

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY AND RECREATION COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 215 HIGH STREET, RANGIORA ON TUESDAY 19 MARCH 2024 AT 3:30PM.

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Councillors T Fulton, J Goldsworthy and P Williams.

J Millward (Chief Executive), C Brown (General Manager Community and Recreation), G MacLeod (Community Greenspace Manager), P Eskett (District Libraries Manager), T Sturley (Community Team Manager), I Carstens (Team Leader Resource Consents), M McGregor (Senior Advisor Community and Recreation), O Stewart (Airfield Manager and Safety Officer), B Steven (Policy Planner), J Mason (Landscape Architect) and C Fowler-Jenkins (Governance Support Officer).

1 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

2 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the meeting of the Community and Recreation Committee held on 20 February 2024

Moved: Councillor Cairns

Seconded: Councillor Redmond

THAT the Community and Recreation Committee:

- (a) **Confirms** the circulated Minutes of the meeting of the Community and Recreation Committee, held on 20 February 2024, as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED

3.2 Matters Arising (From Minutes)

Nil.

4 DEPUTATIONS

4.1 Community Wellbeing North Canterbury Trust (The Trust) – Deidre Ryan

D Ryan explained that the Trust provided free social and community services to support the wellbeing of North Canterbury. The Trust strived to be a values-need organisation that put those whom it served at the forefront. The Trust provided:

- family social work.
- promoted wellbeing and positive mental health for tamariki in primary schools.
- provided wellbeing support for Rangatahi including counselling and specialist alcohol and drug support. The Trust had a wellbeing coordinator who worked in secondary schools with Rangatahi and families, supporting them with a range of

mental health and wellbeing issues. The coordinator also ran a parent drop-in service where they could get free advice and support on these issues.

- provided early childhood education through their Karanga Mai service.
- the Trust had a food bank and volunteers through Kaiapoi Community Support.
- provided a restorative justice service and a trust next steps facilitator who supported people and whanau in gaining access to a range of services.
- Aōraki te Rā which supported people who had been impacted by death through suicide.
- Rangatahi mentor, who worked alongside young people who were transitioning from Oranga Tamariki to independence.

D Ryan noted that the Trust had been operating for 36 years in the Waimakariri and Hurunui Districts. The majority of its funding came from contracted services and grants. The Trust also received some support from the Waimakariri and Hurunui District Councils. The Trust worked hard to keep itself accountable to its supporters and the community. It evaluated the impact of its programmes, and it was found that 97% of its clients were satisfied with the trust's services.

D Ryan commented on the economically challenging climate, noting that the need for food parcels had increased over the last three years. In the last seven months, the food bank distributed 1,155 food parcels, and in the last year, it spent \$45,000 on food for the community. Thanks to the generosity of the community and the Trust's Christmas-giving partners, the Trust gave out 1,400 Christmas presents to families in need. The Trust will be launching a new initiative in conjunction with Karanga Mai called Kai is Life, which was aimed at teaching tamariki about where their food came from.

In response to a question from Councillor Redmond, D Ryan advised that the Council's financial contribution did not include the use of Council facilities.

Councillor Cairns asked if the Karanga Mai was growing fruit on site. D Ryan noted that there were some fruit trees on site; however, they went foraging around the area and at the Kaiapoi Food Forest.

Furthermore, Councillor Cairns questioned whether having a small food forest nearby would be advantageous for the tamariki and that centre, and D Ryan confirmed that it would be a great advantage.

Mayor Gordon commended D Ryan and the team for their work. He visited the food banks prior to Christmas and was really impressed. He saw the families selecting the presents and thought that was a really empowering thing to do.

Councillor Brine also thanked D Ryan for all her work and the presentation.

5 REPORTS

5.1 Libraries Update to 7 March 2024 – P Eskett (District Libraries Manager)

P Eskett highlighted the following:

- The new 'Our Stories Make History' initiative, which aimed to support students in exploring their identity through the lens of local history. It was an idea in response to a rapidly evolving New Zealand History curriculum.
- The 3D printer provided an opportunity for young people to prototype design development, conceptualise ideas, and understand the structural and visual qualities of a piece they wanted to design.
- The shelving in the Rangiora Library was over 30 years old and no longer compliant with health and safety or seismic standards, it was unable to be moved easily or

adjusted for the daily rhythms of the modern library public services. Visitors to the library had very little choice in the space that they may use. Libraries staff had almost daily occurrences of distressed visitors with increased social and psychosocial needs. Staff had worked through the costs and anticipated that, with a \$20,000 contingency, they would be able to replace the shelving for \$232,000. Staff were requesting a reallocation of money from the Library Resources budget, which had been reported to the Council in previous meetings.

