MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RANGIORA-ASHLEY COMMUNITY BOARD HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, RANGIORA SERVICE CENTRE, 215 HIGH STREET, RANGIORA, ON 21 OCTOBER 2026 AT 7 PM.

PRESENT

L McClure (Chairperson), J Gerard (Deputy Chairperson), K Barnett, W Doody, A Geeves, J Goldsworthy, D Hawkins, D Lundy, B McLaren (via Audiovisual Link), B Robinson and J Ward.

IN ATTENDANCE

Deputy Mayor P Redmond (Kaiapoi-Woodend Councillor) and T Fulton (Oxford-Ohoka Ward Councillor).

S Hart (General Manager Strategy, Engagement and Economic Development), K Howat (Parks and Facilities Team Leader), D Young (Senior Engineering Advisor), T Künkel (Governance Team Leader) and A Connor (Governance Support Officer).

No members of the public were present.

1. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

L McClure acknowledged the passing of former Councillor and Community Board Member Robbie Brine, who had served nine terms as a Waimakariri District Councillor from 1998 to 2025, totalling 27 years of service. Following the conclusion of his tenure as a Councillor, he continued his service to the community as a member of the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board, having been elected in 2025.

The Board observed a minute's silence in recognition of his service and in memory of his passing.

Board members shared reflections on Robbie Brine's contributions, acknowledging his 27 years of dedicated service as an elected member and his longstanding commitment to the Waimakariri community.

2. APOLOGIES

Nil.

3. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Item 6.1 J Gerard declared a conflict of interest as he was a member of the Waimakariri District Licensing Committee.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1. Minutes of the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board – 9 September 2026

Moved: A Geeves Seconded: J Goldsworthy

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

(a) **Confirms,** as a true and accurate record, the circulated Minutes of the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board meeting, held on 9 September 2026.

CARRIED

Unconfirmed

4.2. **Matters Arising (From Minutes)**

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

5. DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

5.1. **Painting of Rangiora Skate Park – Mel Foster, Cherry Burgess and Marceline Silvah**

At the request of M Silvah, the deputation on painting the Rangiora Skate Park was postponed to the Board's November 2026 meeting.

6. ADJOURNED BUSINESS

Nil.

7. REPORTS

7.1. **Cust Rumble Event Booking for Cust Domain** – G MacLeod (Greenspace Manager)

Having previously declared a conflict of interest, J Gerard withdrew from the table and did not participate in the consideration or discussion of the item.

K Howat presented the report on behalf of G MacLeod. He advised that the Cust Rumble event was scheduled to be held at the Cust Domain from 5 to 8 November 2026 and invited questions from members.

No questions were raised by elected members.

Moved: L McClure Seconded: K Barnett

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

(a) **Receives** Report No.260804224426.

(b) **Notes** the information relating to the proposed Cust Rumble event at Cust Domain.

(c) **Notes** the use of Cust Domain for the event known as Cust Rumble, which is to be held in November 2026.

(d) **Notes** that the proceeds from the event are going to support local projects and that the Cust Domain Advisory Group has been involved in this.

(e) **Notes** that Cust Rumble is larger than events typically held on Council reserves, and staff will ensure earlier engagement with the Community Board for future events of a similar scale and complexity.

(f) **Notes** that the continuation of the event booking is subject to:

i. Compliance with all applicable resource consent conditions and regulatory approvals that have been obtained by the event organiser.

ii. Completion and approval of any required Traffic Management Plans and associated traffic management requirements.

iii. The event organiser being responsible for the cost of repairing or reinstating any damage to Cust Domain, associated infrastructure, or Council assets resulting from the event.

Unconfirmed

iv. The event organiser undertaking appropriate communication with the local community prior to the event, including providing information on event activities, traffic impacts, parking arrangements and any relevant contact details for event-related enquiries or complaints.

v. The event organiser has and continues to liaise with Police in relation to the Cust Rumble.

(g) **Requests** that the event organiser provides a post-event evaluation report to Council and the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board within three months of the event concluding, summarising:

i. Attendance numbers and event outcomes.

ii. Any incidents or health and safety matters that occurred.

iii. Complaints received and how they were addressed.

iv. Positive feedback received from attendees, residents, businesses and stakeholders.

v. Traffic, parking and camping outcomes.

vi. Any damage to Cust Domain or Council assets and reinstatement works undertaken.

vii. Lessons learnt and recommendations for future events; and

viii. Community benefits and any funding or contributions returned to local community projects.

