

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY AND RECREATION COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 215 HIGH STREET, RANGIORA ON TUESDAY 17 OCTOBER 2023 AT 3:30PM.**

**PRESENT**

Councillors P Redmond (Chairperson), A Blackie, R Brine, B Cairns (via Teams), N Mealings and Mayor D Gordon.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Councillors T Fulton and J Goldsworthy.

J Millward (Chief Executive), C Brown (General Manager Community and Recreation), G MacLeod (Greenspace Manager), T Sturley (Community Team Manager), M Greenwood (Aquatics Manager) and C Fowler-Jenkins (Governance Support Officer).

There were three members of the public present.

**1 APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies.

**2 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Item 5.3 – Councillor Redmond declared a conflict as he was a member of the District Licensing Committee.

**3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**3.1 Minutes of the meeting of the Community and Recreation Committee held on 22 August 2023**

Moved: Councillor Blackie                      Seconded: Councillor Brine

**THAT** the Community and Recreation Committee:

- (a) **Confirms** the circulated Minutes of the meeting of the Community and Recreation Committee, held on 22 August 2023 as a true and accurate record.

**CARRIED**

**3.2 Matters arising (From Minutes)**

There were no matters arising.

**3.3 Notes of the workshop of the Community and Recreation Committee held on 22 August 2023**

Moved: Councillor Blackie                      Seconded: Councillor Redmond

**THAT** the Community and Recreation Committee:

- (a) **Receives** the circulated notes of the workshop of the Community and Recreation Committee, held on 22 August 2023.

**CARRIED**

## 4 DEPUTATIONS

### 4.1 Redevelopment of Rangiora High School – David Lows

D Lows was not present to speak to the Committee.

### 4.2 Community Led Housing – N Carter and M Sparrow

N Carter spoke to the Committee noting that she was the Social Services Waimakariri Facilitator. The Waimakariri district had a long history of working collaboratively together within the community but also across territorial local authority and through into the Hurunui district. The two main collaborations were with the Social Services Waimakariri and the Waimakariri Health Advisory Group, which had been running for at least 20 years. Since Covid some new collaborations that had come online and included in those were Food Secure North Canterbury, the Covid Community Response, while the Next Steps Website project was initiated, all of which extended into the Hurunui District.

This project dealt with the lack of housing space in our community. There was a disproportionate lack of emergency and transitional housing and our most vulnerable people are being sent to the city for accommodation separating them from family, schools, workplaces, faith communities. There is also a lack of relevant data to support funding provisions for the district as data was being skewed by people from the Waimakariri district being housed in Christchurch. There are also those housed at campgrounds, in particular Pineacres Campground which was what happened when there was inadequate wrap around support and mismanagement of spaces for the most vulnerable. There was also an increasing number of people living in cars and an increase in people begging on the streets. Mental health and addiction services were severely lacking locally and regionally with a lack of beds and secure facilities.

It was now widely understood that housing played a significant role in health outcomes especially for those on limited incomes. In addition, stable housing also contributed strongly to the social and ultimately cultural wellbeing of communities and to the sense of identity communities forged over time. Dry, warm, safe, secure and affordable housing was fundamental to all individuals. Housing was a complex issue and the only way to get change was to work in collaboration with each other towards a common goal for the most vulnerable in the community. The goal would be getting people out of social housing and into affordable rentals and ownership.

Three key responses had been devised, the first of which was for Social Services Waimakariri to continue to host regular related housing forums to ensure that local service providers could share their information about housing related entitlements, services and thoughts so that they could best support their clients with housing needs. The second one was to continue to build relationships with housing providers with a view to affecting a collaborative response to address key housing issues for the district. The third was to establish a small working group which was the current housing response working group to progress the preparation of a case via collection of data for the support for adequate provision of local emergency and transitional housing to be presented to the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development. The housing response working group was established in mid-2022 with representation from Social Services Waimakariri, Ministry of Social Development, Waimakariri District Council Community Team, Comcare and Vision West.

Councillor Redmond asked for clarity on why it seemed that the figures for the Waimakariri went up while the Huruni went down in the housing register graph. He queried if people were moving from the Hurunui into the Waimakariri district. T Robinson noted that the register was fluid and depended on if someone in the Hurunui district was housed somewhere else therefore were removed from the register. It did not mean that they were necessarily housed in Hurunui or in Waimakariri.

