

WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE DISTRICT PLANNING AND REGULATION COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, RANGIORA SERVICE CENTRE, 215 HIGH STREET,
RANGIORA, ON TUESDAY, 28 MAY 2024, AT 1PM.**

PRESENT:

Councillor T Fulton (Chairperson), Mayor Gordon, Councillors A Blackie, and B Cairns,

IN ATTENDANCE

Councillors Brine, Redmond, and Williams.

J Millward (Chief Executive), K LaValley (General Manager Planning, Regulation and Environment), J McBride (Roading and Transport Manager), P Daly (Road Safety Coordinator/Journey Planner), and T Kunkel (Governance Team Leader).

1 APOLOGIES

Moved: Councillor Blackie

Seconded: Councillor Cairns

THAT apologies for absence be received and sustained from Deputy Mayor N Atkinson and Councillor J Goldsworthy.

CARRIED

2 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the meeting of the District Planning and Regulation Committee held on Tuesday, 16 April 2024

Moved: Councillor Blackie

Seconded: Councillor Cairns

THAT the District Planning and Regulation Committee:

- (a) **Confirms** the circulated Minutes of the District Planning and Regulation Committee meeting, held on 16 April 2024, as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED

3.2 Matters Arising (From Minutes)

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

4 DEPUTATIONS

Nil.

5 REPORTS

Nil

6 CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

7 PORTFOLIO UPDATES

7.1 District Planning – Councillor Tim Fulton

- The District Planning process seemed to be progressing well, and the Council received regular staff updates.
- The number of Resource Consent applications received was steady. However, there had been a slight decline from the usual numbers the Council received.
- The Council was awaiting the additional information requested in December 2023 about the Resource Consent application for a solar farm opposite the Daiken factory.
- The Resource Consent application for a 7.5-hectare solar farm at 513 Thongcaster Road has been granted. It was in quite a remote location, and all of the surrounding neighbours had given their written consent to the proposal, so it was unlikely to be contentious or high-profile. It was suggested that the Council may need more information on the solar farm market in light of the number of Resource Consent applications received for solar farms.
- The Resource Consent application submitted by Protranz International Limited to undertake quarrying activities and construct and operate a landfill on Quarry Road, Loburn, was currently being evaluated by the Planning Officer. However, further information was expected to be requested.
- The Oxford Landfill application closed on 29 April 2024, and the commissioners had until 25 June 2024 to make a decision.

Councillor Redmond questioned the designation of solar farms in the Council's District Plan. K LaValley confirmed that a solar farm was a discretionary activity under the Council's Operational District Plan; however, she would report back to the Committee on solar farms' designation in terms of the Council's proposed District Plan.

Councillor Fulton requested that the District Planning and Regulation Committee also be briefed on the criteria considered when evaluating a property's suitability for developing a solar farm, such as soil quality, etc.

7.2 Civil Defence and Regulation – Councillor Jason Goldsworthy

Councillor Goldsworthy was not present to provide an update.

7.3 Business, Promotion and Town Centres – Councillor Brent Cairns

- Mandy Palmer's art exhibition at Art on the Quay, Kaiapoi and Paul Smith's "Just Imagine" exhibition at Chamber Gallery, Rangiora, had been well received.
- SkateJam events were hosted in Kaiapoi, Oxford, and the next event would be held in Rangiora on 8 June 2024. The Council's Community Team had been requested to extend youth events to the Pegasus/Woodend area as it was the fastest-growing part of the Waimakariri District.
- Attended a well-supported Clarkville School White Elephant event.
- Attended Belinda Topp's Ideal event in Victoria Park, Rangiora, a Council-funded event. He wanted to see how well the event was organised and the number of attendees.
- Attended a local event to view the My Kitchen Rules TV show featuring Lee and Luke Barrington from Out The Gate Café in Kaiapoi. The TV Show showed Kaiapoi and the Waimakariri District in a positive light.

