

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, RANGIORA SERVICE CENTRE, 215 HIGH STREET, RANGIORA, ON TUESDAY 6 AUGUST 2024 WHICH COMMENCED AT 1PM.

PRESENT

Mayor D Gordon (Chairperson), Deputy Mayor N Atkinson, Councillors R Brine, B Cairns, T Fulton (departed 5.04pm), J Goldsworthy, N Mealings, P Redmond, P Williams, and J Ward.

IN ATTENDANCE

J Millward (Chief Executive), C Brown (General Manager Community and Recreation), G Cleary (General Manager Utilities and Roading), S Hart (General Manager Strategy, Engagement & Economic Development), D Roxborough (Implementation Project Manager – District Regeneration), A Childs (Property Acquisitions and Disposals Officer), C Taylor-Claude (Parks Officer), K Simpson (3 Waters Manager), C Roxburgh (Project Delivery Manager), C Bacon (Network Planning Team Leader), D Young (Senior Engineering Advisor), G Stephens (Greenspace Community Engagement Officer), K Howat (Parks and Facilities Team Leader), J Rae (Senior Advisor, Assets and Capital) and A Smith (Governance Coordinator).

1. APOLOGIES

Moved: Councillor Ward

Seconded: Councillor Goldsworthy

THAT an apology for absence be received and sustained from Councillor Blackie.

CARRIED

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

As Commissioners for the District Plan Review, Councillor Mealings and Deputy Mayor Atkinson declared a conflict of interest with Agenda Item 8.1 *Proposed Amendments to Technical Practice Note on Flood Mapping, Freeboard and Floor Levels*.

Councillor Fulton declared a conflict with Public Excluded Agenda Item 16.7 *Gravel Pit Location*.

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Neill Price QFSM – Award of RSA Merit Badge and Certificate

Mayor Gordon extended congratulations to Neill Price, Kaiapoi RSA President and Canterbury District RSA President, on recently being awarded an RSA Merit Badge and Certificate. This recognises N Price's outstanding honorary service for the benefit of RSA personnel and the community in general and his continued efforts above local RSA activities.

Artisan by Rangiora Bakery – Winners of Bakels NZ Supreme Pie Award

Mayor Gordon acknowledged the recent success of Artisan Rangiora Bakery, in winning the Supreme Award at the Bakels NZ Supreme Pie Awards, for slow cooked Sumatra style beef pie and also a Gold Medal in the Mince and Gravy category. Artisan By Rangiora Bakery owner Ron van Til was very proud of his bakers and their achievement.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of a meeting of the Waimakariri District Council held on Tuesday 25 June 2024

Moved: Councillor Williams

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Atkinson

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Confirms**, as a true and correct record, the circulated Minutes of the Waimakariri District Council meeting held on Tuesday 25 June 2024.

CARRIED

4.2 Minutes of a meeting of the Waimakariri District Council held on Tuesday 2 July 2024

Moved: Councillor Mealings

Seconded: Councillor Fulton

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Confirms**, as a true and correct record, the circulated Minutes of the Waimakariri District Council meeting held on Tuesday 2 July 2024.

CARRIED

MATTERS ARISING (from Minutes)

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

5. DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

There were no deputations or presentations.

6. ADJOURNED BUSINESS

There was no adjourned business.

7. REPORTS

7.1 North Brook Trail – Easement Acquisition and Trail Maintenance – C Taylor-Claude (Parks Officer) and A Childs (Property Acquisitions and Disposals Officer)

This report sought the approval for the right of way easement over part of the property at 197 Boys Road, Rangiora, to allow for Stage 1 of the proposed North Brook Trail. The complete trail would be 1.88km long and would run from Boys Road to Marsh Road with the right of way to be granted from the Spark family. C Taylor-Claude confirmed that the Waimakariri Landcare Trust would be applying for funding to cover the cost of establishing the trail and for maintenance costs for the first three years. Maintenance cost beyond this time would be included in the Greenspace Operational budgets.

Following a question from Councillor Ward, it was confirmed that the easement would be east of the proposed Eastern Road Link going through to Northbrook Road.

Councillor Redmond sought clarification on the terms of use of the easement, regarding the day to day interaction with the owner's property. A Child explained that there would be signage along the trail to emphasise that this was a working farm. There would be a gate for the owner's access and also for maintenance access. The trail would be open to walkers, cyclists (including e-bikes) and dogs would also be allowed. Horses and motorbikes would not be allowed on the trail.