CARRIED

L McClure expressed strong support for the event, noting it would be an incredible event for the Waimakariri District. She commented that the event would bring a significant number of visitors to the area and provide entertainment, excitement and economic benefits for the community.

K Barnett supported the motion, commending the organisers' commitment to engaging with the neighbours and wider community to identify and address any potential adverse effects associated with the event. She thanked all parties involved for the work undertaken to support the event and said she hoped it would proceed smoothly and successfully.

J Gerard returned to the table.

Item 7.3 "Naming of the New (Private) Rangiora Town Centre Laneway at 70 High Street" was taken at this time. The agenda order was retained in the Minutes to mitigate confusion.

7.2. **Applications to the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board's 2026/27 Discretionary Grant Fund** – T Künkel (Governance Team Leader)

T Künkel advised that an application was received from the Glass Ceiling Arts Collective to go towards their Dynamic Dancers programme, which was a weekly inclusive dance programme. They were seeking $1,000 as a contribution towards the cost of the professional tutor and programme coordination. She noted that these costs could be considered wage-related expenditure and advised that members should take this into account when considering the application.

K Barnett queried whether the professional tutor would be more appropriately considered a contractor rather than an employee, noting that the role was engaged by the Collective to deliver a specific service in the same way that a plumber or other specialist contractor might be engaged. T Künkel confirmed that had been her interpretation; however, the Board had previously expressed concern that expenditure of this nature could be viewed as wage-related costs.

Unconfirmed

D Hawkins asked whether any alternative programmes offered similar opportunities within the district. T Künkel advised she was unaware of any other programmes offering a comparable inclusive dance programme within the Waimakariri District.

Moved: K Barnett Seconded: A Geeves

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

(a) **Receives** report No. 260928292135.

(b) **Approves** a grant of $500 to Glass Ceiling Arts Collective towards the delivery of the Dynamite Dancers Rangiora Programme.

CARRIED

K Barnett observed that the Board had historically provided limited funding to initiatives supporting the disabled community and considered the application to be of significant value. She referred to the letters of support received and commented that the benefits extended beyond the direct participants, reflecting the community's commitment to inclusion and support for people with disabilities. K Barnett further noted that the programme was based in Rangiora and considered a grant of $500 to be appropriate as a demonstration of the Board's support for such initiatives.

A Geeves concurred with K Barnett's comments. He noted that the funding would contribute towards professional tutoring and programme coordination costs and considered that a grant of $500 would make a meaningful contribution to the delivery of the programme.

D Lundy also expressed his support for the motion and highlighted the importance of balancing support for worthwhile community projects with the need to retain sufficient funding for future funding applications.

In her right of reply, K Barnett advised that she considered the role of the programme coordinator to be distinct from that of an employee. She noted that the coordinator was engaged to provide a service and did not regard the associated cost as a direct wage expense. K Barnett further noted that the Board often carried unallocated grant funding forward at the end of the financial year due to a reduction in funding applications over the Christmas and New Year period. While expressing support for the application, K Barnett considered a grant of $500 appropriate, given the relatively small number of participants and the need to retain sufficient funding for future applications that may benefit more people.

T Künkel advised that an application was also received from the Rangiora Cricket Club. The Club sought $1,000 towards the costs associated with the ongoing maintenance, preparation, and operation of its cricket facilities at Dudley Park. She noted that the application related to ground and facility upkeep required to support the Club's activities and competitions.

D Hawkins queried whether the Club could seek funding directly from the Council given the ongoing nature of the application. T Kunkel advised the Club could apply through the Council's Annual or Long Term Plans process for a Community and Recreation Grant.

Moved: W Doody Seconded: B Robinson

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

(c) **Approves** a grant of $500 to the Rangiora Cricket Club towards fuel costs associated with the ongoing maintenance.

CARRIED

Unconfirmed

W Doody expressed support for the motion, noting the valuable role the Club played in providing opportunities for young people to participate in sport. She commented that involvement in cricket assisted young people to develop sporting skills, teamwork, discipline, and social connections.

B Robinson concurred with W Doody's comments and also supported the motion.

