

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE UTILITIES AND ROADING COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, RANGIORA SERVICE CENTRE, 215 HIGH STREET, RANGIORA ON TUESDAY 15 AUGUST 2023 AT 9AM.

PRESENT

Councillors N Mealings (Chairperson), Mayor D Gordon, Councillors R Brine (early departure at 10.15am), P Redmond, J Ward, P Williams.

IN ATTENDANCE

Councillors N Atkinson, B Cairns and T Fulton.

J Millward (Chief Executive), G Cleary (General Manager Utilities and Roading), J McBride (Roading and Transport Manager), K Simpson (3 Waters Manager), and E Stubbs (Governance Support Officer).

1 APOLOGIES

An apology for early departure was accepted from Councillor R Brine who left the meeting at 10.15am.

CARRIED

2 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no reported conflicts of interest.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the meeting of the Utilities and Roading Committee held on Tuesday 18 July 2023.

Moved: Councillor Brine

Seconded: Councillor Redmond

THAT the Utilities and Roading Committee:

- (a) **Confirms**, the circulated Minutes of the meeting of the Utilities and Roading Committee held on 18 July 2023, as a true and accurate record, subject to a change to item 8.1, paragraph 10 which should read '*P Redmond* referred to the...'

CARRIED

3.2 Matters arising (From Minutes)

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

3.3 Notes of the Utilities and Roading Committee Workshop held on Tuesday 18 July 2023.

Moved: Councillor Ward

Seconded: Councillor Redmond

THAT the Utilities and Roading Committee:

- (a) **Receives** the notes of the Utilities and Roading Committee Workshop held on 18 July 2023

CARRIED

4 DEPUTATION/PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Flooding Experience along the Cam River – J Cooke

J Cooke spoke to the Committee about the Cam River flooding issues during the recent flood event on 23 July 2023 and played a video which he had taken during the event (Trim 230817126232). The Cam River had breached the stopbank in more than one place, on Revells Road. When the water breached the stopbank it was not able to flow back to the main drainage system and had nowhere to go except into the ground.

J Cooke explained that the video had been taken during the day and water levels had been higher overnight and had been halfway up gates on many properties. When he did a drive by in the morning, water levels at Tuahiwi had been to the top of the tyre. Due to the houses in the area being built on mounds they had not been flooded.

J Cooke was concerned that native planting on the stopbank near the bridge had been undertaken prematurely before remediation work.

J Cooke was also concerned that Service Requests which related to flooding would be put on properties LIMs and highlighted his understanding that the flooding issues were a result of a failure of infrastructure, rather than the land. In the future residents may not put in a Service Request for fear of it being reported on their LIMs and this could mean putting lives at risk if people were afraid to ask for help.

J Cooke believed the area was missing out on the Council services as the drainage issues required attention, and Tuahiwi did not even have reticulated water. It was the third flooding event he had experienced in his 10 years of living in that area.

Councillor Brine asked if J Cooke was aware of a solution for the flooding issues in that area and J Cooke believed it was the height of the stopbank - it should be the same height as the stopbank in Kaiapoi. In addition, the recent subdivision had blocked off a flowpath for water returning back to the Cam. In the past he had provided a one way valve culvert to allow water flow, however this had not been installed by the Council drainage team, as agreed.

Councillor Brine asked if the stopbank in question was under ECan responsibility or did the Council manage the stopbank, and if Council staff had viewed the issue. J Cooke advised he had viewed the issues with Council drainage staff. An agreement had been made regarding removing large trees in the drainage area as well as the one way pipe installation (which had not been installed). He added that in the past there had been issues with the flood gates not being open when required, however that situation had improved.

Councillor Ward asked if removal of willow trees and cleaning up of the waterway would help and J Cooke said it potentially could, however the biggest issue was still that the water had nowhere to go except into the ground. The drain was full six to seven months of the year causing trees to rot and breakdown.

Councillor Ward asked if the best way forward would be to get together with ECan and Council staff and implement a solution and J Cooke agreed.