Councillor Cairns enquired about what would happen to the old shelving. P Eskett noted that another district council, which had not been able to replace its shelving for more than 30 years, had requested if it may have some of the shelving. The Council investigated other options for the disposal of the remaining shelving.

Councillor Cairns asked if the increase in distressed visitors was only at the Rangiora Library and if steps were being taken to ensure staff safety.

P Eskett noted that libraries across New Zealand were experiencing an increase in antisocial behaviour. As the busiest library in the Waimakariri District, the Rangiora Library dealt with the more distressed visitors. The situation was aggravated by the inability to offer separate spaces for activities and the background noise the activities could generate.

Councillor Williams noted the reallocation of \$162,000 from the Libraries Resource Purchase budget and questioned whether projects would not be funded due to the realisation. P Eskett explained that additional funds were available as funding was not committed over the covid period because of supply chain challenges, therefore, no projects would miss out on funding.

Moved: Mayor Gordon

Seconded: Councillor Blackie

THAT the Community and Recreation Committee:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 240306035239.
- (b) **Notes** the customer service improvements.
- (c) **Notes** that the current estimate to replace shelving at Rangiora Library is \$232,000, based on an estimated linear metre rate of \$1,367 for shelving, including hardware and fittings.
- (d) **Approves** a reallocation of \$162,000 from Libraries Resource Purchase (Capital Projects) 100132.000.5023 to Rangiora Shelving Renewal.
- (e) **Notes** that the required balance of \$70,000 is budgeted for and allocated in Rangiora Library and Fittings Renewals 101809.000.5033.
- (f) **Notes** that if the funding reallocation is approved, staff will begin the tendering process in March 2024.
- (g) **Circulates** the report to the Community Boards for their information.

CARRIED

Mayor Gordon thanked P Eskett for a thorough report and commended staff for identifying savings to fund the new shelving, which had been a priority for some time. He commented that he had an opportunity to see how the new digital system works and was impressed. Mayor Gordon was constantly astonished by the work that library staff did. He received nothing but compliments about the Waimakariri Libraries and the important role they played in the community.

Councillor Blackie endorsed Mayor Gordon's comments.

5.2 **Covid-19 Social Recovery – Key Projects Update – T Sturley (Community Team Manager)**

T Sturley provided an update on a number of projects that resulted from the recovery from Covid-19. Many of these projects had now been absorbed into the Community Team's business as usual. She highlighted the nature of community-based planning, in particular, the progress of the food security project. She noted that staff and Social Services Waimakariri were working hard to ensure the Next Steps Website was being used across the district. The website had had 7,100 hits. T Sturley

T Sturley commented that three lease agreements had been signed for the Kaiapoi Community Hub, and staff were working with Men's Shed to clarify and address queries that had held up the signing of their lease. She also noted that following a lengthy, collaborative process Ngā Toi o Waimakariri – Waimakariri Arts Strategy had been published. The Council was planning on launching the strategy in May 2024. In conclusion, T Sturley highlighted the success of the Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs.

Councillor Cairns noted that Food Secure North Canterbury has been used by the Ministry of Social Development as a 'best practice' exemplar for creating a food-secure District. He asked if the Council would continue to fund that organisation. T Sturley undertook to investigate the matter and report to the Committee.

Councillor Cairns enquired if staff had received any feedback from the participants who were able to find employment through the Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs. T Sturley commented that the animated conversations she heard indicated that they were very delighted.

Moved: Councillor Cairns

Seconded: Councillor Mealings

THAT the Community and Recreation Committee:

- (a) **Receives** report No. 240307035863.
- (b) **Notes** the collaborative approach applied to facilitating social recovery from COVID-19, which gives effect to the social recovery aspects of the Council's 2020 draft COVID-19 Recovery Plan.
- (c) **Notes** a number of key projects, including Food Security, the Kaiapoi Community Hub, Arts Strategy Development, and the establishment of the 'Next Steps' website, including the acquisition of funding for its development, promotion, and maintenance.
- (d) **Notes** that, with the Central Government's significant financial contribution and the collaborative approach, sound governance, and planning applied to date, key funders, including the Rata Foundation and the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA), have expressed interest in continuing to support the further development of these projects, as appropriate.
- (e) **Notes** that Food Secure North Canterbury has been used by the Ministry of Social Development as a 'best practice' exemplar for creating a food-secure District.
- (f) **Notes** that the purchase and fit-out of the mobile hub were fully funded externally and that the hub fit-out has now been completed.
- (g) **Notes** the success of the Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs pilot, resulting in a two-year contract with progress, year to date, detailed in this report.