K Barnett noted that when assessing grant applications, she looked at whether the organisation operated within the Board area, whether it provided value to the community and whether the funding represented a good use of public money. She considered the Club and application met those criteria. K Barnett also highlighted that the application identified broader community benefits beyond cricket, as the Club helped to maintain Dudley Park for wider public use and contributed to a safe and welcoming community facility. In addition, she commented that sporting clubs provided much more than sporting opportunities, fostering social connection, teamwork, respect and personal development. It was further noted that clubs were increasingly required to seek external funding to keep participation costs affordable for members and families. K Barnett considered that the Club had appropriately sought funding for a different purpose from previous applications and expressed support for granting $500 towards the project.

J Goldsworthy noted that his initial view had been that the application may not have represented an appropriate use of discretionary grant funding. However, having heard the discussion, he advised that he was comfortable supporting the application. J Goldsworthy further noted an interest in exploring whether a more appropriate long-term funding mechanism could be identified to assist with ongoing maintenance costs of this nature.

D Hawkins acknowledged the merits of the application and the work undertaken by the Club but considered that further consideration may be required regarding the most appropriate funding pathway for this type of expenditure in the future. While she did not oppose the application, she expressed some reservations regarding the funding mechanism being utilised.

B McLaren advised that he had initially intended to oppose the application, as the funding request related to fuel costs. He noted that increasing fuel prices were affecting organisations, businesses, and individuals alike and expressed concern that approving funding for fuel expenses could establish a precedent, potentially resulting in similar requests in the future. However, after hearing the discussion and considering the wider community benefits provided by the Club, he advised that he had reconsidered his position and would support the motion.

In her right of reply, W Doody emphasised cricket's social benefits and acknowledged the significant contribution the sport makes to community wellbeing and connectedness.

T Künkel stated the next application was from Comcol North Canterbury. Comcol provided vocational skills and pastoral care for priority groups aged between 15 and 24 years. Comcol sought $1,000 for its Art Connect Project. The project would involve designing and painting outdoor murals to be displayed at the Comcol facility. She noted the majority of participants were expected to be from the Rangiora-Ashley Ward.

K Barnett sought clarification on the grant Comcol received in July 2025. T Kunkel confirmed that the Board had granted Comcol $1,000 towards the installation of solar panels and a compostable toilet. She further confirmed the Accountability Form was received.

Unconfirmed

D Hawkins queried whether the mural panels would be displayed solely at Comcol or whether there would be opportunities for them to be exhibited more widely within the community. T Künkel explained that wider display opportunities had not been identified within the application; however, this could be discussed with the applicant. She further noted that any public artwork proposed for display on Council-owned land would require consideration by the Waimakariri Public Arts Trust.

K Barnett queried whether Comcol received government funding, placing it in a similar category to a school or other educational institution when assessing eligibility for community funding. In response, T Kunkel advised that Comcol's status as an educational institution was for the Board to determine when considering the application and deciding its eligibility for funding.

Moved: J Gerard Seconded: J Ward

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

(d) **Approves** a grant of $500 to Comcol North Canterbury towards the Art Connect 2026/27 project.

CARRIED

J Gerard supported the motion, noting that Comcol provided valuable support for disadvantaged young people within the community. He highlighted that the organisation had assisted young people who had disengaged from mainstream education or were expecting challenging circumstances for many years. J Gerard considered the specific nature of the project was less important than the broader outcomes it delivered, noting that any initiative which provided young people with opportunities, encouragement and support was worthwhile.

J Ward noted that projects of this nature could provide significant benefits for young people, particularly those who found creative activities such as art to be an effective means of self-expression. She commented that participation in art-based programmes could help build confidence, develop skills and create opportunities for young people to discover strengths and talents. J Ward further observed that many young people faced challenges and pressures, and considered that initiatives which encouraged inclusion, personal growth and positive engagement within the community were worthy of support.

K Barnett clarified that her earlier comments were not intended to question the value of Comcol or the important work it undertook within the community. She acknowledged their strong record of support of young people and that the Board had previously supported projects undertaken by Comcol. K Barnett felt a broader discussion about the consistency in the Board's approach to funding applications from educational institutions was needed. Comcol received government funding and delivered educational and social outcomes, and similar considerations often arose when applications were received from schools or other education providers. She stated she would support the motion; however, the Board should apply a consistent approach when assessing applications from schools, community colleges, and other educational organisations in the future.