Councillor Fulton asked what impact lack of access to health care and GP services and if these should be included at the start. If you were unable see a doctor your mental health, physical health and wellbeing declined. N Carter replied that the relationship to Te Whatu Ora and Te Manu Ora was via the Waimakariri Health Advisory Group and acknowledged

those concerns were being widely discussed alongside Waitaha and Pegasus. T Robinson stated if you did not have suitable sustainable housing it impacted your ability to work, your income and your health and vice versa.

## 5 **REPORTS**

### 5.1 **Aquatics October Update – M Greenwood (Aquatics Manager)**

M Greenwood spoke to the report which provided the Committee with an update on the aquatic facilities progress to date. Attendance numbers were up on a month by month comparison for the last few years which was promising. A had case been noted at the end of September 2023 by Te Whatu Ora that an individual with cryptosporidium had visited the facilities. He had detailed the process in the report which was largely treated through the standard procedures and had subsequently heard that there was no further follow up required from Te Whatu Ora.

Moved: Councillor Blackie

Seconded: Councillor Redmond

**THAT** the Community and Recreation Committee:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 231004157525.
- (b) **Notes** Aquatic Facilities progress against key performance indicators including facility Attendance and Financial results.
- (c) **Notes** that Te Whatu Ora notified Council staff that an individual with Cryptosporidiosis visited Dudley pool on the 8<sup>th</sup> of September 2023 during an infectious period.
- (d) **Notes** staff were advised that no further action was required following an investigation by Te Whatu Ora into our water treatment standards.
- (e) **Notes** that further increases in community count with cases directly linked to a pool may require a significant closure, testing, drain down and cleaning of the facility before it was cleared to reopen.
- (f) **Circulates** this report to the Community Boards for their information.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Redmond thanked M Greenwood for the report.

### 5.2 **Community-Led Housing Response Working Group Report – T Sturley (Community Team Manager)**

T Sturley spoke to the report which presented an overview of the Joint Community Working Party paper that had been presented as part of the deputation in item 5.2. It sought Council endorsement for support with the Ministry of Health and Urban Development towards local provision on emergency and transitional housing. She highlighted that were two distinct current priorities one which was presented by N Carter, and the second was to work towards local provision of appropriately supported transitional housing for young people in the district.

Moved: Mayor Gordon

Seconded: Councillor Mealings

**THAT** the Community and Recreation Committee:

- (a) **Receives** report No. 231004157359
- (b) **Endorses** the Joint Community Working Party paper, to be submitted to Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (MHUD) to evidence pressing housing need in the Waimakariri District.
- (c) **Notes** that members of the Housing Response Working group would present an overview of the paper.

- (d) **Notes** that the draft paper was used as supporting evidence in Waimakariri District Council's Request for Support submission to MHUD for older persons housing funding.
- (e) **Notes** that, given the local agencies that have a stake in addressing the issues highlighted in the Housing Response Working Group paper operated across wider North Canterbury, the Group had made a request to present it to Hurunui District Council, seeking their endorsement also.

**CARRIED**

Mayor Gordon thanked T Sturley for the report, noting there was clear there was a good evidence base and that a lot of work had gone into the report. The paper brought together all of the issues that the district was experiencing in relation to lack of suitable housing. It also connected the work that the Council's Property Portfolio Working Group was doing. He commented that most weeks he would come see someone in his office who was homeless or had a situation that was desperate through a range of circumstances. You saw the situation at Pineacres campground which was pretty desperate and distressing to see some of the conditions they were forced to live under. Mayor Gordon stated he would like a North Canterbury perspective with a more coordinated response when addressing housing challenges and working together across boundaries. He believed that the election had given a brighter prospect where Council would retain ownership of land to enable the Council to find a suitable location for the likes of an Abbyfields community housing model however he acknowledged there were other housing providers and other options, such as the Peterborough which was impressive. He saw the work of the Joint Working Group as connected and had no hesitation in supporting this paper and endorsing it as a Council which would help the district in other forums.

Councillor Mealings thanked T Sturley for the report. She was really thankful for this paper. M Sparrow had done an exquisite job in getting the information together with all the people that had helped to make this a reality. The Social and Affordable Housing Group had known that there was a need, however they could not quantify it as they had no data or the information that was pertinent to the Waimakariri District. Thanks to this report we now have a more concrete baseline to work from and it gave the district a stronger position to advocate for the community. She unreservedly supported the paper.

