandeville area since 1973. In the past, the land had been able to handle rain events, however, that had now changed. Since 2014, the community had raised concerns about water management in Mandeville. In February 2019, the MRA, the Council and BECA visited 31 identified sites. Action was discussed and then pushed out to the five-year plan. So far, there had only been 'band-aid' solutions. With rapid expansion in the local area consented by the Council, the impact of buildings, roading and landscaping were exacerbating problems.</p>

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	<p>R Rouse commented that the MRA had spent considerable time and energy visiting sites, talking with residents, and discussing options. They had written a report, suggested timeframes and made recommendations, but the situation was unresolved. They wanted to continue working with the Council but did not wish to get involved in a 'talk-fest'.</p> <p>J Ensor highlighted the large number of developments in the area and expressed concern over the lack of drainage plans for these developments. He referred to the soakage pit planned for McHughs Road and asked why that had yet to progress.</p> <p>There were no questions from Councillors.</p>
S Small	<p>S Small spoke to his submission referring to the Tino Rangatiratanga for all New Zealanders.</p> <p>S Small advised that he disagreed with the chlorination of water.</p> <p>He requested that the Council research the United Nations (UN) and the World Economic Forum and the principles they were founded on, their partnership with other organisations, and to watch their disturbing forum discussions. He also asked that Councillors investigate the Fourth Industrial Revolution and the Davos Conference. Unfortunately, it was impossible to guarantee that with authoritarianism and loss of sovereignty, there would not be dangers to the people of New Zealand. S Small also highlighted the digital ID that had been put through at the end of 2021 with a 24-hour submission period.</p> <p>He requested that Councillors look after North Canterbury to ensure that all children and grandchildren were protected from the UN Sustainability Development Goals and the UN Agenda 2030.</p> <p>Councillor Redmond asked if references to the UN Agenda were removed from the Annual Plan would S Small be supportive of the direction of the Plan. S Small replied no as it was still based on Agenda 2030.</p>
<p>Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board - J Watson</p>	<p>J Watson spoke to the Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board submission highlighting several points.</p> <p>The Board supported the option of only funding roading maintenance as there was only a one-year delay before the next three-year Waka Kotahi funding period. Regarding the Three Waters reforms, the Board approved the work of the Council and supported the Council in continuing its course.</p> <p>The Board requested that the Council consider improving the promotion of the three Art Galleries in the District, which were all volunteer run. She compared the support provided by Nelson City Council to the arts in Nelson. The Board would like a dedicated person within the Council to assist galleries in promoting exhibits and increasing awareness among the community and visitors.</p> <p>The Board requested that footpaths for all new subdivisions be made wide enough to support a shared path. In addition, the Board suggested that consideration be given to developing a native plant propagation centre as a step toward sustainability. The Board also requested that Bramleys Road be sealed entirely.</p> <p>J Watson congratulated Council on a relatively low-level rate rise.</p> <p>Councillor Cairns asked if the Waimakariri Arts Strategy addressed issues concerning promotion or if more funding was required. J Watson replied that the Council already had skills that could be drawn on for promotion. However, further funding to promote the arts would always be welcome.</p> <p>Councillor Williams asked if it was the role of the Town Promotions Associations to assist with promoting the Art Galleries. J Watson commented that getting funding from the associations was difficult because the galleries plans were not big enough. Bramleys Road was sealed, and it became a thoroughfare.</p>

