

WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE UTILITIES AND ROADING COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, RANGIORA SERVICE CENTRE, 215 HIGH STREET, RANGIORA ON TUESDAY, 28 MAY, AT 9AM.

PRESENT

Councillors P Williams (Chairperson), R Brine, P Redmond, J Ward, and Mayor D Gordon

IN ATTENDANCE

Councillors: T Fulton and B Cairns

J Millward (Chief Executive), G Cleary (Utilities and Roading Manager), K Simpson (3 Waters Manager), J McBride (Roading and Transportation Manager), J Recker (Stormwater and Waterways Manager), C Fahey (Water and Wastewater Asset Manager), H Proffit (Water Safety and Compliance Specialist), S Allen (Water Environment Advisor), L Cardenas-Corrales (3 Waters Compliance Officer) and E Stubbs (Governance Support Officer).

There was one Community Board member present.

1 APOLOGIES

Moved: Councillor Williams

Seconded: Councillor Brine

An apology was received and sustained from Councillor Mealings for absence.

CARRIED

2 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the meeting of the Utilities and Roading Committee held on Tuesday 16 April 2024.

Moved: Councillor Redmond

Seconded: Councillor Ward

THAT the Utilities and Roading Committee:

- (a) **Confirms** the circulated Minutes of the meeting of the Utilities and Roading Committee 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 DEPUTATION/PRESENTATIONS

Nil.

5 REPORTS

5.1 Zone Implementation Programme Addendum (ZIPA) Capital Works Programme - 2024/25 - S Allen (Water Environment Advisor)

A workshop was held from 9.02am to 9.09am to discuss Council plantings.

S Allen introduced the report, which sought approval for the Capital Works Programme as developed from the Zone Implementation Programme Addendum (ZIPA). The report also provided an update on projects such as the South Brook Townsend Fields, the terrestrial riparian plantings along the Kaiapoi River and new projects such as the Waikuku Beach pond planting and signage. In addition, the report requested a top-up for the Waimakariri Water Zone Committee (WWZC) Action Fund projects.

Councillor Williams referred to a submission to the draft Long Term Plan (LTP) that raised concerns regarding existing planting projects dying due to a lack of maintenance and weeding. He asked if there should be a report to the Committee on existing maintenance before more planting was approved. S Allen explained that many of the existing plantings now had oversight and maintenance by Greenspace rangers, areas under contractors needed to have maintenance built into the contract. There were sites such as experimental Kanuka planting trials and around the Woodend Waste Water Treatment Plant that had a lower survival rate.

Responding to a question from Councillor Fulton, S Allen advised that some WWZC projects, such as willow and gorse control, had not been fully funded. The additional funding would allow the projects to be completed as scoped.

Councillor Fulton questioned the success of the Hunter Stream restoration and native planting. S Allen noted that she had sought reassurance about the continued maintenance, and there was a well-connected community of support, including the local school and Waimakariri Biodiversity Trust.

Councillor Redmond asked if the report sought confirmation of the adopted ZIPA recommendations, and S Allen confirmed that was correct. Staff would monitor progress and keep the community informed.

Councillor Redmond further inquired if the additional funding would impact the Council's draft 2024-34 LTP. S Allen noted that the budget had already been allocated for the specific projects in LTP.

Councillor Brine questioned if staff saw any value in the Council delaying more native planting while staff investigated the die-off of current native planting. S Allen explained that whenever experimental planting occurs, such as at the Kanuka trial, some losses were expected. If staff suspected a risk to planting, such as the dry conditions of the Woodend Wastewater Treatment Plant, they would convey this information to the Utilities and Rooding Committee when requesting funding. G Cleary believed it would be counterproductive to halt native planting, as any delay while engaging expert planting contractors would shorten the planting window. Staff had a good understanding of what planting would be successful.

Councillor Williams enquired about funding for the plantings' maintenance. S Allen advised that while it was not detailed in the report, the Operating Budget for maintenance had been confirmed. There would be a longer follow-up than the proposed two-year period, and the service of the Greenspace Team and Rangers provided increase the oversight.

Councillor Redmond asked if the plantings at Pohio Wetland would be affected by the proposed Woodend Bypass. S Allen reported that the landowner was aware of the bypass location, and the plantings were to the east of that area.