Councillor Redmond thanked staff for keeping this in front of Council, so they did not forget or overlook it. It was an especially important issue and Council were not the total solution to the problem however could assist in achieving a better outcome.

### 5.3 **Alcohol and Drug Harm Update – T Sturley (Community Team Manager)**

*Councillor Remond declared a conflict of interest and stepped back from the table and Councillor Blackie assumed the Chair.*

T Sturley spoke to the report which gave an overview of the current condition paper that was prepared by an intern that Council had recently engaged within the Community Team. The paper explored alcohol harm in the community. It was often difficult to get good data as related to community issues and due of privacy issues there often was a delay with margins of error and unwillingness to provide data. Whilst quantitative data had always been seen as the ultimate, it was particularly important when looking at issues effecting wellbeing in the community that you painted a qualitative picture as quite often there were various contributing factors in relation to community issues. Data analysis was a key priority of the newly reconvened Alcohol Harm Steering Group.

A Bright noted that some data for New Zealand being analysed was for the 18-24 year old age group with two in five of these considered as hazardous drinkers. In 45-50 year olds the figure was one in four. Men were twice as likely to drink in a hazardous way and within the Māori community those number rose. Within the Pacifica and Asian communities, were the least likely groups to drink however if there were individuals in the community that did drink that hazardous drinking levels were reasonably high.

The review of the 2009-2012 action plan identified six key objectives. It was identified within the Steering Group that the priority was to frame a quality localised formative evaluation story telling project and to this end the Steering Group decided to employ an intern to undertake a qualitative research project among the communities' key stakeholders. This involved interviewing thirteen participant groups consisting of fifty-two individuals. For each discussion, the same core questions were presented to the participants. The first was what did alcohol and drug harm look like in your space, the second question was what were the factors that contributed towards positive outcomes, and the third question was what the contributing factors were observed hindering the positive outcomes. Lastly the participants were asked if everyone had a part to play in the prevention of alcohol and drug harm what did that look like. These discussions encouraged open conversation. The intern found that better source providers across Waimakariri were interested and enthusiastic about sharing their thoughts. Throughout the gathering and analysing of this information there was key to focus on best practice models. When used together these models really allowed us to approach the issues we saw in the community in a holistic way. T Sturley gave an overview of the key themes and noted that across all discussions every provider mentioned the need for well resourced locally relevant solutions to addressing this issue. Vaping was an area of concern across the community however new legislation introduced in August 2023 tightened regulations on vaping.

Councillor Fulton sought clarification on the comment about the drug peddlers in the gyms. A Bright noted that due to the nature of the collation of the report and the way discussions were run she did not have access to that information which she could share. Councillor Fulton also asked if this was new trend or if there had been indications that this had happened previously. A Bright replied that it was not surprising in as one of the most vulnerable demographics were new parents.

Councillor Blackie commented that the presentation noted that of Māori men who drank one out of two had a problem. He asked if the study had interaction with the Rūnanga and what their reaction had been to the questions. T Sturley replied that, as was the case with a number of things currently, the Rūnanga had limited capacity to engage. Council staff had kept them informed on the issues were in the community.

Moved: Councillor Mealings

Seconded: Councillor Blackie

**THAT** the Community and Recreation Committee:

- (a) **Receives** report No. 231005158446.
- (b) **Endorses** the Draft paper, "Current Condition 2023 Alcohol and Drug Harm Informative Report." (Trim: 231005158007).
- (c) **Notes** the broad community engagement approach applied to the preparation of the 'Current Condition' report.
- (d) **Notes** that the paper details 'best practice models' around which to frame local activity related to addressing alcohol and drug harm.
- (e) **Notes** the intention to apply a holistic approach to addressing the priority issues identified in the 'Current Condition' study, including the impact of alcohol and drug use on relationship harm, mental health and suicide.
- (f) **Notes** that the recommendations in the report will inform community-led responses to alcohol and drug harm in the Waimakariri District, led by the Alcohol and Drug Harm Prevention Steering Group, supported by the Community Development Facilitator – Safe Communities; and in line with the objectives of the Waimakariri Community Action Plan on Alcohol and Drug Harm 2021.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Mealings thanked staff for the report. She commented having a front seat watching this report unfold and the research that was done she could see how valuable it was going to be to the Steering Group in giving direction to what came next. They would be able to target effort to where it was needed most. Having a qualitative report and being

able to talk about the real life impacts on people and understanding their stories behind them was invaluable. She thanked staff for the work in that space.

