

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

PRESENT

Mayor D Gordon (Chairperson), Deputy Mayor N Atkinson, Councillors A Blackie, B Cairns, T Fulton, J Goldsworthy, N Mealings, P Redmond, J Ward (arrived at 1:02pm) and P Williams.

IN ATTENDANCE

J Millward (Chief Executive), C Brown (General Manager Community and Recreation), G Cleary (General Manager Utilities and Roading), K LaValley (General Manager Planning, Regulation and Environment), S Nichols (Governance Manager), M Bacon (Development Planning Manager), J Recker (Stormwater and Waterways Manager), J McBride (Roading and Transportation Manager), S Docherty (Policy and Corporate Planning Team Leader), J Fraser (Infrastructure Planner), N Sheerin (Senior Planner), T Kunkel; (Governance Team Leader) and C Fowler-Jenkins (Governance Support Officer).

There were four members of the public present.

1. APOLOGIES

Moved: Councillor Redmond

Seconded: Councillor Blackie

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives and sustains** an apology for absence from Councillor Brine and for lateness from Councillor Ward, who arrived at 1:02pm.

CARRIED

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Item 7.6 – Councillor Fulton declared a conflict of interest as he was currently the Chairperson of the Oxford Health and Fitness Trust.

Items 7.8 and 17.5 – Deputy Mayor Atkinson and Councillor Mealings declared conflicts of interest as they served as commissioners for the Proposed District Plan Hearings.

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Mayor Gordon acknowledged Robin and Vicki Brown, who were presented with a business award.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of a meeting of the Waimakariri District Council held on Tuesday, 3 September 2024

Moved: Councillor Fulton

Seconded: Councillor Cairns

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Confirms** the circulated Minutes of the Waimakariri District Council meeting held on Tuesday 3 September 2024 as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

MATTERS ARISING (from Minutes)

There were no matters arising.

5. DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nil.

6. ADJOURNED BUSINESS

Nil.

7. REPORTS

7.1 Stormwater Drainage and Watercourse Protection Bylaw Adoption by Council – J Fraser (Infrastructure Planner) and J Recker (Stormwater and Waterways Manager)

J Fraser spoke to the report, which recommended the adoption of the Stormwater Drainage and Watercourse Protection Bylaw following public consultation, which had generated some minor submission points. Staff noted that, when implementing the Bylaw, they had the discretion to approve the use of the aggregate AP20, which was a point raised during public consultation.

Moved: Councillor Williams

Seconded: Councillor Goldsworthy

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 240729124840.
- (b) **Notes** that one submission was received on the draft Bylaw related to the use of grass filter strips and AP20 for stabilised entranceways.
- (c) **Notes** the Council currently permits the use of grass filter strips to provide erosion and sediment control on residential building sites.
- (d) **Acknowledges** the submitter's request for the Council to approve the use of AP20 aggregate to stabilise temporary vehicle entranceways but notes this may not achieve sufficient erosion and sediment control within residential building sites to protect the downstream stormwater systems and receiving environment.
- (e) **Notes** that, when implementing the Bylaw, the Council will generally require temporary stabilised vehicle entranceways on building and earthworks sites to be implemented in line with the Erosion and Sediment Control Toolbox for Canterbury, as far as is practicable within each site.
- (f) **Notes** the Council will consider alternative erosion and sediment control options for temporary vehicle entranceways due to practicality and space constraints within small residential building sites, subject to the operator or contractor demonstrating that discharge standards (primarily Rule 5.94A of the Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan) and all Bylaw requirements can be met when using alternative options.
- (g) **Notes** there are no changes recommended to the draft Bylaw as a result of submissions.
- (h) **Notes** no further changes are proposed to the "tracked changes" version of the draft Bylaw that was publicly consulted.
- (i) **Notes** that the increase in operating costs required for implementing approvals in accordance with the Bylaw will be managed from existing budgets and existing staff time.
- (j) **Adopts** the Waimakariri District Council Stormwater Drainage and Watercourse Protection Bylaw 2024.

- (k) **Notes** that once adopted, the Stormwater Drainage and Watercourse Protection Bylaw 2024 will not be required to be formally reviewed for another ten years. However, it will be able to be reviewed in the intervening period if required.

CARRIED

7.2 **Adoption of the Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw 2024** – S Docherty (Policy and Corporate Planning Team Leader)

S Docherty spoke to the report, noting that during the consultation process, the hearing panel acknowledged that many of the submitters were guardians of the beaches who sought to uphold the area's values and enjoyment and the importance of birdlife in the Ashley/Rakahuri Estuary. The hearing panel believed that giving effect to the Bylaw was best served by proactive measures, including education and signage.

S Docherty commented that the hearing panel asked Environment Canterbury (ECan) to consider how the Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw 2024 Implementation Plan could better recognise and protect the Ashley/Rakahuri Estuary. Feedback from submitters suggested that the plan should consider technology-based solutions to support awareness.

Councillor Fulton sought clarification on the use of geofencing. S Docherty explained that a virtual geographic boundary could be created using Global Positioning System (GPS) technology, and the public could be notified when they crossed into a sensitive ecosystem or protection zone.

Councillor Cairns asked if the budget provision had been made for geo-fencing. S Docherty noted that a submitter made a comment, and staff had not looked into the feasibility or costs.

Moved: Councillor Blackie

Seconded: Councillor Redmond

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 240618098956.
- (b) **Receives** the Minutes of the Hearing Panel meetings held on 18 July 2024 (Trim 240716116667) and 03 September 2024 (Trim 240904149932).
- (c) **Adopts** the Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw 2024 (Trim 240815136976) as applying from 01 November 2024.
- (d) **Adopts** the Dog Control Bylaw Schedule (amended 2023) - (Trim 230626094391).
- (e) **Forwards** the adopted Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw 2024 to the Minister of Transport for his approval.
- (f) **Notes** that, once adopted, the Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw 2024 will be formally reviewed in 2029 however an earlier review can be undertaken should an issue arise.

