MINUTES OF A RECONVENED MEETING OF THE WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL,
FOR THE HEARING OF SUBMISSION TO THE DRAFT LONG TERM PLAN 2018-2028,
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, RANGIORA SERVICE CENTRE, 215 HIGH
STREET, RANGIORA ON WEDNESDAY 9 MAY 2018 COMMENCING AT 1.00PM

PRESENT:

Mayor D Ayers (Chair), Deputy Mayor K Felstead, Councillors N Atkinson, K Barnett,

IN ATTENDANCE:

J Palmer (Chief Executive), S Nichols (Governance Manager), E Stubbs (Board Secretary)
and A Smith (Committee Advisor).

The meeting adjourned at 3.03pm and reconvened at 3.37pm.
The meeting adjourned at 6.00pm and reconvened at 6.35pm.

1. **APOLOGIES**

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   An apology for absence was received and sustained from Councillor R Brine.

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2. **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

   North Canterbury Radio Trust – Mayor D Ayers as Trustee.
   North Canterbury Neighbourhood Support – Councillor W Doody as Chairperson.

3. **HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS TO THE DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2018-2028**

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<td>Zumba Zing (Miranda Donnell) and Julz.</td>
<td>Ms M Donnell and Julz explained that they ran two group exercise Zumba classes per week in the Fernside Hall with around 13 participants. Their submission was to ask for reconsideration of the increase in fees for facilities such as the Fernside Hall. They spoke about the benefits of group exercise including mental state of mind/friendships/fitness. They explained that many of the participants including mums with young children would not be able to afford to attend if the cost was increased. Currently they charged a $5 concession fee but they would need to increase that to $7-$8 per person if the fees were raised from $6/hr to $20/hr to hire the Fernside Hall as they had been informed. They believed a community hall was for the whole community to use. Councillor Doody asked if the classes were a business or a not for profit. Ms Donnell explained that they were not</td>
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<th>Pegasus Resident’s Group (Rhonda Mather and Ronel Stephens)</th>
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<td>Ms R Mather followed on from Zumba Zing commenting that feedback from Woodend and Pegasus Community Centre users had been quite disturbing. Users were surprised and not happy about the increase in charges. They would look to consolidate by reducing the number of classes and charge more. A number had said they would not book beyond the end of June. They provided a valuable service to the community and if you punished those businesses, you punished the community. It was the opposite direction to growing a community.</td>
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With regard to the Pegasus Community Centre, the Pegasus Residents Group (PRG) were grateful to have that. It had been open 11 months and had 12 regular users with multiple classes with 80hrs use per month. Ms Mather showed a graph with the increase in use over the last three months. The centre had 100m² of useable space. In addition, there was shared storage space and a toilet at the rear. Ms Mather referred to the Council proposed level of service for community facilities. She raised issues where the centre did not meet this level of service.

- A maximum of 50 people rather than 80.
- No smaller room.
- No oven – no ventilation for one.
- Insufficient toilets.

Ms Mather referred to the October 2017 report by Sue Sutherland, which recommended a 260m²-230m² community facility within the next three years and asked why it had not been included in the LTP.

Ms Mather explained what the PRG wanted. She noted that it would help cater for Ravenswood also as that progressed.

- Preferably purchase commercial land available on the corner of Pegasus Main Street and Waterloo Quay for a purpose built facility.
- Purchase the current centre and renovate.
- Get the additional space once Ray White vacates its premises, there would be an additional three toilets.

Ms Stephens introduced herself as the Community Wellbeing Coordinator in the PRG. She explained that current facility was not adequate for big functions and the
school hall was not always available for public use, in addition, they did not make equipment available and charged a high rental. A church group was using the community centre however, that required restricted numbers and in addition the acoustics were not good. There were limitations with the indoor space and it was only suitable for small, passive activities. Ms Stevens brought to attention a number of uses for which the space was not suitable including for family planning and Plunket providers and youth development.

Ms Mather concluded by saying that the PRG proposed a new permanent community facility for Pegasus prior to Rangiora Library improvements and the PRG was ready and willing to engage.

| Rangiora Gymnastics  
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<th>(Stef Van Meer and Esther Hyde)</th>
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<td>Ms Stef Van Meer spoke about the need for a new facility for the Rangiora Gymnastics Club. They had a large and dedicated Committee. She noted that the North Canterbury population was growing and becoming more diverse. Currently they had year on year growth and had 240 members. They were supported by a full time international coach. Ms Van Meer highlighted the benefits of gymnastics.</td>
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<td>Ms Esther Hyde provided some background on how other large clubs were run in Christchurch. There were two – QEII and Wigram, and they were delivering a great program. Christchurch City Council supported both clubs. At QEII, the Council had donated land and at Wigram, they provided affordable rent. They provided programs to schools and had over 2000 participants. The Rangiora Gymnastics Club believed they could do the same if they access to facilities. She noted that Selwyn District Council was supporting a new Gymnastics Facility being built in Rolleston.</td>
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<td>Ms Van Meer explained some of the current constraints of Rangiora Gymnastics.</td>
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<td>- NCSRT owned the current facility and used the clubs equipment 9am to 3pm for their schools program.</td>
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<td>- Currently restricted to after 3pm and weekends for their program.</td>
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<td>- Facility did not meet space requirements (sharing with ICE trampolining) – new floor that could not be fully installed. Lack of space for competitions and spectators.</td>
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<td>- Health and safety issues – space and temperature regulation.</td>
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<td>- No opportunity for growth.</td>
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<td>There was a lack of affordable appropriately sized building.</td>
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Councillor Williams asked if the Council was able to provide land would the club have the facility to fundraise for its own building. Ms Van Meer said that they would prefer land and building however if they had land they could build fit for purpose.

