

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RANGIORA-ASHLEY COMMUNITY BOARD HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 215 HIGH STREET, RANGIORA, ON WEDNESDAY, 12 JUNE MAY 2024, AT 7 PM.

PRESENT

J Gerard (Chairperson), R Brine, I Campbell, L McClure, B McLaren, M Fleming, J Goldsworthy, J Ward, S Wilkinson, and P Williams.

IN ATTENDANCE

S Hart (General Manager Strategy, Engagement and Economic Development), G Stephens (Design and Planning Team Leader), S Binder (Senior Transportation Engineer), H Downie (Senior Advisor Strategy and Program), T Kunkel (Governance Team Leader) and E Stubbs (Governance Support Officer).

There were three members of the public present.

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Chairperson congratulated Bernie Power on being recognised in the King's Birthday Honours and receiving the King's Service Medal for service to the community. B Power had made a significant contribution to the Waimakariri District for over 60 years.

The Chairperson also congratulated the Rangiora Volunteer Fire Brigade on its 150th anniversary of community service on 2 June 2024. The brigade was established in 1874, when Rangiora was still a small sawmilling town, and fires were put out by bucket brigades. Now they respond to over 400 incidents annually.

2. APOLOGIES

Moved: J Gerard

Seconded: J Goldsworthy

Apologies were received and sustained from K Barnett and M Clarke for their absence.

CARRIED

3. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Item 7.2 - B McLaren as a current member of the Rangiora Community Patrol.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1. Minutes of the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board – 8 May 2024

Moved: J Goldsworthy

Seconded: P Williams

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 8 May 2024.

CARRIED

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

- **Quarry and landfill in Loburn** – T Kunkel advised that the consent application submitted by Protranz International Limited to undertake quarrying activities and construct and operate a landfill on Quarry Road, Loburn, was still on hold, awaiting further information from the applicant. However, staff would keep the Board updated. She noted that the Council's Planning Team had confirmed that the applicant had requested for the consent application to be publicly notified.

5. **DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Nil.

6. **ADJOURNED BUSINESS**

Nil.

7. **REPORTS**

7.1. **Environment Canterbury Air Quality Monitoring Station – C Taylor-Claude (Parks Officer)**

G Stephens presented the report on behalf of C Taylor-Claude and noted that approval was sought to select a backup location to install an air quality monitoring station following a request from Environment Canterbury (ECan). ECan's current site for air quality monitoring at St Joseph's School may soon be unavailable, and staff had been working with ECan to identify potential alternative locations if required. ECan would require 30-40m² for the monitoring station in an area away from houses (chimneys), large trees, and industrial and commercial areas. Hence the recommended site option was 151 Northbrook Road (Rangiora East Stormwater Reserve). The monitoring station would be funded by ECan and was cost-neutral to the Council. ECan would be required to pay a Licence to Occupy and would pay an annual fee of \$1,000 to the Council for the use of the land.

I Campbell questioned the consultation with the neighbouring property owners. G Stephens commented that once a site had been identified, ECan would consult the neighbouring property owners, and the Council would request to view the results.

I Campbell further asked if it would not be prudent to consult with the neighbouring property owners before a decision is made on the location of the air quality monitoring station. G Stephens commented that the visual impact of an air quality monitoring station at the recommended location would be minimal.

P Williams noted that there had been negative public feedback about air quality monitoring. He enquired if the Council had a Communications Plan to inform the public of the station's relocation. S Hart advised that if the Board wished, it could include a recommendation regarding appropriate public consultation.

L McClure sought clarity on where the air quality monitoring station would be located on the Rangiora East Stormwater Reserve. G Stephens noted that an exact location was yet to be determined; however, it was envisaged that it would be near Northbrook Road to ensure reasonable access to services.

L McClure commented that the recommended location was in a high-foot-traffic area, especially with children and dog walkers. She suggested that a more appropriate location may be Koura Reserve, where there is more vegetation and, therefore, fewer walkers. G Stephens explained that the site had been considered; however, five houses would look directly out onto an air quality monitoring station at this location.

J Ward noted that the Rangiora East Stormwater Reserve would be affected by the development of the proposed Rangiora Eastern Link Road and questioned whether this had been considered. G Stephens noted that the proposed air quality monitoring station would be a temporary structure without foundations that could be easily relocated. Also, the proposed lease was only for five 5 years with the option to terminate with one month's notice.

Responding to a question from J Goldsworthy, G Stephens confirmed that ECan had not advised when the air quality monitoring station would need to be relocated.

P Williams enquired if the air quality monitoring station would need access to a power connection. G Stephens explained that once a location was determined, ECan would set up a small solar-powered device that required no power connection. This setup would be on the site for approximately one year to determine whether the site was appropriate in the long term. Once this initial monitoring had been completed and the site was found satisfactory, a larger structure would be installed, which would need a power connection.