Councillor Ward asked if J Cooke believed the native planting on the stopbank was not productive and J Cooke believed the plants were great to hold the stopbank, however the stopbank needed to be assessed whether it was fit for purpose prior to planting - it needed to be higher.

J Cooke raised an issue regarding a large number of truck and trailer movements that had been made while transporting fill. This had caused the road to settle and push the drain closed. If fill was to be removed, the impact on the drain needed to be monitored.

G Cleary provided a general comment regarding the Cam River. He acknowledged that following the flood event two key areas had come into focus – Tuahiwi and the Cam River. Staff had been working with ECan and were currently looking at the entire river with ECan rather than taking the approach of delineating responsibilities. There was a lot of tree work that needed to be completed. ECan were taking on remedial work to repair and bring the

stopbank up to design capacity. Staff were aware that there were a number of points where water had flowed over the stopbank. As the flow gauge indicated that flows were within the 1980s design capacity, there was a question around Level of Service. G Cleary advised that the flooding was a top priority project and investigations were underway, its importance was highlighted by the need to evacuate people during the event. K Simpson added thanks to J Cooke for providing his deputation and video, as it provided valuable information regarding the flooding mechanism.

Mayor Gordon noted that he and the Chief Executive had met with residents on site following the event to help understand the issues. He was sorry to hear that potential works had not been followed up by the Council. Next steps would include a further meeting with residents to keep them informed of what works could be completed and the program for those works. J Cooke agreed that keeping people informed was important.

Councillor Redmond suggested that J Cooke provide his presentation to the ECan Cam River Rating group.

5 **REPORTS**

5.1 **Water New Zealand - National Performance Review NPR 2021/22 – D Paz Lobon (3 Waters Asset Analyst) and K Simpson (3 Waters Manager)**

K Simpson advised that the report was for information. It was the eighth time Waimakariri had participated in the Water New Zealand Performance review. He highlighted the areas that the Council performed well above other Councils and the areas where there was room for improvement.

Councillor Mealings asked about the climate change risk assessment work that needed to be completed. K Simpson advised a consultant had been engaged to help develop a climate change risk assessment and adaptation plan focused on Three Waters, V Spittal (Principal Policy Analyst – Climate Change and Sustainability) was also involved to oversee cohesion at a corporate level.

Councillor Redmond asked if the results of analysis were confidential to the Council or could Water New Zealand use the information for other purposes. K Simpson advised that Water NZ produced a publicly available document and the Council had also requested a customised Waimakariri specific report from Water NZ which was not publicly available. He noted there was rhetoric in the national overarching document providing justification for water service reforms.

Councillor Fulton asked what the sense was around the transition to Taumata Arowai and the new set of regulations. K Simpson advised staff were aware of requirements for drinking water as standards and compliance were all published. At the moment regulators were developing standards for wastewater and stormwater.

Councillor Fulton asked if there were other auditing processes parallel to Taumata Arowai and were processes being doubled up. K Simpson advised there were also requirements for Audit New Zealand. G Cleary advised that in the future there was likely to be economic regulation around entities also.

Councillor Mealings referred to complaints about drinking water taste and K Simpson believed that would be due to chlorination.

Councillor Mealings referred to the spike in planned interruptions to water supply and K Simpson advised that was due to information provided incorrectly – turning off the supply was planned, however the outage had not been planned.

Councillor Redmond requested some background on why Waimakariri had not performed well in hydrant testing. K Simpson advised that hydrant maintenance was currently more reactive than scheduled. In addition testing was not recorded on the system. Staff would

improve systems and processes so that in the future they could report against hydrant maintenance.