Councillor Doody asked if they could use the multipurpose facility. Ms Van Meer explained that their equipment needed to stay up and was not suitable where multiple users were in the same space.

Councillor Atkinson asked did it matter where they were located in the district and Ms Van Meer replied that it did not. Their participants were from all over North Canterbury.

### Community College North Canterbury

(Trina Lafaele + 10 students from the College)

Ms Lafaele explained that the students at the Community College were attending second chance education for 16 to 19 year olds. They looked at vocational pathways including sport, physical fitness, outdoor recreation and sports coaching. The students helped out were needed for sport coaching in the Waimakariri and Hurunui.

Ms Lafaele introduced two students from the college Tsubasa Webb and Matthew Rawlin, who explained why they supported the multiuse sports facility. Points they highlighted were:

- Help achieve a career in sport
- Be able to walk to the facility from class – save time.
- Access to facility that they do not have in non-mainstream school.
- Resources were currently restricted.
- Able to train/learn in all weather.
- Great for new sports to be introduced.

Ms Lafaele explained that the main reason the college supported the facility was that they lost the ability to play in sport as they were not mainstream education. Parks could be cramped. The new facility was inclusive and large enough for different groups to use.

Councillor Barnett asked the students where they were from. Four were from Kaiapoi, one Oxford, two Loburn/Okuku, one Woodend and two Rangiora.

### Janet Collier

Mrs J Collier spoke to the Council to disagree with the proposal for the multi-use sports facility. She did not have an objection to the centre rather the cost of it. It looked like it was all to be funded by the ratepayers. She noted that when the East Belt sports centre was built, there had been a phone around residents and sporting bodies to ask people to donate. Her family had donated at that time as her children would use the centre.
Mrs Collier asked if there were any other options for funding the centre rather than it all going on rates and she noted that there was to be a 4% rate rise. Mayor Ayers commented that the 4% was an average and included across the district. The $91 was included in the percentage.

Mrs Collier advised that when they had moved from England 44 years ago it was in part because they could not afford the rates in England and it felt like it was coming full circle. She did not believe the sports centre classified as a total community asset like the library or the swimming pool as the sports centre had a narrow age group. She believed the capital amount should be spread rather than just on rate payers.

Councillor Doody asked if Mrs Collier would use the sports centre for sports such as bowls or age concern events. Mrs Collier advised she would attend an age concern event. She attended a yoga class at Rangiora High School and noted halls were useful for those activities.

Oxford-Ohoka Community Board (Doug Nicholl - Chairperson)  
Mr D Nicholl went through the Board’s submission highlighting:  
The Community Board totally supported the multi-use centre and believed it would be a great asset to the district.  
The Board supported kerbside collection and consultation.  
The Board supported community facilities but were concerned at the cost of the Woodend-Pegasus Library compared to what was spent in Oxford. They were supportive of the Ohoka Domain upgrade and believed the Ohoka Bush was a tremendous asset. They supported the Rangiora Library upgrade.

The Board would like to see decorative flags flying in Oxford at Christmas, there was not sufficient local business support for those and they requested Council support.

The Board would like to see the area where the Oxford Farmers Market was held to be sealed as it had an uneven surface. They requested upgrades for the Oxford Skate Park. There was a perception of excessive speed on Oxford Main Street however speed measurements showed the average speed was 48km/hr – following the recent presentation from NZTA it was possible a 40km/hr speed limit for Oxford Main Street may be sensible. There was a push for charging points for electric cars.

The Board were in support of Ashworths Road between Mill Road and Diversion Road being sealed in the next six
to eight years. The tree root damage on German Road and Browns Rock Road had been raised eight years ago and fixing it was becoming urgent. There was also tree root damage to Mountseys Road.

Glyphosate – was an emotive issue, there was a need to minimise negative impacts and loss of habitat. Tree plantations needed to be replaced so that the district did not become short on supplying its own timber.

Oxford Area School – the Board suggested a footpath on both sides of the road with a pedestrian crossing was required. For many years the board had been pushing for improved footpaths in Oxford without success and the board would like to see positive movement on that. The extension on the footpath on Mill Road, Ohoka had also been in the pipeline for a number of years.

Councillor Williams asked if the board had discussed the proposal for a private funder to build a multiuse centre. Mr Nicholl noted the board were aware of that proposal but had not formally discussed. The feeling was the Council owned was better, and the private proposal was not in the right area. The Council's proposed location was better.

Councillor Doody asked how long the footpath extension at Oxford High School was and Mr Nicholl estimated 400m to 500m.

Councillor Meyer asked in reference to the 40km/hr on Oxford Main Street, whether Mr Nicholl believed that the timing was right to test the wider community, and had it been spoken about in Oxford? Mr Nicholl commented as far as he was aware, through Board members, many Oxford residents wanted the reduced speed.

Ohoka Drainage Advisory Board (Doug Nicholl)

Mr D Nicholl believed the flooding in Mandeville was due to the system not being able to cope with under current and storm water flow. He noted that the Ohoka Drainage Advisory Board wanted to see the planned diversion of undercurrent flows to be brought forward from years eight and nine as at present, to years one and two. He commented that it was a major problem for quite a few people and needed to be addressed.

With regard to the Ohoka Stream, D Nicholl believed that ten years ago the water level was 1metre lower than what it is now. He accepted that there had been more rain, however believed it was due to the stream needing to be cleaned out properly. It was a major job. The equipment the present drainage contractor had was not big enough. ECan restricted cleaning out of the stream due to trout spawning.
Councillor Doody asked when the Ohoka Stream flooded did it affect Mr Nicholl’s property? Mr Nicholl explained that springs on his property were hydraulically linked. His property was not affected particularly during flooding.