S Wilkinson questioned if the Council had a legal or moral obligation to provide a location for an air quality monitoring station. S Hart noted that although the Council did not have an obligation to provide a site for the station, it was obligated to ensure the best quality of life for its residents.

S Wilkinson asked what the Council's position would be if the neighbours opposed the insulation of an air quality monitoring station in a Council reserve. G Stephens commented that the Board had delegated authority in this space and a report could be brought to the Board following public consultation.

M Fleming suggested that public consultation should be carried out on the possibility of locating an air quality monitoring station in the Rangiora East Stormwater or the Koura Reserve to ascertain the location the public preferred.

Moved: P Williams

Seconded: R Brine

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 240531088386.
- (b) **Approves** 151 Northbrook Road or Koura Reserve, Rangiora, as the location, subject to satisfactory community feedback upon public consultation.
- (c) **Notes** that this proposal will be cost-neutral to the Council, as Environment Canterbury would be paying any establishment and maintenance costs of the air quality monitoring station and any fees associated with the License to Occupy, including an establishment fee of \$250+ GST for the License to Occupy and an annual rental fee of \$1,000+ GST.
- (d) **Notes** that the installation of the air quality monitoring station will not change the use of the stormwater reserve or impede public access.
- (e) **Notes** there may be an impact on amenity values for neighbouring properties and low vegetation will be planted around the structure, which will be paid for by Environment Canterbury.

- (f) **Notes** that 151 Northbrook Road, Rangiora is the preferred location for Environment Canterbury.
- (g) **Notes** that 151 Northbrook Road, Rangiora, is a stormwater asset; the Greenspace Team will, therefore, work with 3 Waters on the installation of the air quality monitoring station if this location is approved.
- (h) **Delegates** to the Property Manager authority to complete and execute any documentation required in conjunction with implementing a Licence to Occupy with Environment Canterbury over the preferred location in line with the Board's approval.
- (i) **Requests** that the Council's Communications and Engagement Team to work with Environment Canterbury on the development of an appropriate Communications Plan to inform the public of the air quality monitoring station's relocation.

CARRIED

P Williams noted the negative public feedback about air quality monitoring and believed that would be prudent to consult with the neighbouring property owners before a decision was made on the location of the air quality monitoring station.

R Brine acknowledged the view that it may be more appropriate to locate the air quality monitoring station in the Koura Reserve. He, therefore, supported public consultation on the possibility of locating the station in the Rangiora East Stormwater or the Koura Reserve.

J Ward supported the motion; however, believed that the Koura Reserve would be a better location for an air quality monitoring station.

L McClure concurred with J Ward and felt that the air quality monitoring station should not be located at 151 Northbrook Road because of the high number of pedestrians using the area.

7.2. **Application to the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board's 2023/24 Discretionary Grant Fund – T Kunkel (Governance Team Leader)**

B McLaren, having declared a conflict of interest, sat back from the table during this report's consideration.

T Kunkel noted that the work done by the Rangiora Community Patrol was well known. The Patrol's vehicle required its brakes replaced to ensure the health and safety of its members patrolling the Rangiora area and that the vehicle passes its Warrant of Fitness (WOF) to stay operational.

J Gerard advised that following feedback, he requested T Kunkel to source a second quote from Rangiora Toyota for the replacement of the brakes for a 2015 Toyota RAV4. The quote received was approximately \$662 for the replacement of the front and back brake pads.

There were no questions from elected members.

Moved: R Brine

Seconded: I Campbell

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** report No. 240430068173.

- (b) **Approves** a grant of \$662 to Rangiora Community Patrol towards the cost of new brake pads for its patrol vehicle.

CARRIED
(B McLaren abstain)

T Kunkel noted that the North Canterbury Classics Leisure Marchers provided seniors in the community the opportunity to enjoy the sport, which helped keep members both physically and mentally agile. The Board previously granted the group funding assistance with its registration costs for the National Leisure Marching event held in Invercargill in March 2024. The Group was now requesting funding to register 16 team members to attend the National Leisure Marching event in Palmerston North on 28 February 2025.

There were no questions from elected members.

Moved: M Fleming

Seconded: L McClure

- (c) **Approves** a grant of \$400 to North Canterbury Classics Leisure Marches Inc. towards registration costs to attend the Marching Nationals to be held at Palmerston North in February 2025.

CARRIED

8. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil.

9. **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

9.1. **Chair's Diary for May 2024**

Moved: J Gerard

Seconded: J Goldsworthy

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** report No. 240604089517.

