MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL HELD IN THE KAIKANUI ROOM, RUATANIWHA KAIAPOI CIVIC CENTRE, 176 WILLIAMS STREET, KAIAPOI, ON TUESDAY, 5 MAY 2026, COMMENCING AT 9AM.

PRESENT

Mayor D Gordon (arrived 9:34am), Deputy Mayor P Redmond, Councillors T Bartle, B Cairns, W Doody, T Fulton, J Goldsworthy (arrived 9:04am), B McLaren (arrived 9:04am), N Mealings, S Powell, and J Ward.

IN ATTENDANCE

J Millward (Chief Executive), C Genet (General Manager Finance and Business Support), C Brown (General Manager Community and Recreation), K LaValley (General Manager Planning, Regulation and Environment), G MacLeod (Greenspace Manager), S Nichols (Governance Manager), K Howat (Parks and Facilities Team Leader), D Young (Senior Engineering Advisor) and C Fowler-Jenkins (Governance Support Officer).

There were 34 members of the public present.

At the commencement of the meeting, Deputy Mayor Redmond assumed the chair.

1. APOLOGIES

Moved: Deputy Mayor Redmond Seconded: Councillor Doody

THAT the Council:

(a) **Receives** and sustains apologies for lateness from Mayor Gordon (arrived 9:34am) and Councillor Goldsworthy (arrived 9:04am).

CARRIED

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil.

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Nil.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of a meeting of the Waimakariri District Council held on Tuesday 31 March 2026

Moved: Councillor Fulton Seconded: Councillor Bartle

THAT the Council:

(a) **Confirms,** as a true and correct record, the circulated Minutes of the Waimakariri District Council meeting held on Tuesday, 31 March 2026.

CARRIED

4.2 Matters Arising from Minutes

There were no matters arising.

5. DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

5.1 **Keep Rangiora Beautiful** – Greg Miller, Adrienne McGowan and Grant Edge

G Miller advised that Keep Rangiora Beautiful (the Group) could no longer continue offering its services to the Rangiora community and had therefore resolved to disband. The Group, established in 1989, had been involved in recycling initiatives, rubbish clean-ups, graffiti removal, and planting projects. Over the past 37 years, the Group calculated that it had planted approximately 15,000 trees and shrubs within the Rangiora area. He noted that the Group had been well supported by the Council and had greatly appreciated that support.

G Edge advised that the Group had reached the point where disbanding was necessary; however, members remained interested in assisting and serving the community through planting projects and supporting initiatives led by other groups. He thanked Council staff for preparing the report and for working with the Group to develop a proposal for redirecting its remaining funds. The Group proposed that the funds be transferred to the Waimakariri Biodiversity Trust so it could continue to benefit the community through planting projects. The Group sought the Council's endorsement for this approach. G Edge acknowledged the many people who had contributed to the Group's work over the years and confirmed the Group's support for option one in the staff recommendation.

Deputy Mayor Redmond asked whether the Group had undertaken litter counts, and A McGowan replied that they had previously counted cigarette butts.

Councillor Mealings enquired whether the Group was an incorporated society, and A McGowan confirmed that they were not.

Item 7.1 "Keep Rangiora Beautiful Distribution of Funds and to Dissolve" was taken at this time. The agenda order was retained in the Minutes to mitigate confusion.

5.2 **Baynons Road, Clarkville** – Sarah Manning and Leonie Ward

L Ward acknowledged the Council's willingness to engage with the community and emphasised the importance of open dialogue in a democratic setting. She described the significant disruption experienced by residents of Baynons Road, Clarkville, and surrounding areas since before Christmas 2025, when 60-tonne truck-and-trailer units began using local roads without prior notice. L Ward outlined the resulting impacts, including dust engulfing properties, stones and rocks falling from trucks, road damage, safety concerns for other road users, and severe vibration affecting homes close to the roadway.

L Ward highlighted the considerable stress and mental health strain on residents, noting that one household had two property sale agreements collapse due to the truck activity. She noted many residents felt their wellbeing had been treated as less important than the needs of the haul route, creating a strong sense of injustice. While residents supported forming a reference group and wished to participate, she stressed that the immediate issue remained unresolved: trucks continued to operate, and the community urgently needed the Council's help to stop the activity.