Moved: Councillor Redmond Seconded: Councillor Ward

THAT the Utilities and Roading Committee:

- (a) **Receives** report No. TRIM 230609084727.
- (b) **Notes** that the Waimakariri District Council performed relatively well in the key areas of focus identified in the 2021/22 National Performance Review (NPR) compared to other councils.
- (c) **Notes** that the areas Waimakariri District Council performed well above other councils in are:
 - i. Understanding of asset condition and having a low average pipe age.
 - ii. Having low number of dry weather and wet weather wastewater overflows.
 - iii. Investing in stormwater capital works upgrades and improvements.
- (d) **Notes** that there was room for improvement in the following, which would be considered as part of the Long Term Plan process:
 - i. Stormwater consenting needs to be progressed and implemented for our remaining urban areas.
 - ii. Hydrant testing programs needed to transition towards a more proactive approach in the future.
 - iii. Climate change risk assessment work needed to be completed, an adaptation plan needed to be developed and emissions baseline assessment undertaken for water supply and stormwater to help address climate change challenges.
- (e) **Notes** that the NPR provided numerous performance metrics which could be used for comparative purposes on specific matters nationwide.

CARRIED

Councillor Redmond commented it was a good report that reflected well on the department.

Councillor Mealings highlighted the importance of continuous improvement.

5.2 Avian Botulism Management 2022/23 – S Allen (Water Environment Advisor) and A Burton (Water Environment Advisor - Fixed Term)

S Allen spoke to the report highlighting that there had been no avian botulism outbreak detected over the previous season. Of note was an increase in population of some rare species although the numbers were still down from the 1980s.

Councillor Williams asked what area the coastal Wastewater Treatment Plants covered and S Allen advised that they did not include Rangiora or Oxford Plants. There had never been issues of avian botulism in Oxford.

Councillor Redmond noted the limitations on retrieving and viewing carcasses in wetlands and asked if drones had been considered. S Allen advised that had not been utilised and was potentially a good research topic.

Councillor Redmond asked about the risk to humans for example from eels that had eaten a contaminated carcass, and S Allen advised that if there was an avian botulism outbreak there were information pamphlets prepared to raise awareness of the issue.

Councillor Redmond asked if the contract covered wider wetland areas and S Allen advised yes, in the past if there had been an outbreak the area checked by ecological contractors was expanded to areas such as the Kaiapoi Lakes.

Moved: Councillor Williams

Seconded: Councillor Brine

THAT the Utilities and Roading Committee:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 230601080981.
- (b) **Notes** the low bird death numbers (24 birds) for the 2022-23 season at coastal Waimakariri District Council Wastewater Treatment Plants (WWTPs), as collected by contractors to check for and contain any avian botulism, with no avian botulism outbreak detected.
- (c) **Notes** that there were lower bird death numbers collected at the Councils WWTPs than what was collected by Christchurch City Council at the Bromley Wastewater Treatment Plant in the summer of 2022-23.
- (d) **Circulates** this report to the Council, the Waimakariri Water Zone Committee, and the Community Boards for information.

CARRIED

Councillor Williams commented it was good to see low bird deaths, it was the first year he had not been approached by a member of the public regarding the issue.

5.3 Private Well Study – Results from 2022 study – S Allen (Water Environment Advisor) and A Burton (Water Environment Advisor - Fixed Term)

S Allen advised the report was for information and had been presented each year since 2019 as recommended in the Zone Implementation Programme Addendum (ZIPA). The testing primarily looked at nitrate levels - initially in Eyreton and Cust and then expanded to Carleton and Swannanoa areas.

A median value of half of the MAV (5.65 mg/L) had been set as a target in Plan Change 7 of the Land and Water Regional Plan for private water supply wells. Eyreton and Cust were areas of concern for MAV levels and Carleton and Swannanoa were of less concern. S Allen noted that there had been 39 wells providing samples for last year and only 26 for this year.

Councillor Williams referred to developments around Waimakariri and asked if developers were encouraged to pay for connections to existing supplies rather than installing more individual wells that could lead to contamination. K Simpson referred to changes in the proposed District Plan around requirements for connection to water supplies and wastewater systems. It came down to distance and development density. Staff worked with developers even when connections were not required under the District Plan.

Councillor Williams asked if the Council was being strong enough with regulation, for example a resource consent was issued before the drainage plan was required – why was the drainage plan not necessary for the consent? K Simpson commented that Councillor Williams had highlighted challenges with developments, however Council connections were an advantage to developers marketing sections as there was a value to being connected to Council supply. There was a booklet on LIMs regarding managing individual water supply wells for testing and maintaining. It was an area that required focus to achieve a balance. S Allen added that Taumata Arowai had added responsibility under the Water Services Act.