Councillor Williams asked if the surveying could be done for the proposed Eastern Link Road, at the same time as for this trail. Staff believed that the timing would not be right for these surveys to be undertaken at the same time.

Councillor Goldsworthy queried if the cost of maintenance had been adjusted for inflation and this was confirmed by staff.

Moved: Councillor Ward

Seconded: Councillor Mealings

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 240718118313.
- (b) **Notes** the support and endorsement of the North Brook Trail from the Arohatia te Awa Working Group with the following motions:
1. *Supports and approves funding for the Easement acquisition, noting it is for the purpose of a publicly accessible track as a recreational pathway.*

2. *Recommends that Council consider funding for the ongoing maintenance and replacement of the trail to ensure it is suitable for ongoing public access.*

- (c) **Notes** that there will be no cost to Council for physical works creating the North Brook Trail and Erin Harvie from the Waimakariri Landcare Trust will be applying for funding through grant applications to establish the Trail and maintain it for the first three years of establishment.
- (d) **Approves** Council to take responsibility for the ongoing maintenance of Stage 1 of the North Brook Trail with an estimated maintenance cost of up to \$5,400 annually. This will start for the fourth year of the trail and will therefore be included within the programmed Greenspace Operational Budgets for the 2027-37 LTP.
- (e) **Notes** that the Spark Family has offered their land at no monetary value.
- (f) **Notes** the cost of the Easement acquisition is estimated to be \$15,000-\$30,000. This includes surveying the Easement and any legal costs.
- (g) **Approves** up to \$30,000 from Arohatia te Awa for the purpose of surveying and legal costs for an Easement next to the Northbrook Stream.
- (h) **Approves** the acquisition of the Right of Way Easement for payment of compensation to the owners, Richard Geoffrey Spark and Waterlea Trustee (2016) Ltd, of \$1.00 including GST (if any) and any associated costs involved in the survey and legalisation of the Easement.
- (i) **Delegates** to the Chief Executive Officer and/or the Property Manager authority to complete and execute any documentation required in conjunction with the acquisition and legalisation of the Easement including a Memorandum of Agreement in line with the above approvals.

CARRIED

Councillor Ward supported this partnership with the Spark family, suggesting it was a good initiative for the district.

Councillor Mealings acknowledged the work of staff on this proposal and the collaboration with the Spark family, Waimakariri Landcare Trust, the Rūnanga and the Council on this project. The generous donation of this land from the Spark family for public use was also acknowledged, as well as the benefit to the community once it was established. This trail would link with other trails and provide more recreational, cultural, and biodiversity opportunities. Councillor Mealings encouraged colleagues to support this motion.

Mayor Gordon endorsed Councillor Mealings comments that this was a generous gift to the district from the Spark family. Working through Arohatia te Awa was the correct route for this to be identified. Mayor Gordon appreciated the work of staff and elected members on this proposal and was pleased to see the track coming to fruition.

7.2 **Kaiapoi Car and Boat Trailer Parking and Charles Street Caravan Dump Station Budget Reassignment** – D Roxborough (Implementation Project Manager – District Regeneration)

This report sought the approval of the Council to defer the Kaiapoi Marine Precinct Car and Boat Trailer Parking project and remove the current budget. The report also sought approval of a new budget for the purposes of urgent safety upgrades to the Charles Street caravan dump station in the current financial year. As noted by D Roxborough, the current caravan dump station was very close to the carriage way, and it had been observed that some users of the dump station had parked in the traffic lane. Although this was alongside a 30kph speed limit area, it still posed a safety issue. There were other dump stations in the district, some of which were privately owned, including another one in Kaiapoi, one in Ravenswood and two in Rangiora.

Reference was made to the suggested budget figure for the upgraded caravan dump station of \$125,000, noting that this was a high level estimate at this stage, and depended on a contribution from the New Zealand Motor Caravan Association. With the combined recommendations, it would mean a reduction of \$173,000 in the budget for this financial year.

Mayor Gordon asked if there had been any discussion on providing a dump station on the New Zealand Motor Caravan Association site in Kaiapoi. D Roxburgh advised that there had been no specific discussions on having a dump station on the Motor Caravan Association site. It would need to be considered if there was a need for two dump station facilities in such close proximity. However, it was recommended that it would be on one site or the other. If there was a dump station installed on their own site, this would potentially reduce any funds available from the NZ Motor Caravan Association for the improvements to the Charles Street site. Staff had previously had discussions with the National Property Team of the Association, who had indicated there could be funding from the Association towards the Charles Street dump station site.

