

WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE UTILITIES AND ROADING COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 215 HIGH STREET, RANGIORA ON TUESDAY 22 FEBRUARY AT 3.30PM.

PRESENT

Councillor R Brine (Chairperson), Mayor D Gordon, Councillors A Blackie, S Stewart, J Ward and P Williams

IN ATTENDANCE

Councillors P Redmond, W Doody, N Mealings and N Atkinson
J Harland (Chief Executive) (from 4.02pm) G Cleary (Manager Utilities and Roading),
J McBride (Roading and Transport Manager), J Dhakal (Project Engineer), A Smith (Governance Coordinator)

1 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

2 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest recorded.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of a meeting of the Utilities and Roading Committee held on Tuesday 16 November 2021

Moved Councillor Blackie Seconded Councillor Williams

THAT the Utilities and Roading Committee:

- (a) **Confirms** the circulated Minutes of a meeting of the Utilities and Roading Committee held on 16 November 2021, as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED

3.2 Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

4 DEPUTATION/PRESENTATIONS

There were no deputations or presentations.

5 REPORTS

5.1 Ashley Street and Coldstream Road Upgrades – Further Information – J Dhakal (Project Engineer) and J McBride (Roading and Transport Manager)

J McBride and J Dhakal presented this report which provided further information on the estimated costs of upgrades to Coldstream Road and Ashley Street, as requested by Council during the recent Annual Plan meeting. These projects had not been included in the Annual Plan at this stage, and had not been prioritised against other needs of the district. The rating impact if these were included in the Annual Plan would be an increase on the roading rate of 0.5% and an overall increase to general rate of 0.1% in the 2022/23 year. It was noted that the staff report also provided alternate set of recommendations for this matter.

Councillor Redmond sought clarification on second sentence of paragraph 4.2 in the report, and J McBride confirmed it should read “*There is currently no budget allocated for this project.*”

Councillor Williams Moved recommendations (a), (d) and (e) in the staff report, but there was absence of a Seconder.

Moved Mayor Gordon

Secoded Councillor Blackie

THAT the Utilities and Roading Committee:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 220209016725;
- (b) **Declines** the inclusion of the Ashley Street and Coldstream Road Upgrades Projects within the 2022/23 Annual Plan, for further consideration as part of the next Long Term Plan process;
- (c) **Notes** that this is the recommended option so that this project is considered as part of the next Long Term Plan process and can be prioritised against other needs within the district;

CARRIED

Councillor Williams against

Mayor Gordon pointed out that with the Council having just been through an Annual Plan process, this is not the correct time for these projects to be included. Mayor Gordon supported them being considered as part of the next Long Term Plan process.

Councillor Blackie endorsed the comments of the Mayor and that priorities need to be given consideration.

Councillor Williams, in opposing the recommendation, commented that as Ashley Street is one of the main entrances to the Rangiora township it was important for these improvements to be included in the 2022/2023 Annual Plan to improve the approach to the town. It was also pointed out that this was a recommendation from the Rangiora Ashley Community Board. Alternatively, Councillor Williams would have supported an amended recommendation approving funding for improvements along the roadside outside the A and P Showgrounds land only on Ashley Street.

Councillor Brine supported this recommendation and for this work to be undertaken in the future, but priorities need to be considered at this time.

Councillor Doody supports the comments of Councillor Williams with this entrance of Rangiora currently untidy and needing improvement.

Councillor Atkinson noted that the A and P showgrounds hosts events that attract thousands of people and suggested that it is not looked after well. He believes the Council should be better serving this area.

Mayor Gordon responded that at less expense, there could be a partnership agreement reached between the Council maintenance contractor and the A and P Association on improving the roadsides. This resolution is not seen as going against the Community Board and if the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board include this in their submission to the Annual Plan this would be considered as part of that process. Some mowing of the roadside and maintenance would provide a visual improvement of this area and suggested staff follow up with this.