Councillor Mealings referred to the fluctuating results and asked about consistency in testing. S Allen explained that the intention was for testing to be completed in spring, however testing was carried out by landowners so it was difficult to arrange this. She agreed more standardised testing would be preferable.

Councillor Mealings asked who received the booklets on managing individual water supplies and when, as it would be valuable for landowners to have information on where and how to test. S Allen advised the information had been updated and was available on

the Council website. There was potential for information to go in with rates, or for the Communications team to do a push through media.

Councillor Mealings asked if there had been any advancement in discussions around a cost sharing agreement with ECan to test more wells from around 40 up to 180. S Allen advised there had not been, however she had a report with further information that she could circulate.

Councillor Cairns asked if testing information on the private wells was publicly available. S Allen advised it was on the LIM and landowners were aware of that. She made no reference to landowner names or addresses in the report which was public.

Councillor Fulton asked about further areas for testing and S Allen advised further information was also provided in the report to be circulated.

Moved: Councillor Mealings Seconded: Councillor Williams

THAT the Utilities and Roading Committee:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 230516070164.
- (b) **Notes** the findings of the 2022 study, with no wells above the nitrate-nitrogen Maximum Acceptable Value (MAV) set in the Drinking Water Standards for New Zealand (2022). Of the wells sampled 44% in Eyreton, 67% in Cust, 40% in Carleton and 29% in Swannanoa sampling areas were above half of the MAV (5.65 mg/L).
- (c) **Notes** that the median nitrate concentration for the Eyreton and Cust sampling areas, as sampled in the 2022 study, exceed the limit of a median of 5.65 mg/L nitrate-nitrogen set in Plan Change 7 of the Land and Water Regional Plan for private water supply wells. The Swannanoa and Carleton sampling areas did meet this limit.
- (d) **Notes** that Waimakariri District Council and Environment Canterbury staff would continue to raise awareness of the health impacts of high nitrates, and to encourage private well owners to test water regularly, including updating and wider distribution of the publication of a 'managing a private well supply' pamphlet for the District.
- (e) **Notes** that Waimakariri District Council proposed to repeat this study in spring 2023 (with 10 wells in each of the four sampling areas (40 wells total). Well owners from the previous sample rounds would be approached for repeat annual sampling, to allow for assessment of trends over time. New well owners would be approached to replace those who no longer wanted to participate in the study. The new well owners would be randomly selected within the sample areas.
- (f) **Notes** that trends for nitrate concentration over time were not able to be concluded from data for only four years, or two years of data for Swannanoa and Carleton sampling areas.
- (g) **Circulates** this report to the Council, Community Boards and the Waimakariri Water Zone Committee for information.

CARRIED

Councillor Mealings commented that she found this report of particular interest as it was incredibly important for people in the district on private wells to be aware of the risk of high nitrate levels. There were steps that could be taken if levels were high.

Councillor Williams commented it was important to know the quality of all water. There was potential for viruses to be in the water. In years to come, the Council could be responsible for these individual wells which could be expensive to ratepayers as their condition was uncertain. It was important the Council was proactive especially with new developments and to push harder for developers to connect to Council supplies for security in the future.

Councillor Redmond believed it was important to encourage people to test their own wells, and not just for nitrates but also other contaminants.

Mayor Gordon requested clarification on potential viruses. G Cleary commented that there was no indication that there was a higher risk of viruses than in the past, however it was an area the water regulator was starting to focus on New Zealand wide. Viruses were of particular concern for unchlorinated supplies.

Councillor Mealings, in right of reply, noted that the Council carried out testing and met regulations and standards on public drinking water supplies, however private wells did not benefit from the same regime and it was important that people tested their water as there was no guarantee of the water quality running through their pipes.

Item 8.1 was taken at this time, the minutes have been recorded as per the agenda.

