

**MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE OXFORD-OHOKA COMMUNITY BOARD HELD AT THE OXFORD TOWN HALL, MAIN STREET, OXFORD ON WEDNESDAY 5 JUNE 2024 AT 7PM.**

**PRESENT**

S Barkle (Chairperson), T Robson (Deputy Chairperson), M Brown, T Fulton, R Harpur, N Mealings (left 9:20pm) and P Merrifield.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

G Cleary (General Manager Utilities and Roding), K Simpson (3 Waters Manager), C Fahey (Water and Wastewater Asset Manager), E Bucks (Project Manager), T Kunkel (Governance Team Leader) and C Fowler-Jenkins (Governance Support Officer).

There were five members of the public present.

**1. APOLOGIES**

Moved: S Barkle

Seconded: N Mealings

**THAT** an apology for absence be received and sustained from M Wilson.

**CARRIED**

**2. PUBLIC FORUM**

Nil.

**3. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Item 7.2 – T Fulton and T Robson declared a conflict as they were financial members of the Oxford Promotions Action Committee.

**4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**4.1. Minutes of the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board Meeting– 8 May 2024**

Moved: N Mealings

Seconded: P Merrifield

**THAT** the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board:

- (a) **Confirms** the circulated Minutes of the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board meeting, held on 8 May 2024, as a true and accurate record.

**CARRIED**

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

There were no matters arising.

**5. DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**5.1. Nitrate Levels in Drinking Water – Luis Arevalo**

L Arevalo reported that he was part of a growing group of Waimakariri residents concerned with the current levels of nitrate in the district's drinking water. They wanted clean, safe drinking water and all water authorities to be open to the public about local and international research about nitrate.

L Arevalo noted that they believed health issues were caused by lower levels of nitrates than the current maximum acceptable value (MAV) of nitrates in drinking water. Therefore, they wanted all relevant authorities to lower the MAV levels of nitrates in New Zealand drinking water in line with updated international research. He acknowledged that the national MAV level for nitrate in drinking water was currently 11.3 mg/l and that nitrate levels in the Waimakariri District's drinking water supplies did not exceed the MAV. However, technology and research have debunked much of the data used to determine the MAV level in the 1950s.

L Arevalo advised that numerous local and international studies suggest a correlation between nitrate levels below the current MAV and major health implications. They were aware various entities had different roles and responsibilities pertaining to nitrates in drinking water. They understood that the Ministry of Health set the MAV, and the Council was only responsible for ensuring that nitrates in the Waimakariri's water supply remained below MAV. However, they wish to request the Board and the Council to advocate for the lowering of the MAV level for nitrate in drinking water.

P Merrifield sought clarification on whether the MAV level only applied to Council water supplies or if it also included private wells. L Arevalo understood that private wells were the responsibility of the well owners. However, he noted that the water from Council water supplies and private wells came from the same groundwater source.

T Fulton enquired if L Arevalo had their water supply tested. L Arevalo noted he had been actively worried about the state of the water for a number of years. They had their water tested through the Greenpeace testing which came out as just under half the MAV.

*It was agreed that the Board meeting should be adjourned at 7:12 pm to enable the Board to have a workshop on Nitrates.*

Moved: S Barkle

Seconded: T Robson

**THAT** the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board:

- (a) **Agrees** to adjourn the Board meeting to enable the Board to hold a workshop regarding nitrates in the Council's water supplies.

**CARRIED**

Moved: S Barkle

Seconded: T Robson

**THAT** the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board:

- (a) **Agrees** that the Board meeting be reconvened at 8:08pm.

**CARRIED**

*The Board meeting reconvened at 8:08pm.*

## 6. **ADJOURNED BUSINESS**

Nil.

## 7. REPORTS

### 7.1. West Eyreton Water Supply Upgrades – C Fahey (Water and Wastewater Asset Manager) and E Brucks (Project Manager)

C Fahey updated the Board on the Ultraviolet (UV) upgrades planned for the West Eyreton headworks site at 1467 North Eyre Road, which was to be constructed in the 2024/25 financial year. She noted that the water source at West Eyreton was of high quality, and the additional treatment was not because the water had changed; it was purely a response to the new Drinking Water Quality Assurance Rules (DWQAR). C Fahey advised that the work would be funded on a district-wide basis under the District UV rate.

Responding to a question from S Barkle, C Fahey confirmed that the district-wide UV rate only applied to users of the Council's water supplies.

