



The \$2,000 made from log sales would be reinvested into the project. The next stage was to prune the remaining trees in order to remove any dead wood and make the space safe for public use. This work had led to various 'discoveries' in the arboretum minor which had in the past been used as a dumping ground for various materials including hard fill and old fencing. The Council were engaging with contractors to carry out the work of clearing the area in order to make it safe and maintainable going forward.

The Council believed that to ensure the safety of the public who had access to the land, the best option would be to do ground preparation work prior to any planting. Initially the suggestion was that the trees should be watered by Asplundh as part of their tree watering contract, however, further investigation had proven that the installation of an irrigation system prior to planting would be the best option. There would be costs implications associated with both the clearing of the land and installation of an irrigation system.

Due to the increases to the budget, Council staff were investigating possible cost reductions. Some of the costs could be mitigated by the Council doing more of the work in-house as this would save on professional fees. However, the main reduction for the Board to consider would be to delay the installation of the pathways. G Stephens considered the most important priority would be ground preparation and irrigation installation. Currently the project included \$60,000 for the development of path/cycle ways and he would recommend that a portion of that budget be diverted toward ground establishment and that the paths be developed at a later stage. Delaying the paths would also allow flow and connections within the reserve to be developed through its natural use. Future funding for pathways could be secured through the 2022/23 Annual Plan or General Landscaping Fund.

G Stephens noted the formalising of the reserve as a community reserve had been raised as the initiative was being largely driven by the community including the Rotary Club, the Lions Club and the Soroptomists who were eager to commence planting. He suggested installing signage at the entrances of the reserve listing all the community groups involved in establishing the arboretum.

P Williams queried if water for the North Canterbury Model Railway Club's proposed building, might that be a better source of water due to bigger gage piping and water pressure. G Stephens agreed however, it would be dependent on the Railway Club's timeframe, however they may be open to establishing their water connection early which would enable the Board to take advantage of economies of scale.

K Barnett requested a report on the history of the Millton Reserve name to provide clarity and potentially to look at the option of a bilingual name. G Stephens recommended an information memo to the Board be written in the first instance and if the Board wished to proceed further a report could be presented at a later stage, so as to mitigate any further delays to the project.

M Fleming asked if the advisor from the Christchurch Botanic Gardens had provided any feedback on plantings for the reserve. G Stephens advised that Council staff had met with the advisor on site who had emphasised the importance of getting the initial groundwork right, and confirmed that the advisor would be providing ongoing assistance in relation to tree selections and locations.

M Fleming expressed concern at the location of a current cycle crossing on Millton Avenue and enquired if the Council had considered the safety of crossing in relation to traffic. G Stephens noted that was the advantage of delaying completing the paths within the reserve, as it would allow for more liaison with the Council's Roding Team on the development of the cycling network by the and the development of a safer crossing option.

The Board expressed agreement that delaying path construction to ensure good establishment of the ground for tree planting and irrigation was the best option.

6. **ADJOURNED BUSINESS**

Nil.

7. **REPORTS**

7.1. **Rangiora-Ashley General Landscaping Report – G Stephens (Green Space Design and Planning Team Leader)**

G Stephens spoke to the report which identified four projects for consideration of funding allocations. After the recommended allocations \$16,310 would be left in the Board's Landscaping budget to carryover toward potential development of the next town entrance as identified by the Board.

P Williams asked about potential local suppliers for the seating projects. G Stephens confirmed that previous new community seats had been built by a local Tuahiwi based company.

M Fleming enquired if there could be consideration of the comfort and ease of access to the public seats for all users, including those with mobility issues. G Stephens advised that the seat in the Cust Domain was not situated near a pathway and may therefore allow for limited access. However, the seat at Townsend Fields could potentially have a shingle connecting path which would cost a further estimated \$1,000. The Passchendaele seat would be adjacent to the path. Access was a consideration for all public seating and where possible Council staff did try to ensure good access.

K Barnett noted that there may be a need in the future to fund pathways from the Board's General Landscaping budget. She further noted that the Youth Council's Dudley Park project may also require additional funding from the Board's Landscaping budget. G Stephens explained that the Youth Council was working with the Lions Club to build and install a deck at the skatepark at a cheaper rate. However, the cost of timber and building materials had increased due to the impacts of Covid and consequently the available funding was no longer sufficient. Council staff would therefore be suggesting that the Youth Council review the priorities of the project, to establish if one or two of the smaller parts of the project could be completed with the available funding.

P Williams questioned if the Youth Council had investigated outside funding options. G Stephens advised that was still the Youth Council intent to source outside funding. If the deck was still their first priority, they would need to look at further funding sources. Prior to the Board made allocating further funds to the skatepark project, the Youth Council needed to look at prioritisation, exact costings and exploration of other funding sources.