In response to a question from Councillor Mealings, D Roxborough suggested it would be difficult to stage the car and boat trailer park project. An interim option could be to just open up more land for parking, but pointed out that the ground conditions would be a barrier to that. It was noted that there were also some issues with parking behaviour around the boat ramp.

Deputy Mayor Atkinson suggested the recommendation should be adjusted and not refer to the specific site of the caravan dump station as "Charles Street" as this may not be the most ideal site, beside the river. Removing this could provide other options. In the future there may be commercial or residential activities established on this site. D Roxborough said there may be further costs involved if a different site was decided on, with the Charles Street pump station currently working. A different site may require building another sewer pump station and involve a bigger investment. It was confirmed that there was a pressure system sewer line along the river bank, but no gravity sewer. Deputy Mayor Atkinson also questioned the safety of this existing site for a dump station, noting the limited parking available. D Roxborough noted that the proximity to the Motor Caravan Park was a bonus for this dump station site.

Councillor Cairns asked if the responsibility of providing a dump station could be delegated to a commercial operator. It was confirmed that there was a caravan dump station and laundromat at the McKeown Service Station. D Roxborough said this would require some further investigation, noting that there were obligations under legislation that the Council must consider public health and sanitation, which included making sure that waste was not being dumped inappropriately. The Council owned dump stations in other places in the district. Councillor Cairns also noted how busy Charles Street had become, and asked for safety reasons, should the Council consider looking at an alternative site for this dump station. D Roxborough responded that there had not been any in-depth study on the traffic on Charles Street.

Councillor Fulton noted that this was publically funded infrastructure which would predominantly be used by non-residents of the district. D Roxborough noted that there was other infrastructure and facilities in the district that were also used by visitors and ratepayers alike. He also noted that the dump station would also be used by the district's residents and ratepayers.

The Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board considered locations of boat trailer parking in October 2023 and it was confirmed that the Board had supported the upgrade of the Charles Street dump station.

Moved: Deputy Mayor Atkinson

Seconded: Councillor Cairns

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 240723120608.
- (b) **Approves** staff undertaking design and construction of upgrades to the Charles Street caravan dump station in the current 2024/25 financial year.
- (c) **Approves** a new budget of up to \$125,000 in the 2024/25 year for the purposes of the urgent Charles Street caravan dump station upgrades, funded from the Recreation capital loan.

- (d) **Approves** deletion of the \$298,000 car and boat trailer parking project budget from the current 2024/25 year (currently funded from Earthquake Recovery Loan) and defer that project to at least 2028/29 year, noting that the car boat trailer parking project will be subject to a future budget re-application through the next Long Term Plan process and investigates other sites within Kaiapoi that may be available for a dump station and consults the Kaiapoi Tuahiwi Community Board as part of this exercise.
- (e) **Notes** that staff will seek involvement of NZMCA in the design, planning and funding of the dump station upgrades, and this may reduce the overall planned WDC spend and budget requirements.
- (f) **Circulates** this report to Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board.

CARRIED

Deputy Mayor Atkinson noted that the dump station would be predominantly used by visitors, however it was also being used by residents returning home with full tanks, as well as those who live on boats moored on the Kaiapoi River. Tourists were welcomed to the district to help with our economy and this facility was needed to support visitors while they were here. The existing dump station would be half funded by the Motor Caravan Association. It was important that a dump station was easily accessible to all members of the public. Councillor Atkinson noted that if a dump station was located on the Motor Caravan Association site, it would suggest that it was exclusive for its use, as the Association leased that site. However, Deputy Mayor Atkinson questioned if this was the right place to put a dump station being so close to the river, when looking to the future. The Waikuku Beach Campground was referred to, as this had a public dump station located within the grounds. Deputy Mayor Atkinson urged members to support the motion however requested that there to be further investigation to ensure that this was right place.

Councillor Cairns said it was important that there was a dump station in the town of Kaiapoi especially to support the Motor Caravan Association site. The Kaiapoi site was recognised as one of the most popular camping grounds in New Zealand for the 117,000 members of the Association. Councillor Cairns believed the location of the dump station on Charles Street was the wrong site and supported the amended motion to look at other sites in Kaiapoi.