Councillor Stewart asked if the work done in the last few weeks at considerable expense made any difference? Mr Nicholl commented that the water level would be 100mm lower, however it was still definitely 0.5m higher than this time last year.

Councillor Felstead noted that the submission referred to the subdivision and asked if one subdivision was affected or was it a wider problem. Mr Nicholl replied that south of Tram Road was the worst affected however, there was also a problem on the north side especially between No10 Road and McHughs Road.

**Ohoka Residents Association (J Lynn)**

Mr John Lynn presented the submission in support of the Ohoka Domain Upgrade occurring in the proposed 2018/19 year. It was also pleasing to see the Ohoka Domain Pavilion repair work underway. The Group thanked the Council for their support regarding the Gate Keepers Lodge.

A key matter the Group drew to the Council’s attention was the request for an extension of the footpath between Bradleys and Whites Roads, primarily for safety reasons. The Group also requested that when undertaking the Skew Bridge upgrade consideration was given for a pedestrian/cycleway lane as it would benefit the safety of all users.

Mr Lynn advised the speed indication signage in Mill Road was shown to be beneficial and suggested additional use would be good.

The group were sympathetic to residents in Mandeville and supported their requests for the 2027/28 funding allocated for flooding matters being brought forward to 2019/20.

The Group were supportive of more riparian planting along neighbourhood waterways and supportive of the Council’s current position on glyphosate.

Mayor Ayers enquired if the footpath between Whites and Bradleys Road would be acceptable if it was not sealed but had a crusher dust finish. Mr Lynn responded that it would be an improvement from what is currently there.

Councillor Williams enquired if it was known how many houses or users would support the cycleway proposal. Mr Lynn advised there were approximately a dozen houses in Whites Road, then the subdivision in Bradleys....
Road. Families currently avoid the main road, commenting that the cycleway would be used by many people as there are various walking groups, along with residents and on market Fridays people often explore the area and a safe cycle/pedestrian track would encourage that.

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<th>Oxford Arts Trust (Aretha Wilkinson)</th>
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<td>Ms A Wilkinson spoke of seeking additional funding to the current recreation grant and concern that any changes or decreases to the recreation grant would have on the Trust. The Group requested an increase in funding support for operational expenses to enable enhanced arts operations to occur. The Group currently receive $4,800 from the Council through the recreation grant but are seeking a longer term view. Fees and operational expenses were putting strain on the Trust functions, with an example of the building being recently valued and the subsequent insurance premium increasing $1,000 from the previous year. The Group were requesting $8,900 each year for the next three years.</td>
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| Ms Lynley McDougall outlined how the Oxford Arts Trust adds value to the Oxford experience, and the requirement to fund administrators for what they do. Currently there is a large volunteer basis, but the Group require a paid administrator. Seeking support in kind, advice and/or mentoring for strategies would also be appreciated from the Council.  
The final request related to the implementation of public art in Oxford. A Wilkinson spoke of the benefits of art in the community and a proposal to increase art vibrancy. Art, workshops, exhibitions, education and retail is provided by Arts in Oxford. A Wilkinson stated that there needs to be a higher valuing of arts by the Council.  
Mayor Ayers stated he was a member of Friends of Oxford Art, as were several other Councillors, however this was not a conflict of interest.  
Councillor Gordon sought clarification on expenses. A Wilkinson confirmed the latest insurance information was not included in the financial information the Group provided in their submission.  
Councillor Barnett asked where the income sheet information is as the Councillors only have expenditure sheet. A Wilkinson advised the income sheet was not provided. Staff have been provided an accountability form and set of accounts with the last recreation grant funding application. Income is based on donations, fundraising and art sales. It was advised the gross profit is $43,000 with operations requiring $18,000. Not all expenses information has been supplied. |
Richard Connelly

As a keen sports photographer Mr Richard Connelly spoke in support of the proposed new stadium/facility (his preferred term) to allow for the development of sport, recreation, cultural and business events. Mr Connelly commented positively on the hockey facility at Coldstream Road and Dudley Pool; both being facilities that he does not use, but was comfortable to contribute to through rates.

Mr Connelly commented on the Ohoka Hall facility for basketball use and other events, but believes a larger facility is needed to cater for the district’s basketball needs. He reflected on the Ashburton Stadium and his personal experience of attending events at the facility. Also compared the four courts of Ashburton catering for a local population of 33,000 people verse the Waimakariri population of 59,000 people with what he considers a lesser facility. Mr Connelly believes a five court layout would be more beneficial, especially given the high growth of the Waimakariri district.

Councillor Williams enquired if Mr Connelly had compared the other facilities the Waimakariri District has against what other districts have such as hockey, soccer, pools. Mr Connelly responded that he had not done such a comparison and had only considered facilities for high school tournaments, primarily being for basketball as that was the sport his family followed.

AFTERNOON TEA BREAK

The meeting adjourned at 3.03pm and reconvened at 3.37pm

Christine Levett

Ms Christine Levett reiterated key points of the submission. She noted that the Garrymere water scheme proposed upgrade cost was a surprise for residents and many were considering forming a residents group. Residents were seeking that the rates proposal be slowed down for 12months so the emotion can be eased and look at joining a community organisation in partnership with the Council and explore all the options.

Ms Levett commented on many aspects of water being a ‘hot topic’ for communities. 41 residents were directly affected and there was a desire to foster a better relationship with the Council.

Ms Levett reflected on a recent public meeting and the impacts of the Havelock North investigation. She believed the proposed Garrymere situation is a quick fix and implementation of new aspects could be three to five years away.