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	<p>J Watson commented that there were only half a dozen residents, and she was unaware of their opinions.</p>
<p>Woodend-Sefton Community Board -</p> <p>S Powell R Mather I Fong</p>	<p>S Powell, R Mather and I Fong spoke on behalf of the Woodend-Sefton Community Board. S Powell noted that the Board would like to see progress with the Pegasus Community Centre. The population in Pegasus was approaching 4,500, and there was increased demand for the current centre; for example, the Board could no longer meet in the centre due to unavailability. Following the ANZAC Dawn gathering, 80 people attended the 'cuppa' at the centre, which was its maximum capacity. The Board noted that youth facilities in Pegasus had been delayed to tie in with the new community centre and requested something urgently be put in place for youth in the interim.</p> <p>I Fong commented on the progress with the redevelopment of the Sefton Hall and advised that an application would likely come from the Sefton Hall Committee to assist with funding the necessary sewer field.</p> <p>S Powell spoke about multiuse path connections between the towns noting that there were still gaps, including no safe crossing of SH1 between Pegasus and Ravenswood and Woodend Beach Road to Pegasus. While some cyclists may use SH1 the Board suggested another path from Copper Beech Road to Petries Road to join the current Gladstone Road path. 'Informal' paths could also be improved with crusher dust.</p> <p>The Board believed that it was time that funding be provided for a new Woodend/Pegasus/ Ravenswood Promotions Association similar to the funding the Oxford, Rangiora and Kaiapoi Promotions Associations received. The Board also requested that the service charge of \$74.39 for street trees in Pegasus be removed, as residents were questioning the equity of that charge. In addition, the Board requested that the Woodend Beach toilets be upgraded on time as it was past time they were renewed.</p> <p>S Powell noted that the Board would like to see a new playground for Woodend Beach completed in the next financial year. The playground has been flooded several times remaining underwater for long periods.</p> <p>S Powell foreshadowed projects for the upcoming Long Term Plan. These included a Park n Ride option for Ravenswood, improvements to Gladstone Park drainage, town centre funding for Woodend and Ravenswood, and a community library at Ravenswood. R Mather noted that a community library facility was recommended when the population reached 10,000, and this was predicted for 2040, however, it was believed the current figure for Wooded/ Pegasus was already around 9,200 and Waikuku was 1,635.</p> <p>Councillor Williams asked for the thoughts of the Board on splitting resources between Ravenswood and Pegasus. S Powell noted that the Council had debated that issue many times, the Board's position was that Pegasus needed a community centre, and Ravenswood was in the same position as a new town. R Mather noted that the community centre and library were completely different facilities, and the need for the community centre in Pegasus had already proven itself.</p> <p>Councillor Ward questioned if ECan had been approached to fund the trees needed in the Pegasus Dog Park. I Fong noted that the Pegasus Residents Association were working with the Council staff on improvements. The Board had also provided landscaping funds.</p> <p>Councillor Cairns asked about a different model for allocating promotions funding, and S Powell advised the Board was open to discussing options.</p>
<p>Rangiora-Ashley Community Board -</p>	<p>J Gerard spoke to the Board's submission and highlighted the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board's support of the Council's applications for chlorine exemption. • The Board's concern regarding the reduction of funding for roading, which impacted road safety.

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J Gerard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requested the installation of 'smart parking' in Rangiora. • Asked for the improvement of road maintenance especially on rural and shingle roads and supported land allocation for food forests and community gardens. • The Board also supported the prioritising of the proposed Rangiora Library expansion and refurbishment. • Requested serious consideration, on a user pays basis, for the expansion of Dudley Aquatic Facility. • Requested an increase of funding to the Rangiora Promotions Association while maintaining the independent model as was the current practice. <p>In addition, the Board requested that the Council work with the New Zealand Police in combating crime within Rangiora by increasing police visibility. The Board also thanked the Council for its financial prudence in keeping rates at an affordable level.</p> <p>Councillor Williams queried if the Board had a suggestion on how to fund the extension to the Library without it impacting rates. J Gerard suggested that the Council could review its various budgets to ascertain how the funds could be found.</p> <p>Councillor Fulton enquired if the Kaiapoi Library model should be followed for the Rangiora Library. J Gerard agreed that the Kaiapoi Library was a good example of the facility that would be required.</p> <p>Councillor Blackie noted that the Board was concerned with road maintenance and safety and enquired if there was an example of this. J Gerard noted that a good example was the narrowing of roads for culverts such as in Fernside and Townsend Roads.</p> <p>In response to a question regarding crime cameras from Councillor Cairns, J Gerard noted that cameras could be monitored by the Community Watch.</p>
Spokes - A Scott	<p>A Scott urged the Council to consider reducing road speed limits, which would lessen the damage caused during accidents. She congratulated the Council on the improved infrastructure, the connection between Kaiapoi and Christchurch, improved signage, bike parking, Park and Ride facilities and the great recreational biking opportunities in the area.</p> <p>A Scott requested that consideration be given to a cycleway connecting central Rangiora with the Passchendaele Memorial Path, a separated cycleway between Pegasus and Pineacres, safer travel options for children to travel to schools, libraries, sports facilities and community centres and better signage between the Tuhaitara Coastal Track and Ashley River Track which should include distance markers.</p> <p>In the long term, Spokes would like to see destinations connected, safer speeds, especially around schools, better maintenance of paths and cycleways, and more separated cycleways in Rangiora. It was suggested that an increase in use by women and children would show the success of a good cycle network.</p> <p>Councillor Williams asked if separated cycleways should have clear signage to show cyclists where they were. A Scott replied that there needed to be safe routes, especially for short trips such as going to the café etc. You needed to look at the whole journey rather than in sections to find the barriers that stopped people from cycling. Barriers would be roundabouts, busy roads, and heavy traffic flow.</p> <p>Councillor Redmond enquired if consideration should be given to speed limits on cycleways, given that some e-bikes could reach speeds of up to 30km/h and could be dangerous to pedestrians. A Scott agreed that some sections should have cautionary speed limits, such as sharp bends with low visibility; however, she believed that most cyclists were aware of pedestrians and treated them respectfully.</p>