M Brown asked if this project was yet to go out to tender and C Fahey noted that it did.

Moved: T Ronson

Seconded P Merrifield

**THAT** the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 240520080573.
- (b) **Notes** that UV treatment equipment will be installed in the 2024/25 financial year at the West Eyreton water supply headworks within a new treatment building to achieve compliance with the new Drinking Water Quality Assurance Rules.
- (c) **Notes** that this project will be funded on a district-wide basis from the District UV Account.
- (d) **Circulates** this report for information to the Water Supply Advisory Group members.

**CARRIED**

### 7.2. Application to the Oxford-Ohoka Community Boards 2023/24 Discretionary Grant Fund - Kay Rabe (Governance Advisor)

*T Fulton and T Robson, having declared a conflict of interest, sat back from the table during this report's consideration.*

T Kunkel took the report as read, and there were no questions from elected members.

Moved: S Barkle

Seconded: N Mealings

**THAT** the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** report No. 240506071358.
- (b) **Approves** a grant of \$750 to the Oxford Promotions Action Committee towards lighting the tree near the Library for the Matariki Winter Lights Festival.

**CARRIED**

## 8. CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

## 9. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

### 9.1. Chairperson's Report for May 2024

- Noted that the Council recommended in its 2024-34 Long Term Plan (LTP) that the Mandeville Resurgence Project be put off for another financial year so that more public consultation could take place. She understood that more consultation was needed; however, she hoped that this could still occur this coming financial year. The residents who were impacted by flooding in the area have been waiting a long time for some action, and it seemed the Council was very close to finding a solution.
- The LTP recommendation was to approve the \$1.3 million for the upgrade of the Southbrook Sports Club for the next financial year, so that the club should be given more time to fundraise. She questioned what precedence this would set for other sports clubs' refurbishments. However, she noted that the Council would consider every case on its merits.

G Cleary noted that the Southbrook decision involved pushing money out to year four of the LTP. It was a placeholder for one-third of that cost, and it was reliant on the Southbrook Club fundraising the remainder of that money.

- Requested further information about the proposed intersection upgrades that have been postponed in the LTP, such as the Tram /Two Chain Roads upgrades and the Tram /Oxford Roads upgrades. More information was required on what the proposed upgrades would entail. Also, information was required about what other future intersection upgrades were proposed for Tram Road, in particular, at the No10/Tram and McHughs/Tram/Bradleys intersection.

G Cleary noted that the Tram /Oxford Road intersection and the Two Chain Road intersection both proposed minor improvements at the intersection, including the rural intersection ahead warning signage, with a slow speed through the intersection. The projects had been moved out because they relied on the approval of those variable speed limits. That was included in the Council's Speed Management Plan, which would, however, not be progressing further until there was further clarification from the Central Government about speed limits. The McHughs/Tram/Bradleys Roads roundabout was currently being designed, and construction would likely take place in 2024/25. However, this was dependent on co-funding from the New Zealand Transport Agency (Waka Kotahi). The design of the Tram /No 10 Roads intersection would be undertaken in 2025/26, and construction was planned for 2026/27, which was subject to co-funding.

- The Woodstock Quarry consent application had now closed. The commissioners had until 25 June 2024 to decide. They were issued a two-week extension because one of the commissioners was unavailable for two weeks, and they felt they needed all of their input to be able to process all of the information.
- The Mandeville Village Partnership had asked to enter a late submission to the District Plan in response to the RIDL submission for their proposed land zoning change in Ohoka. It was expected that their submission would be essentially the same as their submission to Plan Change 31. The essence of that was that they were not opposed to the subdivision but wanted to be the main commercial hub for the area.

Moved: P Merrifield

Seconded: T Fulton

**THAT** the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** the verbal update from the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board Chairperson.