*Councillor Redmond resumed the Chair.*

#### 5.4 **Arts Strategy Development Report – T Sturley (Community Team Manager)**

T Sturley spoke to the report noting that the attachment to the report was the draft Ngā Toi o Waimakariri – Waimakariri Arts Strategy content. She apologised for being unable to produce a hardcopy however noted that it was shaping up to be an attractive looking document. She highlighted the broad community engagement that had been applied to the development of this draft. Two surveys had been undertaken and two community forums to gather perspectives from both residents as a whole and those practicing in various disciplines of the arts. The feedback from those surveys and forums formed the development and the actions that were detailed in the strategy. She highlighted that there was a recommendation and further detail in the report regarding the aspiration that this would potentially be an arts and culture strategy. Ngai Tuahuriri they were not currently in a position to be actively involved in the strategy however the first goal and a priority for the strategy was working with Ngai Tuahuriri to develop a more bicultural partnership approach.

C Brown noted that recommendation (c) identified funding for a full time position would be requested through the Council's Long Term Plan 2024/34. All funding bids that staff submitted to the Long Term Plan were considered by the Council and a decision made as to whether or not the arts and the facilitation of implementing the strategy was a priority. If the Committee approved the strategy, there was the option of not publicly releasing the strategy until the Council had made a decision on the funding for the Long Term Plan.

Councillor Redmond noted that staff referred to a bicultural approach and wondered how that incorporated migrants and multicultural aspects which were referred to on page 115 and 116 of the agenda. He queried if staff could clarify what sort of inclusivity this involved. T Sturley replied that the overall aim of the strategy was for the arts to be a mechanism to reflect the broad culture of the community which included bicultural and multicultural aspects and general inclusion and the various demographics across the community who might be marginalised. It was an inclusive strategy, the reference to bicultural referred to an intention to be able to facilitate a more active relationship with Ngai Tuahuriri and the intent around that was so that the Māori culture of our district and the local Māori arts scene was reflected across the district.

Councillor Fulton drew attention to the observations on the origins of the Arts Strategy which noted went back to the 1970s. There was a drive for further gallery funding and for these institutions to be developed and supported. He noted that a lot of our art installations in Waimakariri were in galleries and institutions and queried if we had the mix right. T Sturley believed that the strategy itself acknowledged the need for arts to be a lot more broadly displayed other than on the walls of institutions. Staff had highlighted space as there were possible opportunities to be gained from a report that was commissioned by an independent provider around facilities across the district. One of the ideas discussed in the report dealt with a lack of larger scale performance space.

The Chairperson called for a brief adjournment from 4:35pm to 4:37pm to discuss the recommendation in more detail.

Moved: Mayor Gordon

Seconded: Councillor Blackie

**THAT** the Community and Recreation Committee:

- (a) **Receives** report No. 231003155688.
- (b) **Approves** the Ngā Toi o Waimakariri – Waimakariri Arts Strategy.

- (c) **Notes** the collaborative, broad scope engagement approach applied to the development of the draft strategy.
- (d) **Notes** that funding, to facilitate the implementation of the strategy, would be considered as part of the Councils Long Term Plan 2024-2034.
- (e) **Notes** that the strategy would not be finalised for public dissemination until after the Council considered options for implementation as part of the Council's Long Term Plan 2024-2034.
- (f) **Notes** that Councillor Al Blackie was the appointed portfolio holder for this project.
- (g) **Notes** that staff approached both Mahaanui Kurataiao (MKT) and Ngai Tuahuriri leadership to identify the most appropriate way forward in ensuring a partnership approach could be applied to the development of the strategy.
- (h) **Notes** the intent to actively pursue a multicultural approach to the potential evolving of the strategy.