CARRIED

10. **MATTERS FOR INFORMATION**

- 10.1. **Oxford-Ohoka Community Board Meeting Minutes 8 May 2024.**
- 10.2. **Woodend-Sefton Community Board Meeting Minutes 13 May 2024.**
- 10.3. **Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board Meeting Minutes 20 May 2024.**
- 10.4. **Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw 2024 – Draft for Consultation – Report to Council Meeting 7 May 2024 – Circulates to all Boards.**
- 10.5. **Health, Safety and Wellbeing Report April 2024 – Report to Council Meeting 7 May 2024 – Circulates to all Boards.**
- 10.6. **Roading Staff Submission Mau 2024 – Request for Changes to the Roothing Capital Works Budget – Report to Council Meeting 21 May 2024 – Circulates to all Boards.**
- 10.7. **Roothing Staff Submission May 2024 – Proposed Adjustments to Walking and Cycling Budgets – Report to Council Meeting 21 May 2024 – Circulates to all Boards.**
- 10.8. **Solid Waste – Utilities and Roothing Department Staff Submission to the Draft 2024-34 Long Term Plan – Circulates to all Boards.**
- 10.9. **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.**

- 10.10. Drainage Staff Submission to Long Term Plan 2024-2034 – Report to Council Meeting 21 May 2024 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 10.11. Wastewater – Utilities and Roading Department Staff Submission to the Draft 2024/34 Long Term Plan – Report to Council Meeting 21 May 2024 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 10.12. Housing for the Elderly – Proposed new Housing Development – Report to Council Meeting 21 May 2024 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 10.13. Zone Implementation Programme Addendum (ZIPA) Capital Works Programme 2024/25 – Report to Utilities and Roading Committee 28 May 2024 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 10.14. Decision for Unused Water Take Consents – Report to Utilities and Roading Committee 28 May 2024 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 10.15. July 2023 Flood Recovery Progress Update – Report to Utilities and Roading Committee 28 May 2024 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 10.16. Rangiora Stormwater Annual Report 2021-2023 and Monitoring Programme Report 2022-2023 – Report to Utilities and Roading Committee 28 May 2024 – Circulates to the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board.
- 10.17. Kaiapoi Community Hub – Reallocation of Budget – Report to Community and Recreation Committee 28 May 2024 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 10.18. Aquatics May Report – Report to Community and Recreation Committee 28 May 2024 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 10.19. Libraries Update to 16 May 2024 – Report to Community and Recreation Committee 28 May 2024 – Circulates to all Boards.

Moved: J Goldsworthy

Seconded: B McLaren

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) Receives the information in Items.9.1 to 9.19.

CARRIED

11. MEMBERS' INFORMATION EXCHANGE

S Wilkinson

- Not for Profit Networking Forum.
- LGNZ Sovereign Citizens Zoom meeting and commented on the importance of not labelling people.
- Representation Review Working Group meeting – this group had been disbanded as it was not necessary to do a review this cycle. The census 2023 figures were not available as yet, and any review would, therefore, be based on old information.
- Attended the Rangiora Volunteer Fire Brigade's 150-year anniversary event.

J Goldsworthy

- Thanked the community for their support of the Rangiora Volunteer Fire Brigade's 150-year anniversary event.
- Audit and Risk meeting.
- Advised the next Civil Defence Community Hub would be established at Loburn School. A session for the local community was to be held on 29 June 2024.
- All Boards - A presentation from Civil Defence and North Canterbury Neighbourhood Support would explain the Community Hub and how they were to be rolled out across the district.
- Potential for parking enforcement on weekends based on feedback.

P Williams

- Attended the Hurunui Water Liaison Group meeting.
- Attended a number of drainage meetings.
- Had been contacted regarding solar panels at Sefton.
- Rangiora Airfield meeting – concerns regarding wording for Pegasus Bay Bylaw Review consultation document. Airfield members were advocating for the ability to land on the beach.

B McLaren

- North Canterbury Musical Society had a successful production of 42nd Street.
- Re-appointed Rangiora Community Patrol Health and Safety Officer.
- The St John Church fair was well supported.
- Attended the Rangiora Volunteer Fire Brigade's 150-year anniversary event.
- Fundraiser quiz night.
- LGNZ Sovereign Citizens – commented vexatious matters experienced by the Council were also being experienced by Justices of the Peace. Agreed with the comments regarding not putting people in boxes and the importance of the rights of all marginalised members of the community, including neurodiverse and LGBTQ.

R Brine

- Provided some comments on the Board submission to the 2024-35 Long Term Plan (LTP).
 - The Lineside Road was a wetland rather than a Cam River flood path.
 - Dudley Park used to be a first-class cricket pitch; however, it had lost its certification. The question had been asked at the time whether the district wanted first-class cricket, and the answer had been yes. On that basis, negotiations had been entered, resulting in the development of the MainPower Cricket Oval. A number of years ago, a complaint had been made regarding the pitch at MainPower Cricket Oval, and \$100,000 had been required to make improvements. To have another first-class pitch at Dudley would require another set of specialist equipment.
 - With regard to Southbrook Sports Club, he was concerned that the Board did not support funding and that they had expressed doubt about the commitment of the club to raise funds. As the Council appointee to the club, he had seen firsthand the work and commitment of volunteers. He asked, aside from the \$138,000, which had been forgiven, what had the club reneged on?