CARRIED

The Chairperson of the Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw Hearing Panel, Councillor Blackie, thanked the panel members for their work and made the following comments:

- The Clause '*Protect the natural values of the foreshore and estuary environment while acknowledging community values associated with its use*' was included due to the Biodiversity Trust's submission.

- The landing and taking off of recreational aircraft on Ashworths Beach did not seem controversial, as the Canterbury Recreational Aircraft Club controlled members well. The only concern was the aircraft's approach over the estuary, which could disturb nesting birds; however, staff were investigating resolving the matter via a user agreement with the Club.
- About hunting, Councillor Blackie noted that gun dogs were trained, and there was no evidence that they had disturbed the birds during hunting activities.
- The Hearing Panel had no concerns with cultural fires; however, an open fire was needed first to host a hangi. Therefore, the panel agreed that no fires should be lit without prior approval from Fire and Emergency New Zealand (FENZ) and the Council.
- The impact of dogs (domestic pets) on wildlife in the Ashley/Rakahuri Estuary was highly controversial, with 90% of dog owners complying; however, 10% of dog owners were not as cautious, and it, therefore, became necessary to try to control dog access to certain areas.

Councillor Redmond endorsed Councillors Blackie's comments. He thanked staff for their work on reviewing the bylaws, which had proved to be more considerable than anticipated. He commented that the panel had to balance competing user interests and believed they had achieved a mutually beneficial outcome for all beach users. The panel did note that better signage and better enforcement would be advantageous. There were excellent submissions from all sides of the argument.

Mayor Gordon acknowledged the work of the hearing panel and staff. He commented that the bylaw had progressively developed over many years and successfully controlled most activities on Waimakariri beaches.

7.3 **Temporary Closure of Tuahiwi Road for Hui A Motu and the Māori Queens Visit – S Maxwell (Roading Compliance Officer) and J McBride (Roading and Transportation Manager)**

J McBride took the report as read, noting that event road closure applications were usually permitted under the alternative process outlined in the Transport (Vehicular Traffic Road Closure) Regulations 1965, which required the proposed closure to be advertised no less than 42 days before the event. However, due to the timeframes provided with this event application, the legislative requirements could not be met. Authorisation from the Council was, therefore, sought to approve a road closure under Section 11e of the 10th Schedule of the Local Government Act 1974, which allowed the Council to approve a temporary road closure.

Moved: Deputy Mayor Atkinson Seconded: Councillor Ward

THAT the Council:

- Receives** Report No. 240919160960.
- Approves** the closure of Tuahiwi Road between Greens Road and 196 Tuahiwi Road on the 22nd of October 2024, between the hours of 8am and 10am, under Section 11(e) of the 10th Schedule of the Local Government Act 1974.
- Notes** that due to the timeframes provided, approval of the closure under the Transport (Vehicular Traffic Road Closure) Regulations 1965 is not achievable, as this requires the proposed closure to be advertised no less than 42 days prior to the event.
- Notes** that there are alternate routes available and, as such, staff support this requested closure.

CARRIED

Deputy Mayor Atkinson noted that this was not an unusual request and had been done previously. Therefore, he supported the motion.

Mayor Gordon commented that this was a regulatory matter, and the Hui Ā Motu was an important event for the Waimakariri District.

7.4 **National Land Transport Programme (NLTP) 2024 – 2027 Continuous Programme Funding Endorsement** – J McBride (Roading and Transportation Manager) and G Cleary (General Manager Utilities and Roading)

J McBride spoke to the report, noting it detailed the 2024/27 National Land Transport Programme (NLTP) funding bid, specifically in relation to the Council's Continuous Programme, which included maintenance, operations, and renewals. The funding the New Zealand Transport Agency endorsed for the three years was \$9,225,312 less than the Council 2024-34 Long Term Plan's allocated budget. Although the Council's share was available, it still left the Council with a shortfall of \$4,704,909.

J McBride advised that staff had worked through different options. The proposed approach was to set budgets to utilise the approved NLTP funding plus the Council's share, which would not impact rates. She noted that this would impact the Council's ability to deliver services, particularly in areas where funding had been significantly reduced, such as footpath maintenance and renewals. The proposed approach allowed for the CycleSense Programme to continue until 30 June 2025 at a reduced basic level of delivery.

G Cleary commented that it was important for staff to have direction from the Council as staff needed to continue with maintenance operations and renewals, which were a core part of the programme. As part of the Council's 2025/26 Annual Plan, the Council would have the opportunity to reconsider various programmes for the 2025/26 and 2026/27 financial years.

In response to Deputy Mayor Atkinson's question, J McBride confirmed that the maintenance of the Mafeking Bridge would be funded through the Bridge Maintenance Budget.

Councillor Fulton asked if the proposed reduction in the budget for footpath maintenance and renewals would still enable the Council to maintain them appropriately. J McBride noted that staff could proceed with general maintenance work under the budget; however, less renewal work would be done. During the year, staff would review footpaths to ascertain what repairs were required in preparation for the draft 2025/26 Annual Plan process.

Moved: Mayor Gordon

Seconded: Councillor Redmond

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 240918159781.
- (b) **Approves** the revised budget for the Continuous Programme of \$54,366,404 over the next three years (being the National Land Transport Programme (NLTP) endorsed budgets through the 2024-27 NLTP plus the Council's share of the budget already allocated through the LTP).
- (c) **Approves** the revised budget for the Continuous Programme for the 2024/25 Year of \$18,306,423 (Trim 240919160917).
- (d) **Notes** that this budget is less than the Council approved budget through the Long Term Plan (\$59,071,313) but is more than has been endorsed through the National Land Transport Programme (\$49,846,001).

