

**MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 215 HIGH STREET, RANGIORA ON TUESDAY, 16 MAY  
2023, COMMENCING AT 8.30AM.**

**PRESENT**

Mayor D Gordon (Chairperson), Councillors A Blackie, R Brine, B Cairns (virtual), J Goldsworthy (arrived at 8.39am), P Redmond, J Ward and P Williams.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

J Millward (Acting Chief Executive), M Bacon (Development Planning Manager), J McBride (Roading and Transport Manager), S Nichols (Governance Manager) and K Rabe (Governance Adviser).

K La Valley (General Manager Planning, Regulation and Environment), T Tierney and three other representatives from the Greater Christchurch Partnership were in the public gallery.

**1. APOLOGIES**

Moved: Mayor Gordon

Seconded: Councillor Blackie

Apologies for absence were received and sustained from Deputy Mayor N Atkinson and Councillors N Mealings and T Fulton.

**CARRIED**

**2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

No conflicts of interest were declared.

**3. REPORTS**

**3.1 Greater Christchurch PT Futures Mass Rapid Transit Business Case Endorsement**  
– M Bacon (Development Planning Manager) and J McBride (Roading and Transport Manager)

J McBride presented the report which requested the Council's endorsement of the Greater Christchurch Public Transport Futures Mass Rapid Transit Indicative Business Case, with, if endorsed, a detailed business case process which would occur within the 2023/24 financial year subject to funding being provided by Waka Kotahi.

Councillor Williams raised concern regarding the removal of 40 car parks with the implementation of the Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) Business Case, which, in his opinion, would impact residents from the district when they travelled into Christchurch given that the current public transport was less than perfect between the centres. J McBride replied that MRT would allow residents options in the future on how to move around the city, including using cars. It was envisioned that there would be large parking areas at the start and end of the MRT routes for people to leave their vehicles outside of the central city and utilise buses, scooters or bicycles.

Mayor Gordon requested clarification that car parking provisions would be considered under the District Plan. M Bacon agreed saying that the Hearing Panel who was currently considering the District Plan would provide recommendations to the Council for a final decision.

Councillor Redmond queried the impact on the Waimakariri District Council's level of service and funding. J McBride noted that when the matter was considered it was shown that it was not viable for a MRT system to extend to the District and it was felt that the current levels of service being provided were adequate to link with the proposed route starting in Belfast. Councillor Redmond queried where the terminus would be located in Belfast. J McBride stated that the next stage of the project would be looking into the details of locations however it was proposed to be somewhere in the vicinity of Chaney's Corner.

Councillor Redmond noted the report stated that climate change was a factor and that vulnerable communities would be impacted disproportionately and queried why that would be. J McBride had no definitive response however noted that the impact on the vulnerable sectors of the community from the effects of climate change with repeated flooding, high water tables and the threat of sea level rise was acknowledged.

*Councillor J Goldsworthy arrived at 8.39am.*

Councillor Williams queried if the 'infill' in the Spatial Plan should be carried out prior to the MRT to ensure that there were the numbers to support the initiative. T Tierney replied that the Spatial planning was occurring simultaneously and would be integrated in the work going forward. However, how this would be carried out would still need to be pursued. The Spatial Plan would give direction and framework to future investment along the MRT route.

Moved: Mayor Gordon

Seconded: Councillor Goldsworthy

**THAT** the Council:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 230503062664;
- (b) **Endorses** the Greater Christchurch Public Transport Futures Mass Rapid Transit Indicative Business Case set out in attachment ii of report 230503062664;
- (c) **Notes** that, subject to funding approval, Detailed Business Case investigations are undertaken in FY2023/24 to enable the scoping and preparation of procurement documents and to ensure integration and alignment of Mass Rapid Transit with the remainder of the Public Transport Futures programme and the Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan;
- (d) **Notes** that Mayor Gordon, Deputy Mayor N Atkinson and Councillor N Mealings are the Waimakariri District Council representatives on the Whakawhanake Kāinga Komiti Committee.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Williams Against

Mayor Gordon stated that the Waimakariri District Council was working in partnership with the other Councils in Canterbury to achieve a coordinated approach to the directives from the Government to provide a business case for MRT in the region. Work was being undertaken to ensure the business case would link in with WDC's priorities. Terminuses were still to be identified and the system would be an enhanced version of the popular Park and Ride system allowing options in transport which could include links to other areas, trackless trams and hydrogen technology. Social planning work was being integrated in the business plan to show a co-ordinated approach. This work would come back to the Council for the final sign-off in the future.