S Manning noted that the activity constituted heavy industrial use within a lifestyle zone and highlighted an urgent issue regarding the 90,000m³ consent granted to SOL Screening and Crushing Limited (SOL). She advised that residents were actively seeking legal remedies, as Environment Canterbury (ECan) had approved SOL to extract and crush 90,000m³ of riverbed gravel located only 190 metres from property boundaries, despite legal advice from a barrister indicating that the activity required public notification, which had not occurred.

S Manning emphasised that crushing river gravel generated silica dust, a known carcinogen that was light, airborne, and capable of travelling long distances. She noted that WorkSafe had recently strengthened silica regulations and that most New Zealand councils now required a minimum one-kilometre buffer between quarries and residential properties. S Manning further advised that SOL intended to extract several hundred thousand additional cubic metres further downstream and that residents had repeatedly been told this was necessary for flood protection, despite a senior ECan flood engineer's report indicating that the greater flood risk lay on the south side of the river.

S Manning advised that legal advice obtained by residents indicated that SOL's resource consent from the Council involved four breaches of the Waimakariri District Plan, and that the New Zealand Transport Agency designation did not provide the blanket approval suggested by Council advisors. She noted that the Resource Management Act, 1991, imposed a duty to avoid, remedy, or mitigate adverse environmental effects, including transport impacts, that had not been adequately addressed. Although a Traffic Management Plan had been prepared, the Council did not know how many trucks SOL intended to use, and no limit had been imposed. Under standard rules, activities generating more than 20 truck movements per day required resource consent, yet SOL's estimates suggested more than 200 truck movements daily, approximately one truck every three minutes.

Councillor Cairns enquired, in terms of the traffic movements, whether the mitigation effects had made any difference. S Manning noted the mitigation actions promised before Christmas 2025 had not eventuated. She advised that there had been instances of speeding and dangerous driving, including an incident in which a fence was damaged. She stated that mitigation measures had only been implemented that morning when truck movements recommenced. S Manning further noted that although a 40km/h speed limit was in place, in similar situations elsewhere, trucks had been required to travel at 15km/h and be fully covered, which would provide significant improvement.

Councillor Fulton questioned why residents raised their concerns with the subcontractor and not the contractor. S Manning understood that Downer New Zealand held the contract and was working with SOL, and that SOL held the gravel consent and was therefore heavily involved. She advised that SOL had undertaken a letter drop to residents, who had been instructed to contact SOL directly with any concerns.

Councillor Powell queried whether residents were satisfied with the terms of reference of the proposed Gravel Haulage Reference Group. S Manning expressed a concern that the terms of reference seemed very broad.

Item 7.2 "Gravel Haulage Reference Group – Terms of Reference" was taken at this time. The agenda order was retained in the Minutes to mitigate confusion.

5.3 **Council Debt** - Dennis McLaughlan and Stephen Bell

D McLaughlin noted that he had spoken at the Council meeting on 31 March 2026 and had made an offer which he had expected the Council might wish to discuss; however, this had not eventuated. The offer had been rejected by the Council's solicitors, and it was, therefore, now withdrawn in relation to the Council's Local Government Finance Agency debt. D McLaughlin advised that following the Council meeting, he would be paying the rates of several ratepayers.

S Bell noted that he had been present at the court hearing and had witnessed the agreement.

The meeting adjourned for refreshments from 11.02am to 11.36am.

6. ADJOURNED BUSINESS

Nil.

7. REPORTS

7.1 Keep Rangiora Beautiful Distribution of Funds and to Dissolve – G MacLeod (Community Greenspace Manager)

G MacLeod took the report as read.

Councillor Fulton questioned how planting and environmental remediation differed from activities such as rubbish collection. G MacLeod noted that when volunteers were present, they would naturally pick up any debris or rubbish they encountered. He stated that the value of having volunteers on site was that their scope of work was broad; they were not solely focused on planting trees but would observe and address issues across the wider area.