## **CARRIED**

Mayor Gordon noted that the request for an arts strategy was why he had appointed a new portfolio last term. He thanked Councillor Blackie for his leadership in this area and working with the arts community. He commented that the wording of the recommendation reflected the fact that it had been through an extensive consultation with the arts community. Mayor Gordon believed that rather than re-consulting, the Council was in a position to determine funding through the Long Term Plan 2024-2034 process before raising expectations. The arts strategy acknowledged the unrealised potential, talent and ambition in a number of different art forms and related projects. He would like to see the Council give Ngau Tuahuriri the opportunity to be involved with this initiative and to recognise that we did live in a multicultural society. He would like to see the ambitions of all of our community realised but recognising with Manu Whenua in our community. The funding aspect of facilitation or otherwise was the purview for the Council to consider as part of the Long Term Plan acknowledging that the Council was approaching difficult time and a need to careful of raising expectations was advised. He did not want to see the arts strategy not achieved due to a lack of funding as funding could come from a range of different sources and did not need to rely on the Council alone.

Councillor Blackie thanked T Sturley and commented that it had been a long 18 months getting the strategy together. He was pleased that it was not going out for further consultation.

Councillor Fulton concurred with the idea that this was a well-developed strategy. He believed it was important that we did not expose anything to do with the arts to needless criticism.

Councillor Cairns commented that there were a huge number of people that were artists in the district, and he looked at the success of the Kaiapoi Arts Expo and the volume of people that it brought to the district. An excellent arts strategy like this would bring more and more people to the district and would have a greater impact not only on the arts industry but our whole economic sector of the district.

Councillor Redmond noted that he was in favour of the recommendations.

## **6 CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil.

## 7 **PORTFOLIO UPDATES**

### 7.1 **Greenspace (Parks, Reserves and Sports Grounds) – Councillor Al Blackie.**

- Te Kohaka o Tuhaitara Trust – 19 October 2023 their Lincoln University students, who were doing a project on the Mahinga Kai, were coming to report to the Trust.
- Wind damage in the Coastal park was minimal.
- 18 October 2023 – Te Kohaka o Tuhaitara – some of the Trustees were meeting the Property Management Group that they had allocated to get the lease of the Kairaki sections onto the market. They had done a lot of work on the resilience and the adaption that would be needed.
- There was another big yacht coming into the Marina. The Marina was now full.
- Pegasus Bay Bylaw Review work continuing.
- Natural Environment Strategy – Councillor Mealings and himself had been working with staff on the NES and on the finances of the upcoming climate change commitments, there were some major finance commitments. Not in the immediate years but in year five there would be \$1,000,000 required.
- Wind damage – Silverstream had a lot of damage in the reserve which staff were assessing. Ashley Gorge got away lightly.

### 7.2 **Community Facilities (including Aquatic Centres, Multi-use Sports Stadium, Libraries/Service Centres, Town Halls and Museums) – Councillor Robbie Brine.**

- There were 18 related service requests after the wind event. Community facilities managed very well. There was one exterior panel dislodged at the Mainpower Stadium which had been replaced quickly.
- The Community Facilities Network Plan was progressing well. It was expected to be presented as a draft to the November meeting of the Committee.
- The Aquatics Strategy Update would be presented to the November Committee meeting. It was only a light review to look at what was recommended at the last Long Term Plan to see whether those recommendations were still relevant. Early indications suggested that hydro therapy and leisure facilities were the two main requirements. Staff were looking at the feasibility and economic viability of a hydro slide.
- Staff had held the first meeting of the Library and Civic Precinct Steering Group. This meeting set the direction for staff to proceed with review of the assumptions made to determine the original recommendation at the last Long Term Plan. Staff were looking at what was possible for the library building and had employed an architect and library expert to assist. This was using Better Off funding.

### 7.3 **Community Development and Wellbeing – Councillor Brent Cairns.**

- Kaiapoi Museum – the Committee were also communicating with P Eskett and Council staff with regard to library closures due to staff illness and public holidays. As to the issues that the library closures were causing for the museum and patronage.
- Pegasus Residents Association were holding a community meeting on 22 November 2023.
- During the wind event Neighbourhood Support staff were called in by Civil Defence to assist with the door knocking and targeting vulnerable residents without power doing welfare checks.
- Compliments to T Sturley and the work she did bringing together some individuals and groups in relation to people who were living in cars.
- Oxford Dark Sky Observatory – the tourism numbers in the Waimakariri were currently around 50 million per year. The Oxford Dark Sky initiative would potentially bring in a further five to six million dollars of extra spend in the district which would be important to the district. It would bring in more people and more jobs.
- Homelessness – Riverside church have provided intel and we are working with the Councils Environmental Services Unit, with the intent to develop an information



resource that their inspectors can use, to support their statutory obligations, whilst informing and supporting people into alternative accommodation, as required. A stakeholder group (Police, Ministry of Social Development, Social Services Waimakariri, Faith Sector agencies) are working on better support for Pine Acres, alongside the work that the Housing Response Working group are undertaking around Emergency and Transitional Housing.