Moved: Councillor Brine

Seconded: Councillor Ward

THAT the Utilities and Rooding Committee:

- (a) **Receives** report No. 240508073256.
- (b) **Approves** the proposed 2024-25 Waimakariri District Council capital expenditure work programme, based on the Zone Implementation Programme Addendum (ZIPA) recommendations:
 - i. Biodiversity and amenity improvements in Waimakariri River tributaries – South Brook Townsend Fields project (\$10,000)
 - ii. Biodiversity and amenity improvements in Waimakariri River tributaries – South Brook Townsend Fields project (\$10,000)
 - iii. Terrestrial riparian plantings along the Kaiapoi River (\$10,000)
 - iv. Inanga (whitebait) spawning habitat improvements – willow and gorse control (\$15,000)
 - v. Northbrook Trail - installation of three culverts (\$30,000)
 - vi. Waikuku Beach pond – native planting and interpretation signage (\$5,000)
 - vii. Waimakariri Water Zone Committee Action Fund top-up -Bittern Inanga Rushland, O’Kairs Lagoon, Pohio Wetland and Hunters Stream projects (\$30,000)
- (c) **Notes** the works carried out in 2023-24 under the ZIPA capital expenditure programme.
 - i. Fish passage improvements on the North Brook tributary at Cotter Lane in Rangiora.
 - ii. Biodiversity improvements for the South Brook at Townsend Fields, Rangiora.
 - iii. Terrestrial planting along the Kaiapoi River.
 - iv. Improvements to inanga (whitebait) spawning areas located on land owned by New Zealand Transport Authority Waka Kōtahi along the Benzies Creek (a tributary of Saltwater Creek) with willow and blackberry removal, McIntosh Drain (WDC land) with native spawning plants planted, and Courtenay Stream true right bank (private landowner) with willow removal.
- (d) **Circulates** this report to the Council, Community Boards, WDC-Rūnanga liaison meeting and the Waimakariri Water Zone Committee for their information.

CARRIED

Councillor Brine supported the motion and commended staff for the informative report and the commentary during the questions. He noted that the consequences of delaying plantings were clear.

Councillor Ward concurred with her Councillor Brine, noting that work needed to be completed in a timely manner.

Mayor Gordon supported the work and was committed to the ZIPA. He commented that in the current economic climate, it was appropriate to reevaluate expenses. However, these commitments had been made and work needed to continue. He had spoken to the residents, who had raised concerns regarding maintenance for Council plantings during the LTP process, and suggested staff reach out to them to reassure them that the Council’s plan included adequate maintenance. He was satisfied that the Council had appropriate expertise in this space.

Councillor Redmond supported the recommendation noting that the funding would have no impact on the Council’s LTP. He was reassured that the Woodend Bypass would not impact on the Pohio Wetland plantings.

Councillor Williams supported the recommendation and noted that he had been concerned about the submissions to the Draft LTP, which raised worries about the maintenance of Council's current plantings. However, he had been reassured by staff that the Council would undertake a maintenance program to ensure plant survival.

5.2 **Decision for Unused Water Take Consents – K Simpson (3 Waters Manager), C Fahey (Water and Waste Water Asset Manager) and H Proffit (Water Safety and Compliance Specialist)**

C Fahey explained that approval was being sought to surrender four existing unused water take resource consents held by the Council. Two of the water takes consents were associated with drinking water supply, and the other two were associated with irrigation and construction/irrigation activities. These consents were considered redundant and had no planned use for the foreseeable future. The Council may wish to consider three options: to do nothing, which would place the Council at risk of compliance and enforcement attention from Environment Canterbury (ECan); to retain the consents, which would require metering and monitoring equipment to be installed at the water takes; or to surrender, which would forfeit the ability to utilise these consents in the future.

Councillor Redmond asked if, once consent had been surrendered, what was the likelihood of being granted a new consent. C Fahey replied that it depended on the groundwater allocation available; however, priority was given to community water supply.

Councillor Fulton sought confirmation that the Summerhill Water Supply's current allocation allowed for population growth, and C Fahey confirmed it did.

Councillor Fulton further enquired about contingency in private water supplies. K Simpson noted several challenges, as even if there was a supply available in the area, it was difficult to transfer rights. If the Council was not actively using a consent, it was in a position to surrender that consent.