Moved: Councillor Ward Seconded: Councillor Doody

THAT the Council:

(a) **Receives** Report No. 260224063056.

(b) **Approves** the grant from the current financial year of $4,835.75 (Inc GST) to be reassigned to the Waimakariri Biodiversity Trust for the purpose of delivering the Flaxton Pond Planting project that the Keep Rangiora Beautiful have been working on for the past few planting seasons.

(c) **Notes** that the Council, through Mayor Gordon, wish to officially thank Keep Rangiora Beautiful for the contribution it has made during its 37 years of service to Rangiora.

(d) **Notes** that the percentage of this grant against the annual rates bill is 0.0045% and has been budgeted as part of the current financial year.

(e) **Notes** that staff will ensure the grant for Keep Rangiora Beautiful is removed from future budgets, noting the group is no longer operating.

(f) **Notes** that any future funding for the Waimakariri Biodiversity Trust would be considered by Council as part of an Annual Plan process following a submission from the Trust.

(g) **Notes** that staff are assisting in redistributing replacement trees and 14 water wells from Keep Rangiora Beautiful. These trees will likely be utilised in the Flaxton Pond and Millton Avenue projects.

(h) **Notes** that the water wells are of interest to the Matawai planting group and could support the work they are doing at Matawai Park.

(i) **Circulate** this report and outcomes to the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board.

CARRIED

Councillor Ward acknowledged the Keep Rangiora Beautiful's significant contribution over 37 years and thanked its members on behalf of the community. She noted that the Group’s efforts had been remarkable and consistently sustained over that time.

Councillor Doody expressed her appreciation for everything the Keep Rangiora Beautiful had achieved. She recognised the importance of regular rubbish collection and expressed gratitude for the Group’s longstanding work.

Councillor Cairns commented that, ten years earlier, he had been approached by the Council to establish the Kaiapoi Food Forest. At that time, he had met with G Miller, who had provided extensive advice on planting and on establishing the project. He thanked G Miller for his involvement and support in setting up the Kaiapoi Food Forest.

Deputy Mayor Redmond thanked Keep Rangiora Beautiful for its achievements over the past 37 years. He acknowledged that circumstances had changed over time and that the Group's work would now continue through the Waimakariri Biodiversity Trust. Deputy Mayor Redmond stated that it was appropriate for the remaining funds to be transferred accordingly.

The meeting adjourned 9.15am to 9.34am.

Deputy Mayor Redmond vacated the chair for Mayor Gordon.

7.2 **<u>Gravel Haulage Reference Group – Terms of Reference</u> -** D Young (Senior Engineering Advisor)

D Young spoke to the report, noting that Council sympathised with residents' concerns and that staff had been working extensively with residents to identify ways to mitigate the situation and improve it. He advised that there had been some success in this regard; however, the Council had undertaken a process to authorise and approve the haulage activity, which was currently under review by the parties involved.

Regarding the current haulage operations, D Young explained that staff meetings and correspondence had included Downer New Zealand. When staff met with contractors to reinforce the required mitigation measures, Downer New Zealand had been specifically invited. He advised that SOL had provided staff with signed induction forms for every driver, confirming that the mitigation requirements had been included. Staff intended to undertake regular site visits.

D Young provided an overview of the additional measures to be undertaken by staff, including a Road Safety Assessment and regular monitoring. He commented that he was encouraged to hear that residents supported establishing the proposed reference group and were generally comfortable with its terms of reference. D Young considered it critical that industry representatives were included in the group's meetings. He noted that the group would not have decision-making powers however staff would prepare a report for the Council's information and consideration.

Mayor Gordon asked whether the rubber speed-measurement devices were operational and how frequently they would be monitored. D Young explained that the devices were among the Council's standard traffic-counting tools. Following the first on-site meeting, staff had requested that Baynons Road be removed from its normal monitoring cycle and prioritised for early installation. He advised that the device operated with a logger, which could be downloaded when the unit was removed. It was intended that the device would be installed and removed regularly to collect and review data.