Mayor Gordon supported other sites being investigated for a dump station in Kaiapoi. There was also the option for the Motor Caravan Association to put a dump station on its own site, with the Council's approval. Having the Association camping site in Kaiapoi had been a real benefit to the town, attracting many visitors. It was in close proximity to the town centre and visitors supported the commercial and hospitality businesses.

Councillor Redmond supported this motion as amended however also believed that the current location was suitable. It was a very well used facility, in a convenient site close to the town centre and the caravan park. He noted that things do change over time, and in future it may need to be relocated. The reduction in the budget was appealing, however Councillor Redmond did not consider that the Coastguard boat ramp was fit for purpose, with the current access and lack of space within a busy environment. Councillor Redmond suggested the budget could be used to relocate the boat ramp to Askeaton. It was noted that this was now tidal.

Councillor Fulton noted the changes in Kaiapoi since the 2010 earthquakes, and thought it was valuable to look at alternative locations now, rather than leave it to be considered again in the future. He appreciated that the current location was a convenient site however supported the motion to consider alternative locations.

In response to a previous comment regarding boat ramps, Deputy Mayor Atkinson noted that Askeaton was now a tidal wetland area and was not a satisfactory place for a boat ramp. Since the earthquakes this site has changed significantly. In the current tight financial times, the car and boat trailer parking project was not deemed to be urgent and Deputy Mayor Atkinson believed it could be put on hold for future consideration.

8. MATTERS REFERRED FROM COMMITTEES OR COMMUNITY BOARDS

- 8.1 **Proposed Amendments to Technical Practice Note on Flood Mapping, Freeboard and Floor Levels** – A Wilhelm (Finished Floor Level Officer) and J McSloy (Development Manager) (refer to report no. 240625103292 to the Utilities and Roading Committee meeting of 16 July 2024 and unconfirmed minutes of that meeting, Item 10.2 in this agenda)

Deputy Mayor Atkinson and Councillor Mealings left the meeting during consideration of this report.

Following this matter being considered by the Utilities and Roading Committee, and in response to queries from members at that meeting, further information was circulated to Councillors (via Memo Trim 240731126770) as well as information on the Otaki Street, Beach Road and McIntosh pump stations constructed as part of the Shovel Ready project. This provided information on the electrical buildings and control levels. Based on this information and updated maps shown in the memo, staff suggested a revised recommendation for the Council to consider. It was noted the two new maps included in the memo should be included in the Technical Practice Note.

Following a question from Councillor Redmond, C Bacon provided an explanation of when a 100 or 200 year flooding event occurred, floor levels were applied. This explained that if a building consent was requested in Kaiapoi, then this would have a 100 year level applied. If however, an application triggered the need for a resource consent, a 200 year flooding event floor level was required to give effect to the Canterbury Regional Policy Statement.

Councillor Williams posed a question on height and areas governed by the Coastal Flood Level. C Bacon provided an explanation of the minimum floor levels governed in different areas of Kaiapoi. There was an issue with existing properties in these areas and new builds were required to meet the new floor level requirements. This would have an impact on the neighbouring properties. Staff accepted that this would put constraints to building with added costs and could have an impact on neighbouring properties.

Councillor Fulton questioned the original mapping information and the future impact on water levels with further developments in west and north of Kaiapoi. G Cleary replied that there should not be any impact. The biggest future impact would be possible changes to sea level and also changes to rainfall figures. These were more likely to be the key drivers for further change.

Councillor Goldsworthy noted the one in 200 year flood modelling may change with increased rainfall, and he enquired if these had changed from the previous modelling exercise. C Bacon provided information on three main models that were used to model flooding in Kaiapoi which included rainfall, Ashley River breakout flood and coastal inundation. If NIWA released an updated set of rainfall predictions it had the potential to change the current, more detailed model, being used by staff. There was consideration given to the Ecan modelling work looking at a possible Ashley breakout flood, however the main consideration was coastal inundation. One of the difficulties of this work was that inputs were constantly moving.

It was advised, following a question from Councillor Redmond, that under the operative District Plan, the minimal floor levels applied to residential buildings only, and provided advice for commercial properties. However as commercial buildings were not habitable, there was no specific floor level that needed to be met however under the Proposed District Plan, this would change. Regarding the information that would be included in a LIM, G Cleary advised that any new adopted mapping would be included.