- Civil Defence Welfare Response – Team assisted with outreach visits in affected communities and were actively involved in the Emergency Operations Centre. Heartening to see outlying rural communities largely self-supporting.
- Relationship Safety – Facilitated delivery of local Professional Development Workshop for teachers, community, health, and social services workers. Planning underway for White Ribbon events in November.
- Suicide Prevention and Mental Health – Over 700 locals, predominantly men, reached with four events facilitated and/or supported by Nicola Trolove from Community Team. Ensured strengths-based approach with practical tools to address stress and anxiety and the enabling of strong local referral paths, where Counselling needed.
  - Sports Sector Workshop, featuring Crusaders Manager.
  - Education sector workshop.
  - Tradie Breakfast.
  - Council staff workshop.
- On Track Capacity and Capability Building – Suite continued with sessions on the new Incorporated Societies Act, Marketing and promotion, Strategic Planning, and support for managers in the volunteer sector. Full suite also includes financial planning and monitoring, funding, and funding plans, Health and Safety and good marketing.
- Community Development Strategy Review – engagement surveys developed, with the Councils Communications Team working on the ‘Let’s Talk’ engagement, to begin shortly. Community Forum planned for 29 November 2023.
- Welcoming Communities – New Facilitator started this week. Building relationships and beginning to consider framing of a plan.
- National Safe Community Model – Tessa on small working group to establish a membership model. We are delighted to have received agreement from Public Health Association to umbrella, whilst keeping the Kaupapa of Safe Communities Aotearoa (holding name) separate. We are hosting a national hui, in Kaiapoi on December 8th 2023 to:
  - Celebrate Successes.
  - Rebrand Safe Communities- given that resilience and wellbeing are key priorities, over Injury Prevention.
  - Bicultural partnership approach.
  - Preliminary Strategic Planning – Vision, Purpose, Goals.
- Down the Back Paddock Rural Safety Programme continues to build strong rural safety culture, through local schools. We continue to hear from teachers that the feedback from parents is that children pass on ‘safe practice’ advice to parents. Staff are considering a broad evaluation of this in the coming year.
- Youth Development.
  - Disability sporting event a huge success.
  - Good environmental planning and River Clean-up had 200 people attend.
  - Dudley Mural almost ready to install, thank to Kaiapoi High students and design from young people from across the District.
  - Employment Expo, planned by Youth Futures, led my Emily, a success.
- Mayor’s Taskforce for Jobs – Over half of deliverables achieved in the first three months. Continue to fill work-readiness gaps across the District.
- Next Steps Website – Admin supported by Community team Admin (updates and monitoring). Some very positive feedback from community partners and strong push on marketing across the district. External funding had meant that we can do radio ads, fridge magnets, bookmarks, etc.
- Oxford Dark Sky Group, which encompasses 15-20 local organisations that benefit, are impacted, or are responsible for lighting policy. These include the Council, the Community Board, the local medical clinic, the Department of

Conservation, the Schools, the first people Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga, business and sports clubs, the police, the Observatory, and others including OPAC.