Councillor Fulton sought clarity on what incentive the subcontractor had to travel at higher speeds. D Young advised that he was not privy to the contract conditions or scheduling arrangements with the New Zealand Transport Agency. He noted that the assumption would be that payment was made per tonne or cubic metre delivered, meaning that higher delivery volumes in a day would result in higher payment. D Young further advised that staff understood the primary constraint on truck timing to be the capacity and availability for unloading at the quarry.

Councillor Fulton further queried the Council's ability to install slow-down signs. D Young advised he had spoken with the Roading Team about the possibility of a temporary speed limit. There were four criteria in the Act that had to be met before a temporary speed limit could be imposed. The on-site staff noticed several new signs.

Referring to the Gravel Haulage Reference Group and the appointment of representatives, Councillor Cairns noted that the truck movements would travel down Island Road, over Ohoka Road, past Sneyd Street and Cosgrove Road, onto the motorway, and past the Pineacres corner. He questioned whether the Council should include representatives from other affected roads. D Young explained that the intention was to focus on the urgent issue at hand, namely, how to move gravel from its source onto appropriately categorised roads for larger trucks. He noted that the reference group's purpose was specific to the north bank of the Waimakariri River.

Councillor Powell sought confirmation that crushing would not take place at the river. D Young advised that his understanding was that crushing was not included, and that staff had received assurances to that effect from SOL and Downer New Zealand.

Councillor Bartle asked about the signed Driver Induction Forms and how many had been completed. D Young noted that he had not counted them but understood from discussions with SOL that there would be approximately ten trucks operating on the route.

Councillor Goldsworthy noted that the Gravel Haulage Reference Group was specifically focused on the extraction activity on the north side of the Waimakariri River. He queried whether there was any reason the Group's findings could not be applied more broadly across the district as a standard approach. D Young stated that this would be one of the matters for the Council to consider when the Group's report was presented.

Moved: Mayor Gordon Seconded: Councillor Powell

THAT the Council:

(a) **Receives** Report No. 260420099349.

(b) **Approves** the formation of the Gravel Haulage Reference Group.

(c) **Adopts** the Gravel Haulage Reference Group Terms of Reference (Trim: 260420099341).

(d) **Approves** an additional expenditure of $20,000 from Roading Operations (GL10.260.667.2465) to cover staff time and a facilitator.

(e) **Notes** that Rob Kerr from Kerr and Partners will be the facilitator of the Reference Group, at an expected cost of $10,000.

(f) **Notes** that staff will be contacting residents on Baynons, Heywards, Taylors and Greigs Roads and requesting they appoint representatives to the Reference Group, as well as contacting the companies and organisations listed for acceptance on the Reference Group.

(g) **Notes** that staff will organise the first meeting of the Reference Group once the above process is completed.

(h) **Notes** that staff will be approaching selected landowners to discuss their views on selling land for a potential haulage route before the first meeting of this Reference Group.

(i) **Notes** that staff will be commissioning a road safety assessment of Baynons and Heywards Road and the South Eyre/Heywards intersection and will consider further safety improvements as determined appropriate.

(j) **Notes** that staff will be working with SOL and Downers to discuss temporary traffic speed limits on South Eyre Road.

(k) **Notes** that staff will be regularly monitoring the activity on the road during the haulage period.

CARRIED

Mayor Gordon thanked the residents for the manner in which they had raised their concerns and acknowledged the seriousness of the issues presented. He recognised that the matter had taken a toll on residents. Mayor Gordon assured the community that the Council had been working diligently on their behalf. He emphasised that the Council was required to operate within defined parameters and commended D Young for undertaking the work in an exemplary manner.

Mayor Gordon noted that, should the activity proceed, the Council would need to determine appropriate mitigation measures to ensure that safety and residents' concerns were properly addressed. He reported that a maximum speed limit of 40km/h was being negotiated, operations were restricted to weekdays between 7am and 5pm, unsealed roads were to be watered to control dust, engine braking was prohibited, and trucks were to avoid Heywards Road past the school and preschool. The Council would also undertake additional safety audits and consider further measures for Baynons Road, Heywards Road, and South Eyre Road.