Deputy Mayor N Atkinson vacated the chair in favour of Mayor D Gordon at 2.59pm.

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<p>Cust Community Network -</p> <p>K Barnett J Barson</p>	<p>K Barnett and J Barson spoke to the submission on behalf of the Cust Community Network. K Barnett thanked the Council for the work done on the Cust Community Centre, the introduction of the 50km/h speed limit through the township, and the improved path to the Cust Memorial.</p> <p>K Barnett raised the concern that although the speed limit had been lowered, there had been no enforcement of the lower limits, which meant that most of the traffic had not slowed down. Also, the maintenance of gravel roads was a major concern, and no remedial action was taken when issues were reported. She requested better maintenance of footpaths noting that most were overgrown, muddy or had potholes which posed health and safety concerns. Concerning communication with the community, she urged the Council to pass on any relevant information to the Cust Community Network to convey to residents, as communication was unpredictable when other methods were used, such as flyers or notices in the media.</p> <p>K Barnett requested consideration be given to installing a camera at the Cust Community Centre to deter break-ins and vandalism and increase the parking for the centre.</p> <p>She also suggested installing an electric charging station in Cust Village, as this was a good halfway point between Oxford and Rangiora.</p> <p>There were no questions from Councillors.</p>
<p>K Barnett</p>	<p>K Barnett noted that the chlorine exemption application for Cust had been rejected and that \$6 million had been set aside for the inclusion of UV to the scheme. She believed the water scheme should be temporarily chlorinated as the easiest and cheapest way to ensure clean water and could be easily switched off if no longer required later.</p>

The meeting from 3.15pm to 3.17pm to hold an Extraordinary Council meeting which was delayed.

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<p>K Barnett</p>	<p>K Barnett noted that the withdrawal of funding by Waka Kotahi was unacceptable and suggested that the \$6 million saved from not installing a UV system should be redirected to the roading network, especially in areas that impacted road safety, such as maintenance and improvements to rural and gravel roads.</p> <p>She also noted that, in her opinion, the rate increase needed to be higher and raised concerns that the Council would get too far behind and set the District up for failure of its infrastructure in future years.</p> <p>Councillor Redmond queried if K Barnett supported the Council applying for chlorination exemptions and she responded that she believed it was a waste of time.</p>

The meeting was adjourned from 3.20pm to 3.26pm to resume the Extraordinary Council meeting.