D Hawkins acknowledged the significant contribution that Comcol made to the individuals who participated in its programmes and expressed support for the motion. She noted that the wider community may not fully appreciate the breadth of Comcol's work and considered that any opportunity to increase awareness of the organisation and its positive impact would be beneficial.

D Lundy concurred with D Hawkins' comments, noting that, should the opportunity arise, it would be beneficial for the Board to receive a deputation from Comcol outlining its programmes, activities, and outcomes.

Unconfirmed

J Gerard agreed it would be beneficial for the Board to hear directly from Comcol at a future meeting. He noted Comcol had been established through the efforts of individuals committed to supporting young people who had disengaged from mainstream education and required alternative pathways. While acknowledging that Comcol received government funding for some activities, J Gerard did not consider the application comparable to a school funding request, noting that the organisation operated independently and focused on supporting at-risk youth. He supported a $500 grant, as an appropriate contribution that recognised the programme's value while acknowledging that Comcol also had access to other funding sources. J Gerard felt declining the application would fail to recognise the positive impact the organisation had on young people in the district.

T Künkel advised the final application was from Ashley Rakahuri School, which was seeking funding assistance to develop a new playground. She noted the application met the Board's criteria for location; however, she highlighted that the school itself, rather than a fundraising committee or community-based organisation, had submitted it. T Künkel further advised that the Board had previously taken the position that schools were not generally considered non-profit community organisations for the purposes of discretionary grant funding. In addition, the applicant had not provided information demonstrating that the proposed playground project was unable to be funded through the Ministry of Education or other school funding sources. It was also noted that the amount requested exceeded the Board's standard annual grant limit of $1,000.

A Geeves asked whether the Board had previously funded a school playground. T Kunkel advised the Board had not previously provided funding directly to a school for a playground; however, funding had been provided through a Parent Teacher Association (PTA) for playground-related projects, such as surfacing improvements.

D Hawkins inquired whether it was correct that, where schools wished to undertake projects such as playground redevelopments, these were typically led by PTAs with the school providing support and approval rather than directly seeking funding itself. T Kunkel confirmed this was staff's understanding.

K Barnett

Moved: K Barnett Seconded: J Goldsworthy

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

(e) **Lays** the funding application from Ashley Rakahuri School on the table to seek clarity on why the application had not come from the PTA and where the Ministry of Education's funding responsibilities began and ended.

CARRIED

7.3. **Naming of the New (Private) Rangiora Town Centre Laneway at 70 High Street –** H Downie (Strategy and Centres Team Leader) and S Morrow (Rates Officer – Property Specialist)

S Hart presented the report and advised that it sought the Board’s consideration of the proposed naming of the private laneway located between 74 and 70 High Street, Rangiora, as Northpoint Lane. He noted that the laneway would remain privately owned and would not become a Council-owned laneway such as Good Street, Conway Lane, or Hunnibell Lane. S Hart further advised that the proposed name reflected both the development's marketing identity and its location on the northern side of High Street, while also referencing the northerly aspect towards Mount Grey. He further noted that the developer had agreed to install a bluestone paver consistent with those used in other laneways within the Rangiora town centre.

Unconfirmed

S Hart noted that, should the Board not support the proposed name, the laneway would remain unnamed in Council records. However, as the laneway was privately owned, the developer could still elect to use a name that would not be formally recognised by Council.

D Hawkins questioned if there were any implied responsibilities to the Council if the Board chose to formally name the laneway. S Hart replied that the Council's involvement would be limited to having the name placed on the bluestone tile prior to installation. Ownership and all responsibility for the laneway's maintenance and upkeep would remain with the developer.

Moved: J Ward Seconded: W Doody

THAT the Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board:

(a) **Receives** Report No. 260923288403.

(b) **Approves** the name “Northpoint Lane” for the new (private) laneway to be located between 74 and 70 High Street, Rangiora.

(c) **Notes** that “Northpoint Lane” is the only laneway name provided and supported by the developer and owner of the new laneway and that, should the Rangiora Ashley Community Board not support this name, the developer’s preference is that the laneway remains formally unnamed.

CARRIED

J Ward expressed support for the motion, noting that the development represented an exciting addition to the Rangiora town centre. She acknowledged the developer's efforts and felt it was appropriate to use their preferred name, Northpoint Lane. J Ward encouraged fellow members to support the recommendation.