Mayor Gordon advised that he had met with the contractor, with Downer New Zealand present, and had raised concerns regarding falling rocks, stressing the need for effective management. The Council had been assured that no crushing would occur at the river site and that the activity related solely to loading and haulage of the 80,000m^3. He confirmed that the Council would be carrying out regular site inspections. Mayor Gordon emphasised that the gravel was intended for the Woodend Bypass, a project of significant importance for the district.

Councillor Powell endorsed Mayor Gordon's comments. She was pleased that a Reference Group for future consents was being proposed and noted that it might be relevant across the Waimakariri District. Councillor Powell expressed her support for the additional recommendations, which she hoped would reassure residents that the Council was taking the safety issues seriously. She acknowledged that this had been a difficult period for residents and thanked them for their efforts and dedication. Councillor Powell also thanked Mayor Gordon and D Young for addressing the issue directly and for working with residents to identify a way forward.

Councillor Fulton commented that he had recently been appointed to a Community Liaison Group for the Wrights Road storage ponds and noted striking similarities in community concerns. He was interested in observing how the Gravel Haulage Reference Group would be formed, particularly given the tight parameters proposed for its scope. Councillor Fulton stated that the key message from the first meeting of the Community Liaison Group had been the importance of focusing on matters within the group's control. Some of these related to consent conditions, which created a clearly defined scope, while others involved community engagement and trust-building.

Deputy Mayor Redmond also supported the motion, including the additional recommendations, which he considered essential for addressing the issues currently affecting residents. He noted that the Terms of Reference needed to be sufficiently broad to address the potential extraction of a further one million cubic metres from the Waimakariri River. Deputy Mayor Redmond acknowledged the respectful manner in which residents had engaged with the Council and thanked staff for their work, noting that the process had not been easy for either residents or staff.

Item 5.3 "Council Debt" was taken at this time. The agenda order was retained in the Minutes to mitigate confusion.

7.3 **<u>Rangiora Croquet Loan Repayment Options</u>** – G MacLeod (Greenspace Manager)

G MacLeod spoke to the report, noting that the matter had been referred from a previous Council meeting and that the requested additional information had been included in the report. He advised that the Croquet Club had provided a letter outlining its preferred option. G MacLeod provided an overview of the options presented in the report.

Mayor Gordon sought confirmation that the Rangiora Croquet Club (the Club) agreed to the proposed repayment plan. G MacLeod confirmed that the Club's preferred option was to convert the loan into a grant.

Deputy Mayor Redmond questioned the timeframe for converting the remaining loan balance into a grant. J Millward advised that the repayment was expected to occur over several years.

Councillor Fulton asked about the initial assessment process that led to the decision to issue the loan, and whether that process had changed since the loan was granted. C Brown explained that the Council had issued a range of community loans to various groups over several years, each assessed individually based on the group's specific circumstances and the purpose of the loan. He advised that the Council also provide several different grant types in addition to the loan scheme. Staff were reviewing the criteria and processes for grants and loans to ensure greater consistency in future.

Councillor Ward noted that the Club had received a grant to build new lawns in 2019/20. She asked whether the Club had received any operational grant funding since that time. G MacLeod advised that no operational grants had been provided. Responding to a supplementary question from Councillor Ward, C Brown noted that the Council did not provide operational grants for most clubs in the district. He observed that the grants previously provided to the Club were capital grants intended to support the construction of the second green.

Councillor Powell noted that the 2010/11 Annual Plan grant had been approved for up to $100,000, although only $47,500 was drawn down. She asked what that grant had been earmarked for. C Brown advised that the grant had been provided to establish the initial greens on the site. He noted that it had been a generous contribution from the Council to enable the Club to begin developing the greens, and that the final cost had depended on the extent of volunteer labour available.

Councillor Goldsworthy questioned whether the facility was open to the wider public for community benefit. C Brown reported that the Club offered green fee play, consistent with the practice of other sports clubs in the district.