Ms Levett stated she has become aware of a similar situation in Marlborough (Seddon) and residents had formed a Landcare group in 2016, commenting on a cost share arrangement across the whole district. It was suggested the Council consider other options and proposed relooking at that situation, including if something similar to Seddon could be investigated.
The local MP for Kaikoura electorate is aware of the situation. It was acknowledged many Councils were going through similar situations as a result of the Havelock North situation.

Ms Levett drew attention to the Council’s Rating Review being proposed to occur in 2022 and suggested it gets reviewed earlier.

Ms Levett accepted that residents all shoulder costs on Council service aspects that you may not use. Ms Levett commented on Hurunui District Council had taken a different approach and reinforced an earlier suggestion to take another wider look at what approaches other councils have taken or are considering.

Mayor Ayers clarified that the Garrymere rate is included in the draft proposal but the timing could be moved.

Mayor Ayers offered comment on residents groups and Landcare groups.

Mayor Ayers commented on the Rating Review and only looking at 3waters areas to 2022 however dates can change at the decision of Council.

**Big Brothers Big Sisters**
(Karen Shepherd)

Frank Endacott (Patron), Malcolm Garvan (Chairperson) and Ms Elli Le Gros (Manager) presented with additional supporters in the gallery.

A brief background was provided on the reasons for the group, which is funded through donations, grants and fundraising. 247 children have gone through the system over the past ten years. The Group were seeking $5,000 for after school activities and outlined the importance of such social development.

The group has one full time and one part time person, with all other persons being volunteers. Due to budget constraints and reduced funding over the past two years the Group have cut back on the number of children able to participate in the programme. Last year a limit of 75 children was introduced, and this year it has been capped at 50 children due to funding constraints.

Lilly (13) provided an outline of benefits to participating in the programme over last three years and her positive role model in her mentor.

Piper (9) provided an outline of benefits she had found by participating in the programme for the last 18 months.

Ms Le Gros spoke of a recent match and advantages and benefits to both the mentored and mentor. Comment was made of the value to the community because of the programme. The longest match has been going for nine years and the positive outcomes of such a relationship. There was discussion on the reduction in drug use and crime participation by youth involved with BBBS.
A strategic plan was tabled and Mr Endacott outlined the types of events funds would be used for.

Councillor Williams enquired if BBBS were requesting $5,000 as a one off or seeking funding for additional years. Mr Endacott responded that they were specifically seeking $5,000 for the upcoming year but was open to further funding in future years.

Mayor Ayers thanked the group for the outreach into the community and the work that they do.

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<th>North Canterbury Neighbourhood Support (Tracey Doe)</th>
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<td>Ms T Doe spoke of the work that the group undertake and the agencies that they interact with such as Police and Civil Defence. She commented on sustainability and open sharing of information and outlined what funding was being requested and why. Figures for work in WDC area was only as administration and not promotion and marketing. Approx. 30hrs North Canterbury per week was spent within the WDC area which accounted for 80% of the overall workload. Year 2 the group envisaged an increase of hours 32hrs per week for the WDC area, (and an additional 8hrs within Hurunui). Year 3 incorporates growth of the District and 40hours for the WDC area only. A further 10hours per week would be undertaken and funded from Hurunui. Further information on funding breakdown was given to staff this morning (the pack would be electronically circulated to members tomorrow). Ms Doe commented on skills, needs in the community and reaching people that are not on social media or email. Also commenting on what Selwyn District Council has ‘adopted’, and outlined the support and funding provided by Christchurch City Council. Both Councils utilise the Civil Defence aspect. If funded the group would concentrate on core business and promote Council programmes such as ‘Down the Back Paddock’. Ms Doe spoke of positive impacts the group make on the community such as minimising isolation issues, reducing crime etc. Just launched in Kaikoura District with the Get Ready CD aspect. Councillor Atkinson asked Ms Doe if she thought that the Council should fund or the community push back to Government to fund? Ms Doe replied this sits with Council as a community as it was not just crime related. There is a small national contestable fund from the Police.</td>
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Councillor Barnett asked if they see some duplication from what their group does and Civil Defence with possibly the same people volunteering. Ms Doe spoke of the ongoing encouragement to people to volunteer across all aspects and does not see a double up.

North Canterbury BMX Club (Aaron Clark)

Mr Aaron Clark advised the Club are wanting to upgrade the facility as it cannot hold major meetings in Rangiora due to the track being 16 years old and not up to a suitable standard. The Club would like to build a national standard track in Rangiora, subject to funding and land acquisition. Mr Clark spoke of recent Championships held in Christchurch over four days and the value injected into the local economy. A suitable track would take three weeks to build.

Councillor Doody clarified the proposal. Mr Clark advised the new track area would encroach 18 meters into the Pony Club land and would cost approx. $80,000.

Councillor Gordon enquired what discussions had occurred with the Pony Club. Mr Clark advised that he had had no conversations personally, however several years ago the Club was advised via Council and the Pony Club did not have an issue with the proposal at that stage. The Pony Club have built infrastructure further east and away from that proposed area.

Federated Farmers of New Zealand (Elisha Young-Ebert)

Representing the North Canterbury Federated Farmers (NZ), were Mr Duncan Lundy, Ms Elisha Young-Ebert (Regional Policy Advisor) and Cam Henderson (Oxford farmer). Mr Lundy noted the increases of rates and whether this was fair as these do not relate to wage increases. Federated Farmers accepts that the Council needs to make provision for growth, but it believes there could be some fine tuning as to how it could be funded. Ms Young-Ebert also spoke on rates increases, noting that although the Council states the average rate increase per year across the District, will be about 3 – 4% over the next ten years, the average increase for most rural rate payers is 7 - 9%. The general rate increases are higher than the Uniform Annual General Charges (UAGC), and Federated Farmers would like to see the UAGC increase in line with the general rate. This additional UAGC revenue can then be used to reduce the property value-based General Rate. Currently rural property rates are increasing greater than any measure of the rate of inflation. With regard to the library project, it is suggested that the council fund half the cost of this capital project as the benefit for this is more for the urban residents than rural.