6 CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

7 PORTFOLIO UPDATES

7.1 Roading – Councillor Philip Redmond

- Responding to and cleaning up from flooding 23 July 2023 – emergency reinstatement and repairs underway. During the event there were over 20 roads closed and flooding logged at over 120 locations. Signage focused around the worst affected areas and arterial roads.
- Preparing information to support an Emergency Works claim to send to Waka Kotahi for financial assistance following the flooding.
- Preparation for consultation on the Transport Choices Programme of projects. Also staff are now working through the ‘So Far As is Reasonably Practicable’ (SFAIRP) assessment for Railway Road/ Marsh Road and Railway Road/ Dunlops Road.
- Preparing the draft Roding and Transport Activity Management Plan.
- Preparation of a funding bid to Waka Kotahi ahead of the NLTP.
- Progressing the survey work for the 2023/24 renewals projects to allow design to follow.
- Construction of the new roundabout at Kippenberger Avenue / McPhail Avenue intersection was well progressed.
- Washouts / road damage at various locations around the network which Corde had been working to reinstate, roadside drains running at full capacity.
- Lees Valley Road had sustained damage during flooding with two new slips, one smaller requiring minor treatment and a larger section requiring a retaining structure.
- Ice gritting was continuing.
- Drainage work completed on Sales Road in Oxford.
- Planning underway for a KickStart Motorcycle Event in September, this would be a coffee stop at the Honda shop in Woodend.
- CycleSense programme in schools continued to be a great success, this was delivered by North Canterbury Sport and Recreation Trust.
- Consultation about to begin for the Transport Choices Walking and Cycling Projects. Drop-ins organised for the Kaiapoi to Ravenswood cycleway were planned for 21/22 August.
- The Road Reserve Management Policy was currently open for consultation.
- Gravel road update
All gravel roads in the district had been audited. The audit had been checked against the contract specification and had been passed onto the maintenance contractor instructing that they all be brought up to contract specification. An additional \$500,000 had been spent on metal on roads over the months of April to June 2023 to recover from metal loss from last year’s flood. Grading had been returned to the cyclic frequency rather than reactive. Higher use roads did get more active intervention, for example more frequent grading.

The Utilities and Roothing General Manager was meeting monthly with the CE of the contractor to review Key Performance Indicators under the contract and to escalate key issues. A Roothing Cadet had been appointed to carry out audits on the rooding network to confirm compliance.

A bid had been put in to NZTA for additional funding from flood damage in 2022 and staff were in the process of putting in a bid for the July 2023 flood. All areas of road maintenance were being audited including signage, edge marker posts and vegetation control and an additional Senior Maintenance Contracts Engineer would be added to the team.

Investigations were ongoing into the option to use a tow behind roller on some parts of the rooding network.

Councillor Williams asked if roads would be graded to best practice. G Cleary replied that it would be best practice as determined by expert staff and contractor. Interventions would vary, a higher level of intervention was more expensive.

Councillor Fulton asked if there was a policy around special consideration for isolated roads that received repeat damage. G Cleary advised there was no policy, however it was front of mind in particular for Lees Vally Road which was a crucial link. Waka Kotahi had a \$140 million resilience fund which was applicable and the Council was in the process of applying for that. There was special consideration for access to residents even when closed to the public.

Members requested a site visit to Lees Valley and other areas of interest. G Cleary undertook to arrange.

7.2 Drainage, Stockwater and Three Waters (Drinking Water, Sewer and Stormwater) – Councillor Paul Williams

- Oxford Rural No.1 – McPhedrons Road well had experienced high turbidity issues again and consequently another Boil Water Notice had been issued. The backup source at the Rockford River Intake would be brought online this week and the McPhedrons Road well redeveloped. It was expected that this would take four to six weeks and the Boil Water Notice would remain in place until the well was redeveloped and back online.
- Ashley Gorge Campground – A Boil Water Notice had been issued due to high turbidity from the Ashley River following the July 2023 rainfall event. It was expected this would remain in place until the supply was connected to the Oxford Rural No.2 supply, which was currently expected to be in October 2023.
- The Council was still awaiting feedback from Taumata Arowai on the chlorination strategy, although a response was expected this week.
- The Drainage and Roothing teams had been extremely busy following up on all of the service requests related to the 23 July 2023 storm event. There was a Workshop today on the issue.
- The Mandeville Resurgence Channel project drop-in sessions were planned for Monday 11 September 2023 at Mandeville Sports Ground and Thursday 14 September 2023 at the Kaiapoi Civic Centre.
- The McIntosh Drain Pump Station was now fully commissioned and operational. A new date for the opening of the Kaiapoi Shovel Ready works was yet to be confirmed.
- Annual compliance reports for water, wastewater and stormwater were currently being completed and would be reported to the next Utilities and Roothing meeting.