- (h) **Notes** that the Council has now adopted the Waimakariri Arts Strategy, and staff are currently programming implementation, which will commence in the new financial year.

CARRIED

Councillor Cairns commented on the detailed report and thanked staff for the work they were doing.

Councillor Mealings noted that the Community Team was doing essential work that improved the lives of people in the Waimakariri District. She was proud to be a part of the Council that had such a team working for the community.

Mayor Gordon noted that he was looking forward to seeing the Mobile Community Hub in action. He commented that supporting the Loburn community after the fire had taken up much of T Sturley's time. She was able to access funding that would significantly help the community recover. He was proud of where the team was at and supported the impact they were making.

Councillor Brine noted that he was impressed with the young people who obtained their licenses through the Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs.

5.3 **Aquatics March Report – M Greenwood (Aquatics Manager)**

C Brown spoke to the report, noting that aquatics customer attendance was still strong and tracking in a positive direction. A lot more talented people had come through the recruitment process, and the Council was able to recruit additional instructors to take on the extra learn-to-swim. Recreation Aotearoa's Poolsafe assessment was completed, and the Council passed. The summer pool wrap-up was also done. Staffing levels and greater availability enabled access right up to the season's end, unlike in previous years. Unfortunately, Oxford, at times, experiences cold weather, which cooled the pools and kept customers away.

Councillor Fulton noted that the Lions Club did not want to proceed with covering the Oxford pool. C Brown noted that the Council compiled a District Aquatic Strategy three years ago, which was being revised during the Draft 2024-34 Long Term Plan process. The strategy identified the district's priorities, which included the development of hydrotherapy and leisure facilities in Kaiapoi and Rangiora, not the covering of the Oxford Pool.

Moved: Councillor Blackie

Seconded: Mayor Gordon

THAT the Community and Recreation Committee:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 240228031048.
- (b) **Notes** Aquatic Facilities progress against key performance indicators including facility Attendance and a Financial result, \$118,000 better than budget.
- (c) **Notes** increased interest in Aquatics recruitment activities.
- (d) **Notes** a result of 96% for overall customer satisfaction as part of our biannual customer satisfaction survey which is up from our previous result of 94% six months prior and ahead of our target of ≤90%.
- (e) **Notes** a successful audit by Poolsafe, pending final feedback.

- (f) **Notes** that more seasonable weather means the summer pools were well attended this season.
- (g) **Circulates** this report to the community boards for their information.

CARRIED

Councillor Blackie thanked M Greenwood; he noted that in the current economic climate, the aquatic facilities were doing well.

Councillor Brine expressed a concern regarding staff shortage due to illnesses.

6 CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

7 PORTFOLIO UPDATES

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

- Ashely Gorge Advisory Group hosted a successful fun day.
- He met with the Harbour Master to discuss the challenges of dealing with unruly youths at the Kaiapoi River marina.
- Huria Reserve – The stage three contract had come in under the engineer's estimate and work will commence soon.
- Te Kōhaka o Tūhaitara Trust – The Trust was recruiting a new General Manager. The young man who was involved in the fire and the restorative justice came to the Trust as part of his rehabilitation. He had turned around and was now employed.

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

- Staff were planning to close down Kaiapoi and Rangiora Aquatic facilities for maintenance. It would be well advertised to the community.
- MainPower Stadium - Staff was working on clarifying the building's role in a civil defence emergency. Solar panel discussions were continuing, the current proposal looked favourable, and a report with details would be coming back to the Council.
- Southbrook Sports Club – A meeting was held, which several Councillors attended. The point was emphasised that the Club needed to submit to the Council's Long Term Plan and ways forward on raising the extra money.

7.3 Community Development and Wellbeing – Councillor Brent Cairns.

- Received many complaints regarding the challenges being experienced by those living and working on the Kaiapoi River. Youths swimming close to boats, youths urinating into the river, youths dive bombing people, damaging infrastructure on the marina (electrical boxes, life preservers), rubbish, unsociable behaviour, and intimidating visitors.
- There had been issues with the speed of boats and jet skis going up and down the river. Despite Environment Canterbury (ECan) installing large Buoys with a 5knot speed limit. This summer season, ECan invested more time in monitoring the Kaiapoi River and educating the drivers, and behaviour was slowly changing. However, more signage and education were needed.