Moved: Councillor Brine

Seconded: Mayor Gordon

THAT the Council

- (a) **Notes** that the Kaiapoi minimum finished floor level maps have been updated as shown in Figures 5 and 7 attached to the Kaiapoi Minimum Finished Floor Level – Technical Memorandum 2024 Update memo (TRIM 240731126770) to include two areas omitted from the original maps
- (b) **Approves** the updated Technical Practice Note on Flood Mapping, Freeboard and Floor Levels (TRIM 240412057972), including the updated Kaiapoi minimum finished floor level maps.

- (c) **Notes** that the Practice Note will need to be updated in the future once the Proposed District Plan and Regional Policy Statement are operative, as both contain hazard chapters which will affect the document. If Council's flood models are updated, the Practice Note will also be reviewed and updated as required.

CARRIED

Councillor Williams abstained

Councillor Brine said the Council needed to plan for the future and take steps to mitigate issues of any weather events that may occur. He believed the Council was adopting a good view of this in considering the impact of areas that were identified as a flood risk.

Mayor Gordon believed the changes to floor heights needed to be supported and also appreciated that this may be frustrating for those entering into a building process. The Council needed to ensure that any risk was managed and was acting responsibly. Mayor Gordon appreciated the work that had been put into determining the right heights for different areas by staff, acknowledging that the Council staff were held in high esteem in relation to this work throughout New Zealand.

Councillor Williams expressed concern with differing heights in neighbourhoods, noting that the Council had spent \$20m on pumping stations to mitigate flooding in Kaiapoi. He was also concerned that older areas in Kaiapoi had never previously been flooded, and where new houses would need to be built with higher floor levels, which would be out of line with the existing buildings. Councillor Williams believed the 100 and possibly 200 year floods had happened before the \$20m was spent on the pumping stations. Councillor Williams believed the Technical Practice Note was difficult to understand and he would like to see more information and explanation on this before he could support this motion.

Councillor Redmond also had some reservations with the complexity of the situation however did support the amended recommendation and corrected Technical Practice Note. If some of this information was included in LIMs, it may have an impact on property values.

Councillor Fulton observed that this was an opportunity for the Council to provide consistency in floor levels and the need for modelling to be done as best as it could be. Councillor Fulton noted his support for the motion.

In reply, Councillor Brine said there needed to be an element of personal planning involved by landowners considering building, especially when living at a beach or in a flood prone area. With an aversion to risk, Councillor Brine noted his support of this motion.

8.2 **Approval of Capital Work Renewals Programmes and Sports Ground Growth Programme for Greenspace** – J Rae (Senior Advisor, Assets and Capital)
(refer to attached copy of report no. 240711113837 to the Community and Recreation Committee meeting of 23 July 2024 and unconfirmed minutes of that meeting, Item 10.4 in this agenda)

Council approval was sought for bringing forward the public toilet renewals budget for Woodend Beach Toilets, scheduled in year three to year two. This budget was a bi-annual budget. This would allow the Woodend Beach master project to be completed in the same year. The master project included renewal of the play space, car parks and the upgrade of the toilets. Combining these asset renewals would allow for cost savings, particularly for the set up.

Deputy Mayor Atkinson asked if there were any other projects that would be impacted by this funding being brought forward. J Rae advised that the greenspace toilet budget covered a two-year period and there would be no impact on other budgets. There were benefits in completing all aspects of the master project at the same time.

Mayor Gordon expressed concern of the cumulative effect for numerous requests to change the budget and queried if these changes were tracked. Mayor Gordon would not like to see any cumulative result impacting on next year's rates. J Millward said this matter was discussed at Management Team recently and they were very conscious of this. This was being looked at and the tender works as well. It was acknowledged that it was not feasible to keep pushing out capital works projects. A number of actions were being looked at and staff were conscious of ensuring that the rates were kept as low as practical.

Moved: Mayor Gordon

Seconded: Councillor Ward

THAT the Council

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 240711113837.
- (b) **Approves** bringing forward the public toilet renewals budget scheduled for year three into year two.

CARRIED

In supporting this motion, Mayor Gordon requested that there be tracking put in place for any changes to the budget, and that any impact was to be reported back to the Council.

Deputy Mayor Atkinson supported that a check kept on progress on meeting the capital works projects.

