

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RANGIORA-ASHLEY COMMUNITY BOARD HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 215 HIGH STREET, RANGIORA, ON WEDNESDAY, 10 JULY 2024, AT 7 PM.

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

S Hart (General Manager Strategy, Engagement and Economic Development), J McBride (Roading and Transport Manager), K Straw (Civil Projects Team Leader), T Kunkel (Governance Team Leader) and E Stubbs (Governance Support Officer).

There were seventeen members of the public present.

1. APOLOGIES

Moved: B McLaren

Seconded: J Goldsworthy

An apology for absence was received and sustained from K Barnett.

CARRIED

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were declared.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1. Minutes of the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board – 12 June 2024

Moved: B McLaren

Seconded: I Campbell

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) **Confirms**, as a true and accurate record, the circulated Minutes of the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board meeting held on 12 June 2024.

CARRIED

3.2. Matters Arising (From Minutes)

P Williams enquired whether there was any feedback from the public consultation about Environment Canterbury's proposed Air Quality Monitoring Station in Rangiora. T Kunkel confirmed that there is no feedback at this time; however, the Board will be kept updated.

3.3. Notes of the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board Workshop – 12 June 2024

Moved: B McLaren

Seconded: L McClure

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** the circulated notes of the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board Workshop, held on 12 June 2024.

CARRIED

4. DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

4.1. Solar Farm at 87 Upper Sefton Road – David Fordyce

D Fordyce addressed the Board on behalf of residents affected by the proposed development of a solar farm at 87 Upper Sefton Road. He advised that residents had become aware of the proposed application for consent to develop a solar farm in 2023. Following this, 30 residents met to discuss their concerns, which included, among others:

- Solar farms were an unregulated industry lacking oversight. Any current information on solar farms focused on the 'warm and fuzzy' without substance.
- 87 Upper Sefton Road was LUC (Land Use Capability) Class 2 land. This classification was the second most productive land in New Zealand and represented less than 15% of national farmland. The National Policy Statement for Highly Productive Land 2022 required territorial authorities to avoid the inappropriate use or development of highly productive land.
- The solar farm should be located on a less intrusive site, and the application should be declined based on its unsuitable location. The residents were not opposed to solar farms in general; they were opposed to this location. In comparison, they believed the proposed solar farm location at Eyrewell Forest was suitable because it was on low-grade land and had large buffer zones.
- The motors moving the solar panels to follow the sun would provide continuous noise.
- Electromagnetic radiation and electromagnetic fields presented health concerns as raised in the tabled paper.
- The glare and glint from solar panels would create a hazard for traffic on Upper Sefton Road. In addition, the adjacent Fibre Mill was a reference point for small aircraft and the glare could affect aircraft.
- Solar installations created heat islands, resulting in a local increase in temperature up to three to five degrees. In the height of summer, neighbouring properties would receive reflected heat for approximately eight hours per day.
- In the event of a severe storm damaging the panels, there was potential for contamination. There were several small creeks crossing the site, which were Saltwater Creek tributaries, the Hurunui Aquifer was on Lower Sefton Road, and the Hurunui Water Scheme was only 800m from the proposed solar farm. Solar panels represent a source of potential contamination as they contain several toxic heavy metals and compounds. Eco-toxic cleaning products for cleaning panels were also a source of contamination.
- The company proposing the solar farm was based in Sydney, Australia. It had only one New Zealand shareholder who held one share. They believed that the Council had a responsibility to protect residents before profiting from foreign investors.
- Residents currently enjoyed a rural outlook; it would be a completely different outlook if 30-40 thousand 4.8m high solar panels were installed on neighbouring property.

I Campbell questioned the panels' life expectancy, and D Fordyce advised that research had shown that it would be between ten and 15 years. However, these panels would be in a high-wind zone, which may lessen their life expectancy.

I Cambell further enquired if there were any benefits to the community. D Fordyce noted that the power generated was not for local consumption and would provide little job opportunities once established. Hence, there were no benefits to the Waimakariri District.

