

WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE UTILITIES AND ROADING COMMITTEE HELD REMOTELY VIA ZOOM ON TUESDAY 22 MARCH COMMENCING AT 3.31PM.

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Councillors N Atkinson, P Redmond and K Barnett
J Harland (Chief Executive) G Cleary (Manager Utilities and Roading), K Simpson (3 Waters Manager), E Klopper (Flood Team Lead), C Roxburgh (Water Asset Manager) and A Smith (Governance Coordinator)

1 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

2 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflict of interest recorded.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of a meeting of the Utilities and Roading Committee held on Tuesday 22 February 2022

Moved Councillor Williams

Seconded Councillor Blackie

THAT the Utilities and Roading Committee:

- (a) **Confirms** the circulated Minutes of a meeting of the Utilities and Roading Committee held on 22 February 2022, 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 February 2022 Flood Event – Update on Service Requests – E Klopper (Flood Team Lead), C Fahey (Water Operations Team Leader) and K Simpson (3 Waters Manager)

K Simpson presented this report, along with E Klopper, who was introduced to the Committee, as a consultant from Beca engaged by the Council to assist with the flood recovery work. Also assisting was Jack Boyd from Stantec. The report provided an update on the further work status following the recent flood events that had impacted the district, in May 2021, December 2021 and February 2022. There was approximately 600 service requests that staff were working through and these had been triaged into groups. There were approximately 60 further investigations the staff were currently working through. There was currently a more definitive programme being put together. Regarding communications, K Simpson advised that there had been an initial response sent to everyone who had lodged a service request and it was intended to directly follow up with people to let them know the outcome of further investigation work. Staff were also providing general communication updates on the Council website. There was also targeted consultation underway with the Kaiapoi residents, noting that a lot of the service requests from Kaiapoi residents related to issues that would be addressed by the Shovel Ready projects. This would be integrated with updates on the Shovel Ready works. It was also planned to produce an information flyer to be circulated to the Waikuku Beach residents.

K Simpson provided an update on drainage maintenance that had been undertaken due to concerns raised regarding drainage, particularly in the Kaiapoi area. Feldwick Drain had been fully cleared out, some remedial works would be required for the pump station. Dudley Drain and Sunday School Drain along the railway line had also been cleaned out. Drainage investigations were underway and future reports would provide an update on the maintenance programme as it progressed. It was noted that any capital works results from the investigations, they would be included as part of a staff submission to the 2022/23 Annual Plan.

Mayor Gordon asked if drafts of any information brochures or other communications could be circulated to the elected members to make sure they were addressing concerns that members are aware of in the community. K Simpson agreed.

Councillor Williams asked if the current Council contractors had sufficient resources to undertake the required work and would there be a need to bring in extra contractors to assist with the backlog of work. K Simpson acknowledged there was a backlog of work and some contractors had issues with staff resourcing as a result of the impact of Covid. CORD had advised they would make the Council's maintenance programme a priority however, if there was still issues with keeping up with the workload, further external resources will be engaged to get the work completed.

Regarding the investigation on Ranui Mews, K Simpson advised there had been some CCTV work undertaken both on and offsite. This hadn't identified any obvious blockages, however had shown that there was work that could be done onsite and also further investigations were ongoing downstream of the site, with evidence of surcharging. Staff were also deploying level sensors into the catchment to indicate to what extent the system was surcharging during future rainfall events. Depending on the outcome of investigations, K Simpson advised that it may be a combination of doing improvements within the Council reticulation in the street, as well as onsite upgrades to the reticulation at Ranui Mews.

Following a question from Councillor Stewart, K Simpson said it was planned to get the website communications improved and easier for the public to access. Councillor Stewart suggested these updates could go onto the website home page and supported improvement in the communications.

Councillor Barnett asked if there could be an overall report provided, with an update on progress with both the roading and drainage issues following the flood events. G Cleary advised that there had been some requests for permanent flood signs which staff were initiating. There had been discussion with Waka Kotahi on shared funding, and these discussions were ongoing. It was agreed that staff would provide a report to the Committee on roading issues as well as drainage, either as a joint report, or two separate reports.

Councillor Blackie referred to the recent tour of Kaiapoi regarding the grills that hadn't been lifted or inspected for some time. As part of the contract, these were supposed to be inspected on a 12 weekly cycle. It was asked if there had been any communication with the contractor about not fulfilling this part of the contract. G Cleary advised that this matter had been taken up with the road maintenance contractors CORD at senior level as part of regular meetings. They had indicated a willingness for this to be part of a programme of inspections and maintenance work that was required.

Of the drainage service requests listed, Councillor Stewart enquired how many were not located in a drainage rating area. It was agreed that this information would be sourced by staff and circulated to all members.