Councillor Goldsworthy agreed and stated this was a starting point and the matter would be brought back to the table several times for further discussion and consideration. It was important to take time to get this right through co-ordination and joint discussions.

Councillor Williams noted that he could not support this motion as he failed to see the benefit to the district.

Mayor Gordon noted that through discussions in the future it was hoped that Councillor Williams could be persuaded to see the benefits in working together to achieve a unified plan for Canterbury.

### **3.2 Endorsement of Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan for Public Consultation – M Bacon (Development Planning Manager)**

M Bacon presented the report which requested the Council's endorsement of the draft Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan for public consultation in July 2023, which if endorsed, would require a Special Consultative Procedure on the draft Plan and would include submissions and a hearing. He highlighted that this was in relation to the direction of travel in the future and covered density along MRT routes, car parking and investment, also noting that the District Plan covered parking provision.

There were no questions from Councillors.

Moved: Mayor Gordon

Seconded: Councillor Brine

**THAT** the Council:

- (a) **Receives** Report 230503062602.
- (b) **Notes** the Whakawhanake Kāinga Komiti resolutions 12 May 2023 (Attachment i).
- (c) **Endorses** the consultation occurring on the draft Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan (Attachment ii).
- (d) **Receives** the Greater Christchurch Housing Capacity Assessment March 2023 (Attachment iii).
- (e) **Receives** the Greater Christchurch Business Capacity Assessment April 2023 (Attachment iv)
- (f) **Receives** the Huihui Mai Engagement Report (Attachment v).
- (g) **Notes** that the consultation submission period for the draft Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan would be held between mid-June and end of July 2023.
- (h) **Notes** the consultation process and associated supporting documents as set out in the report.
- (i) **Notes** that following the consideration of submissions, hearing from submitters, and receiving of an officers' report, a Hearings Panel would make recommendations to the Whakawhanake Kāinga Komiti on responses to submissions and changes to the Draft Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan as a result of the public consultation process.

**CARRIED**

Mayor Gordon noted that there had been positive engagement in relation to this work and by endorsing the public consultation gave residents the opportunity to express their opinions. He also noted that the Council would have a representative on the Hearing Panel.

T Tierney (GCP) thanked staff for the way in which they had worked to achieve the positive outcomes and to move this work forward. The Mayor concurred.

### **3.3 Amendments to Standing orders for Council, Committee, Sub-committee and Hearing Panels** – T Kunkel (Team Leader Governance)

S Nichols presented the report which requested the Council to adopt the amended Standing Orders for Council, Committees, Sub-Committees, Joint Committees and Hearing Panels following a workshop on 9 May 2023.

There were no questions arising from the report.

Moved: Councillor Redmond

Seconded: Councillor Blackie

**THAT** the Council:

- (a) **Receives** report No. 230504063758.
- (b) **Adopts** the updated Waimakariri District Council, Committees and Sub-Committees, Joint Committees and Hearing Panels Standing Orders May 2023 (230510066902), effective from 17 May 2023.
- (c) **Notes** that the Mahi Tahi Joint Development Committee, which is a Joint Committee between the Waimakariri District Council and the Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga is also subject to the Standing Orders. A copy of this report and adopted Standing Orders will be advised to our Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri membership.
- (d) **Recommends** to all four Community Boards that any proposed Standing Orders for Community Boards should be consistent with the Council, Committees, Sub-Committees, Joint Committees and Hearing Panels Standing Orders except for those areas which relate specifically to Community Boards and to give consideration to updated Standing Orders being adopted at their June 2023 meetings.
- (e) **Circulates** this report to the Community Boards for information.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Redmond thanked staff for the work to ensure that the Standing Orders were able to be adopted.

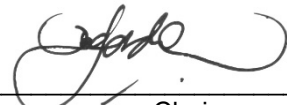
Mayor Gordon thanked Councillor Redmond for alerting him to the casting vote issue which he had failed to notice previously, stating he did not believe in casting votes and would not have used it even if it had been included in the Standing Orders.

#### **4 NEXT MEETING**

The next scheduled meeting of the Council will commence at 9am on Tuesday 30 May 2023.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 8.58am.

**CONFIRMED**



Chairperson  
Mayor Dan Gordon

6 June 2023  
Date