M Fleming asked if there was potential for sponsorship for the Youth Council's project from local businesses such as McAlpines, and G Stephens commented on the difficult nature of the market in general for sourcing materials.

Moved: J Gerard

Seconded: P Williams

**THAT** the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. TRIM number. 220224026118.
- (b) **Notes** the Board currently had \$27,010 available to allocate to general landscape projects within the Rangiora Ashley ward.

- (c) **Approves** the allocation of \$2,500 towards the purchase and installation of a single rugby post at Cust Domain as per the plan included within report 220224026118.
- (d) **Approves** the allocation of \$3,000 towards the purchase and installation of a park bench at Cust Domain as per the plan included within report 220224026118.
- (e) **Notes** that staff will work with the Cust Domain Advisory Group to determine the exact location on site at time of installation of the seat and rugby post.
- (f) **Notes** that the Rangiora Returned and Services Association (RSA) have donated \$1,000 and some timber towards the installation of a seat, planting and a tree at the Rangiora end of the Passchendaele Walkway.
- (g) **Approves** the allocation of \$3,200 towards the remaining costs of purchase and installation/planting of the seat, plants and tree for the Passchendaele Walkway.
- (h) **Notes** that staff will work with the Waimakariri Passchendaele Advisory Group and Rangiora RSA to determine the exact location of this seat and planting.
- (i) **Approves** the allocation of \$3,000 towards the purchase and installation of a park bench at Townsend Fields Subdivision, Rangiora in the location identified within this report.
- (j) **Notes** that this will leave \$16,310 within the Rangiora-Ashley General Landscaping Budget (10.1045.000.5224) remaining for future allocation.
- (k) **Approves** further allocation as required for Millton Reserve for sponsor signage and irrigation; and that for any remaining budget be carried over into the 2022/23 financial year.

**CARRIED**

K Barnett commented that she and the Mayor were concerned at the delay of the project and would she would therefore like to see the Board support the Youth Council's project. It was noted that the Board would receive a new allocation for the General Landscaping budget in July 2022, and further funding allocations could then be considered.

J Gerard commented that recommendation (k) made the carryover more flexible as there had been several suggestions as to where more funding may be required including the skatepark, and signage and irrigation for the Millton Memorial Reserve. The next town entrance the Board would be working on would be the Kippenberger Avenue entrance, however, there had been no indication from Mainpower regarding undergrounding the wires at this stage therefore the project was unlikely to occur within the next Board term.

D Lundy agreed with the funding remaining flexible. He commented that the Millton Reserve planting would be highly visible and the site needed to be well prepared to allow the trees to be properly established to achieve a successful outcome.

7.2. **Application to the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board's Discretionary Grant Fund 2021/22 – K Rabe (Governance Advisor)**

K Rabe advised that the Southbrook Netball Club were applying for funds for hall hire, equipment storage and the purchase of 'Player of the Day' trophies. The Club had also been successful in an application to the Board the previous year and had contingency plans for operating in Red Light Covid settings.

Moved: M Fleming

Seconded: J Ward

**THAT** the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** report No. 220221023266.
- (b) **Approves** a grant of \$512.30 to the Southbrook Netball Club towards the cost of hall hire, equipment storage costs and the purchase of 'Player of the Day' trophies.

**CARRIED**

M Fleming commended the Southbrook Netball Club for provided a good service to the community.

7.3. **Approval of the updated Rangiora-Ashley Community Board Plan 2020/22 – K Rabe (Governance Advisor)**

K Rabe noted the Board Plan had been updated for the last few months of the term. Changes were noted in red, however, she had since received further changes that would be added. She commented that formatting and layout would improve when the document was edited by the Admin Creative Team.

K Barnett provided a further minor change.

Moved: D Lundy

Seconded: P Williams

**THAT** the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** report No. 220119005456.
- (b) **Approves** the updated Rangiora-Ashley Community Board Plan 2020-2022 (Trim: 22022023824).
- (c) **Authorises** the Chairperson to approve the final version of the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board Plan 2020-2022, if any further minor editorial corrections are required.

**CARRIED**

8. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil.