- (e) **Notes** that the implications of this reduced budget are that:
 - (i) Existing Levels of Service will not be able to be maintained in Walking and Cycling Maintenance and Renewals
 - (ii) Local Road Operations will have some renewal activities pushed out into future years and some maintenance activities will need to be reduced to fit within budget.
 - (iii) The CycleSense programme delivery into schools will need to be scaled back to continue, and staff will continue to work closely with North Canterbury Sports and Recreation Trust on what this may entail. However, it is likely to include Grade 1 training only, which is in school and not on the road.
- (f) **Notes** that the Council share (49%) of the difference in funding has already been allowed for within the Council's 2024-34 Long Term Plan budgets, and as such, this funding is available to be utilised but will, in effect, be un-subsidised as there is no co-funding share to match.
- (g) **Notes** there is no rates impact from the recommended approach.
- (h) **Notes** that the proposed approach will allow the CycleSense Programme to continue until 30 June 2025. The Council can then consider the future of the programme as part of the 2025/26 Annual Plan.
- (i) **Notes** that the Council has an opportunity to reconsider all budgets for 2025/26 and 2026/27 as part of the upcoming 2025/26 Annual Plan process.
- (j) **Notes** that the staff will continue to work with the New Zealand Transport Agency to see if any other funding streams may be available and to seek a cost scope adjustment for the Southbrook Culvert Replacement work, which is a high priority. Any further developments will be reported to the Council.

CARRIED

Mayor Gordon acknowledged the work done in preparing the Council's 2024/27 NLTP funding bid and expressed frustration that the Council was unsuccessful in securing the funding it required. However, this was not unusual, and the Waimakariri District Council was in the same situation as most other councils. Mayor Gordon noted that the suggested programme would not have a rating impact. Any suggested additions to the programme would have to be considered part of the 2025/26 Annual Plan process. He believed it was prudent to provide additional funding to the CycleSense Programme; however, if the Council decided to extend that programme beyond 30 June 2025, it was a matter for the 2025/26 Annual Plan.

Councillor Redmond noted the significant funding shortfall of \$9,225,312 over the three years. The Council would, therefore, have to prioritise where it would spend the funding carefully. He believed that the Council needed to be conscious of ensuring value for money that would benefit the most people. He was pleased to see that the CycleSense Programme would continue, albeit in a scaled-down form, until June 2025. He thanked the staff for the work they had done.

7.5 **Changes to Roothing Projects Resulting from Endorsed Funding in the 2024 – 27 National Land Transport Programme** – J McBride (Roothing and Transportation Manager) and G Cleary (General Manager Utilities and Roothing)

J McBride explained that the Council's Low-Cost Low-Risk (LCLR) Programme was generally for larger projects that were less than \$2 million and considered low-cost/low-risk. The Council's bid was for \$18million; however, funding approved through the National Land Transport Programme (NLTP) was only \$700,000 for the three-year period, which was significantly less. She noted that staff was advocating a multi-layered approach to progressing these projects. This included, among others:

- Moving projects beyond the three-year period of the NLTP.
- Delaying works out of this financial year to be considered at the next Annual Plan.
- Continuing at a lower level of investment by utilising only the Council's share of funding at this time.
- Continuing with the design only of several declined but important projects utilising Council's allocated share of funding.

J McBride noted staff had recommended that:

- The Fernside/Todds Road intersection project will still be undertaken and fully funded by the Council.
- At this stage, the Townsend Road project would be considered as part of the upcoming 2025/26 Annual Plan.
- The Ravenswood cycle connection was moved outside the current NLTP funding period because staff were actively discussing with NZTA whether it could be delivered through the Woodend Bypass works.

G Cleary noted that staff were trying to ensure that the design of some of the projects stayed on track to set the Council's direction for the next three years. The Council would have the opportunity to consider other projects during the following two Annual Plan processes. He noted that rates would be reduced over the next three years due to staff moving a number of projects out.

Mayor Gordon asked if the reason for retaining the Fernside Road/Todds Road intersection was the rebuilding of Sutton Tools. J McBride advised that it was suggested the project stay as the intersection was in a growing commercial area, and there were also safety issues to consider.

Councillor Cairns acknowledged that staff were in discussions with NZTA regarding the Ravenswood / Woodend walking connection. However, he enquired when staff envisaged implementing the walking connection as the Woodend Bypass was still far away. J McBride noted that staff were working closely with NZTA to try to initiate the project as quickly as possible. There was an option to bring projects forward during the Annual Plan process.

Councillor Fulton asked what had enabled the Mulcocks Road and Fernside Road Rail Crossings to progress. J McBride replied that NZTA would hold a workshop with the Council on this matter, including Lineside Road and where they sat concerning the funding.

Councillor Redmond asked what the impact would be if the Ravenswood/Woodend Walking Connection was shifted and implemented. G Cleary noted that from a practical perspective, it would be challenging for the Council to deliver the project now as staff would like more certainty about NZTA plans for the Woodend Bypass. He suggested that if the Council wanted to progress the walking connection, it should be considered part of the 2025/26 Annual Plan process.

Councillor Williams enquired if any foreseeable problems could arise from designing a project now which would not be implemented for some time. G Cleary did not see a significant risk in proactively designing projects now.

Moved: Mayor Gordon

Seconded: Councillor Mealings

THAT the Council:

- Receives** Report No. 240918160602.
- Approves** staff progressing Capital Projects as outlined in Option Two of this report (Trim: 240918160602).