There was some discussion around support of sports clubs in the district.

I Campbell

- Not for Profit Networking Forum.
- Sefton Solar Farm presentation – concern from the community regarding adverse impacts and request for notified activity.
- Loburn Domain – there was a slight change to the name board.
- Hurunui Water Liaison meeting – 90% of their pump stations were compliant.
- LGNZ Sovereign Citizens presentation, this was not a new phenomenon. They did not want to cause problems, but they did want to make representation. They had not carried out assaults or caused injury and had a right to speak. Unnecessary fear should not be created.

L McLure

- Congratulated the Fire Brigade on their 150-year celebrations.
- Health Advisory Group – preliminary data on alcohol harm was available, but the data did not show the true figures for harm due to how data was collected. There were important links back to domestic violence and family harm. The impact of AI, when used in an unhealthy way, particularly on mental health, was raised.
- Honda Tree Planting.
- Sovereign Citizens Zoom meeting.
- Noted concern regarding the location of the solar farm.
- Assisted neighbours with weekly bin collection safety concerns, resulting in satisfactory outcomes.

J Ward

- Attended
 - 9 May and 10 May - Hearings of submissions to the LTP.
 - 10 May -Waimakariri Arts Strategy launch
 - 14 May -Audit and Risk meeting, Council workshop.
 - 15 May - LTP Committee meeting
 - 21 May - LTP deliberations and sign-off. The Board Chairperson, J Gerard, made a good presentation on the Board's submission to the draft LTP. The Council responses were due out in early July 2024. The deliberations had gone well. It was a long process with much consultation and working with staff through a difficult year. It was important not to drop service to the community while the district had the second-highest growth rate.
 - 28 May - Utilities and Roothing meeting.
 - 28 May - Visit from LGNZ president, Sam Broughton, and CEO Susan Green.
 - 29 May - Rangiora Airfield Advisory Group meeting. Advised that she would be submitting to the Pegasus Bay Bylaw that was currently under review, requesting that light aircraft be able to land below the water line north of the Ashley River mouth as permitted in the past. These movements had no impact on birdlife and less impact than the horse-training below the water line to the south.
 - 4 June - Council meeting
 - 6 June - Visit from Andy Foster – New Zealand First list MP. Chairman of Transport and Infrastructure Select Committee. Mayor Gordon went through the Council's thoughts and wishes for the Central Government to be aware of flooding resilience, 3 Waters, the Council's relationships with the neighbouring councils and the Council's requirement for more financial assistance and support to maintain and improve our roading structure, i.e. Eastern Link Road, Skew Bridge, Tram Road and connecting and transiting our roads. Mayor Gordon mentioned that the South Island has had very little funding for roading recently. Staff has also applied to the Fasttrack programme for the Eastern Link Road to be considered. This year's rates increase had not been affected by these roading projects. It was important to recognise that \$8 million in development contributions would be lost without the eastern link road.
 - 11 June - Audit and Risk meeting.
 - 11 June – Council Briefing
- Advised that LIM numbers were remaining steady, with over 200 more issued in 2024 than at the same time last year.
- Commented on Southbrook Sports Centre, noting that 40,000 people from across the district relied on that ground for wellbeing and sporting grounds. The committee had been given four years to raise the necessary funds. Support was provided to all sporting groups.
- The LTP rates increase had been kept to 9.39%, including an unbudgeted increase of \$1.6 million for insurance.

Clarification was requested for the \$8 million in development contributions for the Rangiora Eastern Link Road, which also included sewer, drainage, and greenspace. Clarification was also requested on how these contributions were accounted for in the LTP.

M Fleming

- Waimakariri Accessibility Group - Feedback on the Draft Landscape Plan for Kaiapoi had been requested. On behalf of members, I presented to Draft LTP regarding access to Dudley for those in wheelchairs.
- Lions completed potato harvest for Satisfy Food Rescue.
- Keep Rangiora Beautiful.

12. CONSULTATION PROJECTS

12.1. Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw

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

The 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: \$3,408.15

13.2. General Landscaping Fund

Balance as at 31 May 2024: \$17,191.

The Board noted the Board Funding updates.

14. MEDIA ITEMS

Nil.

15. QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDERS

Nil.

16. URGENT GENERAL BUSINESS UNDER STANDING ORDERS

Nil.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board is scheduled for 7pm, Wednesday 10 July 2024.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.15PM.

CONFIRMED

Chairperson

Date

unconfirmed