Mr Cam Henderson spoke personally as both a rural and urban ratepayer in the district. Mr Henderson farms near
Oxford, but lives in the Oxford township. 97% of his rural rates is based on capital rates value, whereas 50% of his urban rate is on capital value. He is happy to pay his share, but does not see this as fair. Mr Henderson would like to see a proportional increase on UAGC and capital value based, rather than the increases felt heavier in some areas of the district than others.

Councillor Barnett asked was Mr Henderson aware that the cost of roading in the rural areas is much higher? Mr Henderson suggested that he is already paying a higher proportion of roading rates for his rural property compared to his urban property ($6,000 vs $300 approx).

Mayor Ayers thanked the submitters, noting that farming is an important part of the community.

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<th>Environment Canterbury (ECan Councillor Claire McKay)</th>
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<td>ECan Councillor Claire McKay spoke on behalf of Environment Canterbury in support of the Waimakariri District Council Long Term Plan. The contributions that WDC Councillors and staff make to the regional forums was also acknowledged. ECan will continue to work with the Council in the regeneration areas in Kaiapoi and Pines Kairaki. ECan commends the Council commitment to giving effect to the Treaty of Waitangi. ECan acknowledges the work signaled in the LTP to meet requirements of the Land and Water Regional Plan by 2025. The continuing partnership of the joint Zone Committee was also recognized and the work to develop solutions to achieve the Canterbury Water Management Strategy targets in the Waimakariri zone. This includes the current work with the Zone Implementation Plan (ZIP) addendum.</td>
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<td>Mr Ken Turpin spoke to his submission, voicing his concerns with the proposed multi-use sports facility that is included in the Draft LTP and the cost to every ratepayer to build this. Mr Turpin is disappointed that there hasn’t been any information provided directly from the Council on the charges to be put on the ratepayers (he has only heard this from the media) for such a facility and he said the Council needs to consult with every ratepayer regarding this. Mr Turpin believes this proposed facility should be a user pays facility. He has two properties to pay rates on, plus is in the Oxford No. 1 Rural Water Scheme for which there is potential to be a big increase for rates. This increase to cover the cost of the proposed multi-use sports facility will put undue pressure on all ratepayers, especially on pensioners. Rural roads are in bad condition and there needs to be more money spent on these. Mr Turpin noted that there is a lot of money spent on urban roads but nothing spent on shingle roads which are in bad condition.</td>
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Edge Landscapes (Grant Edge)  Mr Grant Edge spoke to his submission which focuses on water management, and seeks the Council to adopt better management of waterways including planning and design issues. Mr Edge suggests that there needs to be better collaboration between various council departments working together, with an aim to achieve cost efficiencies for capital works projects and high quality environmental outcomes for the community. Regarding Stormwater – Mr Edge supports the Councils Bylaw, which should provide positive direction for the Council, though he could not see any $ amounts in the LTP to achieve the outcomes, and seeks this information. The Council will soon be required to deal with water quality issues which may involve a lot of money. Mr Edge suggests the Council should be setting aside money now to meet these costs.

Mr Edge would like to see some sub-catchment management plans and stormwater plans introduced to manage the waterways and would like some funding in the LTP to allow these plans to be developed (possibly two or three of these each year).

Climate change is coming and Mr Edge suggests including $2m per annum in the LTP to work on strategies to deal with this. There needs to be resourcing and funding to develop these measures. Also supports funding to be included in the LTP for the Kaiapoi River rehabilitation project, Cam River Fund work and Waimakariri Land and Water solutions programme.

Mayor Ayers asked is the Council talking to the right people now on these matters. Mr Edge suggests there could be further discussions regarding sub catchment plans. Large areas of biodiversity have been lost in this area through land clearance and there is work required to protect and halt the decline of any further areas of natural biodiversity. Environmental considerations need to be taken into account looking at the long term benefit and more gain.

Mandeville Residents Association  The following Committee Members of the Mandeville Residents Association were present to speak to this submission: James Ensor, Richard Jackson (Mandeville Park), Des Lines (No 10 Road/Tram Road), Louise Douglas, Tom McBrearty (Redfern Lane) and Mike Tyree (Sandona). An apology was also noted from Lyndsay Eason (Clearview Lane). The Association has concerns regarding flooding and drainage in numerous areas of Mandeville and believes these matters should be given immediate priority within the Councils LTP.
Many photos were shown of different areas in Mandeville that experienced flooding in July, August and October 2017.

Mike Tyree advised he had moved into Sandona six years ago and there were no issues with flooding until 2014. The drains in Sandona run uphill and water can't get out, as also the drains are full of grass all the time. This also causes a mosquito problem. The Bradleys Road end of Sienna Place needs attention.

Richard Jackson, Mandeville Park Drive, suggests having another culvert to stop flooding at the back of residential sections.

Des Lines, resident of Tram Road/No. 10 Road showed a property map with suggestions of a weir being installed. This would split the flow of water, with a portion to go down to the old Eyre River bed, rather than it going towards to Millfield, Braeburn and No. 10 Road.

Tom McBrearty, resident of Redfern Lane noted that residents are very concerned and this matter needs to be addressed. Residents don’t believe they should be fully rated for any remedial work.

Members would like a meeting with Council staff, noting that there had been a report promised by 4 April, but this hasn’t been received.

James Ensor concluded that it is hoped that the work can be brought forward in the current programme to deal with these flooding issues.