At 2.55pm Mayor Gordon left the meeting and Deputy Mayor Atkinson assumed the Chairs role. Mayor Gordon returned to Chair the meeting at 3.20pm following the adjournment.

9. **HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELLBEING**

9.1 **Health, Safety and Wellbeing Report July 2024** - J Millward (Chief Executive)

J Millward presented this report, noting that the health and safety audits were still taking place. There had been a number of adverse interactions with members of the public and these had been relayed to the Police.

Councillor Redmond referred to a long term injury in the aquatic centre. J Millward advised that this was an ACC claim and that this related to a number of recurring accidents.

Councillor Cairns referred to an incident where a group of teenagers had left a mess in the library. J Millward said generally the Council would endeavour to recover costs, however in this case, he was not aware of any significant cost involved.

Moved: Councillor Redmond

Seconded: Councillor Ward

THAT the Council

- (a) **Receives** Report No 240717117493
- (b) **Notes** that there were no 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

10. **COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR INFORMATION**

10.1 Minutes of a meeting of the Utilities and Roading Committee of 18 June 2024

10.2 Minutes of a meeting of the Utilities and Roading Committee of 16 July 2024

10.3 Minutes of a meeting of the District Planning and Regulation Committee of 16 July 2024

Moved: Councillor Williams

Seconded: Councillor Goldsworthy

- (a) **THAT** Items 10.1 to 10.3 be received for information.

CARRIED

11. **COMMUNITY BOARD MINUTES FOR INFORMATION**

11.1 Minutes of the Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board meeting of 17 June 2024

11.2 Minutes of the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board meeting of 3 July 2024

11.3 Minutes of the Woodend-Sefton Community Board meeting of 8 July 2024

11.4 Minutes of the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board meeting of 10 July 2024

11.5 Minutes of the Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board meeting of 15 July 2024

Moved Councillor Williams

Seconded Councillor Goldsworthy

(a) **THAT** Items 11.1 to 11.5 be received for information.

CARRIED

12. **MAYORS DIARY - MONDAY 24 JUNE 2024 – SUNDAY 28 JULY 2024**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Atkinson

Seconded: Councillor Ward

(a) **THAT** the Council receives report no. 240730125339.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 3pm and reconvened at 3.20pm. At this time the Council considered all items on the public excluded agenda. The open meeting resumed at 4.41pm, to consider the remainder of the open agenda items, as below.

13. **COUNCIL PORTFOLIO UPDATES**

13.1 **Iwi Relationships** – Mayor Dan Gordon

Mayor Gordon had met with the Rūnanga recently to discuss Three Waters. The Council was exploring the option of joining with Hurunui and Kaikoura District Councils on Three Waters and this option had the support of the Rūnanga. Further discussions on this would include the local Rūnanga and Kaikoura Rūnanga. It was noted that this was a scoping exercise with no decision as yet being made. Mayor Gordon noted the position that the Council had previously adopted on behalf of its community and would be standing strong on this. There would be no decision made on the future for Three Waters, without full consultation with the community.

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

The next meeting of the Partnership was scheduled for Friday this week. The independent Chair's role had been discontinued and the role would be rotated. The current remit was only on Spatial Planning and Mass Rapid Transport.

13.3 **Government Reforms** – Mayor Dan Gordon

There had not been any future direction provided on the RMA to date.

13.4 **Canterbury Water Management Strategy** – Councillor Tim Fulton

- Action Plan funding 2024/25 of \$50,000 allocated from ECan's LTP budget, was to be used before December 2024. Limiting spend to December recognized the progress of the Regional Water Zone Committee Review and decisions to be made by the Mayoral Forum regarding the future of the zones.
- Learnt from ECan's James Schaap that mountain beech were available to be planted on up to 26ha. Trees looking for a home – open to suggestions
- Recommendations considered for Environment Award recipients. Applications close on 16 August 2024. As in 2023, the Awards would be held in conjunction with the WDC Community Service Awards in October.