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Waimakariri Arts A Wilkinson	<p>A Wilkinson noted that the exponential growth in the district needed to be reflected in its commitment to the Arts by offering assistance in promoting all Arts in the District and promoting local artists and galleries, including exhibitions, openings, workshops, community gatherings, talks and concerts.</p> <p>She also noted that Arts Waimakariri played an integral part in achieving the Council's community outcomes, however, the group was run by volunteers who desperately needed infrastructural support and promotion, which would enable them to keep connected with the community and informed on what offerings were available in relation to their cultural, social, and mental wellbeing.</p> <p>Mayor Gordon thanked the Group for the wonderful work carried out by the volunteers.</p> <p>There were no questions from Councillors.</p>
G Barclay	<p>G Barclay reiterated this opposition to chlorination in the District's water supply, the United Nations policies quoted within the District Plan, and was concerned about the level of involvement from national and global organisations. He believed that the Council had not been mandated by the residents who elected them to follow overseas trends and aspirations.</p> <p>G Barclay supported rating of residents in flood prone areas for drainage rather than a flat rate,</p> <p>Councillor Redmond queried if G Barclay agreed with the Council's stance on Three waters and on seeking chlorine exemptions and was told that he was supportive.</p>

The meeting was adjourned from 3.42pm to 4pm for a refreshment break.

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CCS Disability Action - M O'Brien	M O'Brien was unable to attend the Hearing.
Kaiapoi Promotions Association (KPA) - M Pinkham	<p>M Pinkham spoke to the submission on behalf of the KPA. He requested that the funding scheduled for the 21/22 financial year and subsequently moved to the 2029/30 financial year be brought forward to complete the stop-bank recreational cycle route. He noted that some areas of the stop-bank were particularly rough, even for mountain bikes. He also urged the Council to consider widening the Mafeking Bridge, which caused a bottleneck for both cyclists and pedestrians.</p> <p>M Pinkham also requested funding towards the development of a Kaiapoi Visitor Maps based on the Nelson model and requested assistance to fund radio advertising for major events held in Kaiapoi, noting that this would encourage Kaiapoi businesses to become involved and fund radio advertising on a regular basis.</p> <p>M Pinkham noted that the Kaiapoi Centre Plan of 2018/19 approved a village green/market area, and the space currently used was no longer available after 2023. KPA was interested in the area near the Community Hub in Courtney Drive, which would include a permanent market facility, Amphitheatre/bund, outdoor stage, toilets, and playground and would complement the Mahinga Kai development. Funding could be sourced from Kaiapoi Town Centre public space budget. However, the proposed Croquet facility would need to be relocated to achieve this initiative.</p>