- (c) **Approves** additional funding of \$925,840 in the 20204/25 financial year to allow high-priority safety projects to progress, which includes a number of projects which are of high value to the community but with relatively low cost:
- Minor Safety - School Safety - \$50,000
 - Broad/Harleston intersection - \$50,000
 - Minor Safety - Speed Management - \$50,000
 - Minor Safety - Intersection Improvements - \$120,000
 - Minor Safety - Lighting - \$25,000
 - Minor Safety - High-Risk Rural Intersections - \$200,000
 - Minor Safety Programme - Minor Works - \$50,000
 - Minor Safety - Roadside Hazards - \$200,000
 - Minor Safety - Walking and Cycling - \$100,000
 - Fernside Rd / Todds Rd Intersection - Safety Improvement - \$685,000
- (d) **Approves** the following projects being progressed within the available Council share of funding (i.e., within Council's 49% share) and, as such, will have a reduced scope. These are considered important projects to continue to progress:
- GCP Travel Demand Management Programme
 - Public Transport Infrastructure
 - Robert Coup Drive / Ohoka Road Intersection Improvement - Design
 - Seal Widening
 - Lees Valley Willow Walls / Culverts Resilience Project
 - Minor Improvements - Drainage (culverts)
 - Mulcocks Road and Fernside Road Rail Crossings in conjunction with NZTA and KiwiRail
- (e) **Approves** the following projects being progressed to the design stage only within the Council share of funding already allocated (i.e., within Council's 49% share):
- Oxford Road / Lehmans Road Roundabout - Design
 - Widen Skewbridge Road - Skew Bridge to Mulcocks - Design
 - Widen Skewbridge Road - Mulcocks to Threlkelds - Design
 - Bradleys Road / McHughs Rd / Tram Road Intersection – Design
 - Minor Improvements - Flood Resilience Depot Road - Design
- (f) **Approves** the following projects not being progressed in the current year; however, timing can be considered as part of the upcoming Annual Plan process:
- Rangiora Woodend Road Improvements - Widening and Hazard removal
 - Two Chain Road / Tram Road Intersection - Safety Improvements
 - Ashley Gorge Road / German Road - Safety Improvements
 - Oxford Road / Tram Road Intersection - Safety Improvement
 - Woodend Improvements in conjunction with NZTA PBC and Woodend Bypass
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 - Woodend to Ravenswood Walking and Cycling Connection
 - Fawcetts Road / Cones Road Intersection
 - Flaxton Road / Fernside Road East Intersection
 - Luminaire Management system and LED conversion
- (h) **Notes** that the following projects have had co-funding approved and, as such, can proceed as planned:
- South Eyre Road / Giles Road / Tram Road Intersection - Safety Improvements - Design only;

- Rangiora Woodend Road / Boys Road / Tuahiwi Road Intersection - Design only;
 - Tram Road/No. 10 Road Intersection - Realignment and Safety Improvements.
- (i) **Notes** that the overall effect on Rates of Recommendations (b) to (h) as above recommendations is a decrease to the Roding rate of 0.3% in 2025/26, 0.4% in 2026/27 and 0.1% in 2027/28. The rating impact on the General Rate results in a decrease of 0.1% in 2025/26, 0.1% in 2026/27 and 0.0% in 2027/28. The capital projects are loan-funded.
- (j) **Notes** that this request for additional budget would be offset with savings in the current year of \$1,575,719 due to other projects being moved out.
- (k) **Notes** that moving projects out will have the effect of delaying rates increases until such time as the works are carried out in the future.
- (l) **Notes** that should funding become available at any stage during the NLTP period, consideration could then be given to bringing forward funding to allow projects to proceed. It is considered that there is a small likelihood of this occurring, as there is limited funding in this area and there is likely to be strong competition for any excess funding.
- (m) **Notes** that the New Footpath Programme is able to continue as planned, as Council budgets had assumed co-funding would not be received through the National Land Transport Programme (NLTP).
- (n) **Notes** that feedback from the Community can be sought through the upcoming 2025/26 Annual Plan process, including consideration of funding for the Minor Safety Programme for the 2025/26 and 2026/27 financial years.
- (o) **Notes** that the budget has been allocated through the Long Term Plan in 2024/25 to progress the preliminary work on the Rangiora Eastern Link Road.

Mayor Gordon agreed around the Fernside Road/Todds Road intersection, as it made sense given the business pressures and was becoming a fairly busy route. As to the other projects mentioned in the report, such as the Ravenswood / Woodend walking connection, he believed the correct process was to see if it could be achieved before the Woodend Bypass. He agreed with the Woodend-Sefton Community Board that the safety improvements were very important. However, he supported the motion.

Councillor Mealings noted that a lot of work went into the report. She appreciated what was proposed would put the Council in good stead if they could get further funding.

Amendment

Moved: Councillor Redmond

Seconded: Councillor Ward

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- (o) **Notes** that budget has been allocated through the Long Term Plan in 2024/25 to progress the preliminary work on the Rangiora Eastern Link Road.

CARRIED

Councillor Redmond noted that the amendment clarified that the projects could be further considered during the 2025/26 Annual Plan process, as indicated by staff. The proposed recommendation's wording was outside the current three-year period. The Woodend-Sefton Community Board would like the Woodend to Ravenswood Walking and Cycling Connection to be considered as part of the 2025/26 Annual Plan process.

Councillor Ward supported the amendment as it was essential for the Council to ensure a safe connection from Woodend to Ravenswood.

Mayor Gordon agreed to the proposed amendment for clarity. He noted that the Woodend to Ravenswood Walking and Cycling Connection would be considered part of the 2025/26 Annual Plan process. He wanted to ensure that staff worked with NZTA, as he believed it could be achieved before the Woodend Bypass.

Councillor Cairns supported the amendment, noting that it could be considered as part of the 2025/26 Annual Plan process, where staff could update the Council on NZTA's progress.

The amendment became the Substantial Motion.

7.6 **4WD Access to Ashley Rakahuri River – G Cleary (General Manager Utilities and Rooding)**

G Cleary took the report as read, noting that Environment Canterbury (ECan) had much experience dealing with off-road vehicles accessing the Ashley Rakahuri River in the part of the river they managed. ECan had advised that they supported the protection of native birds; however, they believed it would be very difficult to block 4WD vehicles from accessing the Ashley Rakahuri River altogether. If the Council had closed the main access routes, people could still make their way through other tracks.

Councillor Mealings asked if this issue would be a good candidate for a citizens panel; however, Mayor Gordon was unsure.

Councillor Fulton asked if the Council understood that the 4WD Clubs only represented their members. G Cleary noted that many people drove 4WDs, but not all belonged to 4WD Clubs. He did not think the people who participated in Crate Day or disregarded the bird life were necessarily the same people who participated in 4WD Clubs' organised trips.

Moved: Deputy Mayor Atkinson Seconded: Councillor Cairns

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 240917158820.
- (b) **Requests** staff to engage with Environment Canterbury, the Department of Conservation, and community interest groups to consider options for helping to manage recreational opportunities in the Ashley Rakahuri River and to protect the bird breeding habitat.
- (c) **Requests** staff to work with the Department of Conservation to develop a Communications Plan that focuses on protecting wildlife.
- (d) **Requests** staff to undertake a workshop with the Community Boards and the Council to consider options for protecting river bird species, along with consideration of Community feedback.