W Doody concurred with J Ward's comments and wished the developer the best in completing the project.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1. Thank You Card from Big Brothers Big Sisters of North Canterbury

Moved: J Goldsworthy Seconded: D Hawkins

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

(a) **Receives** the Thank You Card from Big Brothers Big Sisters of North Canterbury.

CARRIED

9. CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT

9.1. Chair’s Diary for September 2026

Moved: J Gerard Seconded: D Hawkins

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

(a) **Receives** the report (Trim: 261007304243) from the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board Chairperson.

CARRIED

Unconfirmed

10. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

10.1. Oxford-Ohoka Community Board Meeting Minutes 2 September 2026.

10.2. Woodend-Sefton Community Board Meeting Minutes 14 September 2026.

10.3. Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board Meeting Minutes 21 September 2026.

10.4. Approval of Draft North East Waimakariri Urban Plan: Shaping the Future of Woodend, Pegasus and Ravenswood as One Connected Community for Public Consultation – Report to Council Meeting 1 September 2026 – Circulates to all Boards.

10.5. Adoption of CCTV and Other Recording Devices Policy – Report to Council Meeting 1 September 2026 – Circulates to all Boards.

10.6. Annual Report to the Alcohol Regulatory and Council Meeting 1 September 2026 – Circulates to all Boards.

10.7. Method of Voting to be Used for 14 October 2028 Local Authority Elections – Report to Council Meeting 1 September 2026 – Circulates to all Boards.

10.8. Health, Safety and Wellbeing Report 13 July 2026 to 17 August 2026 – Report to Council Meeting 1 September 2026 – Circulates to all Boards.

10.9. Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw update, Implementation Plan progress and results of the Beach User Survey 2026 – Report to Community and Recreation Committee Meeting 15 September 2026 – Circulates to all Boards.

10.10. Aquatics August Update – Report to Community and Recreation Committee Meeting 15 September 2026 - Circulates to all Boards.

10.11. Libraries Update to September 2026 – Report to Community and Recreation Committee Meeting 15 September 2026 – Circulates to all Boards.

Moved: J Gerard Seconded: D Lundy

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

(a) **Receives** the information in Items 10.1 to 10.11.

CARRIED

11. MEMBERS' INFORMATION EXCHANGE

J Gerard:

- J Gerard's information exchange was circulated as part of the agenda.
- Thanked T Künkel for her incredible commitment to the Waimakariri District Licensing Committee.

K Barnett:

- Attended the opening of the Pegasus Community Centre and noted that it demonstrated the value of investing in community facilities. Hoped future projects, including proposals for Southbrook, would receive similar levels of community support and utilisation.
- Reported spending much of the month lodging requests through Snap Send Solve and commended the Customer Services Team for the prompt response to most issues raised. It was noted that a streetlight fault had been addressed quickly.

Unconfirmed

- Advised that she was still awaiting an update regarding maintenance issues at the Rangiora Town Hall, particularly the malfunctioning magnetic door system. Concern was expressed that the current situation presented a potential safety issue, and the member requested greater visibility around the ongoing maintenance and management of the facility.
- Rangiora Players had a production scheduled for 20 November 2026.
- Attended an Enterprise North Canterbury networking event.
- Thanked members for participating in 'Frocktober ', a month dedicated to supporting ovarian cancer awareness, which was one of the less publicly recognised cancers in New Zealand.

W Doody:

- Rating Policies were currently being reviewed by the Rating Team and Customer Services Manager as part of the Long Term Plan process. Minor amendments were expected to improve administration and address feedback from ratepayers.
- Attended a Rating Review workshop which outlined the rating review programme and proposed areas of work.
- The construction of the playground at Elm Green, Rangiora had commenced. She expressed concern regarding the proximity to neighbouring properties.

A Geeves:

- A Geeves information exchange was circulated as part of the agenda.

J Goldsworthy:

- ShakeOut emergency preparedness exercise was held on 21 October 2026
- The Waimakariri District had adopted the new Blue Tsunami Zone system, replacing the previous three-zone approach. New signage had been installed at gathering areas and on roads entering the Blue Zone.
- The new after-hours contractor had commenced. Early feedback on the new service had been positive.
- A recent Controlled Purchase Operation had inspected 23 licensed premises across the district, with all premises found to be compliant with age verification requirements.
- It was noted that noise complaints continued to increase, which was attributed primarily to population growth and the associated increase in residential activity and differing community expectations.
- Advised that there had been a noticeable increase in bylaw complaints during September 2026. It was suggested this may have been linked to heightened political activity, election-related matters, and several issues generating significant public debate within the district.