Members of the Association supports the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board submission to the LTP, requesting that “funding set aside in Year 8/9 to divert storm water away from Mandeville and to address flooding issues, to brought forward to Year 1/2 as this is a significant issue now.”

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<td>Mr Smith has lived in 44 years in Clarkville, and has a subdivision of a 3 hectare block with a septic tank. Mr Smith suggests that the Council reduce the compliant size of blocks to go down to 2ha, down from 4ha and that bigger blocks have caveats on them to stop any further subdivision in future. He believes 2ha blocks are big enough as lifestyle properties, and often 4ha are too big, and are not necessarily managed well. There could be restrictions put in place as to where these subdivisions of 2ha blocks would be located though, and they should be close in to existing facilities and services. It was suggested that for water supplies, two properties could share an existing well with meters installed, and have a big separation between septic tanks and water systems.</td>
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This would remove the need to have miles of piping to connect with established water supplies. Council needs to look after what land there is and keep it for the best use for produce and vegetable growing. A lot of people in Eyreton and Clarkville support this idea. Populations need to be kept closer to amenities, also taking into account petrol costs and roading.

Councilor Meyer asked with the reducing the size of blocks to 2ha, would this allow blocks to be used productively. Mr Smith says this could be, suggesting large glasshouses (flowers), to make a good living.

Two blocks sharing a well – Councillor Felstead asked if Mr Smith was aware of any people doing this? Mr Smith doesn’t see why it couldn’t work but does not know of anyone who uses this arrangement at present.

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<td>Mr Cookson spoke to his submission, speaking on stopping population growth and feels it would be a good time for the Council to look at the future and to deal with this in the Long Term Plan. Mr Cookson believes that Rangiora is near an ideal population. He is impressed with the Long Term Plan but believes the future should be managed in a controlled way, rather than dealing with continued large population growth. Mr Cookson suggests that a group be formed to discuss this issue, made up of staff and Councillors.</td>
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Councillor Felstead asked how it would work to stop people coming to live in the district. Mr Cookson said the Council has the power with granting of consents for subdivisions and developments.

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<td>Messrs Greg Miller and Grant Edge presented this submission on behalf of Keep New Zealand Beautiful seeking funding to be included in the Long Term Plan for Koura Reserve/Northbrook Connections and for Flaxton Road improvements. It was noted the importance of preserving and enhancing the Koura Reserve and the Creek area.</td>
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Mr Edge noted that Council departments need to be more collaborative to complete works. They are seeking funding for construction of a pedestrian bridge across the Northbrook stream to connect Koura Reserve with the Northbrook development which would enhance the area. Currently the entrance to Rangiora from the South on Flaxton Road, from the Fernside Road intersection, is visually ugly and the Committee would like this to be significantly upgraded. They envisage having an entrance area at the Threlkelds Road corner. The Committee are seeking funds to be included in the LTP to enable some planning to be done and some costings for these two proposed projects.
Mayor Ayers thanked the members of Keep Rangiora Beautiful for all the work that is done around the town.

Compass FM (Sally Lane)  
Mayor Ayers left the table during consideration of this submission (as Trustee of Compass FM) and Deputy Mayor Felstead assumed the Chair.

Ms Sally Lane (Station Manager) and Mr Ron Van Till (Trustee) were present to speak to this submission. Compass FM is a charitable Trust, which has been on air for eight years. This is a community radio station, transmitting from Mt Grey, and reaching as far south as Timaru, Ashburton Banks Peninsula Christchurch Waimakariri and Hurunui areas. Staff are made up of two fulltime and three part time paid staff and eight volunteers. The station provides a valuable connection to the district and also emergency information. It provides work experience for students from Rangiora High School, as well as technical and voice support to major events in the district. The station only advertise North Canterbury businesses and support Waimakariri District facilities. It has a close liaison with Civil Defence, Fire and Emergency and Police. The Trust requests annually funding of $10,000 through this LTP submission for the replacement of technical equipment at the station, some of which is over seven years old. In turn Compass FM would like to provide a closer working partnership with the Council, with an opportunity for added exposure and regular updates of information.

Ms Lane confirmed that Hurunui District Council is also provide funding for this.

Mr Van Till said currently everything in the station is run on a shoestring budget and this is why they are seeking funding to upgrade their equipment which is aging.

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<td>Mrs Giller spoke on the multi-use court facility and believes the facilities planned are still available in other areas in the district. She suggests that some groups would not be able to afford to pay the costs to hire the rooms/courts. Mrs Giller supports this matter being deferred until 2028.</td>
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Kerbside collection - supports the Your Choice option.

Indigenous vegetation – Mrs Giller would like to see more funding included to protect this biological heritage in Waimakariri of flora and fauna. Current funding is inadequate. Current remnants are being lost to removal, areas shown in aerial photos show a loss from 95ha in 2005 to 35 hectares in 2015. Restoration sites are
artificial and superficial and are no substitute for original sites. The Council currently has an annual fund of $15,500 available to help owners look after scheduled vegetation sites, notable trees and historic buildings. This was allocated in 2005 and 2008, then in 2011 this money was reallocated to the Canterbury Earthquake Heritage Building Fund. There have been no allocations since then. Council staff are presently working on changes to make allocation of this fund more flexible. The amount available is not sufficient to protect the districts sites, and funding needs to be made available for another survey of sites. Selwyn District allocates $45,000 annually for protection of remnant vegetation, with a maximum limit of $5,000 for each application in any one year. Selwyn District Council also has a Biodiversity Coordinator promoting biodiversity protection. Hurunui District Council provides $10,000 annually through the Mainpower Hurunui Natural Environment Fund.