Councillor Williams expressed concern at developers not adequately catering for downstream drainage effects, for example the Loburn Lea development. Also of concern was the effect of the new 1,000 lot subdivision in Rangiora on the Cam River as well as the effect of any development in Mandeville on the Ohoka Stream. G Cleary explained that for a new development, consideration was given to any capital works required to support the development, and as a high growth Council, Waimakariri was very active in that area. Any area developed was required to achieve stormwater neutrality and plans were scrutinised to try and avoid the situation where

that was not achieved. In the recent Cam River flooding the stormwater facility in Rangiora had functioned well however there were areas to improve. Staff were conscious of the issues and there was funding in the Long Term Plan for improvements.

Councillor Williams raised a recent development in Cust that had been given a Resource Consent before providing a Stormwater Management Plan. G Cleary advised that as a four hectare development was considered as a rural development and there was little the Council could do under the current District Plan. The Proposed District Plan did have changes that would help improve that situation.

7.3 Solid Waste– Councillor Robbie Brine

- Pothole/ pavement repairs had been undertaken at Southbrook Transfer Station.
- Project Development Unit was working with Solid Waste on capital project improvements at Southbrook Transfer Station including sealing along exit drive by poplar tree boundary (where vehicles and trucks park) and some capital works for Oxford Transfer Station including purpose built bunkers for steel and whiteware, tidy up of green waste area and improved traffic flow by changes to exit gate.
- Solid Waste staff working with Waste Management on improving communication back to our Customer Services staff and customers. Waste Management have introduced ‘Service Now’ meaning Service Requests for missed collections could go to drivers directly and they could update the Service Request in the field. This had only been live since 1 August 2023.
- New signage had been designed to ensure signage is uniform, clear and concise.
- Education Contract gearing up for increased level of activity.
- Look to start kerbside bin audits again September / October 2023.
- Kerbside audits January to July 2023 - 148 bins removed after having third contamination. Out of those 148, 18 had been returned and would be monitored.
- Management Team had approved renewing the agreement with Waste Management / Living Earth for disposal of kerbside organics at the Bromley compost plant, for another year. The Christchurch City Council was planning to consult with the wider community on the short to medium term options for the plant, and any decision on closure of, or reducing volumes through the plant, would impact on Waimakariri’s organics disposal options. Staff were looking at alternatives to minimise potential disruption to the organics collection service. A report would come to the September Utilities and Roading Committee meeting.

7.4 Transport – Mayor Dan Gordon

- Noted the Woodend Bypass announcement by the National Party included within a broader package of works, this was a significant project for the district. He was not aware of the inclusion of a pedestrian underpass.
- The Government Policy Statement on Land Transport may be announced this week.
- Received confirmation that the Waka Kotahi contribution would remain at 51%.
- Advised Ngai Tuahuriri were pleased with the new footpath. An opening was being discussed.

8 MATTERS REFERRED FROM RANGIORA-ASHLEY COMMUNITY BOARD

8.1 Transport Choices Project 2 – Approval to go to Consultation – K Straw (Civil Projects Team Leader) and D Young (Senior Engineering Advisor)

J McBride advised that the report sought approval to proceed with consultation with the directly impacted residents and stakeholders along the route of the Rangiora Town Cycleway (Stage 1) cycleway planned for Railway Road, Torlesse Street, Coronation Street, Ellis Road, Country Lane, and short length of South Belt.