S Wilkinson asked about the decline in property values located near solar farms. D Fordyce commented there was no report in New Zealand of that yet. However, there was evidence from overseas that this was the case.

P Williams noted that if residents were not opposed to solar energy, what was their main concern. D Fordyce reiterated that they were concerned about the location of the proposed solar farm due to its proximity to the water supply and residents' homes.

R Brine sought clarity on what the residents would like to happen regarding the application. D Fordyce advised that they wanted the application to be publicly notified and that, ideally, another, more appropriate site be found. He highlighted that there were 30 to 40 homes within 800 meters of the site.

R Brine suggested the group also present their concerns to the Woodend-Sefton Community Board, as while the proposed solar farm was in the Rangiora-Ashley Ward area, many residents would be travelling past the site from Sefton and the Hurunui area.

J Gerard thanked D Fordyce for his presentation and noted the support in the gallery. The Board would receive an update from staff on the matter.

5. ADJOURNED BUSINESS

Nil.

6. REPORTS

6.1. Proposed Changes to the Bus Stop Facility at North Loburn School – J McBride (Roading and Transport Manager) and P Daly (Road Safety Coordinator / Journey Planner)

J McBride introduced the report, which sought approval to relocate the bus stop at North Loburn School approximately 40 meters further north to mitigate safety concerns. The request was from the principal of the North Loburn School and was endorsed by the Ministry of Education.

P Williams sought and was provided clarification on the layout of the school entrances.

Moved: P Williams Seconded: B McLaren

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

(a) **Receives** Report No. 240430068062.

AND

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board recommends:

THAT the District Planning and Regulation Committee:

(b) **Approves** relocation of the existing school bus stop approximately 40 metres North, along the school boundary.

(c) **Approves** the remarking and signage of the new bus stop location.

(d) **Notes** the cost estimate of \$1000 - \$1200.

(e) **Notes** the support of the principal of North Loburn School and of the Ministry of Education.

CARRIED

P Williams commented that the request came from North Loburn School, which would have a good understanding of the requirements to ensure child safety.

6.2. **Proposed Capital Works Programme for 2024/25 and Indicative Three-Year Programme – K Straw (Civil Projects Team Leader) and J McBride (Roading and Transport Manager)**

J McBride and K Straw presented the report, which sought endorsement for the proposed 2024/25 Roading Capital Works Programme and noted the indicative three-year programme from 2025/26 to 2027/28. J McBride noted that the footpath renewal was condition-driven. The bus shelter programme was based on an agreed-upon approach to improving public transport and examining boarding numbers. The Roading Capital Works Programme did not include large infrastructure projects.

J McBride noted the number of questions raised by the Board prior to the meeting and the responses that had been circulated.

P Williams questioned if the cycleways would only be completed if the 51% Central Government subsidy was received. J McBride advised that the Council did not receive co-funding for the Minor Safety Programme. The outcome of the Council's funding application to the New Zealand Transport Agency was not yet known. Staff would provide the Council with an update if funding was not successful.

In response to a question from J Goldsworthy, J McBride confirmed that Environment Canterbury co-funded bus shelters.

M Fleming enquired about the two bus shelters on Ashley Street that seemed to be located quite close together. J McBride explained that the programme was based on boarding numbers. The bus stops with the highest boarding numbers were first targeted for higher levels of service.

B McLaren asked whether the Roading Capital Works Programme included the whole Waimakariri District, as footpath renewals appeared to be concentrated in Rangiora and Kaiapoi. J McBride explained that the footpath renewal programme was condition-driven, and as Kaiapoi and Rangiora had the oldest townships, replacements there were triggered before other areas.

J Goldsworthy referred to the poor condition of the area on Coldstream Road, near Ashley Street, and enquired if that had been considered as part of the footpath renewals programme. J McBride confirmed that the Council had allocated budget in its 2024-34 Long Term Plan for the development of a footpath outside the Rangiora Showgrounds.