Mayor Ayers asks how would it be cheaper to delay the multi-use facility? Mrs Giller mentioned the alternative option that had been discussed in the media of a privately owned facility being leased to the Council.

Mrs Whittaker was also speaking on behalf of her daughter Laurens submission. Basketball is the highest growing sport in New Zealand with 18% growth between 2012 and 2015. There are 1,500 participants each year in North Canterbury. In the primary grades on Friday nights there are over 100 teams. Several teams also play in Christchurch competitions. Administrators for the North Canterbury Basketball Association operate from homes and have an operational budget of $250,000 per year. North Canterbury Basketball utilise 11 different gyms around the district. These venues are often dirty and need to be cleaned before they can be used. These facilities are not fit for purpose and there are many occasions when they are booked for other organisations, meaning a further shortage of courts for the Friday night games.

Mrs Whittaker implores the Council to be strong and build this multi-use sports facility. This needs to be established for the community and need to get over this Rangiora/Kaiapoi divide and just “build it”. Mrs Whittaker said that the members of North Canterbury Basketball believe the Council need to respond to the needs of the community and to make it happen. If Council says no, it is saying that money is more important than wellbeing.

Mr Iain Doody then spoke on his childhood when there were just two sports to play, rugby and cricket. There are many other sport choices for children now and his son plays basketball all year round, and sees it as a pathway.
There are currently barriers in the way to growing the sport in Waimakariri.

Rangiora Southbrook Tennis Club (Laurence Smith, President Rangiora Tennis Club)

Mr Laurence Smith (President, Rangiora Tennis Club) spoke to this submission. Also present were Brian Heron (Southbrook Tennis Club), Stuart Wilson (Life Member, Rangiora Tennis Club), Johnny Carter (President North Canterbury Tennis Assoc) and Sarah Davidson (North Canterbury Junior Tennis). The Rangiora and Southbrook Tennis clubs support the building of a multi-sport facility and a ten court tennis facility on Coldstream Road, Rangiora. There is a lack of a tennis complex in this district and this has held back the progress of tennis. North Canterbury compares poorly with other areas in Canterbury and the ten court facility would boost the sport. Both Rangiora and Southbrook Tennis Clubs have their own facilities which could be sold to provide a substantial funding contribution to the ten courts in Coldstream Road. This would revitalize the sport in Waimakariri, and allow the ability to host events and bigger tournaments. The Clubs have a team of people who have commitment and business acumen.

Mayor Ayers mentioned previous proposals that had been considered, and asked would the intention still to be a hub for all North Canterbury tennis, and some of the other clubs as well. Mr Smith had not been involved with this previous proposal, but advised that the intention now was for the Coldstream Road site to be the hub of tennis in North Canterbury.

Ms Sarah Davidson spoke on North Canterbury junior tennis noting that there is growth in junior tennis numbers in the district. There is limitation of facilities on a Saturday morning to accommodate all junior players, and some courts are not well maintained. Ms Davison said it would be great to have a centralized facility for our region to be able to compete with other regions, provide a coaching facility and for tennis to be part of a wider hub for several sport.

Canterbury Cricket Association (Peter Devlin)

This submitter did not attend.

Sport Canterbury (Kevin Collier)

Kevin Collier, Places and Spaces Consultant for Sport Canterbury presented the submission and put in an apology for Julyan Falloon (Chief Executive). Mr Collier thanked the Council for continuing to invest in sport and recreation. Sport Canterbury believes that entrance fees and memberships to facilities be kept as affordable as possible, to allow participation in an active lifestyle and therefore asks the Council to reconsider the proposed increasing of the three and six month platinum membership charges (swimming and aerobics classes) (by up to 30%) which is included in the LTP. Sport
Canterbury supports the proposed multi-use sports facility.

Although this was not included in the submission Mr Collier commented on the possibility of the introduction of a regional rate for sporting facilities and Sport Canterbury encourages this Council to join in this conversation.

Councillor Atkinson commented on the figures which indicate that 95% of people who recreate do this through walking and cycling, and questioned why are Sport Canterbury supporting investment in covered sports facilities?. Mr Collier said this comes down to choice, and not everyone does walking and cycling. For some people it is a means for getting to and from work each day.

Councillor Barnett asked is there enough sporting facilities? Mr Collier said with what is available now and with what is proposed, in both Christchurch and Waimakariri there would be enough indoor court facilities.

| Woodend Community Association  
(Andrea Rigby) | Mark Patterson spoke on behalf of the Woodend Community Association. Members support the building of a Multi-Use Sports Facility but there are concerns with the facility being fully funded by debt and asks would the Council have any noncore assets that could be sold to help fund the project, or has the Council considered seeking private or corporate investors to fund the project?

The Association supports building of a new community facility/library and urges the Council to set aside land for this. Woodend and the wider community of Pegasus and Waikuku is growing. Believes this facility should be given priority over expansion of the Rangiora library.

Updating the Toilet Block and playground at Woodend Beach are two items that the Association has included as part of the WCA community project and would like to work with the Council. It is noted that the Council has these scheduled for renovations in 2025 and 2023 and the Association requests that the timeline for these renovations are brought forward to 2018/2019 and that the funding is increased. They also request assistance from the Council to provide assistance with a concept design for the proposal. The Association will work closely with both the Council and Tuhaitara Trust on this project.

Mayor Ayers asked does the Association have any view on the location of a community facility. M Patterson said this was Ravenswood. |
| Woodend Combined Club  
(Elaine Cole and David Mills) | Mrs Elaine Cole and Mr David Mills were present, on behalf of the Woodend Combined Club to speak about the |
community charges. This organization is a successor of the former Woodend Combined Probus Club. This Club represents members who had back in the 1950-60’s helped to fundraise for the former Woodend Community Centre.