- Volunteer Expos were hosted throughout March 2024 in Rangiora, Kaiapoi, and Woodend. There was a good turnout in Rangiora; however, Kaiapoi was rather light in terms of numbers, which may have been due to it being hosted on a Thursday night rather than a Saturday.
- Attended Kaiapoi Garden Awards presentation. The overall garden winner was Jane Hughes, for her work on a neighbouring Council reserve. At the March Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board meeting, it was decided that the reserve would be named “Janes Garden Reserve” as an acknowledgement of the years of work and the investment Jane had put into this public reserve.
- Kaiapoi Food Forest hosted tours on 10 March 2024 as part of Openfarms.co.nz events day.
- Ashley Gorge Reserve Advisory Group, after conducting successful fundraising events, was planning to install a path that they plan to make accessible (suitable for wheelchair users, etc.).
- Oxford Promotions Association Annual General Meeting.
 - No change to Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and Deputy Chair positions.
 - Membership was up when compared to 2023, currently at 50 plus.
 - Expanding the number of business members by expanding the geographical boundary of the group.
 - The Treasurer was to create a budget for 2024 events, as there was overspending when compared to income due in main to a number of expenses, donations to Dark Sky, Jingle, etc.
- Kaiapoi Promotions Association had its first Mix and Mingle event at CBK Kaiapoi. One new member attended, but it was disappointing to see a low turnout.
- Staff were conducting a targeted survey of local Kaiapoi businesses about having a “night market” in Kaiapoi. At this stage, staff were reporting a low response rate.
- Food Secure North Canterbury held one of the three planned yearly community meetings. Angela Clifford, CEO of Eat New Zealand, was the guest speaker. This forum kicked off a series of three events focused on fostering collaboration and innovation to address local food security challenges.
- Pegasus had raised over \$8,000 for the community CCTV camera project. Sovereign Palms, as of last Friday, had enough funds for three community-funded CCTV cameras. Community Watch asked if the Council-owned cameras in Kaiapoi could be cleaned, which was happening this week or, at the very latest, next week.
- Rowing for Life passed through Waikuku on 9 March 2024, raising money for various charities.
- Kaiapoi High School was to start the CACTUS leadership program again. This program was great for the students who were chosen to attend it. The Kind Foundation partly supported the Course.
- Arthur Burke Amberley had provided a brand new vehicle to North Canterbury Neighbourhood Support to assist with the great work they were doing. Wendy Howe of the Community team had been taking the Trust through a review of their Vision, Values and Strategy.
- Kaiapoi Food Forest Trust had started developing the funding strategy to build the educational hub and had also been having meetings with staff to go over what costs the Trust would incur in relation to Development Contributions etc. A national company approached the Trust to fund a marketing strategy to assist in securing funding. They came back with an impressive presentation along with lists of companies that we should approach to request funding from.
- The Community Van (externally funded) was now sign-written and ready to support the community events, etc. I believe staff were working on a policy as to where the van would be used in the community.
- Waimakariri Stash and Swap event would at the Kaiapoi library on 23 March 2024.
- The “The Last Wednesday” Rangiora Business Mingle would be held on 27 March 2024.

- The Back to Basics event would be held on 20 April 2024.
- North Canterbury Youth Futures Business breakfast will be held on 30 April 2024.

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

- The mural in Kaiapoi on the Cure Rowing Club building, which the Waimakariri Public Arts Trust were managing, was proceeding well.
- Approximately 200 people in attendance attended the Silverstream event.
- Arts Strategy was finalised and would be launched in May 2024.

8 QUESTIONS

Nil.

9 URGENT GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

10 MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WITH THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED

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

Moved: Councillor Brine

Seconded: Councillor Cairns

1. That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting:

Item 10.1 Report from Management Team Meeting of 11 December 2023.

Item 10.2 Report from Management Team Meeting of 5 February 2024.

Item 10.3 Report from Management Team Meeting of 11 March 2024.

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

Meeting Item No. and subject	Reason for excluding the public	Grounds for excluding the public.
10.1 Report from management Team Meeting of 11 December 2023	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7	To enable the local authority to carry on negotiations (including commercial and industrial) without prejudice or disadvantage, as per LGOIMA Section 7 (2) (i).
10.2 Report from management Team Meeting of 5 February 2024	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7	To carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) (s 7(2)(i)).

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10.3 Report from management Team Meeting of 11 March 2024	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7	To carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) (s 7(2)(i)).

CLOSED MEETING

Resolution to resume in Open Meeting

Moved: Councillor Brine

Seconded: Councillor Redmond

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

CARRIED

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Community and Recreation Committee will be held on Tuesday 28 May 2024 at 3.30pm.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 5.48PM.

CONFIRMED

Chairperson
Councillor Robbie Brine

Date