CARRIED

Deputy Mayor Atkinson commented that working with ECan and DOC was the best way forward, as it would ensure a coordinated effort.

Councillor Cairns concurred with Deputy Mayor Atkinson's comments. He commented that it was difficult to secure community feedback and achieve a balanced view.

Mayor Gordon noted that he had met with the Department of Conservation, the Ashley Rakahuri Rivercare Group, and the New Zealand Police, who supported the proposed paper road closures. He did not believe that banning 4WDs from accessing the Ashley Rakahuri River was the answer, and 4WD Clubs were willing to work with the Council to find potential solutions.

7.7 **Oxford Health and Fitness Trust Loan** – C Brown (General Manager Community and Recreation)

Having previously declared a conflict of interest; Councillor Fulton left the Council Chamber and did not partake in the consideration of the item.

C Brown spoke to the report, which sought approval to issue a \$200,000 loan to the Oxford Health and Fitness Trust (the Trust). The Council had approved the loan in principle on the condition that the Trust seek external funding. However, the Trust had been unsuccessful in securing funding from the Rata Foundation and was only able to generate around \$55,000 to put towards the project.

C Brown noted that there were some risks associated with the loan's issuing, such as the loan not being repaid. However, the Trust had a track record of successfully repaying loans, having previously obtained a loan from the Rata Foundation for the current building. Currently, the Trust leased the building to the North Canterbury Sports Trust, which operated the gym. The gym's membership was growing significantly; however, the current building could not accommodate the growing numbers, hence the need to extend the building.

Responding to a question from Councillor Cairns, C Brown confirmed that the proposed fixed interest rate would be 4.65%.

Councillor Williams asked if there were any other gyms in the Oxford area that the Trust would compete with. C Brown replied that staff were not aware of any other gyms in the Oxford area.

Councillor Williams enquired if the Council would consider funding another company that would wish to operate a gym in the Oxford area. C Brown noted that the Council was not funding the North Canterbury Sports Trust's gym but the extension to the Oxford Health and Fitness Trust to lease the building out.

Moved: Councillor Mealings

Seconded: Councillor Ward

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 240919161438.
- (b) **Approves** a community loan of \$200,000 for the Oxford Health and Fitness Trust to enable the construction of an extension as outlined in the Concept and Design Plan (Trim 231130192569), with the following loan conditions:
 - (i) Loan \$200,000
 - (ii) Availability - In one lump sum on the commencement date
 - (iii) Interest Rate at the commencement of the loan- 4.6% (Council average cost of funds)
 - (iv) Loan Term- 10 years
 - (v) Interest Rate Review - The interest rate will be the Council's yearly average cost of borrowing calculated every 12 months following the loan commencement date.
 - (vi) Commencement Date - 7 October 2024
 - (vii) The borrower may pay the balance at any time without penalty
 - (viii) Establishment fee - Nil
 - (ix) Loan commencement date 7 October 2024
 - (x) Loan Expiry date 6 October 2034 (unless paid off earlier).
- (c) **Notes** that the Council approved a loan in Principle in December 2023, which was subject to the outcome of Rata Foundation funding. The Oxford Health and Fitness Trust has confirmed that their application to Rata was unsuccessful.
- (d) **Notes** that the loan will have no effect on rates.
- (e) **Notes** that if the Oxford Health and Fitness Trust were to fold the ownership of the facility and assets would pass to the Council as per the Trust Deed.

CARRIED

Councillor Mealings commented that Oxford was fairly isolated from the rest of the district, as there was no public transport from Oxford to Rangiora or Kaiapoi. This was the only gym in the Oxford area, and the membership was increasing even though they did not advertise. She believed that as Oxford grew, more strain would be placed on the facility; hence, it was important that this well-used facility was able to expand. The Trust had been unsuccessful in securing other funding; however, they had proven that they could pay off a loan. Councillor Mealings, therefore, supported the motion as the loan would have no effect on rates.

Councillor Ward agreed that a gym was needed in Oxford. The Trust had been very responsible with its borrowing in the past, and she therefore supported the motion.

Mayor Gordon acknowledged the work done by Wendy Doody, the previous Chairperson of the Trust. He had been involved in the original fundraising for the Trust building, which was a huge effort from the community. The North Canterbury Sport and Recreation Trust had operated the gym for several years and had formed an alliance with the Trust, which had achieved a good outcome. He supported the motion and also acknowledged Councillor Fulton's work as the present Chairperson.

Councillor Redmond supported the motion as there was only a minor risk, which was mitigated by the fact that if the Trust were to fold, the ownership of the facility and assets would pass to the Council. The Trust's ability to repay the loan was dependent on having a tenant, which they had in the North Canterbury Sport and Recreation Trust.

Councillor Williams also supported the motion and noted that it was good to see a health and fitness centre in the Oxford area. Nonetheless, he did not believe the Council should be a banker, especially as the Council was close to its ceiling debt. He acknowledged the loan would not cost the ratepayers any money; however, he believed that this was a commercial enterprise which should be commercially funded.

Councillor Cairns saw Oxford as an outlying area that required a lot of support. The Trust had looked for funding elsewhere, but it had been unsuccessful. He supported the Council's solution, which would not impact rates but would support a deserving community.

In her right of reply, Councillor Mealings commented that the \$200,000 would be repaid with interest over 10 years. She noted that the Trust had already invested \$55,000 in this initiative, and local labour would be employed, supporting the local community.

7.8 **Housing Bottom Lines – Implementing National Policy Statement Directions** – M Bacon (Development Planning Manager) and N Sheerin (Senior Planner)

Having previously declared conflicts of interest, Deputy Mayor Atkinson and Councillor Mealings left the Council Chamber and did not participate in the item's consideration.

M Bacon spoke to the report, which requested the Council approve the update to Objective 13.1.2 of the operative Waimakariri District Plan with the latest figures regarding 'Housing Bottom Lines' to be achieved in Waimakariri District in the short, medium, and long term. He explained that housing bottom lines referred to the housing numbers that were at least sufficient to provide for planned growth.