Moved: Councillor Redmond

Seconded: Councillor Williams

THAT the Utilities and Roothing Committee:

- (a) **Receives** report No. 221118201029.
- (b) **Approves** the recommendation of this report to surrender four existing unused water take consents currently held by Council, being CRC971820 (drinking water take at 93 Champions Road, #Summerhill), CRC990931.1 (drinking water take at Coopers Creek, Oxford), CRC990502.1 (irrigation take at Number 7 Drain, Flaxton Road) and CRC167359 (construction and irrigation take at 120 Te Kohanga Drive, Pegasus).
- (c) **Notes** that two of the water takes consents are associated with drinking water supply and the other two are associated with irrigation and construction/irrigation activities. These consents are considered redundant and have no planned use for the foreseeable future.
- (d) **Notes** that due to a change in the Resource Management (Measuring and Reporting of Water Takes) Amendment Regulations 2020 (Regulations), these consents are considered non-compliant with the Regulations as they are unmetered even though Environment Canterbury has in the past accepted Council not metering unused water takes.
- (e) **Notes** that a decision is required as to whether to retain or surrender these unused water takes to avoid putting Council at risk of compliance and enforcement attention from Environment Canterbury.
- (f) **Notes** that the recommendation to surrender is based on consideration of the substantial cost involved with metering and the challenging process to successfully transfer an existing consent allocation to a new consent application in the unlikely scenario this would be required in the future. Power supplies that are connected to the sites will be decommissioned once the consents have been surrendered.

- (g) **Notes** that staff do not believe there is any intention to remove or alter existing rules that control water take transfers as part of the Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan change that has been signalled for 2027.
- (h) **Circulates** this report to the Community Boards for information.

CARRIED

Councillor Williams supported the motion, and he commented it was a good self-explanatory report.

Councillor Redmond noted that he was unwilling to relinquish consents that may be needed in the future. However, it was clear that the Council was not using the consents, which would be costly to maintain and very expensive to transfer. He was reassured by a comment that priority was given to community water supply if a consent was needed in the future. For that reason, he did not believe there was a risk of surrendering the resource consents, and he would support the motion.

5.3 **July 2023 Flood Recovery Progress Update – K Simpson (3 Waters Manager), J McBride (Roading and Transport Manager) and P Towse (Flood Team Lead)**

K Simpson provided an update on the July 2023 Flood Recovery Work Programme, including investigations and maintenance actions. He reported that the maintenance work on the Cam River was taking longer than expected and was likely to be completed by mid-June 2024, as more vegetation had to be removed than initially anticipated. The Tuahiwi Stream project would commence next week at the Greens Road diversion drain and was expected to be completed by the end of July 2024.

K Simpson noted that approximately \$2.5 million had been spent to date, which was 60% of the forecast expenditure; the work was, however, continuing. He advised that the Flood Team was in the process of being wrapped up, and the new Infrastructure Resilience Team would assist with progressing the remaining improvement works and implementing proposed future works.

Responding to a question from Councillor Fulton, K Simpson advised that six individuals with varying hours had been on the Flood Team. Based on that, there had been justification for the establishment of the Infrastructure Resilience Team, which was two full-time in-house employees.

Councillor Fulton asked if the new Infrastructure Resilience Team would be cost-neutral, and K Simpson replied that the cost would likely be less than what had been spent on consultants for the last year.

Councillor Redmond referred to the Cones Road/ Fawcetts Road work as 100% complete and enquired if that included redirecting the primary flow to the Ashley River. K Simpson explained that 100% referred to the investigation, which resulted in the Recovery Work Programme for the 2023/24 financial year, and those works were currently underway.

Councillor Williams questioned whether the recovery work was likely to be completed within budget. K Simpson confirmed that the final forecast expenditure remained at \$4.055 million, so they were still on track to complete all work within the overall budget.

Councillor Fulton noted the concerns raised regarding the Cam River work by a submitter to the draft 2024/34 LTP and asked if the submitter and neighbours would be updated on the work being undertaken. K Simpson explained that the Revells Road work was integrated with work being undertaken by ECan. ECan was looking at improving a number of different aspects, and staff would ensure that the submitter was updated.