Responding to a question from S Wilkinson, J McBride confirmed that the funding for the renewal of the footpath along Holcroft Court could be brought forward to the 2024/25 financial year. However, that would require pushing equivalent projects out to the 2025/26 financial year. She suggested that the renewal of the footpaths along Grove Place and Fraser Place, which were in similar condition, be deferred.

Moved: J Ward

Seconded: B McLaren

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 240419062918.
- (b) **Endorses** the 2024/25 Draft Proposed Roading Capital Works Programme (Trim No. 240624102120) with the addition of bringing the footpath renewal of Holcroft Road forward to 2024/25 and pushing out the renewal of Grove Place and Fraser Place to 2025/26.
- (c) **Endorses** the indicative Roading Capital Works Programme for the 2025/26, 2026/27 and 2027/28 financial years with the addition of bringing the footpath renewal of Holcroft Road forward to 2024/25 and pushing out the renewal of Grove

Place and Fraser Place to 2025/26.

- (d) **Notes** that the outcome of the National Land Transport Programme (NLTP) will not be known until September 2024, and as such, it will not be known whether co-funding is available until that time.
- (e) **Notes** that feedback from the Community Boards will be incorporated into the final report, which is proposed to be submitted to the Utilities and Roading Committee in August 2024 for approval.

CARRIED

J Ward commented that the upgrading of footpaths, kerbs, and channels was an ongoing process to ensure that infrastructure did not deteriorate all at once, thus requiring significant funding.

J Gerard was pleased to see the inclusion of the footpath to Coldstream Road.

S Wilkinson supported bringing the funding for the renewal of the footpath along Holcroft Court forward to the 2024/25 financial year as it was a safety issue. He suggested that the renewal of the footpaths along Grove Place and Fraser Place, also be prioritised if they were in similar condition.

6.3. **Submission to the proposed quarrying activities and the construction and operation of a Class 3 Managed Landfill at 150, 154, 174 and 176 Quarry Road Loburn (RC245076) – T Kunkel (Governance Team Leader)**

S Hart highlighted the options available to the Board if they wished to make a submission to both Waimakariri District Council and Environment Canterbury on the proposed quarrying activities and the construction and operation of a Class 3 Managed Fill Landfill at 150, 154, 174 and 176 Quarry Road, Loburn.

J Gerard nominated I Campbell and K Barnett as representatives from the ward's rural area to assist with the Board's submission.

M Fleming asked if the Board would collaborate with other opponents of the landfill. J Gerard noted that he had discussed about the resource consent process with the Whiterock Community Opposition Group. However, while the Board could make its own submission, it could share any information with the community. He noted that staff would remain independent from the process.

Moved: J Gerard

Seconded: S Wilkinson

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** report No. 240423064120.
- (b) **Agrees** to make a submission on the Resource Consent (RC245076 and CRC243700 and associated) applications to undertake quarrying activities and construct and operate a Class 3 Managed Fill Landfill at 150, 154, 174, and 176 Quarry Road, Loburn.
- (c) **Delegates** authority to Board members J Gerard (Chair), I Campbell and K Barnett to formulate and submit the Board's submission on the Resource Consent (RC245076, CRC243700 and associated) applications to undertake quarrying activities and construct and operate a Class 3 Managed Fill Landfill at 150, 154, 174, and 176 Quarry Road, Loburn.

- (d) **Notes** that the Protranz International Limited consent applications with Waimakariri District Council and Environment Canterbury are currently on hold, and no public notification has been made.
- (e) **Note** that the Community Board is an unincorporated body and is not a local authority or a committee of the Council. The Community Board has a specific delegation to submit on Resource Consent applications within the Board area where appropriate.
- (f) **Notes** that the Community Board does not have any decision-making authority on Resource Management Act 1991 matters and that decision-making is objective and impartial by delegated officers or commissioners.
- (g) **Notes** that submissions relating to the Community Board's local knowledge and information can be effectively presented without professional advice.
- (h) **Agrees** that the Community Board should seek professional advice, such as an independent planner, legal advisor, or other technical expert. The Community Board will, therefore, seek funding and other resourcing from the Council to engage professional experts.