The submission requests that the increase in charges to hire the Woodend Community Centre should not apply to the Woodend Combined Club. Members could not afford an increase in membership fee that would be necessitated in the increase in charges to use Woodend Community Centre for its meetings.

Mrs Cole noted that the Club relocated from the Woodend Rugby Club in 2012-13 to the Woodend Community Centre, for its monthly meetings. The Community Centre hire charge was then at a rate of $8 for hiring the two rooms, plus the cafeteria and the locker. There is a membership of over 90 in this Club. The proposed rate increase of $30 to hire this room, is a 275% increase and is clearly a game changer for the Club. As President of the Club, Mrs Cole said she will be recommending that they go elsewhere for their meetings. This is not a fundraising entity, no entry fees are charged and for a lot of members it is a highlight of their month to take part in the social activity that they provide and contributed to the building in the first place.

Councillor Barnett asked what sort of increase could the members of the group cover? Mrs Cole said the issue is the increase itself, rather than how much an increase would be.

Mayor Ayers thanked Mrs Cole for the work that the Combined Club do.

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<td>Mrs Powell spoke to the submission, firstly spoke on the proposed multi-use sports facility and most concern is the cost to ratepayers. How do people get to the facility to use it – cycle paths? Bus services? Many of those the members of the Board spoke to were concerned at the cost but many of these community members would not be inclined to put in a submission and Mrs Powell noted that it is important not to just hear the voices in support of the proposed facility.</td>
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<td>Noted the ground water that is lying at both Woodend and Waikuku beaches and that something needs to be done.</td>
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<td>Library – the Board believes that the Council should secure some land in Ravenswood for a library service.</td>
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<td>Pegasus Community Centre – this still needs to be part of the LTP and for something permanent to be planned. The current facility that is leased is well used and limited size.</td>
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<td>Sefton Hall is not a council facility but is an important facility for the Sefton community, currently needing some earthquake repairs. The Board supports funding being included in the LTP budget for hall improvements as this is an important community focal point.</td>
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<td>Public Transport – this is critical for connecting communities and suggests that the Council could be innovative, such as a mini-shuttle orbiter service for the main townships and new subdivisions.</td>
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<td>Councillor Atkinson asked regarding the comment about little information on the Regeneration Projects – Ms Powell noted that this refers to the actual LTP document itself.</td>
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<td>Councillor Doody asked about Sefton Hall and how much would it be considered is needed to get the earthquake repairs and upgrades completed? This figure was not known. Ms Powell noted that the Community Board will likely be able to assist with landscaping.</td>
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**Rangiora-Ashley Community Board**  
(Jim Gerard - Chairperson)

Mr Jim Gerard spoke to this submission on behalf of the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board and noted that the Councillors who are members of the Board were not involved in the writing of the submission.

The Board is very impressed with the Long Term Plan and this is a well-balanced plan, and the rates calculator was very beneficial. The Board fully supports all the proposals in the LTP and the base of the rating increases appeared to be sound.

The Board believes the Council needs to put a case to the Government for a rates supplement.

The multi-use sports facility – the Board members were unanimous in support of this facility which will be available for use by the whole district.

The Board supports the regeneration projects continuing, and for Kaiapoi to go ahead as quickly as it can.

**The North Canterbury Musical Society Inc. (Dave Patrick)**

Mayor Ayers noted his role as Patron of the Society and Councillor Barnett noted she is a member of the Society but did not take part in the writing of the submission.
Mrs Lyn James (President), Mr Dave Patrick (Treasurer), and Michelle Hampton (Vice President) attended and presented the submission.

Mr Patrick acknowledged the assistance and support that members of the musical society receive from WDC staff member Simon Kong, with setting up any technical equipment and sound system at the Rangiora Town Hall. He also offers advice on any ways to improve systems they may have in place. This assistance is very much appreciated.

As one of the largest and most regular users of the Town Hall, the members wished to comment on the proposed hire charge increases for town hall use, as indicated in the LTP fees and charges schedule. They voiced concern mostly with the proposed high cost of hiring the small auditorium at the Rangiora Town Hall, which would put the hire charge at not much different to the main auditorium. They saw this as quite a disincentive for using this space for smaller more intimate cabaret-style shows. The Society members would like to know if there was any opportunity for these rate increases to be reduced.

Michael Bate

Mr Bate spoke to his submission and presented a series of videos and photos showing the high levels of toxic algae bloom in the Ashley and Waimakariri Rivers, and also in the Groyne, which is in Christchurch City Council area. Mr Bates said our waterways currently are on the verge of complete collapse. Most Canterbury rivers streams and drains have toxic algae in varying degrees. This poisonous toxin will kill every living thing that digests it. One teaspoon of it is enough to kill a 20kg dog. Toxin also affects vital organs of a fish. The use of fertilizer has increased by around 900% in the last 20 years. Fertilizers also contain Cadmium which has rendered many soils toxic for varied uses. Very intensive farming is increasing the nitrates and phosphates in our many waterways causing an explosion of this toxin. Intensive irrigation is resulting in most rivers running at minimum flow or below for most of the summer. Irrigation also results in a rapid leaching of nitrates deeper into the soil. Farming intensification needs to be cut back now to a sustainable level or water quality will continue to deteriorate.

Mr Bate voiced his concern on botulism toxin in the wastewater system which is killing large numbers of native and introduced birds. After four years of botulism, nothing effective is being done by Council. Suggests that only a complete upgrade of the wastewater system will prevent environmental disaster happening to wildlife.
Mr Bate believes the Council has an obligation to be doing something about the state of the waterways. Mr Bate also showed many photos of the foam on Pines Beach.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

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