D Hawkins:

- D Hawkins information exchange was circulated with the agenda.
- Attended the High Street Water Main Replacement information evening with business owners. While businesses expressed concerns about the length of disruption, she observed that the discussion remained positive and focused on completing the work as efficiently as possible.
- Attended the Pegasus Community Centre opening, which was an excellent community facility that would create opportunities for community connection and activity. She also commended the Council's Waiata Group and speakers.
- Loburn Domain Meeting:
  - Repairs to the toilet door were completed.
  - The finger-point direction sign would be installed before Christmas.

Unconfirmed

- Visibility improvements were being investigated through reflectors and other low-cost measures.
- The Loburn Domain Development Committee would be funding some temporary lighting as a proof of concept.
- There were anomalies in the signage over the name of the domain, so if funding allowed, clarification would be made.

- Attended the Death Café session at the library. This valuable community service provided a safe environment for people to discuss death, grief, and end-of-life matters.

D Lundy:

- Attended the Loburn Domain meeting.
- Spent considerable time assisting the Northern A&P Association with preparations for its upcoming A&P Show.
- Assisted Civil Defence and Environment Canterbury with the development of a series of video clips titled '*Are You Ready ',* which were aimed at lifestyle block owners and rural residents and focused on emergency preparedness and readiness for significant weather and emergency events.

B McLaren:

- B McLaren's information exchange was circulated with the agenda.
- The Rangiora Museum's monthly public speaker event would be held the following evening and would include a film celebrating the first 100 years of the Rangiora Farmers' Co-operative, covering the period from 1883 to 1983.
- Commented on the importance of public consultation and community engagement. It was noted that, despite extensive advertising and communication by the Council, residents often remained unaware of consultations until projects commenced. He encouraged fellow elected members to use their community networks to promote Council consultations and encourage residents to subscribe to Council newsletters and communication channels to remain informed about local issues and projects.
- Attended the opening of the Pegasus Community Centre and, in his capacity as Community Facilities Portfolio Holder, acknowledged the significant amount of work that had contributed to the project over many years. The facility was an outstanding community asset, noting its high-quality design, attractive location and potential to host a wide range of community and private events. Drawing on his background in the construction industry, he remarked that it was uncommon to see a project completed both ahead of schedule and under budget and congratulated all those involved in delivering the facility.

B Robinson:

- Attended the Youth Action Plan launch which was developed following engagement with more than 1,100 young people from across the district. He considered the plan to be a strong reflection of the calibre, aspirations and priorities of young people within the district.
- Attended the Pegasus Community Centre opening. While the building was impressive, its real value came from the people using it and the sense of community it fostered.

J Ward:

- A significant amount of time had been spent attending Long Term Plan workshops.
- Served on the selection panel for the appointment of an independent member to the Audit and Risk Committee. Although she was initially opposed to appointing an independent member because of the Council's strong governance and staff capability, she was satisfied that the preferred person would bring a valuable external perspective to the Audit and Risk Committee.

Unconfirmed

12. CONSULTATION PROJECTS

12.1. **2026 Environmental Awards**
https://letstalk.waimakariri.govt.nz/2026-environmental-awards
Consultation would close on Friday 30 October 2026.

The Board noted the consultation project.

13. BOARD FUNDING UPDATE

13.1. **Board Discretionary Grant**
Balance as at 30 September 2026: $12,746.

13.2. **General Landscaping Fund**
Balance as at 30 September 2026: $30,250.

The Board noted the funding updates.

14. MEDIA ITEMS

Nil.

15. QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDERS

Nil.

16. URGENT GENERAL BUSINESS UNDER STANDING ORDERS

Nil.

17. MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WITH THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED

17.1. **Public Excluded Minutes of the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board meeting of 9 September 2026**

Moved: D Hawkins Seconded: K Barnett

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

(a) **Receives** the circulated briefing notes of the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board meeting, held 9 September 2026.

CARRIED

18. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board was scheduled for 7pm, Wednesday 11 November 2026 in the Council Chamber.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS CLOSED AT 8.21PM.

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Chairperson

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Date

Briefing

- *Deposition of Controlled Fill in Gravel Pits – D Young (Senior Engineering Advisor)*

Unconfirmed