Moved: Councillor Williams

Seconded: Councillor Blackie

THAT the Utilities and Roading Committee:

- (a) **Receives** report No. 220310034384.
- (b) **Notes** that 598 drainage service requests were received related to the significant rainfall event in May 2021, December 2021 and February 2022, which had all been responded to although some require further maintenance or investigation work.
- (c) **Notes** that there were currently 59 drainage assessments identified as set out in section 4.6 and this was likely to increase as the service requests were worked through.
- (d) **Notes** that a webpage had been setup on the Council's website to provide updates on the status of drainage works underway and targeted information would be sent out to the Waikuku Beach and Kaiapoi communities.
- (e) **Notes** that if further budgets were required for any capital works identified as part of the drainage assessment work, that these would be sought as part of the 2022/23 Annual Plan process.
- (f) **Circulates** this report to the Council and the Community Boards for information.

CARRIED

Councillor Williams supported these maintenance matters being progressed as soon as possible.

5.2 Drinking Water Standards and Rules: Submission to Taumata Arowai – C Roxburgh (Water Asset Manager) and H Proffit (Water Safety and Compliance Specialist)

C Roxburgh presented this report, which sought endorsement of the Utilities and Rooding Committee to the proposed submission to Taumata Arowai on the new Drinking Water Standards and Rules that had been proposed, and released for public consultation. This was a complete set of new standards and rules, comprising of five consultation documents. There was a suggested amended recommendation to what was included in the staff report and members were given the opportunity to discuss this.

The most significant document was the Quality Assurance rules, which included all the documentation rules to be adhered to by suppliers. In general a lot more sampling, monitoring and new obligations for reporting were required. Some reporting measures had gone from monthly to daily, covering connections from 50 people up to 20,000, the proportionate scale requirement did not appear to have been taken into account. This was one of the key points of the Council's submission. The most significant point in the submission related to the transition timeframes. The signalled timeframe for the final compliance standards would be advised in mid- to late-May 2022 and compliance would be expected by 1 July 2022. This was a very short turnaround and this point had been made in the Council's draft submission.

Councillor Stewart asked if there was any change to the maximum allowable levels for iron, manganese, arsenic and nitrate in the new proposed standards. C Roxburgh advised that these levels were based on the World Health Organisation standards and there had been no significant change to any of these perimeters. The Ministry of Health standards were based on the average weight of an adult human..

Councillor Blackie spoke on the small suppliers (e.g. farm cottages) and it was confirmed that if there was more than one connection to a water supply, these would be classed as a supplier. C Roxburgh advised that there hadn't been an acceptable solution, with the same rules for two houses as up to 500 people, and staff believed there should be a category for less than 50 people. Rules had been tailored to the larger end of the scale, not the smaller end.

Moved: Councillor Williams Seconded: Councillor Brine

THAT the Utilities and Rooding Committee:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 220309033938.
- (b) **Notes** that Taumata Arowai had prepared a suite of new documents associated with an updated version of the Drinking Water Standards for New Zealand, which they were seeking feedback on, with submissions closing on the 28th of March 2022, with relevant documents reviewed by staff and submissions prepared.
- (c) **Endorses** the following submissions prepared by staff to be submitted to Taumata Arowai, in response to the consultation questions asked, noting that final amendments would be made to these submissions, to reinforce the transitional issues associated with the standards particularly with regard to chlorination, at the approval of the Chief Executive and Mayor, taking into account any feedback received from Councillors.
 - i. Covering letter to Taumata Arowai
 - ii. Submission on Drinking Water Standards
 - iii. Submission on Quality Assurance Rules
 - iv. Submission on Aesthetic Values
 - v. Submission on Acceptable Solution for Spring and Bore Water

- vi. Submission on Acceptable Solution for Rural Agricultural Supplies.
- (d) **Notes** that the submissions will be made public by Taumata Arowai.

CARRIED

6 CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

7 REPORT REFERRED

Nil

8 MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

- 8.1 OXFORD RURAL NO. 2 WATER MAIN RENEWALS 2021/22 – REQUEST TO ENGAGE WATER UNIT – Report to Management Team Meeting 28 February 2022– to be circulated to Utilities and Roothing Committee.**

Moved: Councillor Blackie

Seconded: Councillor Brine

THAT the Utilities and Roothing Committee receives the information in Item 8.1.

CARRIED

9 PORTFOLIO UPDATES

9.1 Roothing – Councillor Paul Williams

Councillor Williams attended an inspection of some of the gravel roads in the district, some of which had been washed out by flood waters as a result of the heavy rain. These would need to be remedied.

9.2 Drainage and Stockwater – Councillor Sandra Stewart

Councillor Stewart spoke on the upcoming briefing on drainage rating. Currently there was some rural and some urban rating areas, and a District Wide Flood Protection Rate. Ecan are now also proposing a new region-wide rate. The briefing should advise exactly what all these rates were going to deliver.

Councillor Stewart was also waiting to view the draft of the new Stockwater Bylaw communications package.

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

Councillor Williams advised that construction on the central Rangiora Stage 5 Sewer upgrade was progressing well, as was the Woodend Road Rising Main. The Loburn Lea project was also progressing well with connection on the Ashley side.