- First instance would like to seek International Dark Sky Park accreditation for the Oxford Forest Conservation Area “Park”, a 13,308 hectare/133 km<sup>2</sup> publicly owned land under the Department of Conservation’s jurisdiction. This Park lies in the outskirts of Oxford and has no lighting within its boundaries or power supply into the Park.
- In a second step, would enlarge the geographic area, and redesignate the Park as a ‘core’. We would then look to accredit the entire Oxford Subdivision of the Oxford-Ohoka Ward of the District as an International Dark Sky Reserve encompassing approximately 130,000 hectares/1,300 km<sup>2</sup>. The Oxford Forest Conservation Area would serve as the ‘core’ and the remaining land in the District as the ‘periphery’. The periphery would include the Oxford township that has a census-projected 2023 population at 2,390.
- Oxford Dark Sky Initiative
  - “Better Living Through Better Lighting”.
  - Protect human health.
  - Preserve ecosystems and nocturnal habitats –air, land/stock, water!
  - Use our energy resources responsibly.
  - Support the connection with our stories, songs, dances, identity, cultural and celestial heritage.
  - Underpin Observatory activity (enhanced community outreach).
  - Oxford Dark Sky Initiative.
  - Knock-on effect: regional pride, visitor traffic, economic boost, use of logo.
  - Reduce associated costs .
  - Improve lighting for safety & security, quality of life, sports & recreation
  - Generates 50,600 EXTRA visitor days & \$5.2M EXTRA spend /year in Waimakariri.
  - Creates 24 new full-time jobs in Oxford (510 jobs in 2022 or +4.7% equivalent), spill into wider Waimak.
- Kaiapoi Promotions are working with FunHQ to run a “Spooktacular” event on 31st October. A Halloween Concept Event. This would, in future years, be grown into a three-part event: FUNHQ – Provide all the gear required to run this event in Children’s Entertainment.
- This event has taken up an event gap left by the “Light party” which is not able to run due to issues with funding etc.
- The Sovereign Palms community group that are behind the CCTV camera project have set a target of having enough money raised by December to install the first camera.
- Two Brown Girls Ltd are organising a 'Party at the Poi' event in November 2024 at Norman Kirk Park in Kaiapoi.
- The Emergency Community Hub launch is being celebrated at The Sterling (Community Room) Saturday 07 October between 11.00-12.30 BBQ.
- Kaiapoi Museum. Re Accessing the storage area.
- Owen has been making enquiries regarding getting a Stair Lift, or a Wheelchair Platform installed to access the stairs. Approximate cost would be up to \$52,000. Another suggestion was to build a Dumb Waiter to move items up to the storage area but this would be limited to small items only.
- Pines Kairaki Beach are planning a Christmas event for the 26th November.
- A Rangiora Residents group are organising an OP shop fashion show at Good Street on the 2nd December from 12-2pm.
- Rangiora Promotions had to cancel their fireworks event, due to lack of funding.
- Pegasus Residents are to have a community meeting next week to get resident buy in to raise money for their own cameras.
- Together as a team we did a lot of soul search over our 2023 Christmas event and sadly concluded we needed to cancel it for this year. The event has grown over the years as has its budget. Last year’s event was in the region of \$8K and this year was looking like being closer to \$9K for what is essentially a 3 hour event. Last year we had the luxury of accumulated funds held over from the COVID

cancellation of the prior year. In addition, we had very generous support from Templeton Group. This year we have had a hard job receiving funding for our core operations (e.g., Community Patrol, Community Centre operations, etc) let alone events; COGS only gave us 50% of what we sought, and we got turned down by Rata who have helped in the past.

- We looked at the ENC event fund but felt we did not meet their “regional event” criteria. Similarly, we are aware that the Community Board could assist up to \$500 this is generous, but the remaining gap is huge.
- Student ambassadors from Pegasus School, presented to the community board a presentation on SDG’s noting that the 17 goals had been developed by the UN in 2015 to end all poverty, protect the planet and improve the lives of everyone, everywhere.
- They were taking the initiative to make the planet more sustainable by looking at bike riding. Asking the board to consider bike racks at the local beach.

#### 7.4 **Waimakariri Arts and Culture – Councillor Al Blackie.**

- Waimakariri Public Arts Trust – the Karo installation on the Kaiapoi Riverbank was making squeaking noises. Andrew Drummond the sculptor had come and fixed it.
- Waimakariri Public Arts Trust were running an exhibition called Braided which involved handing out 200 canvases to be painted and would be displayed in the Council foyer in November 2023.
- Waimakariri Art Collection Trust did a roundup of the artwork in storage. There were 12-14 artworks that would be displayed around the Council building.