Councillor Goldsworthy further enquired whether staff had met with the Club to assess its financial position. C Brown confirmed that staff had spent considerable time working with the Club to understand its financial circumstances. The recommendation reflected staff's view that a portion of the loan should be repaid, while also recognising the substantial volunteer contribution and the Club's limited financial capacity to repay the loan in full.

Councillor Cairns commented that the Club, through significant investment, had developed a level of service that the Council itself could not provide. He observed that the Council offered a range of grants and that the only comparable example he could identify was the MainPower Oval. He asked how staff would describe the Club's level of service. C Brown observed that the Council provided MainPower Oval with an operational grant, which enabled first-class cricket to be delivered in the Waimakariri district. He noted a distinction between equality and equity: some clubs required more assistance to reach an appropriate level of service.

Councillor Cairns further noted that the Club's annual income was approximately $15,000, with around $10,000 spent on maintenance and $5,000 on affiliation fees. He observed that, when the Council had issued the loan, staff had anticipated that the Club would be able to repay it within three years. Councillor Cairns asked whether the Club had any significant sources of income beyond contributions from its members. C Brown advised that it did not, although the Club did have the ability to undertake fundraising.

In response to a question from Mayor Gordon, C Brown advised that all community groups had repaid their loans. He noted that there had been instances in the past where the Council had relaxed loans that had been in place for an extended period. An example was Waimakariri United Football, which had not been in a financial position to repay its loan. Having reviewed the Club's finances, he considered that, with some effort, the Croquet Club could repay a portion of the loan.

Councillor Cairns sought clarity on the impact on rates if the outstanding amount of $9,958.34 remained on the Council's books. J Millward advised that if the Club repaid the $9,958.34, the loan balance would be reduced accordingly, with no impact on rates.

Moved: Deputy Mayor Redmond Seconded: Councillor Doody

THAT the Council:

(a) **Receives** Report No. 260423102110.

(b) **Approves** Option 2d with Council entering a loan repayment arrangement with the Rangiora Croquet Club for the repayment of a total amount of $9,958.34. This would have a 36-month term period from 1st July 2026 through to 30th June 2029.

(c) **Notes** that the Rangiora Croquet Club have indicated that its preference is for the loan to be transferred to a grant as per its letter dated 21st April 2026 (Trim 260422100945).

(d) **Notes** that equal payments over the course of the 36 months would equate to a monthly payment of $276.62 or an annual payment of $3,319.44 (totalling three payments) to reach the total repayment figure of $9,958.34.

(e) **Notes that** there is no interest included in the payment options recommended to Council.

(f) **Approves** the remaining balance of the loan, totalling $32,041.66, to be treated as a grant and expensed in the relevant financial year.

(g) **Notes** that Community and Recreation staff intend to undertake a review of the community grants process and, as part of this, will develop some clear criteria for loans and report this back to the Community and Recreation Committee.

CARRIED
Councillor Ward against

Deputy Mayor Redmond believed that the motion was clear. He noted that he had initially opposed writing off the loan due to the undesirable precedent it could set. However, he supported using a grant to reduce the loan principal, reflecting the unique circumstances outlined in the report. Deputy Mayor Redmond observed that the loan had originally been issued for the construction of the building and did not consider using a grant to offset the loan to be an undesirable precedent.

Councillor Doody commented that she had been present when the matter was first raised and acknowledged the significant work undertaken by both table bowls and croquet clubs to establish the facility. She stated that the work the Croquet Club had undertaken to develop the grounds to their current standard was a credit to the Club. Councillor Doody viewed the loan as recognition of the considerable effort the Club had invested, noting that it had been a small group at the time that worked tirelessly to achieve what it had.

Mayor Gordon expressed his support for the Club, noting that the members had done an exceptional job. He referred to earlier discussions in which an offer had been put forward that went a long way toward resolving the loan. Mayor Gordon noted that he would like to see some form of repayment achieved. He acknowledged the Club's significant efforts, noting that the grounds could not have been developed without their dedicated work. Mayor Gordon welcomed the review of the community grants process.