There was continuing flushing and testing of the Woodend and Kaiapoi water schemes following the high chloroform detection.

There had been two burst pipes in the Church Street main which were being investigated.

The Backflow Prevention Policy was ongoing.

9.4 Solid Waste– Councillor Robbie Brine

- Eco Central recently did a presentation to Christchurch City Council (CCC) Councillors about the planned \$16.8M upgrade that would be starting soon at the Materials Recycling Facilities (MRF). Rowan Latham from CCC had arranged for this to be presented to the Canterbury Waste Joint Committee staff group, and to any Councillors who were able to attend. As the presentation would be on line, it would be recorded, so interested Councillors would be able to watch the recording if they could not attend the 'live' event. Once a date and time had been finalised the details would be forwarded to elected members.
- Eco Central had advised that the status of the MRF was 'green', as of the end of last week, which meant there was not expected to be any issues with recycling processing this week.
- At this stage, kerbside collections were still able to be carried out in Waimakariri. Resourcing issues had caused some delays but so far the team had not had to work on a Saturday to finish collection rounds. There were the usual four trucks on collection rounds on Monday. Waste Management did have some office staff away owing to COVID isolations, and the Council were working closely with the despatch team to ensure any service requests for missed collections were being followed up promptly.
- Also at this stage, transfer stations were still operating as usual. Staff from WDC and Waste Management had undertaken a 'service disruption exercise' to determine the likely impacts of a loss of key staff, several site staff, or a disposal site/service provider owing to COVID so that to ensure ability to advertise any change in services at short notice. This may include the following changes:
 - Depending on staff availability, limiting the shop to shorter hours during the week, or closing the shop;
 - If the tyre removal company could not come to site for more than a week, refusal for more tyres being dumped (lack of space to stockpile more than one week of tyres);
 - If there were limited loader drivers or truck drivers available, ensuring rubbish was compacted and the removal of kerbside organics would be the priority therefore the Council could stop taking greenwaste and hardfill for a period of time;
 - Depending on processing site, transport or staff availability, Council would stop taking specific recyclable materials, or close the recycling area;
 - Depending on circumstances (staff / loader driver availability; skip driver availability), Oxford Transfer Station operations may be limited to just recycling and WDC bags.
- WDC and ECan staff would be visiting both cleanfill pits at Southrook Rehab Recycling Partnership (RRP) this week, to inspect for compliance with consent conditions. Sutherlands Pit re-test results had been sent through to ECan –Plastic Disclosure Project (PDP) had been engaged to provide advice about the likely causes of the 'peaks' in nitrate results in the South-Western bore in recent samples, including the latest re-test. The normal sampling round was scheduled for the end of April 2022, and the advice from PDP should be received by that time. This should result in the removal of the current non-compliance with condition 15.0 *"The information provided to Environment Canterbury in accordance with Condition (14) shall include recommendations on further action to be taken ..."*
- The closed landfill groundwater quality report for 2021 had been received from PDP, and this had been sent to ECan. There did not seem to be any change to the groundwater quality from the previous few years.
- Councillor Brine advised that staff wished to reintroduce audits of the recycling bins and he had raised the Health and Safety concerns. It was advised that any issues would be fully mitigated, with auditors being fully

gowned and using a stick, as opposed to physically going into the bins. If any members had any issues regarding these audits being recommenced, they were asked to email these concerns to Councillor Brine.

9.5 Transport – Mayor Dan Gordon

Mayor Gordon spoke on Mulcocks Road intersection, and had recently had a meeting with NZTA and a resident who was concerned with the level of accidents there. Mayor Gordon noted it was useful to gain an understanding of the direction of NZTA in this matter.

There was a meeting scheduled to be held on 4 April 2022 with the Minister of Transport, the Chief Executive, and all the Greater Christchurch Partnership members. This meeting was to discuss transport investment in the Greater Christchurch Partnership area.

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 Councillor Williams

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

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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 22 February 2022	Confirmation of Minutes	Good reason to withhold exists under Section 7	Section 48(1)(a)
12.2 – 12.3	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 – 12.3	Protection of privacy of natural persons To carry out commercial activities without prejudice	A2(a) A2(b)ii

CARRIED

CLOSED MEETING

The public excluded portion of the meeting commenced at 4.05pm and concluded at 4.11pm.

Resolution to Resume in Open Meeting

Moved: Councillor Brine Seconded: Councillor Blackie

THAT open meeting resumes 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 26 April 2022.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 4.11pm.

CONFIRMED



Chairperson
Councillor Robbie Brine

26 April 2022

Date

BRIEFING

At the conclusion of the meeting a briefing was held to discuss:

- 1. Chlorination requirements of new drinking water standards.***

(Colin Roxburgh) This was a briefing to full council and Community Board Chairpersons were also invited to attend.

2. ***Kaiapoi and Woodend water supply, temporary chlorination and steps to remove this.*** *(Colin Roxburgh)*
3. ***Road Markings recommended for Southbrook Road*** – *(Shane Binder)*