Councillor Cairns questioned if there was a matrix showing where the district's main growth was occurring. M Bacon replied that the specifics of calculating the numbers were done via a model and were subject to the District Plan Review process.

Councillor Ward noted in the projected growth that the short-term (2022-2032) averaged 560 building consents a year, while in the long-term, it was almost half that projection, at 380 per year. She asked why there was a drop. M Bacon replied that it was based on evidence from the District Plan Review, and it was understood that growth migration settings drove the growth in terms of demand.

Moved: Councillor Ward

Seconded: Councillor Goldsworthy

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 240809133292.
- (b) **Approves** the updating of objective 13.1.2 in the operative district plan to provide for updated housing bottom lines for Waimakariri, as follows:

Area	Short-Medium Term 2022-2032	Long Term 2032-2052	30 Year Total
Waimakariri	5,600	7,650	13,250
Christchurch	14,150	23,350	37,500
Selwyn	10,000	17,350	27,350
Greater Christchurch	29,750	48,350	78,100

- (c) **Notes** that the proposed update is required under the National Policy Statement for Urban Development.

- (d) **Directs** staff to insert the updated figures for Waimakariri identified in paragraph 3.6 below in Objective 13.1.2 in the operative district plan and amend the related text as necessary.
- (e) **Delegates** the power to the General Manager Planning Regulation and Environment to amend the Waimakariri District Plan in the circumstances set out in section 55(2) of the Resource Management Act 1991.
- (f) **Notes** that housing capacity is considered as part of the Council's Long Term Planning processes.

CARRIED

Councillor Ward noted that the National Policy Statement on Urban Development 2020 required the Council to amend the operative Waimakariri District Plan by incorporating Housing Bottom Lines. She thanked the staff for the report.

Councillor Goldsworthy supported the motion and thanked staff for the work being done.

Councillor Redmond also supported the motion.

7.8 **Civil Defence Designated Elected Members in the Absence of the Mayor** – K LaValley (General Manager Planning, Regulation and Environment and Lead Controller CDEM)

K LaValley spoke to the report, which sought Council approval of the 'Delegations to the Mayor' to officially include, under section 25 of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002, the designated elected members who could sign an Emergency Declaration in the Mayor's absence.

Moved: Mayor Gordon

Seconded: Councillor Goldsworthy

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 240916158130.
- (b) **Approves** the appointment of the following designated Elected Member to sign an Emergency Declaration or give notice of a local Transition Period in the Mayor's absence:
 - The Deputy Mayor
- (c) **Notes** the proposed wording in section 6 of S-DM 1043 Jurisdiction of His Her Worship the Mayor (Trim 240918159929).
- (d) **Notes** that in the situation where none of the delegated Elected Members are available, an Emergency Declaration can be signed by the Chair of the Canterbury CDEM Joint Committee, or in the Chair's absence the deputy chair or any other available member of the Joint Committee.
- (e) **Notes** that an Emergency Declaration must be hand-signed.
- (f) **Notes** that not all civil defence emergency responses will require a declaration. However, it is prudent to be prepared for potential situations requiring a declaration when the Mayor is unavailable.

CARRIED

Mayor Gordon commented that it was important that the delegations be formalised. If the Deputy Mayor was not available, the delegation would fall on Councillor Blackie as the most senior Councillor.

Councillor Goldsworthy commented that it was one less thing to worry about.

7.9 **Council Meeting Schedule from January 2025 to October 2025** – S Nichols
(Governance Manager)

S Nichols noted that the proposed schedule was based on the timetabling patterns adopted by the Council over the last few years, with the adjustment that the Council meetings would now commence at 9am.

Councillor Mealings requested that the Community and Recreation Committee meetings and District Planning and Regulation meetings be swapped.

Councillor Fulton asked if staff had considered future changes to the Waimakariri Water Zone Committee. S Nichols noted that staff had been in contact with Environment Canterbury, and these were the tentative dates provided.

Moved: Councillor Mealings

Seconded: Councillor Blackie

THAT the Council:

- (a) **Receives** report No. 240902147555.
- (b) **Adopts** the following meeting schedule for the period from 1 January 2025 to 30 September 2025 (as outlined in Trim:240916157861).

- (i) Ordinary Council Meeting dates for 2025, commencing at 9am on Tuesdays:

4 February 2025	4 March 2025	1 April 2025
6 May 2025	3 June 2025	1 July 2025
5 August 2025	2 September 2025	30 September 2025

- (ii) Council meetings relating to (Draft) 2025/26 Annual Plan and Annual Report, including submissions and hearings:

Draft Annual Plan Budget	28 January 2025 (Tuesday) 9am 29 January 2025 (Wednesday) 9am
Approval to Consult on Annual Plan	18 February 2025 (Tuesday)
Hearing Annual Plan Submissions	7 May 2025 (Wednesday) 8 May 2025 (Thursday)
Annual Plan Deliberations	27 May 2025 (Tuesday) 9am 28 May 2025 (Wednesday) 9am
Adoption of Annual Plan	17 June 2025 (Tuesday)
Annual Report Adoption	29 October 2025

- (c) **Adopts** the following meeting schedule for the period from 1 January 2025 to 30 September 2025 for Committees:

- (i) Audit and Risk Committee generally commencing at 9am on Tuesdays:

11 February 2025	11 March 2025	13 May 2025
10 June 2025	12 August 2025	9 September 2025

- (ii) Utilities and Roding Committee generally at 9am on Tuesdays:

25 February 2025	18 March 2025	15 April 2025
20 May 2025	17 June 2025	15 July 2025
19 August 2025	16 September 2025	

- (iii) District Planning and Regulation Committee generally commencing at 3:30pm on Tuesdays:

25 February 2025	18 March 2025	15 April 2025
20 May 2025	15 July 2025	19 August 2025
16 September 2025		

- (iv) Community and Recreation Committee generally commencing at 1pm on Tuesdays:

25 February 2025	18 March 2025	20 May 2025
15 July 2025	26 August 2025	16 September 2025

- (v) District Licencing Committee generally at 9am on Mondays:

24 February 2025	24 March 2025	28 April 2025
26 May 2025	30 June 2025	21 July 2025
25 August 2025	29 September 2025	

- (vi) Waimakariri Water Zone Committee generally at 4pm on Mondays:

3 February 2025	5 May 2025	4 August 2025
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- (vii) Waimakariri Workshops generally at 9am on Tuesdays:

18 February 2025 (1pm)	25 March 2025 (9am)	29 April 2025 (9am)
24 June 2025 (9am)	22 July 2025 (9am)	26 August 2025 (9am)

- (d) **Notes** the Waimakariri Water Zone Committee dates will be subject to further confirmation with Environment Canterbury.
- (e) **Notes** that the Community Boards will adopt their timetable at their October 2024 meetings, as proposed in Trim 240916157861, maintaining a similar meeting pattern to that of 2024.
- (f) **Circulates** a copy of the finalised meeting times to the Community Boards for their information.

CARRIED

Councillor Mealings commented that it was a more efficient use of time.

Mayor Gordon thanked the staff for accommodating the earlier start of the Council meeting.

8. MATTERS REFERRED FROM COMMITTEES OR COMMUNITY BOARDS

8.1 Proposed Closure of Stockwater Races R3A and R3A-7 949 and 1049 South Eyre Road – D McCormack – (Land Drainage Engineer)

(Refer to report no. 240815136896 to the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board meeting of 4 September 2024)

J Recker explained that an application had been received to close Stockwater races R3A and R3A-7. The races had not contained water for several years and were no longer required for stockwater. Both properties had existing access to stockwater race R1 for any stockwater requirements. There was no financial impact due to the proposed closure of the stockwater races.

Councillor Redmond questioned how many Stockwater races had been closed recently. J Recker noted four water races in the last five years had been closed.

Moved: Councillor Williams

Seconded: Councillor Fulton

THAT the Council

- (a) **Approves** the closure of Stockwater Race R3A and R3A-7.
- (b) **Notes** there will be no loss in rated revenue from this closure nor will the performance of the Stockwater network be impacted. Both properties involved in the closure will continue to have access to Stockwater via alternative existing races.

CARRIED

Councillor Williams commented that he supported the motion and noted that the proposed closure would have no effect on the Stockwater Race System. He thanked the staff for the report.

Councillor Fulton supported the motion. He was aware of the incidental risk of Stockwater Race closures and was reassured that the landowners had other options.

Councillor Redmond was concerned as the Council did not want to create a pattern of closures. Although the races may not be required currently for stockwater, there was evidence that the races provided groundwater recharge and may have a benefit on polluting nitrates.

9. HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELLBEING

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

J Millward took the report as read.

There were no questions from members.

Moved: Councillor Goldsworthy

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Atkinson

THAT the Council

- (a) **Receives** Report No 240917158771.
- (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. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

Nil.

11. COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR INFORMATION

11.1 Minutes of a meeting of the Utilities and Roading Committee of 20 August 2024

11.2 Minutes of a meeting of the District Planning and Regulation Committee of 20 August 2024

11.3 Minutes of a meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee of 10 September 2024

Moved: Deputy Mayor Atkinson

Seconded: Councillor Cairns

THAT the Council

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

CARRIED

12. **COMMUNITY BOARD MINUTES FOR INFORMATION**

- 12.1 Minutes of the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board meeting of 14 August 2024
- 12.2 Minutes of the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board meeting of 4 September 2024
- 12.3 Minutes of the Woodend-Sefton Community Board meeting of 9 September 2024
- 12.4 Minutes of the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board meeting of 11 September 2024
- 12.5 Minutes of the Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board meeting of 16 September 2024.

Moved: Councillor Williams

Seconded: Councillor Goldsworthy

THAT the Council

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

CARRIED

13. **MAYORS DIARY - MONDAY 26 AUGUST - 22 SEPTEMBER 2024**

Moved: Councillor Cairns

Seconded: Councillor Goldsworthy

THAT the Council

- (a) **Receives** report no 240923162987.

CARRIED

14. **COUNCIL PORTFOLIO UPDATES**

14.1 **Iwi Relationships** – Mayor Dan Gordon

The Ngai Tūāhuriri and other Rūnanga in the area would be briefed regarding the present developments with 3 Waters. There would be a major gathering with the new Māori Queen Te Arikiinui Kūini Nga wai hono I te po Pootatau Te Wherowhero VIII visiting the Tuahiwi Marae in October 2024.

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

There was an upcoming meeting with the Mayors and the Chairperson to discuss Greater proposed Christchurch Partnership meetings.

14.3 **Government Reforms** – Mayor Dan Gordon

The Mayor had received a letter from the Minister for Building and Construction of New Zealand, Chris Penk, regarding the proposed new planning reform. Regional planning was not a new issue; the previous government had raised it before.

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

- The Waimakariri Water Zone Committee's annual Environment Awards would be held in conjunction with the Council's Community Service Awards on 10 October 2024.
- The Oxford-Ohoka Community Board circulated updated information to interested parties regarding the Woodstock Quarries appeal. He was able to link up a landowner in Oxford, who owned a substantial amount of Mountain Beech trees with Environment Canterbury.
- A substantial account of the history of the Waimakariri River back to 1923 has been found.

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

- The Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan would be formally launched in December 2025. The Council was leading the work on the Canterbury-wide risk visualisation tool and co-leading the regional blue-green network plan with Selwyn District Council to support member councils in locally led implementation.