CARRIED

J Gerard believed that the Board would need professional advice to assist in preparing a submission. The Board was representing the community and whatever information they received should be presented as well as possible. From the Board's experience with the Rangiora Racecourse resource consent process, the expert they had engaged had strengthened their argument. He believed that \$5,000 to 10,000 should be sufficient to engage an expert to assist the Board.

S Wilkinson endorsed J Gerard's comments and also supported the motion.

P Williams also supported the motion and he believed that learnings from the Oxford Landfill proposal could be applied.

I Campbell thanked the Board for the nomination to assist with the submission.

The Board held a workshop from 8.20pm to 8.47pm to discuss Discretionary Grant Funding Criteria.

6.4. **Application to the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board's 2024/25 Discretionary Grant Fund – T Kunkel (Governance Team Leader)**

T Kunkel introduced the Waimakariri United Football Club application, noting that it was the largest football club in the Waimakariri District, with 904 registered players.

Moved: S Wilkinson

Seconded: L McClure

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** report No. 240523082939.
- (b) **Approves** a grant of \$600 to the Waimakariri United Football Club towards the cost of purchasing bibs.

CARRIED

S Wilkinson noted that the Waimakariri United Football Club was an important organisation in the community with strong community support. However, only 33% of the Club's membership was from the Rangiora-Ashley Ward. The Club was in a comfortable financial position, and the purchase would go ahead regardless of the outcome of the application. He, therefore, believed \$600 was a reasonable amount to approve as it reflected the proportion of the number of people from the Rangiora-Ashley Ward who would benefit.

P Williams enquired if the Women's Institute had previously applied for Board funding, and T Kunkel advised that they received funding for hall hire and craft supplies for their Craft Day in 2021, 2022, and 2023.

L McClure asked whether the Women's Institute's application could be perceived as retrospective. T Kunkel explained that Craft Day was scheduled for the same day as the Board meeting, and the application was received prior to the event; thus, the approval would not be considered retrospective.

Moved: B McLaren

Seconded: I Campbell

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (c) **Approves** a grant of \$110 to the North Canterbury Federation of Women's Institute towards hosting a Craft Day.

CARRIED

B McLaren noted the budget contradictions and recommended that the Women's Institute be granted \$110 to make up the shortfall needed to host the event.

J Gerard noted that the wage component of \$270 could not be funded. Other considerations were that only 30% of the people who benefited from the craft day were from the Rangiora-Ashley Ward, and the number of people who would benefit from the event was around 35 people.

Moved: R Brine

Seconded: J Ward

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (d) **Declines** a grant to the Southbrook Netball Club.

CARRIED

R Brine noted that the Southbrook Netball Club was affiliated with the Southbrook Sports Club and that facilities for meetings and storage were available at that sports club. He also questioned the Club's assertion that 100% of its members were from the Rangiora-Ashley Ward.

J Gerard commented that the Club played a valuable role in the community and had a strong community presence. However, the Board have granted the Club funding for the hall, storage hire, and prize giving in 2020, 2022, and 2023, and the Board should not be funding annual operation costs. He recommended that the Club be advised to request funding for the Council via the 2025/26 Annual Plan process.

T Kunkel noted that the Board's Discretionary Grant Application criteria did not consider schools to be non-profit community-based organisations. The application was from the St Joseph's School principal and, therefore, did not comply with the criteria. Also, no evidence had been provided that the Ministry of Education should not subsidise the cultural event.

Moved: J Gerard

Seconded: L McClure

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (e) **Declines** a grant to St Joseph's School.

CARRIED

L McClure commented that hosting a cultural festival was a great idea; however, the application did not qualify based on the Board's Discretionary Grant Application criteria.