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	<p>Councillor Williams enquired if the KPA could not source funding for the stop-bank cycle route from the source that funded the recreational cycleway for the Tuhaitara Coastal Track to the Ashley River Track. M Pinkham believed the fund had been closed but would make further enquiries.</p> <p>Councillor Cairns enquired why the Council would need to put funding towards advertising. M Pinkham noted that other businesses currently believed there was no point in funding this initiative, however, he believed that if the Council contributed seeding funding the business sector would come on board.</p>
M Pinkham	<p>M Pinkham requested that the Council consider maintaining the area between the railway corridor and Fuller Street / Adderley Terrace. The area was overgrown and, once properly maintained, would be an accessible link between west and central Kaiapoi. This would become a link to the rail underpass, a future cycle route, and would improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists and amenity for residents. Funding sources could be from the general landscape budget, reserve contributions (from Silverstream), minor road safety improvements or cycle network improvements.</p> <p>M Pinkham also noted that the Council's Annual Plan process was frustrating, intimidating and time-wasting. He believed it was undemocratic and secretive with a lack of detail and was difficult for lay people to follow. It was impossible to ascertain the cost structure with consultation documents only focusing on a few items. He suggested a better process would be to engage the public before the process starts, presenting all projects over a particular value, and a contingency budget to respond to submitters. Also, he suggested that deliberation recommendations be made available to the public before the meeting.</p> <p>Councillor Williams clarified that the area between the rail corridor and Fuller Street/ Adderley Terrace was a swale designed to carry water.</p> <p>There were no questions from Councillors.</p>
S Bell	<p>S Bell spoke to his submission which raised concern regarding Three Waters Reforms, the lack of dredging and neglect of ditches, the lack of stop-bank maintenance. He raised a concern that roading was compromised by the funding of cycleways, and the substandard repairs to roads.</p> <p>S Bell believed the Council was elected by the residents to serve them to the best of its ability, and not to be influenced by the Central Government or overseas organisations, such as the United Nations.</p> <p>Councillor Redmond queried if S Bell accepted the authority of the Central Government to hold local authorities to certain standards. S Bell believed the residents should set the standards for their own areas.</p> <p>Councillor Redmond queried if S Bell accepted the Government's authority to make laws and he replied that only in consultation with the public.</p>
<p>Oxford Ohoka Community Board -</p> <p>T Robson S Barkle</p>	<p>T Robson spoke to the Boards submission and highlighted the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inflation fuelling higher roading costs and whether the standard of road repairs was adequate. • Community groups needed to be exempt from Community Facility fees. • The Board requested that Tram Road be given a higher priority due to the traffic volumes. • Main Street Oxford from the Challenge petrol station to the West Oxford hotel was in poor condition, the Board requested that be resealed. The speed limit in Oxford was an ongoing issue for the Board and there were a number of streets that had no footpaths. • More resources needed to be directed to gravel roads in the area. • The Ashley Gorge Advisory Group was looking at creating a wheelchair accessible walking track.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A large portion of the rating cost in Oxford was taken up by the sewer rates, the Board requested a breakdown of the costs for that scheme. • Upgrades to the Oxford Urban Stormwater System as there were a number of streets that had no stormwater system and the Board requested that some of the works to alleviate flooding issues be brought forward. • The Board encouraged the Council to utilise its property portfolio fully. The Board hoped that Council keep the Oak's Walkway in Oxford and the proposal for a dog park on its radar. <p>S Barkle noted that the Board supported the Council's planned urban stormwater and also highlighted the need for more work to be done in rural drainage. The Board would like to see the Council investing in understanding groundwater systems and their impacts better. To assist support funding this, the Board supported a flat rural drainage rate. The Board thanked the Council for the extension of the path along Tram Road and encouraged the Council to continue to look at connecting rural communities.</p> <p>Councillor Redmond noted that the Board had requested that not-for-profit and community groups be exempt from hiring fees for Council facilities. He asked if the Board was familiar with the community rate that applied to those facilities and the opportunity to apply for a waiver. T Robson noted that they were aware, however, some venues even after a partial waiver were too much of a financial burden.</p> <p>Councillor Fulton noted the Board's request for a flat rural drainage rate. He asked what the Board's thoughts were of such a proposal being integrated with Environment Canterbury reforms. S Barkle noted that any combined effort in water preservation needed to be supported. She believed that would make complete sense for there to be an overall rate.</p>
S Stewart	<p>S Stewart read through her submission contained within the agenda and highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchase of the former Flaxton Swamp on Lineside/Revells Road. • The Council should develop a strategy to actively identify, progressively purchase and retire from farming these environmentally sensitive lands. • She urged the Council to look at the provision of development contribution discounts to further desirable environmental outcomes. • Make River Catchments the basis for any greenspace infrastructure plans. • Water Reform was incorrectly labelled Three Waters as it was Four waters, the fourth being source water. • Supportive of a review of Waimakariri's rural and urban drainage rating. • Land drainage in Sefton town and surrounds needed urgent attention. <p>There were no questions from Councillors.</p>
C Wightman presented behalf of D Harnett	<p>C Wightman spoke to D Harnett's submission. D Harnett did not support the chlorination of water supplies. He praised the Council for their opposition to the Three Waters Reform and the Central Government's racist intent behind Three Waters. He wished that the Council and the Central Government respected that all New Zealanders should be treated fairly and equally. D Harnett opposed the over-reaction by the Council with the stormwater upgrades and believed false information was being distributed by Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) and Central Government in respect to climate change.</p> <p>D Harnett was concerned regarding the United Nations (UN) agenda and the references made to the addenda in the Council's proposed District Plan and any other plans the Council was currently proposing. Ratepayers had never been consulted on the inclusion and did not want the UN agenda in the District Plan. D Harnett's message was that the UN Agenda had no place in New Zealand let alone in the Waimakariri District.</p>