- NIWA recently released new updated climate projections that were, for the most part, fairly consistent with the 2022 report that was commissioned. However, rainfall projections changed towards a much drier prediction than previously modelled.
- Staff worked on bringing all of the various workstreams in the climate resilience space together to better coordinate efforts, efficiencies, and governance.
- Attended the Christchurch City Council's Coastal Hazards Working Group meeting, and they had completed the first pilot working with the communities of Whakaraupo/Lyttleton Harbor. The group went over its draft consultation document for a Coastal Hazards Adaptation Plan for those communities, which was going to their council for approval. This was the culmination of work done over a long period and had been a well-run process working with staff, elected members, Mana Whenua and a panel of local community members. They were now looking at their engagement plan and any improvements they could make going forward for other adaptation areas.
- The Canterbury Mayoral Forum's Biodiversity Champions meeting was held on 16 September 2024. Attendees from the ten Canterbury councils, including Waimakariri District Council, Selwyn District Council, and Ashburton District Council, presented their biodiversity strategies to the group to assist other councils doing that work elsewhere in understanding various approaches that had been used. Work was ongoing on revitalising the Canterbury Biodiversity Strategy, with a high level of interest in participation. There was a 12-month timeframe for delivering the revitalised strategy.
- Attended a combined group meeting of the region's Biosecurity Advisory Groups in Rolleston. It was good to liaise with everyone and hear about the various challenges and solutions to regional issues, everything from wilding pines to aquatic threats, wallabies, feral pigs and other wild animals, and weeds (CNG, Nasella). Check Clean Dry Campaign would be going live for the summer to reduce the spread of freshwater pests like didymo and golden clam.
- The Ministry for Primary Industries was currently consulting on the proposed amendments to the Biosecurity Act 1993, which had not been updated in 30 years. and changes were needed to address pressures on the biosecurity system from trade, travel, online purchasing and climate change. Consultation would close on 29 November 2024.
- Conducted a site visit with staff to the Ohoka Bush, White's Road Reserve, and the Ohoka Stream Walkway to show them the natural values there and the great restoration work being undertaken. Interestingly, Ohoka Bush did not currently have a Reserve Management Plan.
- The Waimakariri Youth Council held its annual river clean-up on 21 September 2024 in the Ashley Rakahuri River near the Rangiora Airfield. Approximately 65 people assisted and collected 580kg of rubbish that was removed from the riverbanks.
- Attended the planting day at the Huria Reserve, pleased to see much support from elected members, the Rūnanga and the public.
- She hosted a trapping workshop with the Lifestyle Block Group with a speaker from Pest Free Waimakariri and was going to assist with a bird survey in the Ohoka Domain.

14.6 **International Relationships** – Deputy Mayor Neville Atkinson

Several Councillors would be travelling overseas over the next few weeks. The Mayor and some Councillors would be visiting Zonnebeke in Belgium in remembrance of the Battle of Passchendaele. He reiterated that this was a self-funded trip in conjunction with the RSA.

14.7 **Property and Housing** – Deputy Mayor Neville Atkinson

The next Property Portfolio Working Party meeting would be held on 3 October 2024.

15. **QUESTIONS**

Nil.

16 URGENT GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

17. 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 Ward

That the Council

(a) **Agrees** that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting:

- 17.1 Confirmation of Public Excluded Minutes of Council meeting of 3 September 2024
- 17.2 West Eyreton UV Treatment Upgrades Additional Budget
- 17.3 Rural Drainage Contract Additional Details
- 17.4 Land Purchase for new gravel quarry
- 17.5 Discounts on fees for rural subdivision applications in progress when the Proposal District Plan was notified
- 17.6 Comingled Recycling from Kerbside Collections and Solid Waste Facilities
- 17.7 Partial Acquisition of Mandeville property
- 17.8 Ohoka Farmers Market rental
- 17.9 Chief Executive Review

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

Item No.	Subject	Reason for excluding the public	Grounds for excluding the public-
17.1	Confirmation of Public Excluded Minutes of Council meeting of 3 September 2024	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7	To protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons, and to carry on negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) without prejudice or disadvantage, LGOIMA Section 7 (2)(a) and (i).
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17.2	West Eyreton UV Treatment Upgrades Additional Budget	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7	To enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities and to prevent the disclosure or use of official information to be used for improper gain or improper advantage, LGOIMA Section 7 (2)(h) and (i).
17.3	Rural Drainage Contract Additional Details	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7	To protect the privacy of natural persons and enable the local authority to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial) negotiations and maintain legal professional privilege, LGOIMA Section 7 (2)(a), (i) and (h).
17.4	Land Purchase for new gravel quarry	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7	To protect the privacy of natural persons and enable the local authority to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial) negotiations and maintain legal professional privilege, LGOIMA Section 7 (2)(a), (i) and (h).

Item No.	Subject	Reason for excluding the public	Grounds for excluding the public-
17.5	Discounts on fees for rural subdivision applications in progress when the Proposal District Plan was notified	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7	To protect the privacy of natural persons and enable the local authority to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial) negotiations and maintain legal professional privilege, LGOIMA Section 7 (2)(a), (i) and (h).
17.6	Comingled Recycling from Kerbside Collections and Solid Waste Facilities	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7	To enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities, LGOIMA Section 7 (2)(h).
17.7	Partial Acquisition of Mandeville property	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7	To protect the privacy of natural persons and enable the local authority to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial) negotiations and maintain legal professional privilege, LGOIMA Section 7 (2)(a), (i) and (h).
17.8	Ohoka Farmers Market rental	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7	To protect the privacy of natural persons and enable the local authority to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial) negotiations and maintain legal professional privilege, LGOIMA Section 7 (2)(a), (i) and (h).
17.9	Chief Executive Review	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7	To protect the privacy of natural persons and maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the protection of such members, officers, employees and persons from improper pressure or harassment, LGOIMA Section 7(2) (a) and (f)(ii).

CARRIED

CLOSED MEETING

The public excluded portion of the meeting commenced at 4.32pm and concluded at 5.47pm.

Resolution to resume in Open Meeting

Moved: Councillor Ward

Seconded: Councillor Redmond

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

CARRIED

OPEN MEETING

18. NEXT MEETING

The Council was scheduled to meet on Tuesday, 15 October 2024, at 1pm to adopt the 2023/24 Annual Report.

The next ordinary meeting of the Council was scheduled for Tuesday, 5 November 2024, commencing at 9am, in the Council Chamber, Rangiora Service Centre, 215 High Street, Rangiora.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 5.57PM.

CONFIRMED

Chairperson
Mayor Dan Gordon

5 November 2024

Date