5.2 Skewbridge Active Warning Signage – Concept Design – J Dhakal (Project Engineer) and J McBride (Roading and Transport Manager)

J Dhakal and J McBride presented this report which provided information to the committee on the scheme design for Skewbridge Active Warning Signage Project. J Dhakal advised that this was to be a temporary measure while there are investigations into the potential upgrade of Skewbridge in the future. The project is estimated to cost \$285,000 which is within the budget of \$330,000. It is planned to proceed to detailed design following presenting to this meeting and engaging with Mainpower for the power supply for the active warning signs.

Councillor Ward suggested when discussions are being undertaken with Mainpower, if there could be included in the contract, any electricity provision required for the future upgraded bridge. J McBride said potentially power would only be required on the bridge if there was to be street lighting on the bridge, or if there was a cycle facility included which required lighting. As a comparison, it was pointed out that the Cones Road Ashley River Bridge had no street lighting or cycle way lighting. This is not a level of service that the Council would be looking to provide, but could include the ability to extend that in the future if that was needed.

Councillor Williams enquired about the cost of solar powered signage, noting there is a significant difference in this cost. J McBride responded that this project is not just lighting, but also includes thresholds, changing to the road marking and tactile indicators to assist in keeping people in their lanes. Because of the number of vehicles going through this site each day, the solar panels would not hold enough charge to keep working and required a permanent power supply which is more expensive. J Dhakal noted there is different sorts of batteries that could be used, but noted that the lithium batteries which are used in cars don't retain charge in zero degrees or less, which would make it difficult during frosty winter days. Councillor Williams noted there are battery powered road signs operating 24 hours per day through the Hundalees between Picton and Christchurch.

Councillor Blackie asked how much of the cost will be provided by Mainpower J Dhakal advised that a cost estimate has not been obtained from Mainpower as yet which would be based on the electrical design provided. Trenching is required for some of this portion which will be a cost included in the main construction contract. Regarding the lithium batteries, Councillor Blackie suggested that they could be insulated to protect against the cold temperatures. J Dhakal agreed to seek further advice from the supplier on this, but had previously been advised that permanent power supply was the best option for this location.

Following a question from Councillor Stewart on cyclists using the bridge, J McBride said there wouldn't be the ability to provide specific facilities for cyclists with these improvements, but staff would be making sure that any new infrastructure would not use up any space in the shoulder that cyclists currently

use. Councillor Stewart suggested that it would be a good alternative for cyclists to use Skewbridge Lane rather than still using Skewbridge. J McBride suggested this could be part of the network plan and the longer term plan for Skewbridge Bridge.

Councillor Doody asked about the signage and if it was to be similar to that installed in Tram Road. J McBride said this is similar, when cars approach it will activate warning and reminding drivers to slow down. Councillor Doody noted these electronic signs were very effective and supports installation of these.

Moved Councillor Brine

Seconded Councillor Williams

THAT the Utilities and Roading Committee:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. TRIM 211215200532.
- (b) **Notes** that the preliminary estimate for the physical works is \$285,000 and is within the budget of \$330,000.
- (c) **Notes** Waka Kotahi (NZTA) has approved 51% funding contribution of this project.
- (d) **Notes** that staff will proceed with detailed design stage.
- (e) **After** further investigation on batteries, procurement is proposed with direct engagement with Mainpower for the power supply works and open tender for the signage install and civil works.

CARRIED

Councillor Brine said this was not the final result that the Council had wanted for this bridge, but the Council was able to provide these safety measures. It was noted that NZTA are contributing 51% of the cost of these interim safety measures.

Councillor Williams supported this proposal but believes the battery option would incur considerably less cost for the Council and it is important to explore this option.

Mayor Gordon noted this was work had been considered for some time and there needed to be safety measures put in place as an interim step until the bridge replacement, which the Council will continue to pursue.