**9. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

**9.1. Chair's Diary for February 2022**

Moved: J Gerard

Seconded: D Lundy

**THAT** the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** report No. 220228026855.

**CARRIED**

**10. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION**

- 10.1. Oxford-Ohoka Community Board Meeting Minutes 2 February 2022 (Trim 220208015336)
- 10.2. Woodend-Sefton Community Board Meeting Minutes 15 February 2022 (Trim 220218022525)
- 10.3. Updated Recommendations for Speed Limit Changes throughout the Rangiora-Ashley Ward Area – Report to Council Meeting 1 February 2022 – Circulates to the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board.
- 10.4. Amendments to School Variable Speed Zones – Report to Council Meeting 1 February 2022 – Circulates to the Rangiora-Ashley and Oxford-Ohoka Community Boards.
- 10.5. Stockwater Race Bylaw 2022 – Request for Adoption – Report to Council Meeting 1 February 2022 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 10.6. Chairpersons Report for the Period January – December 2021 – Report to Council Meeting 1 February 2021 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 10.7. Chairpersons Report for the Period January – December 2021 – Report to Council Meeting 1 February 2021 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 10.8. Chairpersons Report for the Period January – December 2021 – Report to Council Meeting 1 February 2021 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 10.9. Chairpersons Report for the Period January – December 2021 – Report to Council Meeting 1 February 2021 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 10.10. Wellbeing, Health and Safety Report February 2022 – Report to Council Meeting 1 February 2022 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 10.11. Wastewater Treatment Plant Fencing Contract Completion – Report to Utilities and Roading Committee Meeting 22 February 2022 – Circulates to all Boards.

**PUBLIC EXCLUDED REPORTS**

- 10.12. Rangiora Corner Site – Evaluation Panel – Report to Council Meeting 1 February 2022 – Circulates to all Boards.

Moved: D Lundy

Seconded: J Ward

**THAT** the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** the information in Items 10.1 to 10.11.
- (b) **Receives** the public excluded information in Item 10.12, which would remain public excluded and was circulated separately.

**CARRIED**

## 11. MEMBERS' INFORMATION EXCHANGE

### D Lundy

- Working with Council staff on safety improvements outside Loburn Reserve.
- Contacted by a number of ratepayers concerned about state of gravel roads.

### K Barnett

- Three Waters reform response ongoing.
- Local Government reform – number of briefings.
- District Plan progressing, there had been some late submissions.
- Awaiting central Government legislation changes.

### R Brine

- Provided update on potential effect of Covid on transfer station. There may be a drop-off in collections dependent on driver availability. There was a difficulty sourcing truck parts meaning some trucks may be off the road.

### M Clarke

- Stakes had been installed to improve visibility at damaged culverts.
- Complaints about state of roads, including large pothole on Durham Street.
- Noted parking on yellow lines behind the Gables Arcade – may need follow-up from Council staff to enforce restrictions.

### M Fleming

- Assisting with gardens for Keep Rangiora Beautiful – noted the old hospital was being demolished.

### M Harris

- Had assisted ratepayer with flooding issue on Mt Thomas Road, D Lewis and K Simpson had visited the site, which will require ECan involvement.
- Commented there was a substantial amount of crime occurring in the district.

### J Ward

- Noted Annual Plan was out for consultation.
- Noted tender openings highlighted issues in construction industry.
- Rangiora corner site discussions progressing well.
- Joint Promotions meeting – quiet due to Covid.
- ECan Annual Plan out for consultation.
- Airfield Advisory Group meeting update.

### A Wells

- Noted upcoming drive around with Roding Operations Team Leader to view the condition of local roads.

### P Williams

- Would be attending the drive around with the Roding Operations Team Leader. Had requested the Roding Manager to provide an update to the Board on gravel roads.

D Lundy asked how effective the Roding Team operations were. P Williams commented at the Annual Plan meeting he had noted the need for extra funding for gravel roads and had been advised there was sufficient budget. Since then he had been advised that further funding would be required. Staff acknowledged there had been a breakdown in some systems and maintenance not kept up to date particularly with wet weather conditions. He highlighted that staff were currently under tremendous pressure.

**12. CONSULTATION PROJECTS**

**12.1. Migrant Experiences**

<https://letstalk.waimakariri.govt.nz/migrant-experiences>

**12.2. E-Scooters Trial**

<https://letstalk.waimakariri.govt.nz/e-scooter-trial>

The Board noted the consultation projects.

**13. BOARD FUNDING UPDATE**

**13.1. Board Discretionary Grant**

Balance as at 28 February 2022: \$12,220.

**13.2. General Landscaping Fund**

- Carryover from 2020/21: \$1,580.
- Allocation for 2021/22: \$25,430.
- Balance as at 28 February 2022: \$27,010.

The Board noted the above balances.

**14. MEDIA ITEMS**

Nil.

**15. QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDERS**

Nil.

**16. URGENT GENERAL BUSINESS UNDER STANDING ORDERS**

Nil.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board is scheduled for 7pm, Wednesday 13 April 2022.



**Workshop (8.11pm – 8.16pm)**

- *Members Forum*

Annual Plan - The need for an Annual Plan Submission Workshop was noted. The Board agreed to discuss their submissions to both the Council and ECan's Annual Plans on Wednesday 16 March at 5.30pm via zoom.

There was some discussion around the effectiveness of a Board submission to ECan compared to endorsing the Council submission. It was noted that ECan's rate rise for the previous year was 18% and this year they were indicating 24% which represented nearly 50% increase in two years.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.16PM.

CONFIRMED



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J Gerard Chairperson

13 April 2022