### 8 **MATTERS REFERRED FROM COMMUNITY BOARDS**

#### 8.1 **Woodend Town Centre Public Toilet Upgrade – C Taylor-Claude (Parks Officer) and J Rae (Senior Adviser Community and Recreation - Assets and Capital)**

*(Report No. 230928153573 to the Woodend-Sefton Community Board meeting of 9 October 2023).*

G MacLeod spoke to the report and noted that it had been referred from the Woodend-Sefton Community Board. The successful Tourism Infrastructure Funding bid had resulted in the renewal of the toilet in the central Woodend area. He noted that the Board were very supportive of staff bringing this project forward. These toilets were a high generator for service requests due to the state of the toilet and the high usage. He noted that staff would be working with Woodend School as students had paint a mural on the toilet a few years ago.

Councillor Redmond noted that the key for the was the Tourism Infrastructure Fund and the money received. He was amazed that the upgrade was originally scheduled for 2037. This was a busy toilet block adjacent to a state highway. The Woodend Bypass would be some years away, so the upgrade was needed.

Moved: Councillor Mealings

Seconded: Councillor Blackie

**THAT** the Community and Recreation Committee:

- (a) **Approves** the recommendation that the upgrade of the Woodend Town Centre toilets be bought forward from 2037 and is undertaken in the 23/24 Financial Year.
- (b) **Notes** the impact of bringing the Woodend Town Centre toilets forward in the plan is that other scheduled public toilet projects will be pushed out 1 additional year to accommodate this project.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Mealings commented that it made sense. She congratulated staff for getting funding for the project.

Councillor Redmond thought it was a worthwhile project. It came highly recommended by the Woodend-Sefton Community Board.

*The meeting adjourned from 5pm to 5:06pm.*

Moved: Councillor Redmond

Seconded: Mayor Gordon

**THAT** the Community and Recreation Committee:

(a) **Accepts** the late agenda item.

**CARRIED**

8.2 **Pines Oval Playground Relocation – T Stableford (Landscape Architect)**

(Report No. 230907139033 to the Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board meeting of 18 September 2023).

G MacLeod took the report as read.

Moved: Councillor Blackie                      Seconded: Mayor Gordon

**THAT** the Community and Recreation Committee:

- (a) **Reallocate** the remaining Reid Memorial Reserve project budget of \$28,350 (2023/24) to the Pines Beach Playground Relocation project in 2023/24.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Blackie noted that the Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board had discussed all the options, and this was the best option. He was happy to recommend it.

Councillor Redmond commented that the area that the playground would be relocated was slightly higher which would mitigate flooding issues.

9 **QUESTIONS**

Nil.

10 **URGENT GENERAL BUSINESS**

Nil.

11 **MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WITH THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED**

In accordance with section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act (or sections 6, 7 or 9 of the Official Information Act 1982, as the case may be), it is moved:

Moved: Councillor Redmond                      Seconded: Councillor Mealings

- 1. That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting:
  - Item 11.1 Confirmation of Public Excluded Community and Recreation Minutes of 22 August 2023.
  - Item 11.2 Report from management Team Meeting of 25 September 2023.

**CARRIED**

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

| Meeting Item No. and subject   | Reason for excluding the public                | Grounds for excluding the public-   |
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| 11.1<br>Confirmation of Public Excluded Community Recreation Committee Meeting of 22 August 2023 | Good reason to withhold exists under section 7 | To enable the local authority to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial) negotiations as per LGOIMA Section 7 (2) (i). |

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| 11.2<br>Report from<br>management Team<br>Meeting of 25<br>September 2023 | Good reason to withhold exists<br>under section 7 | To carry on, without prejudice<br>or disadvantage, negotiations<br>(including commercial and<br>industrial negotiations) (s<br>7(2)(i)). |
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**CLOSED MEETING**

*The public excluded portion of the meeting commenced at 5:09pm And concluded at 5.11pm.*

**OPEN MEETING**

Moved: Councillor Redmond

Seconded: Councillor Blackie

**THAT** open meeting resumes and the business discussed with the public excluded remains public excluded.

**CARRIED**

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Community and Recreation Committee will be held on Tuesday 12 December 2023 at 3.30pm.

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| <p><b><u>Briefing 5:11pm to 5:44pm</u></b></p> <p><i>Maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the protection of such members, officers, employees, and persons from improper pressure or harassment (s 7(f)(ii) of LGIOMA).</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kaiapoi Community Hub Update – Tessa Sturley (Community Team Manager) and Martin McGregor (Senior Advisor Community and Recreation) – 20mins.</li> </ul> |
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THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 5:44pm.

**CONFIRMED**



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Chairperson

12 December 2023  
Date