Councillor Ward suggested that accidents occurred on Skewbridge that were not being reported, and asked if there was information being provided to Council staff by residents near the bridge of any such accidents that are not being reported through injury. This information could be used to put the case to NZTA for the new bridge. J McBride said residents were very active in providing this information to Council staff. In recent times the injuries sustained from accidents on or near the bridge had been minor and there had been no fatalities but with the increased traffic volumes, the risk increases. NZTA Waka Kotahi unfortunately use death or serious injury statistics as the main driver for funding of projects. It was noted that although there have previously been fatalities at this site, these are beyond ten years, which is the criteria that NZTA use.

Following a question from Councillor Atkinson, J McBride confirmed that the signage would be able to be relocated to a different site, once it was no longer needed at Skewbridge.

5.3 Wastewater Treatment Plant Fencing Contract Completion – J Dhakal (Project Engineer) and R Frizzell (Wastewater Engineer)

J Dhakal presented this report which provided an update on this fencing contract that was award just prior to the first Covid-19 Lockdown in 2020. After some delay this work was completed prior to the end of June 2020 and the overall project expenditure was below the budget.

Moved Councillor Blackie

Seconded Councillor Williams

THAT the Utilities and Roading Committee:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 220112002581.
- (b) **Circulates** to the community boards for their information.

CARRIED

6 CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

7 REPORT REFERRED FROM THE WOODEND-SEFTON COMMUNITY BOARD

7.1 Vaughan Street, Sefton – Approval of No-Stopping Restriction – S Binder (Transport Engineer)

J McBride spoke to this report on behalf of the report writer. This requested installation of No Stopping restrictions on Vaughan Street, Sefton. There had been development on this street and these No Stopping areas will allow for safer traffic movements for the residents.

Following a question from Mayor Gordon on the hedge, G Cleary advised that the hedge would remain in place, which would stop the prevailing wind.

There were four property owners which staff would consult with and if there was any objection to the installation of the No Stopping zones, staff would provide a further report to the Committee.

Moved Councillor Williams

Seconded Councillor Blackie

THAT the Utilities and Roading Committee:

- (a) **Approves** in principle the installation of the following no-stopping restriction on Vaughan Street subject to engagement with the residents:
 - i. For 120m length north of Cross Street on the west side.
 - ii. For 105m length north of Cross Street on the east side.
- (b) **Notes** that staff have not consulted with property owners, but an information notice explaining the need for parking restrictions will be distributed to all residences prior to any works being undertaken.

CARRIED

8 MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

- 8.1 Request to engage Hannon Civil Limited for Works Coastal Urban Minor Stormwater Improvements 2021/22 – Report to Management Team Meeting 22 November 2021 – Circulates to Utilities and Roding Committee.**
- 8.2 Engage Water Unit for Mountain Road Mounseys Road Connection – Report to Management Team Meeting 29 November 2021 – Circulates to Utilities and Roding Committee.**
- 8.3 Innovating Streets Update and Consideration of Formalising the Right Turn Restriction From Denches Road – Report to Rangiora-Ashley Community Board Meeting 8 December 2021 – Circulates to Utilities and Roding Committee.**
- 8.4 Request to Continue Engaging Transcontinental New Zealand Limited for WDC Branded Rubbish Bag Supply – Report to Management Team Meeting 13 December 2021 – Circulates to Utilities and Roding Committee.**
- 8.5 Contract 21/23 Waikuku Beach Water Supply Campground Headworks Upgrade Tender Evaluation and Contract Award Report – Report to Management Team Meeting 8 February 2022 – Circulates to Utilities and Roding Committee.**
- 8.6 Request for Loading Zone on Railway Road – Report to Rangiora-Ashley Community Board Meeting 9 February 2022 – Circulates to Utilities and Roding Committee.**

Moved Councillor Blackie

Seconded Councillor Brine

THAT the Utilities and Roding Committee receives the information in Items 8.1 to 8.6.