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	<p>Regarding the housing crisis, D Harnett believed, that the Council was putting barriers in the way of affordable tiny houses. D Harnett was opposed to racial division and policies that the Council may wish to drive. He was aware that many 15-minute city based approaches were designed to reduce the quality of community life and undermined our human rights and democracy.</p> <p>Councillor Fulton noted that C Wightman commented about the Council being captured and had made references to a private global corporate elite however had also stated that there was a socialist communist agenda. He noted that you could not be both. C Wightman explained that he had not mentioned the word communist. The agenda was designed to take power and control over humans through IT and a cashless society. The 15-minute cities would restrict people and the reduction of freedoms was a big concern. They saw their democracy being undermined by the UN Agenda and every intent it was proposing through documents like the Draft Annual Plan.</p>

Mayor D Gordon vacated the chair in favour of Deputy Mayor N Atkinson at 5.15pm

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R Williams	<p>R Williams noted that in 2020 the area close to where he lived was subdivided, and drainage was designed for the area, encompassing around 20-30 acres. This included installing several swales to drain the land, which had been designed with a gradual gradient and at the end of the swales, there was a culvert, which the Council owned. The water drained into a creek along Greigs Road. However, the culvert got blocked every few years and flooded all the properties in the surrounding areas and all these properties were adversely affected by this inadequate drainage system.</p> <p>R Williams also raised a concern regarding the increased traffic flow due to the developments near Tram Road such as proposed township for Ohoka, Mandeville and growth in Cust and Oxford. Tram Road was completely inadequate to deal with the increase in the amount of traffic. He believed that there should be a cycleway on Tram Road and that the road needed to be widened and resurfaced with possibly a median barrier.</p> <p>There were no questions from Councillors.</p>
K Baas	<p>K Baas highlighted that she frequently cycled into Christchurch and in the 18.5 kilometre journey the most dangerous section was Tram Road, where parts of the cycleway were very narrow.</p> <p>K Baas noted she lived in the Clarkville area, and during the years there had been an increase in development of heavy industrial, sometimes without consent. She did not believe it was fair to be using agricultural land for industrial purposes.</p> <p>Councillor Ward asked if K Baas had thought about cycling the bridge. K Baas noted that she had but her bike was very heavy, and she did not have a tow bar.</p>
A Saunders	<p>A Saunders noted that most people lived in the Waimakariri area because they liked the district just the way it was. She had lived in Waimakariri all her life, it was a rural lifestyle and now the Council was moving it towards a city lifestyle based on overseas models. Councillors were elected by the people for the people and had a responsibility to work for the good of the people, unfortunately it appeared this was not the case.</p> <p>She noted that the Council Draft Annual Plan was riddled with United Nations (UN) Agenda. The UN was unelected and unaccountable. The World Economic Forum</p>

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	<p>signed a partnership with the UN on 13 June 2019, and the partnership identified six areas of focus financing the 2030 agenda, climate change, health, and digital cooperation.</p> <p>A Saunders explained that International Council of Local Government Initiatives (ICLEI) was the implementation arm of the UN Agenda, and the New Zealand Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA) was its corporation in New Zealand. The LGFA loaned the money back to the Council to purchase of land, most of which ratepayers did not know about. The Government was going to stop people from paying cash for anything over \$10,000 from May 2023. That would begin the loss of our basic human rights and freedoms, the control of all our natural resources and means of production, taking away our voice, property ownership, personal mobility, life choices requiring that we be watched and regulated.</p> <p>A Saunders believed that the United Nations sustainable development wanted to see an economic collapse with higher fuel costs, loss of roading maintenance, less law enforcement, fire services not being supported and higher energy costs which were manipulated. She asked who gave the Council the authority to put the United Nations and the World Economic Forum in charge of us.</p> <p>A Saunders stated that in regard to Three Waters, it was not the Council's water infrastructure, it belonged to the community. The ratepayers had paid for the infrastructure and water was not a saleable item it was our God-given right. Researchers had linked chlorine in the water to incidences of cancer. It both killed good and bad bacteria in the gut. Fluoride in the drinking water had been connected to damage to thyroids as it was a neuro toxin and posed unnecessary risk to fetuses and infants and lowered the IQ of children. She opposed any treatment of water with chemicals. Stormwater upgrades and climate change all connected back to the basic approach.</p> <p>A Saunders would like to see the Council withdraw from LGNZ and withdraw from the United Nations Agenda 2030.</p> <p>Councillor Redmond asked if A Saunders supported the Councils opposition to the Three Waters Reform and if so, how did that reconcile with her view that the Council was run by a Mayor, the CEO and a secret United States corporation. A Saunders noted that the Council had opposed the reform, however, she believed that the Council did not go far enough as it accepted money from the Central Government and provided information on our water infrastructure to the Central Government.</p> <p>There were no questions from Councillors.</p>
B and M Holland	<p>B Holland read through his submission contained in the agenda and highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He believed the Council was driven by Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) and the Central Government and in turn by the United Nations sustainable goals and ultimately the World Economic Forum. • He opposed the Council's investment needed to meet new water standards. • He opposed the Council's proposal regarding stormwater upgrades with only limited expenditure. • He suggested that the Council only cover road maintenance. <p>There were no questions from Councillors.</p>