Moved: J Goldsworthy

Seconded: P Williams

- (f) **Approves** a grant of \$500 to the Salvation Army Just Brass to continue and grow its music lessons for underprivileged children.

CARRIED

J Goldsworthy believed the programme would be of tremendous benefit to participants by providing support to children and their families. Therefore, he supported the motion.

P Williams believed the programme would benefit the community by providing opportunities for disadvantaged children and opening doors for other services should the children or their families need further welfare or social support. He, therefore, also supported the motion.

J Gerard agreed that the Salvation Army Just Brass was a worthwhile organisation and that the music lessons for children in low-decile schools were a valuable programme. However, the \$20,200 for wages could not be funded, and there was a high cost per recipient as only 15 students were from the Rangiora-Ashley Ward.

L McClure likewise supported the motion and requested that recipients be advised in communications that the grant could not be applied to a wage component.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1. Council Long Term Plan Submission Response Letter (Trim: 240216022707)

7.2. Letter regarding Queen Street Trees (Trim: 240703108088)

Moved: J Goldsworthy

Seconded: J Ward

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** the Council Long Term Plan Submission Response Letter (Trim: 240216022707).
- (b) **Receives** the letter regarding Queen Street Trees (Trim: 240703108088).

CARRIED

8. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

8.1. Chair's Diary for June 2024

Moved: J Gerard

Seconded: J Goldsworthy

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** report No. 240703108091.

CARRIED

9. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

- 9.1. Oxford-Ohoka Community Board Meeting Minutes 5 June 2024.
- 9.2. Woodend-Sefton Community Board Meeting Minutes 10 June 2024.
- 9.3. Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board Meeting Minutes 17 June 2024.
- 9.4. Submission Environment Canterbury Long Term Plan – Report to Council meeting 4 June 2024 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 9.5. 46 Main North Road, Kaiapoi – Public and Iwi Feedback – Reserve Classification – Report to Council Meeting 4 June 2024 – Circulates to the Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board.
- 9.6. Health, Safety and Wellbeing Report May 2024 – Report to Council Meeting 4 June 2024 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 9.7. Enterprise North Canterbury Approved Statement of Intent (SOI) Beginning 1 July 2024, and associated 2024/25 Enterprise North Canterbury Annual Business Plan – Report to Audit and Risk Committee meeting 11 June 2024 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 9.8. Commence Public Consultation on Amended Stormwater Drainage and Watercourse Protection Bylaw 2024 – Report to Utilities and Roading Committee meeting 18 June 2024 – Circulates to all Boards.
- 9.9. Private Well Study – Results from 2023 Study – Report to Utilities and Roading Committee meeting 18 June 2024 – Circulates to all Boards.

Moved: L McClure

Seconded: R Brine

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) Receives the information in Items 9.1 to 9.9.

CARRIED

10. MEMBERS' INFORMATION EXCHANGE

R Brine

- Advised that N Mealing had attended the Solid Waste conference and was talking to staff about introducing an app to create awareness of recycling and second-hand facilities in the district.
- Attended Southbrook Sports Club meeting. The Committee was pleased with the LTP decisions regarding the Club. They were currently looking at potential partners for the development of the facility.

P Williams

- Attended:
 - Four drainage advisory group meetings.
 - Kaiapoi Waste Water Treatment Plant walkaround. It needed funding for improvements.
 - Site meeting at Cones Road drainage diversion.
 - Kaiapoi Arts Expo.
 - District Licencing Commission hearing
 - Utilities and Roading Committee meeting
 - Council meeting
 - All Boards' meeting
 - Upper Sefton Road site meeting with residents looking at issues.
- Noted that as a resident of River Road, he had spoken to several residents and truck drivers who had expressed concern about the practicalities, including narrowness, of the new road layout.

It was requested that an update on the road layout be sought from the Rooding and Transport Manager.

I Campbell

- Attended:
 - Meeting with K Barnett and a representative from the Whiterock Community Group opposing the Quarry Road landfill proposal.
 - Site meeting with residents regarding flooding on Upper Sefton Road.
 - Loburn Emergency Hub meeting, which was not well attended. Rural members of the community had many useful resources in an emergency.
 - Kaiapoi Art Expo.