**CARRIED**

## 10. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

- 10.1. Rangiora-Ashley Community Board Meeting Minutes 8 May 2024.
- 10.2. Oxford-Ohoka Community Board Meeting Minutes 8 May 2024.
- 10.3. Woodend-Sefton Community Board Meeting Minutes 13 May 2024.
- 10.4. Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board Meeting Minutes 20 May 2024.
- 10.5. Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw 2024 – Draft for Consultation – Report to Council Meeting 7 May 2024 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 10.6. Health, Safety and Wellbeing Report April 2024 – Report to Council Meeting 7 May 2024 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 10.7. Roading Staff Submission May 2024 – Request for Changes to the Roothing Capital Works Budget – Report to Council Meeting 21 May 2024 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 10.8. Roothing Staff Submission May 2024 – Proposed Adjustments to Walking and Cycling Budgets – Report to Council Meeting 21 May 2024 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 10.9. Solid Waste – Utilities and Roothing Department Staff Submission to the Draft 2024-34 Long Term Plan – Circulates to all Boards.
- 10.10. Water Supply – Utilities and Roothing Department Staff Submission to the Draft 2024-34 Long Term Plan – Report to Council Meeting 21 May 2024 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 10.11. Mandeville Resurgence and Channel Diversion Upgrade Project Stage 1 Staff Submission for 2024-34 Long Term Plan – Report to Council Meeting 21 May 2024 – Circulates to the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board.
- 10.12. Drainage Staff Submission to Long Term Plan 2024-2034 – Report to Council Meeting 21 May 2024 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 10.13. Wastewater – Utilities and Roothing Department Staff Submission to the Draft 2024/34 Long Term Plan – Report to Council Meeting 21 May 2024 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 10.14. Housing for the Elderly – Proposed new Housing Development – Report to Council Meeting 21 May 2024 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 10.15. Zone Implementation Programme Addendum (ZIPA) Capital Works Programme 2024/25 – Report to Utilities and Roothing Committee 28 May 2024 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 10.16. Decision for Unused Water Take Consents – Report to Utilities and Roothing Committee 28 May 2024 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 10.17. July 2023 Flood Recovery Progress Update – Report to Utilities and Roothing Committee 28 May 2024 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 10.18. Kaiapoi Community Hub – Reallocation of Budget – Report to Community and Recreation Committee 28 May 2024 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 10.19. Aquatics May Report – Report to Community and Recreation Committee 28 May 2024 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 10.20. Libraries Update to 16 May 2024 – Report to Community and Recreation Committee 28 May 2024 – Circulates to all Boards.

### Public Excluded

- 10.21. Land Purchase for Ohoka Water Treatment Plant Upgrade – Report to Council Meeting 7 May 2024 – Circulates to the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board.

Moved: S Barkle

Seconded: M Brown

**THAT** the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** the information in Items.10.1 to 10.20.
- (b) **Receives** the separately circulated public excluded information in item 10.21, which is to remain public excluded.

**CARRIED**

## 11. MEMBERS' INFORMATION EXCHANGE

### T Robson

- The Ashley Gorge Advisory Group had a working bee to clear the track and was looking at other things that would need to be done for the walking track in terms of signage, timber retaining walls and how much it was going to cost. The group would be holding another working bee with the Air Cadets to go through and mulch the material that had been pulled out and finish the last of the clearance; whereafter they would be able to start the construction of the track. The group was advertising in the Oxford Observer as well as talking to the Rangiora Tramping Club, Lions and other groups regarding help with the trapping programme. They had just brought a new selection of traps. They discussed the vegetation clearance that had been raised with Council staff which had now been completed.

### T Fulton

- Waimakariri Water Zone Committee.
  - Action Plan Projects funded:
    - Bittern Inanga Rushland, Lees Road, Kaiapoi - \$15,000
    - Hunters Stream, Cust \$5,285
    - Ketchum Cottage, Fernside \$7,210
    - O'Kair Lagoon, Lees Rd, Kaiapoi \$15,000
    - Pohio Wetland, Kaiapoi \$11,700
    - Riparian Enhancement Project, Whiterock Mains \$6,000
    - Sefton Saltwater Catchment Group \$2,805
    - Waimakariri Biodiversity Working Group \$3,000
    - Total Spend \$66,000
  - Ashley Rakahuri Rivercare Group – Estuary Shorebird Monitoring (approved July 2023 for ongoing work) – Spend \$9,000.
  - Action Plan funds were now fully allocated in the 2023/24 financial year.
  - The other projects considered were – Aerial Mapping, Black Maps Ltd, Oxford Dary Sky Project – Oxford Dark Sky Group, Tuhaitara Wetland to Sea Corridor.
  - Suggested that the Board have a discussion on the possibility of establishing a “Water Committee” for the Waimakariri District, as the Waimakariri Water Zone Committee may be dissolving.
- Attended:
  - Audit and Risk Committee meeting.
  - Council Workshop Session.
  - Long Term Plan Deliberations.
  - Oxford Health and Fitness Centre Trust.
  - Utilities and Roding Committee meeting.
  - District Planning and Regulation Committee meeting.
  - Council Briefing.
  - Community and Recreation Committee meeting.
- Met Calen Layendecker from the North Canterbury Equestrian Group, who was interested in expanding trail access and improving road safety.
- Email query about the possible use of the Oxford Club for a Civil Defence fundraiser.
- Email from a Mulcocks Road, Flaxton resident with concerns about a resource consent process and changes to Lineside Road access.