Staff had worked closely with PaknSave and KiwiRail to mitigate their concerns, especially behind PaknSave. A revised Scheme Design had been developed following those

discussions and staff believed the changes (including a one-way section on Railway Road and a change in priority at the intersection) was able to mitigate the concerns raised. Feedback had been sought on the revised Scheme Design. J McBride tabled an email response from James Flanagan of PaknSave (Trim 230810121875), where he advised that he was unlikely to support the proposal and he philosophically did not agree with the cycleway.

J McBride noted that in light of the timeframe staff were seeking approval for consultation on the proposed scheme design and she advised that the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board had supported the consultation.

Councillor Williams suggested that the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board had requested consultation on other routes as well. K Straw advised that the Board had not changed the recommendation as presented in the report.

Councillor Williams asked why there was not a wider consultation as the cycleway would affect more residents than just those along the route. J McBride noted that there had previously been wide consultation on the Walking and Cycling Network Plan throughout the district including potential routes. This consultation was to be more detailed and to inform residents what the cycleway would look like outside their houses. The consultation would still be advertised, and the public was welcome at any drop-in session, however it was targeted to those directly affected.

Councillor Redmond noted that members at the previous Utilities and Roading Committee meeting had directed staff to work collaboratively with PaknSave to endeavour to reach an agreement, and asked what role J Flanagan (of PaknSave) had in the proposal. K Straw advised that there had been discussions with J Flanagan regarding options and the revised scheme design had mitigated the concerns raised. While they approved of the one way solution they were fundamentally opposed to the cycleway location behind PaknSave as indicated in the email. There had also been discussions regarding construction and how best to alleviate impact on PaknSave, especially stock delivery, any requirements could be written into a tender document.

Councillor Redmond asked if the requirements of the PaknSave business would have priority during the construction phase and J McBride advised yes, staff always tried to allow that when there was construction around businesses, for example night operations were an option.

Mayor Gordon asked if the consultation channels of Facebook, website and newspapers would be used and J McBride advised yes.

Councillor Ward asked if it was a standard objection from Foodstuffs to the cycleway and K Straw advised PaknSave fundamentally did not want the cycleway in that location.

Councillor Atkinson asked about the other businesses in that area and if staff had worked with them. K Straw believed it was a valid concern, following the initial consultation there had been further discussions with PaknSave and revision of the scheme design without going to the other businesses. Staff had spoken to Allied Concrete regarding removal of parking and they had agreed.

Councillor Atkinson asked if there should be targeted consultation for that block of businesses. J McBride agreed it would be beneficial to have a one on one conversation with businesses before going to the wider public.

Councillor Williams suggested there needed to be a report in the future to clarify 'what was consultation'. J Millward provided some commentary on consultation noting that the Local Government Act was detailed on what was required. Consultation was different to engagement and provided the opportunity for comments and suggestions to consider.

Councillor Williams asked what would happen in the case that 90% of respondents were against the project and it was noted that valid reasons for opposition would be taken into consideration.

Moved: Mayor Gordon Seconded: Councillor Ward

THAT the Utilities and Roading Committee:

- (a) **Approves** the Revised Scheme Design (Trim: 230726113136) for the purposes of consultation.
- (b) **Notes** that feedback from PaknSave on the Revised Scheme Design would be verbally updated at the meeting.
- (c) **Notes** that staff would present the approved Scheme Design to directly impacted residents and stakeholders for feedback.
- (d) **Notes** that staff would ensure that the directly affected residents and stakeholders along the route were advised that the revised Scheme Plan was still subject to approval of KiwiRail, and that if this was not forthcoming, the Council would need to re-consider its options.
- (e) **Notes** that if the recommendations in this report were adopted, then the staff would begin consultation with affected residents and stakeholders, within the following two to three weeks. This consultation would include a letter drop including an information pamphlet, at least one drop-in session, targeted meetings with the schools and any businesses that request it, and the opportunity to provide feedback either electronically or via hard copy.
- (f) **Notes** that feedback from the consultation would be fed into the Detailed Design, and that the Detailed Design would be reported back to the Board prior to going to tender, by which time it was expected that staff would have received the KiwiRail response to the Level Crossing Safety Improvements Assessment (LCSIA), the results of the So Far As Is Reasonably Practical (SFAIRP) assessment and KiwiRail's response, and the results of a detailed design Road Safety Audit for the full route.
- (g) **Notes** the scheme design required the removal of seven on street car parking spaces as reported in the previous reports, plus the additional removal of eight informal angle parks on Railway Road outside Allied Concrete.
- (h) **Notes** that any parking to be removed as result of the Scheme Design would be communicated directly with the immediate adjacent residents or businesses, and that approval of the draft no-stopping would be sought during the approval of detailed design following consultation.
- (i) **Notes** that the scheme design requires the removal of 12 existing street trees. This had not changed from the previous report.
- (j) **Notes** that the removal of street trees had been discussed with Greenspaces, who were represented on the Project Control Group. Greenspace were supportive of the removal of the identified trees provided that they were replaced elsewhere along the length of the route.
- (k) **Notes** that this project was funded through the "Transport Choices" funding stream which requires that all works was complete by June 2024.
- (l) **Notes** that a Technical Note would be sought from WSP to consider any changes to their original road Safety Audit, as a result of the revised Scheme Plan.
- (m) **Notes** that the proposed Rangiora Eastern Link road would include cycle facilities to provide connectivity to east Rangiora. This would not negate the requirement for safe cycle access through Southbrook. The approved Walking and Cycling Network Plan shows both routes servicing different areas of Rangiora.
- (n) **Requests** staff engage with other businesses on Railway Road prior to public consultation.

CARRIED

Mayor Gordon advised he had spoken with J Flanagan to clarify his stance and understood he needed to protect his business. There had been site meetings to view concerns and staff had worked hard on design and were now comfortable to consult with those directly affected. There were options available to reduce the impact of construction on businesses.

The consultation would be available through various media for other interested parties to provide feedback. He thanked staff for a superb job.

Councillor Ward commented on the workshops held to look at all route options and this was the best and safest solution. She thanked staff for their work.

Councillor Williams supported the motion as it had approval from the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board. He was concerned that another 15 carparks were going to be removed and queried the consultation process.

Councillor Redmond supported the motion, it had been a lengthy process thus far, including requesting further work from staff for which he thanked them. He did believe that PaknSave had a legitimate concern as they were a business, and stock was their lifeblood. He thanked Councillor Atkinson for raising consultation with other businesses in that area. He agreed that residents directly affected by the route did have a priority and commented on the learnings from the Peraki Street cycleway consultation. He noted the limited timeframe for the project and the dependence on the KiwiRail response.

Councillor Atkinson commented that while the focus was on one area there was a whole cycleway to consider. He commented that KiwiRail were now closing more crossings than opening and the Council needed to be prepared for what came from their survey. He was pleased staff would be going to other businesses.

Councillor Fulton suggested these projects should be subject to a master plan and consideration of a link of cycleways rather than focused on a small area around a couple of business.

Councillor Mealings commented that the route had been widely consulted on during the Walking and Cycling Network Plan consultation. This consultation was for design and to determine best outcomes for those along the route. As a Transport Choices Project a higher level of funding (67%) was available however that meant any delay needed to be carefully considered. The alternative – to do nothing meant putting people in harms way. The Passchendaele Path currently had a deadend in Southbrook. The Rangiora-Ashley Community Board had twice supported consultation.

Mayor Gordon commented that consultation was not a 'numbers game' and it depended on the quality and significance of points raised. Sometimes the Council did need to make decisions that people were not in favour of. A common theme from residents was completing the link from the Passchendaele Path. He was aware of difficulties with KiwiRail. During consultation the Council would hear feedback and they had learnt from Peraki Street consultation. He was looking forward to the project and thanked staff for their excellent work.

9 QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDERS

There were no questions under standing orders.

10 URGENT GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no urgent general business.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Utilities and Roading Committee will be held on Tuesday 19 September 2023 at 9am.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING CLOSED AT 11.27AM.

CONFIRMED

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Chairperson

19 September 2023