- Mandeville Residents Association nitrate testing meeting at Mandeville Sports Centre in July. 150 samples submitted. Some residents reported that nitrate filtering equipment had evidently reduced their nitrate concentrations from 7-8 mgs to about 1. As a Residents Association it reiterated that this meeting was a private event, making use of the availability of sensor equipment through contacts in the Waimakariri Landcare Trust and ECan. The results could not be independently verified, including the source of the water or sampling errors, for example.
- The Council's Water Environment Advisor would talk to the Oxford Ohoka Community Board about nitrates in September.
- The drafting of the Canterbury Regional Policy Statement was discussed. It was up to individuals to submit on the wording however there was concern among committee members that wording had quite a 'rural focus', perhaps without recognizing the extent of urban pollution.
- Discussion at a recent workshop about the latest science behind conclusions on movement of groundwater and nitrate across the Waimakariri River and heading towards Belfast. Previous conclusions about that groundwater movement, based on ten years of modelling, were now in doubt.

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

The government had recently released a discussion document on New Zealand's second emissions reduction plan and submissions were due by 21 August 2024.

<https://consult.environment.govt.nz/climate/second-emissions-reduction-plan/>

Council had received a draft submission from the Canterbury Mayoral Forum on New Zealand's second emissions reduction plan.

WDC staff had reviewed the Canterbury Mayoral Forum draft submission and confirmed the messaging was consistent with WDC's Climate Change Policy and other strategic documents. The email would ask for feedback from Council no later than midday this Friday.

Other than that, work that was already underway in the Climate Resilience programme continued including the Risk Explorer software with no significant updates at this stage.

ACCN Updates:

The Minister of Climate Change released the 2024 emissions reduction monitoring report from He Pou a Rangi Climate Change Commission. News story: climatecommission.govt.nz/news/climate-change-commission-delivers-first-emissions-reduction-monitoring-report

The report showed emissions had declined in recent years, however it also showed more work was needed to meet Aotearoa New Zealand's climate goals and international commitments.

NZ Government's Climate Strategy was published on 10 July 2024.

<https://environment.govt.nz/what-government-is-doing/areas-of-work/climate-change/about-new-zealands-climate-change-programme/governments-climate-strategy/>

The Government's response was focused on transitioning New Zealand to a low emissions economy in a cost-effective way using effective and efficient policies, while taking advantage of our unique landscape to remove greenhouse gases from the atmosphere.

The strategy focused on five pillars, making sure:

- infrastructure was resilient and communities were well prepared
- credible markets supported the climate transition
- clean energy was abundant and affordable
- world-leading climate innovation boosted the economy
- nature-based solutions addressed climate change

LGNZ had prepared a new online course about climate change for elected members.

Biodiversity/ biosecurity update:

Councillor Mealings had attended her first 'Toward Pest Free Waitaha' meeting. Good opportunities for sharing knowledge and best practice, for example, the team from Zealandia recently visited the Pest Free Banks Peninsula team in Akaroa to see their (PFBP's) progress and share how they worked with their urban communities in Wellington to continue the pest trapping roll out to ensure their predator elimination gains were not wiped out by re-incursion from outside their borders (urban areas).

Councillor Mealings had recently visited an Oxford property that had employed a very novel technique with their native plantings being established by direct drilling. This method was now being used by Fonterra and Meridian for their large scale plantings and could be useful for this council to employ in the future. This included a wide variety of native species.

Mayor Gordon added that the Climate Partnership Plan would be going to the Mayoral Forum later this month. It was believed that all Canterbury Councils had supported this Plan.

13.6 International Relationships – Deputy Mayor Neville Atkinson

Deputy Mayor Atkinson advised of the recent visit to Waimakariri from the Ambassador of Belgium to Australia, His Excellency Mr Michel Goffin. Mr Goffin was here for the unveiling of the Queen Elisabeth Plaques at the Rangiora RSA on 21 July, which was an enjoyable day and the function at the RSA went well. The plaques had previously been held at the former Christchurch RSA Club, however were now located at the Rangiora RSA. They acknowledge the awarding in October 1916 of the Queen Elisabeth Medal to four New Zealand woman to recognise their exceptional services to Belgium in the relief of the suffering of its citizens during World War One. These women were Jean Burt, Barbara Morrison, Helen Lane and Rosina Tabart. There was a total of 33 Queen Elisabeth medals awarded to New Zealand woman at the time. There were many veterans present at the unveiling as well as members of the Belgium community.

13.7 Property and Housing – Deputy Mayor Neville Atkinson

The Property Portfolio Working Group had met this week. It was proposed that a presentation from the Community Housing Response Working Group would be included in an upcoming Council briefing.

14. QUESTIONS (Under Standing Orders)

There were no questions.