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M Kjellberg	<p>M Kjellberg noted that one of the key issues outlined for public comment in the draft Annual Plan was the "storm water network" following flooding from extreme weather events. She further noted that the Council stated that <i>"climate change considerations were incorporated into all infrastructure decision making processes"</i> and that these <i>"were managed in a way that reduces emissions over time."</i> She had also read that a carbon footprint compatible with a 1.5 degree temperature rise with a view to achieving carbon neutrality by 2030 was the United Nations (UN) sustainability goal.</p> <p>M Kjellberg explained that whilst researching this topic she noted that amongst scientists there was no actual proof of a relationship between human-caused carbon dioxide (CO²) and temperature rise. In fact, global warming and cooling over millennia was driven entirely by natural forces. If councils were to make decisions on where money was allocated for climate change, then they needed to have accurate scientific data.</p> <p>M Kjellberg questioned that if an event such as Cyclone Gabrielle were to occur in the Waimakariri District would the Council have invested in the proper infrastructure to secure people's lives and property or would money have been spent on increase compliance costs for an unproven CO² narrative. New Zealand's standards of living were going to take a big plunge with a carbon tax which would cost jobs and downgrade the economy. The United Nations 15-minute city or 20-minute neighbourhood meant that, all your activities were monitored under 24/7. M Kjellberg asked if this was the price, we were prepared to pay to reduce our carbon footprint to zero by 2030.</p> <p>There were no questions from Councillors.</p>
J Holland	<p>J Holland spoke to his submission noting that the mission statement from the Council was to pursue with the community a high quality physical and social environment, safe communities, and a healthy economy. He believed that the Council had some work to do. This was Council's service promise to the community, we would keep you informed, do better every day, take responsibility, act with integrity, honesty, and trust. They would work with the community and each other.</p> <p>He did not support the Council's option of investment to meet water standards. Water was a natural and abundant element; it had always been provided for us and it was very plentiful in its natural supply. Water belonged to all of us, no one owned the water therefore there should be no control of water. Water was full of living natural elements that support our health and wellbeing and he would not support such a proposal.</p> <p>J Holland challenged the Council's preference on stormwater upgrades needed to respond to extreme weather events. The proposal supported the United Nations (UN) Agenda 2030 by colluding with the climate change agenda. He stated that there was no climate change except for that which was climate controlled, weather modification and manipulation. This was part created by way of regular cloud seeding and electromagnetic fields (EMF) radiation. He challenged the Council to provide a balanced and rational response to support climate change that did not include controlled media and science that supported the UN Agenda of pseudoscience.</p> <p>J Holland questioned the Council's response to the closure of the Marsden Point Oil Refinery and why it had not spoken out when it directly affects the cost of roading aggregates. Shutting down and dismantling the refinery makes New Zealand 100% reliant on South-East Asian refineries.</p> <p>He invited the Mayor, Councillors and CEO to a public meeting to discuss all these matters.</p> <p>There were no questions from Councillors.</p>