- Attended Ronel's Cuppa, where Mayor Gordan discussed the 2024-34 Long Term Plan and requested people to make submissions. The event was well-supported.
- Attended a Road Safety Working Party meeting, where it was advised that there had been no fatalities on local roads; however, there were five serious accidents. Twice as many speeding tickets were issued, and there had been a significant increase in drivers over the alcohol limit during the day. Also, work was being done on pedestrian crossings at Kaiapoi High and Kaiapoi North schools, and the New Zealand Police were attending some road work sites across the district to monitor driver behaviour. It was also reported that it was challenging to find qualified truck drivers.
- Met with Nigel Cook, who runs music events in and around Kaiapoi each month, which was mostly sold out, to discuss fundraising opportunities.
- Met with Blue Sky Events, which had taken over the All Together Kaiapoi events, such as Matariki, Waitangi Day, and the Spring Festival, as well as a new event, RiverSong, which was well attended. Staff resolved some trip hazards at the Kaiapoi Wharf before the RiverSong event. Blue Sky Events had a wealth of event experience and would build iconic events for Kaiapoi. Matariki would be celebrated from 26 to 28 June 2024, with a light walk on Corcoran Reserve.
- A review of the mobility parks on the Kaiapoi Wharf was being undertaken. A potentially additional mobility park would support the popular River Queen cruises and the very popular Paris for the Weekend.
- Two Kaiapoi restaurants were broken into, and one till and a tip jar were stolen. Despite the few items taken, the damage and cost to the businesses were considerable. The offenders were later apprehended in Christchurch.
- Armadillos Restaurant in Kaiapoi closed, and Suburban 412 Restaurant opened this week. The new restaurant was owned by Kostas Marks and Sheree Roberts, who also operated Tasteful Affairs at the Kaiapoi Golf Club and several other locations throughout the South Island.
- At its Annual General Meeting in July 2024, Rangiora Promotions would host a relaunch event after conducting brainstorming workshops and committee meetings to review its future focus.
- Attended Kaiapoi Promotions' monthly meeting. The group planned to host some new smaller events in Kaiapoi, some involving businesses. Kaiapoi Promotions was, also considering alternate locations for the Christmas Carnival due to issues with the land.
- The Oxford Promotions Action Committee (OPAC) was planning its Winter event, and it was anticipated that they may wish the tree at Pearson Park lit up. However, OPAC cancelled its recent monthly meeting, so no update was available.
- The Council was reviewing the town centre flags, which would be replaced in a year. This may be an opportunity to work with local designers on new designs that represent the various towns. The Council also investigated extending the town flags to the Woodend, Ravenswood, and Pegasus areas. Staff also looked at the prospect of having flags for special occasions such as Anzac and Matariki.
- The Council received positive feedback from the local public regarding the excellent service from its Compliance Team regarding changes to renewing licences.
- The Council provided mulch and edging for the Woodend/Pegasus Food Forest, which would tidy up the edges and nourish the trees.
- The New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) was approximately 60% through acquiring the properties for the proposed Woodend bypass.

Councillor Fulton asked if young people at events such as SkateJam could provide information on the possible location of youth facilities, such as skateparks in other areas. Councillor Cains agreed to discuss the matter with the Council's Youth Development Facilitator, Emily Belton.

8 MATTERS REFERRED FROM RANGIORA-ASHLEY COMMUNITY BOARD

8.1 Proposed School Bus Stop facility at Te Kura o Tuahiwi, Tuahiwi School – P Daly (Road Safety Coordinator/Journey Planner) and J McBride (Roading and Transport Manager)

(Report No. 240321044984 on the Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board Agenda for the meeting of 20 May 2024).

J McBride noted that approval was sought to establish a bus stop for the school bus service at Te Kura o Tuahiwi, Tuahiwi School. The new bus service would involve two buses servicing the school each morning and afternoon. The service commenced on 29 April 2024, and approximately 65 students were witnessed using it.

There were no questions from elected members.

Moved: Councillor Blackie

Seconded: Councillor Cairns

THAT the District Planning and Regulation Committee:

- (a) **Approves** the establishment of a school bus stop and associated parking restrictions as proposed by the Te Kura o Tuahiwi, Tuahiwi School, as noted in the schedule below.

Item	Town	Street	Location	Side of Street	Restriction	Qualifying Remarks	Comments for consideration
One	Tuahiwi	Tuahiwi Road	Outside Tuahiwi School	East	Bus Stop	8-9am, 2:30-3:30pm School Days	Requested by the school staff.

CARRIED

8.2 Williams Street Bus Stop Safety Improvements – P Daly (Road Safety Coordinator/Journey Planner) and J McBride (Roading and Transport Manager)

(Report No. 240322045655 on the Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board Agenda for the meeting of 20 May 2024).

J McBride highlighted the safety challenges experienced with the current Williams Street bus stop. She explained that providing a 7.8-metre entry taper for the bus stop would allow for better bus manoeuvring. However, it would necessitate the loss of one carpark. The carparking space on the approach to the bus stop was a P120 controlled parking area, which was currently 30 metres long. Providing an entry taper for the bus stop would reduce the length of that controlled parking area to 22.2 metres, accommodating four carparks.

There were no questions from elected members.

Moved: Councillor Cairns

Seconded: Councillor Blackie

THAT the District Planning and Regulation Committee:

- (a) **Approves** the reduction of the P120 parking area adjacent to the Williams Street bus stop by 7.8 metres outside no. 190 Williams Street.
- (b) **Approves** the installation of 7.8-meter no-stop lines prior to the bus stop, in compliance with the proposal in the report (Trim: 240322045655).

- (c) **Notes** that the Schedule of Parking Restrictions will be updated if the subject of this report is approved.

CARRIED

9 QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDERS

Nil.

10 URGENT GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

NEXT MEETING

The next District Planning and Regulation Committee meeting would be held on 16 July 2024.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 1.19PM.

CONFIRMED

Councillor T Fulton

16 July 2024
Date