### M Brown

- The repairs on Tram Road (300m from turning left into Earlys Road) were sinking.
- Two years ago, there was a splitter island being considered at the Earlys Road/Tram Road intersection. He requested that the Board be updated on this project.
- Requested an update on the consultation regarding the West Eyreton Tennis Club building.

## **R Harpur**

- Questioned how long it took to get plans done for a roundabout. G Cleary noted that it was subject to funding.
- He asked what was being planned for the No 10 Road/Tram Road intersection. G Cleary noted that was one of the considerations the Council had postponed in the LTP budget.

## **P Merrifield**

- North Canterbury Pony Club – Tried to connect the Club with North Canterbury Enterprise to access funding for their forthcoming event.
- Oxford Museum Monthly meeting – Suggested approaching the Board for funding for a new roadside flag.
- Ashley Gorge Reserve— Talked to Jean Pierre about Greenspace funding and what happened at the end of the financial year. Money had been set aside, but it had been tangled up with the wheelchair track.
- Attended Utilities and Roading Committee meeting – good staff presentations.
- Grey Power North Canterbury – Lots of concerns for older people. Money, rates, transport, digital understanding, cashless banking. Provided an update on what the Board was doing.
- Representation Review Working Party Meeting—The working party had been terminated. It had to be based on the 2018 census because the 2023 data was not yet available.

## **N Mealings**

- 2024/34 Long Term Plan Hearings—50 of the 344 individuals and organisations that submitted to the LTP presented their submissions to the Council in person over three days in Kaiapoi, Oxford, and Rangiora.
- Attended
  - Council Briefing.
  - Mandeville Sports Club Board meeting – Working on Incorporated Societies Act required changes and security.
  - Long Term Plan Deliberations.
  - Proposed District Plan Hearings – Stream 12A, rezoning commercial, Oxford and Settlement zones and Pegasus resort zone.
- Meeting with M Christensen - Met with the Chair of Toward Pest Free Waitaha, an emerging initiative of Pest Free New Zealand that was seeking to effect 'landscape-scale' eradication of pests. I wanted to expand to cover the Banks Peninsula through Selwyn and Waimakariri.
- Mandeville Sports Club Board catch-up with staff - Monthly meeting with Greenspace Team. Security issues, planting plan going out for club feedback, facilities, and progress on projects.
- Attended WasteMINZ Conference – Four days bringing Territorial Authorities, individuals and organisations across the Waste Sector together to share and learn about new technologies, initiatives, challenges and opportunities for waste reduction. Lots of inspiration from social enterprises, Councils, products and services and some excellent speakers. The Council was looking forward to putting some of our learnings into action in Waimakariri.
- Representation Review Working Party meeting – The group resolved to dissolve for this triennium and be reconvened by the next the Council in 2026/27. Due to unavailability of 2023 census data, we would have to rely on outdated 2018 Census Data, which would produce similar results to the previous review done in 2022. As we are not legislatively required to undertake a review until 2026/27, it was considered prudent to wait rather than spend time and funds without up-to-date data.

**12. CONSULTATION PROJECTS**

**12.1. Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw**

<https://letstalk.waimakariri.govt.nz/northern-pegasus-bay-bylaw-2024>

Consultation closed on Friday 14 June 2024.

The Board noted the consultation projects.

**13. BOARD FUNDING UPDATE**

**13.1. Board Discretionary Grant**

Balance as at 31 May 2024 was \$1,247.16.

**13.2. General Landscaping Fund**

Balance as at 31 May 2024 was \$13,680.

The Board noted the funding update.

**14. MEDIA ITEMS**

- The completion of the Waimakariri Gorge Bridge.
- S Barkel requested that the Board be provided updated information on the Discretionary grants to publish on the Board's webpage.
- Update of the Woodstock Quarry.

**15. QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDERS**

Nil.

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

Nil.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board was scheduled for 7pm, Wednesday 3 July 2024 at the Oxford Town Hall.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9:42PM.

**CONFIRMED**



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Chairperson

3 July 2024

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Date