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P Adcock-White	<p>P Adcock-White spoke to his submission noting that he saw water as “commons”. He viewed the commons as a gift to be shared, we receive these gifts, and we do not earn them. There were other commons such as air, ecosystems, languages, music, holidays, law, mathematics, money, parks, and the internet. They were not goods in economic terms, because no one person made them although we did apply our talents and creativity, so individuals could be granted the right of use the commons. It was his contention that commons should not be administered by governmental bodies who were prone to persuasion from courts or private corporations who had a narrow focus. There should be elected and appointed trust of the local communities to administer commons.</p> <p>P Adcock-White noted that his life had been spent as an organic grower. He commended the Council for trying to ensure that water was not taken away from the community. The local community wish the water in our environment to be as natural as possible for future generations. He emphasised that chlorination and fluoridation were not wanted, the ill health effects were being recognised by science. He therefore did not support the interventions that were proposed.</p> <p>P Adcock-White commented that the Draft Annual Plan spoke of rural areas, their amenity and character, heritage and that soils should be protected from erosion and unsustainable land use practices. He found these reasonable goals which were in opposition to the new residential subdivision on the eastern edge of Rangiora which was good fertile soil that would now be blanketed in housing.</p> <p>P Adcock-White was increasingly alarmed by air pollution and the arrival of blanket light-emitting diode (LED) lighting and 5G towers. There was an enormous growing body of scientific literature that indicated these were very unsafe and he asked the Council to take a step back and inform themselves.</p> <p>Councillor Redmond asked P Adcock-White given his comments, if he supported smart cities to prevent urban sprawl and the retention of fertile soils. P Adcock-White noted that his vision for the Waimakariri District was something similar to old England in which there were smaller settlements with the necessary amenities with one of two bigger settlements.</p>
Waiora Links - R Mather	<p>R Mather highlighted that the purpose of the Trust was to advocate and liaise with local authorities and other relevant organisations and individuals to ensure well-maintained and fit-for-purpose community facilities were available for the Woodend, Pegasus and Waikuku communities.</p> <p>R Mather noted that a purpose-built community facility for Pegasus was scheduled in the Council’s 2021/31 Long Term Plan. She explained that the Council would again be considering the Long Term Plan in 2024 and she knew that things could get delayed or dropped during a review. She noted that Pegasus had a population of sitting around 4,500 and wanted to ensure that the project remained a priority. The recent public consultation regarding a site for the new proposed Pegasus Community Centre resulted in significant feedback from the public in favour of a lakeside site. While their preference was for a completely Council controlled project, they appreciated there may be some benefits from a collaboration between the Templeton Group and the Council.</p> <p>Waiora Links recently hosted an ANZAC Day morning tea event which followed immediately after the Pegasus Dawn Service and was estimated after which over 70 people congregated at the Pegasus Community Centre for a cuppa, the feedback from that event was overwhelmingly positive.</p> <p>There were no questions from Councillors.</p>

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North Canterbury Province, Federated Farmers of NZ -	Dr Hume noted that the Federated Farmers were mostly in support of the Council's Draft Annual Plan, however they wanted the Council to exercise responsible governance and constraints in expenditure increases not greater than the rate of inflation. It should be noted that any form of rate or user charge expenditure would impact on ratepayers and ultimately the regional and national economy.
Dr L Hume	<p>The Federated Farmers supported the adequate resourcing of drinking water systems, stormwater systems and roading as highlighted in the consultation document. They believed that the Council should focus on its core business, with adequate resourcing while keeping overall increases in spending below the rate of inflation. They supported the Council's extensive use of targeted rates to ensure that costs could be fairly allocated across the districts ratepayers.</p> <p>Councillor Redmond asked what Federated Farmers position was on Three Waters. Dr Hume noted that they did not support anything that did not take regional management into account. They believed that the resources should stay in the hands of those who owned them at the time which was the Council.</p>

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING CLOSED AT 6.51PM ON THURSDAY 4 MAY 2023.

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Chairperson
Mayor Gordon

30 May 2023
Date