M Clake

- Viewed leaves and pavement issues on Church Street. Sent a request to Greenspace regarding tree pruning.
- Requested no-stopping lines be painted alongside the new South Belt pedestrian refuge and had been pleased with the prompt response from the rooding team.
- Commented on the lack of visuals on glass doors and breakages as a result.
- Viewed bus stop at North Loburn School.
- Noted the new pedestrian refuge on Ivory Street was being well utilised.
- Attended Drainage Committee meeting.

S Wilkinson

- Acknowledged prompt response to Snap, Send, and Solve requests.
- Attended:
 - Drainage meeting.
 - Southbrook Sports Club meeting.
 - Loburn Emergency Hub meeting, and while he believed it was a fantastic concept, he was disappointed by the community's lack of turnout. He suggested a rethink around communications, such as a signed letter from the Mayor.
- Raised concerns regarding the River Road layout.
- Noted there were differing opinions coming out of the consultation regarding the installation of football fields at Cust, particularly from the equestrian community, which had facilities established at the domain.

J Goldsworthy

- Acknowledged Robin Brown's handover of New World, Rangiora.
- The Civil Defence team was reviewing feedback regarding communications. The team was also harmonising the Emergency Operations Centre with Business as Usual operations.
- Rangiora Promotions Association was rebranding as Rangiora Promotions and was taking a more community focus on delivering events.
- Attended a presentation from Christchurch International Airport (CIA), which outlined their general direction.

J Ward

- Commented Council was now more Business as Usual following the finalisation of LTP.
- Attended:
 - Utilities and Rooding Committee meeting: It was noted that the Central Government speed limit consultation had a very short turnaround time for the Council to respond.
 - North Canterbury Sport and Recreation Trust meeting.
 - Presentation from CIA who wanted to expand noise contours. Had questioned them regarding runway 29 (northwest runway). A lot of freight was being delivered at night.

They had confirmed that General Aviation would be out of Christchurch by 2035, and Rangiora Airfield was well placed for that change.

- Commented on 3 Waters, the Chief Executive had advised that the Council would need to decide and have their voice heard quickly before options were removed.
- Commented there was a lot of indecision from the new government. The Council would not know about roading funding until October.

B McLaren

- Commented it had been a great month locally for art and theatre.
- Attended Rangiora Museum monthly meeting.

L McClure

- Attended:
 - Matariki celebrations – the Kaiapoi light display was incredible.
 - Rangiora Promotions relaunch
 - Kaiapoi Art Expo
- Community Gardens were looking at a potential site on Good Street and there would be an update to the Board in the future.

M Fleming

- Attended Waimakariri Access Group meeting. The Health and Disability Commission were reviewing processes around making complaints. The Rangiora High School Lighthouse Programme, which had 39 students, were looking to make further connections with the businesses to increase student employment placements.

11. CONSULTATION PROJECTS

11.1. Oxford Football Club using Cust Domain

<https://letstalk.waimakariri.govt.nz/oxford-football-club-using-cust-domain>

Consultation closed on Friday, 26 July 2024.

11.2. Welcoming Communities

<https://letstalk.waimakariri.govt.nz/welcoming-communities>

Consultation closed in mid-August 2024.

The Board noted the consultation projects.

12. BOARD FUNDING UPDATE

12.1. Board Discretionary Grant

Balance as at 30 June 2024: \$14,200.

12.2. General Landscaping Fund

Balance as of 30 June 2024: \$42,970, plus carryover is to be confirmed.

The Board noted the Board Funding updates.

13. MEDIA ITEMS

Nil.

14. QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDERS

Nil.

15. URGENT GENERAL BUSINESS UNDER STANDING ORDERS

Nil.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board was scheduled for 7pm, Wednesday 14 August 2024.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9PM.

CONFIRMED

Chairperson

Date