In his right of reply, Deputy Mayor Redmond noted that the Club had not received any recent annual grants. He stated that the proposed grant mechanism, applied over several years, was preferable to writing off the debt outright. He considered that this approach avoided setting an undesirable precedent while recognising the Club's unique circumstances. He acknowledged the valuable work the Club had undertaken.

Amendment

Moved: Councillor Ward Seconded: Councillor Cairns

(a) **Receives** Report No. 260423102110.

(b) **Approves** the remaining balance of the loan, totalling $41,999.40, to be repaid as a grant expensed over several years.

(c) **Notes** that Community and Recreation staff intend to undertake a review of the community grants process and, as part of this, will develop some clear criteria for loans and report this back to the Community and Recreation Committee.

LOST

A division was called on the Amendment:

For 3: Councillors B Cairns, W Doody, and J Ward.

Against 8: Mayor D Gordon, Deputy Mayor P Redmond and Councillors T Bartle, B McLaren, T Fulton, J Goldsworthy, N Mealings and S Powell.

Councillor Ward said the funding was originally needed to finish the Club building, and the Club now needs a new $70,000 lawnmower. Clearing the loan would help them save for this. She noted that Council already provides operational grants to some community groups, and praised the Club's resilience and effort in maintaining an excellent facility. She believed Council should support clearing the loan.

Councillor Cairns noted in the 2010/11 Annual Plan that the Council allocated $100,000 to the Club, of which only over $47,500 had been drawn down. The reason only $47,500 was drawn down was due to the huge effort and volunteer labour the Club put into the project, amounting to over 1,600 hours. If you were to consider the minimum wage, that would effectively be $32,000 put into the project. The Club's current income was only $15,000 per year, its maintenance was $10,000, and its affiliation was $5,000. Councillor Cairns noted the Club was not in a financial position to repay the loan. He believed that writing off the loan and spreading it over several years was a good idea. Councillor Cairns looked at the amount of financial investment the Club had put into the lawns, which was just short of $170,000.

Councillor Fulton commented that the original proposal recognised the Club's contribution to the facilities, what it put in, and its value to the community. He noted that the Club was prepared to accept that it had a component to pay. Councillor Fulton, therefore, did not support the amendment.

7.4 **Te Kōhaka o Tūhaitara Trust - Trustee Appointments** – C Genet (General Manager Finance and Business Support) and C Brown (General Manager Community and Recreation)

C Genet took the report as read, and there were no questions from elected members.

Moved: Deputy Mayor Redmond Seconded: Councillor Cairns

THAT the Council:

(a) **Receives** Report No. 260402089859.

(b) **Appoints** Councillor Powell as a trustee of Te Kōhaka o Tūhaitara Trust from 5 May 2026 for a period of three years to 5 May 2029.

AND

(c) **Seeks** to appoint an Independent Council Representative to the Trust for a period of three years.

(d) **Appoints** Mayor Gordon, Deputy Mayor Redmond and Councillor Powell to the appointment panel and to approve the appointment of an Independent Council Representative to the Trust.

(e) **Appoints** Mayor Gordon, Deputy Mayor Redmond and Councillor Powell to the appointment panel and to approve the appointment of two Independent Council Representatives to the Trust.

(f) **Thanks,** Mr Neville Atkinson and Dr Prudence Stone, for their contributions to the Trust.

CARRIED

7.5 **Elected Member Attendance at LGNZ Forum** – S Nichols (Governance Manager)

S Nichols took the report as read, and there were no questions from elected members.

Moved: Councillor Mealings Seconded: Councillor Doody

THAT the Council:

(a) **Receives** Report No. 260421100840.

(b) **Endorse** Councillors Redmond and Fulton attending the Local Government New Zealand Rural and Provincial Sector meeting on 14 and 15 May 2026 in Wellington.

(c) **Notes** a verbal report from attendees will be provided to a future workshop to discuss information and opportunities learned from the attendance.

(d) **Notes** there are sufficient funds in the 2025/26 budget to enable attendance with a current balance of $6,100, and an anticipated cost of $1,160.

(e) **Notes** as a Council member of LGNZ, it is acknowledged that Mayor Gordon, one councillor, and the Chief Executive attend in accordance with the membership and policy requirements. The Mayor and the Chief Executive will be attending the May Rural and Provincial Sector meeting.