15. URGENT GENERAL BUSINESS (under Standing Orders)

There was no urgent general business.

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: Deputy Mayor Atkinson

Seconded: Councillor Cairns

1. That the public is excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is 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 are as follows:

Item No.	Subject	Reason for excluding the public	Grounds for excluding the public-
16.1	Confirmation of Public Excluded Minutes of Council meeting of 25 June 2024	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7	To protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons (s7(2)(a) and to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) LGOIMA Section7(2)(i).
16.2	Confirmation of Public Excluded Minutes of Council meeting of 2 July 2024	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7	To protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons (s7(2)(a) and to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) LGOIMA Section7(2)(i).

Item No.	Subject	Reason for excluding the public	Grounds for excluding the public-
16.3	Minutes for information of Public Excluded portion of the Utilities and Roading Committee meeting of 18 June 2024	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7	To protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons (s 7(2)(a) and to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) (s 7(2)(i)).
16.4	Minutes for information of the unconfirmed Public Excluded portion of the Utilities and Roading Committee meeting of 16 July 2024	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7	To protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons (s 7(2)(a) and to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) (s 7(2)(i)).
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16.5	UV Disinfection Upgrades – Current Project Status and Budget Update	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7	The report, attachments, discussion and minutes remain public excluded for reasons of enabling any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities, and prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage as per LGOIMA Section 7 (2)(h), and (j).
16.6	Funding Oxford-Ohoka Community Board to be a Party to the Appeal Lodged by Woodstock Quarries Limited Appeal in the Environment Court	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7	Recommendations (a), (b), (c), (f) and (g) are to become public at the conclusion of the meeting, however resolutions (d) and (e), the report, discussion, and minutes remain Public Excluded until the end of the Environment Court and consenting process for reasons pertaining to LGOIMA Section 7(2)(f)(ii) and (g).
16.7	Authorisation to begin negotiations with landowners – New Gravel Pit Location	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7	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), and (i).
16.8	Contract 17/22 Street, Reserves and Cemetery Tree Maintenance, Request for Approving One Year Extension of Contract	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7	The recommendations in this report be made publicly available but that the contents of the report and discussion remain public-excluded for reasons of commercial sensitivity as per LGOIMA Section 7(2)(h).

CARRIED

CLOSED MEETING

The public excluded portion of the meeting commenced at 3.20pm until 4.40pm.

Recommendation to resume in open meeting

Moved: Mayor Gordon

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Atkinson

THAT open meeting resumes and the business discussed with the public excluded remains public excluded or as resolved in individual reports.

CARRIED

OPEN MEETING

16.6 Funding Oxford-Ohoka Community Board to be a Party to the Appeal Lodged by Woodstock Quarries Limited Appeal in the Environment Court – K Rabe (Governance Advisor)

Moved: Mayor Gordon

Seconded: Councillor Redmond

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 240724121816.
- (b) **Notes** there is no Board budget for participating in the legal proceedings, engaging appropriate specialists and that any approval for funding for legal services and support associated with being party to an Appeal to the Environmental Court would require authorisation from the Council and be post funded from the Council legal budget, affecting district rates in 2025/26.
- (c) **Notes** the Chief Executive has authorised a maximum budget of \$10,000 (incl GST) for legal advice, public meeting logistics and potential lodgement of legal documents with the Courts.
- (e) **Approves** that the report, discussions and minutes remain Public Excluded for reasons to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the protection of such members, officers, employees and persons from improper pressure or harassment, and to maintain legal professional privilege as per LGOIMA Section 7(2)(f)(ii) and (g).
- (f) **Approves** recommendations (a), (b), (c), (e) and (f) become public at the conclusion of the meeting, however resolutions (d) and (e), the report, discussion, and minutes remain Public Excluded until the end of the Environment Court and consenting process for reasons pertaining to LGOIMA Section 7(2)(f)(ii) and (g).

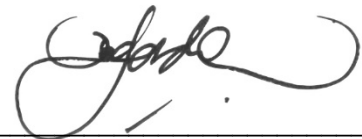
CARRIED

17. NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary meeting of the Council is scheduled for Tuesday 3 September 2024, commencing at 1pm to be held in the Council Chamber, Rangiora Service Centre, 215 High Street, Rangiora.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 5.12pm.

CONFIRMED



Chairperson
Mayor Dan Gordon

3 September 2024
Date