CARRIED

***Note:** The links for 'Matters of Information' were separately circulated to elected members.*

9 PORTFOLIO UPDATES

9.1 Roding – Councillor Paul Williams

The February rainfall caused damage to roads in the district. The gravel roads were not in good condition and Councillor Williams expressed concern with the number of complaints received on the condition of these. Councillor Williams had concerns with the level of service provided.

Councillor Williams noted the issue of the failing on Butchers Road culvert and Taffes Glen Road culvert also requires some work undertaken on it.

9.2 Drainage and Stockwater – Councillor Sandra Stewart

Councillor Stewart noted there had been 500 service requests as a result of May, December and February flooding events.

Property owners in the Woodend area on private water supplies had indicated they are experiencing high levels of contamination and wished to join with the Council water supply. These properties are adjacent to Ravenswood. Councillor Stewart would like to see this offer to join the Council scheme extended further.

There was an issue with high levels of gravel in Mounsey Stream, Oxford. This had been drawn to the attention of Ecan.

K Merhtens of the Oxford Rural Drainage Advisory Group, expressed disappointment with the drain maintenance work in the area.

9.3 Utilities (Water Supplies and Sewer) – Councillor Paul Williams

Toxic algae is in the ponds south of Kaiapoi and complaints received from residents regarding the smell. Staff have been acting on this which has been effective. Pleased to report that there hadn't been any avian botulism this summer despite it being quite a hot summer to date.

9.4 Solid Waste– Councillor Robbie Brine

The next meetings of the Canterbury Waste Joint Committee and Canterbury Regional Landfill Joint Committee are scheduled to be held in Christchurch on 4 April.

The inaugural meeting of the WDC Services Governance Group took place yesterday. Following discussion it was agreed to have two groups, an operational group which would meet more frequently, but the overall governance group would meet quarterly. Councillor Brine believes this was a beneficial meeting to discuss ways to move forward with a good working relationship. Staff would be considering how the Transfer Stations would be kept operational with a Covid outbreak, and this would be challenging for those tasked with this.

Councillor Williams asked if there was any way to reduce the queues at the Transfer Stations on the weekend, and Councillor Brine said staff are noting the key issues. G Cleary advised that lanes are now open without physical distancing, and there is also funding for future improvements to rectify this situation.

9.5 Transport – Mayor Dan Gordon

Mayor Gordon spoke on the regional transport, noting the recent media reports on light rail, and there is possibly further investment in passenger transport that may be the priority for Canterbury. There was concern where the funding is going to come from for these work streams and there would need to be significant investment from the Crown. The Southbrook Road improvements are progressing with a lot of planning work already undertaken by staff.

Mayor Gordon acknowledged the work of the staff during the recent flooding events. These have presented a big challenge for staff and the contractors who have been out working for the community in difficult times.

10 QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDERS

There were no questions.

11 URGENT GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no urgent general business

12 MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WITH THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED

Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987

Moved Councillor Brine Seconded Councillor Blackie.

THAT the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each 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:

Item No	Minutes/Report of:	General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
12.1	Minutes of the public Excluded portion of Utilities and Roading Committee meeting of 16 November 2021	Confirmation of Minutes	Good reason to withhold exists under Section 7	Section 48(1)(a)
12.2 – 12.12	Reports from Management Team Meetings	Reports for Information	Good reason to withhold exists under Section 7	Section 48(1)(a)

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) 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 which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

Item N°	Reason for protection of interests	Ref NZS 9202:2003 Appendix A
12.1 – 12.12	Protection of privacy of natural persons To carry out commercial activities without prejudice	A2(a) A2(b)ii

CARRIED

CLOSED MEETING

Resolution to resume in open meeting

Moved Councillor Brine Seconded Councillor Williams

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

CARRIED

OPEN MEETING

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Utilities and Roading Committee is scheduled for 3.30pm, on Tuesday 22 March 2022.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 4.40pm.

CONFIRMED



Chairperson
Councillor Robbie Brine

22 March 2022
Date