CARRIED

8. HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELLBEING

8.1 **Health, Safety and Wellbeing Report 17 March 2026 to 21 April 2026** – Jeff Millward (Chief Executive)

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

Moved: Councillor Cairns Seconded: Councillor Ward

THAT the Council:

(a) **Receives** Report No. 260421100842.

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

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

CARRIED

9. MATTER REFERRED FROM THE OXFORD-OHOKA COMMUNITY BOARD

9.1 **Pearson Park Stage Cover Proposal** – K Howat (Parks and Facilities Team Leader)

K Howat took the report as read, and there were no questions from elected members.

Moved: Councillor Fulton Seconded: Councillor Cairns

THAT the Council

(a) **Approves** the request to install a roof over the Pearson Park stage and authorises the Pearson Park Advisory Group to proceed with construction using available allocated funds. Subject to design and costings.

(b) **Notes** that a further report would come back to the Council for approval.

CARRIED

Councillor Fulton commented that there had been a strong appetite from the Community Board to progress the matter to the Council. He noted that the Pearson Park Advisory Group, a constituted body of the Council, was tasked with examining projects of this nature and bringing them forward for approval through the Community Board and the Council. He advised that the Group had the necessary funds available and that there had been a strong preference from the Board for the matter to be considered at the elected member level, as it had not progressed through the Management Team.

Mayor Gordon supported the motion, noting that the proposal had been under consideration for several years.

10. COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR INFORMATION

10.1 Minutes of the Community and Recreation Committee meeting 17 February 2026

10.2 Minutes of the Utilities and Roading Committee meeting 10 March 2026

Moved: Councillor McLaren Seconded: Councillor Goldsworthy

THAT the Council

(a) **Received** Items 10.1 and 10.2 for information.

CARRIED

11. COMMUNITY BOARD MINUTES FOR INFORMATION

11.1 Minutes of the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board meeting 4 March 2026

11.2 Minutes of the Woodend-Sefton Community Board meeting 9 March 2026

11.3 Minutes of the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board meeting 11 March 2026

11.4 Minutes of the Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board meeting 16 March 2026

Moved: Councillor McLaren Seconded: Councillor Mealings

THAT the Council

(a) **Received** Items 11.1 to 11.4 for information.

CARRIED

12. COUNCIL PORTFOLIO UPDATES

Nil.

13. QUESTIONS

Nil.

14. URGENT GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

15. 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 was moved:

Moved: Councillor Goldsworthy Seconded: Councillor Bartle

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

15.1 Confirmation of Public Excluded Minutes of Council Meeting 31 March 2026
15.2 Regeneration Land Encumbrances Removal
15.3 Sale of Townsend Road Property
15.4 Southbrook RRP Strategic Site Assessment

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

Item No	Subject	Reason for excluding the public	Grounds for excluding the public.
MINUTES			
15.1	Confirmation of Public Excluded Minutes of Council Meeting 31 March 2026.	Good reason to withhold exists under Section 7	To protect the privacy of natural persons and to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information and to maintain legal professional privilege, and to enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities and to enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations). **LGOIMA Section 7 (2)(a), (bii), (g), (h) and (i).**

REPORTS			
15.2	Regeneration Land Encumbrances Removal	Good reason to withhold exists under Section 7	To enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations). **LGOIMA Section 7 (2)(i).**
15.3	Sale of Townsend Road Property	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 enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations). **LGOIMA Section 7(2)(h) and (i)**
15.4	Southbrook RRP Strategic Site Assessment	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)**

CARRIED

CLOSED MEETING

The public excluded portion occurred from 12:47pm to 1pm.

OPEN MEETING

NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary meeting of the Council was scheduled for Tuesday, 2 June 2026, commencing at 9am and would be held in the Council Chamber, Rangiora Service Centre, 215 High Street, Rangiora.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING CLOSED AT 1PM.

CONFIRMED

Chairperson
Mayor Dan Gordon

2 June 2026

Date