Moved: Councillor Williams

Seconded: Councillor Brine

THAT the Utilities and Roading Committee:

- (a) **Receives** report No. 240516078696.
- (b) **Notes** that all 88 investigations have been triaged, scoped, and investigated, 25 are being reviewed for approval, and 45 are complete.
- (c) **Notes** that all 126 maintenance actions have been processed, 16 have works programmed, and 110 are complete.
- (d) **Notes** that the Flood Team is in the process of being wrapped up, and funding is included in the draft Long Term Plan for an Infrastructure Resilience Team, who will assist with progressing the remaining improvements and implementing proposed future works.
- (e) **Notes** that the total cost estimate for the flood recovery work is \$4.055 million.
- (f) **Notes** that the expenditure to date is \$2,485,932, and the final forecast expenditure remains at \$4.055 million.
- (g) **Circulates** this report to all Community Boards for information.

CARRIED

Councillor Williams was pleased to see many projects at the completion stage and contractors on the ground.

Mayor Gordon commended staff for the flood recovery work being done, which was highly valued by the community. He commented that he had visited a property in Okuku and had seen first-hand the effort property owners were going to, at their own expense, to reduce flood risk. It was important to ensure the Council was resilient, prepared and had adequate capacity to cope with these events. Mayor Gordon raised that there was potential for Central Government funding for regional councils for work in this space that could be significant if approved.

Councillor Ward commented on the decision to form an Infrastructure Resilience Team instead of spending money on consultations, assured continuity and readiness for rain events. As Councillors, it was important to look to the future and protect the community.

5.4 **Rangiora Stormwater Annual Report 2021-2023 and Monitoring Programme Report 2022-2023 – J Recker (Stormwater and Waterways Manager) and L Cardenas-Corrales (3 Waters Compliance Officer)**

L Cardenas-Corrales explained that the report was for information and summarised the findings from the 2021-2023 Stormwater Annual Report and Stormwater Monitoring Programme 2022-2023 for Rangiora, both under Stormwater Discharge consent CRC184601. She noted that the monitoring results had been used to develop a programme of works to target areas where elevated levels of contaminants had been identified during wet weather events.

L Cardenas-Corrales provided a brief overview of the sampling program undertaken in Rangiora and an update on areas that were non-compliant during wet weather. These were encountered for the following contaminants in specific stormwater sampling points discharging onto the following streams:

- Dissolved Copper in the North Drain, North Brook, and Middle Brook.
- Dissolved Zinc in North Drain, North Brook, and Middle Brook
- Dissolved Reactive Phosphorus in all urban waterways except the Cam River
- E. coli. all urban waterways except Cam River.

For the first time, trend analysis of water quality data was undertaken using data from 2014 to 2023. Most of these analyses could not identify a significant increasing trend of contaminants through time. The only statistically significant increase trend encountered was for dissolved zinc in North Brook. Further sampling and improvement of statistical analyses would inform the monitoring report for 2023-2024.

Councillor Redmond asked what was being done to address the contractor's noncompliance. L Cardenas-Corrales explained that some work had not been completed due to contractor resource constraints during Covid, and there were also challenges with the contract and schedules not matching up. There were recommendations and learnings from the report regarding the maintenance contracts which would be implemented in the future.

In response to a question from Councillor Redmond, L Cardenas-Corrales noted that she was working with Roding staff and CORDE regarding improvements, and they were hoping to meet requirements next financial year. She explained that a dedicated person with a live recording tool audited the maintenance work. All information was captured in the RAM.

Councillor Redmond questioned if Pond C trends would be analysed in the future. L Cardenas-Corrales noted that initially, due to capacity, reporting and analysis had just focused on the essentials; however, Pond C would be incorporated in the future.

Mayor Gordon enquired if the stream health assessment could be undertaken elsewhere, for example on the Ohoka Stream. J Recker noted that S Allen had undertaken some wider sampling, which had been reported to the Drainage Advisory Groups. More modelling of the Ohoka Stream was required to ascertain where exceedances were coming from. G Cleary noted that the report presented was for the urban discharge consent for Rangiora. Ohoka Stream was a rural stream, and separate monitoring was therefore being completed in consultation with the Ohoka Drainage Advisory Group. The Council was now at the point where it had several years of audit quality monitoring data which meant that trends could be detected over time. Taking it a step further, staff could target detailed investigations and move beyond just monitoring for compliance to genuinely improve water quality.

Councillor Fulton noted that he was interested in flow paths, particularly to the Cam River, and asked if the Council's monitoring included understanding where the water originated. J Recker noted that as part of the Stormwater Management Plan for January 2025, staff were prioritising catchments within Rangiora. G Cleary further noted that flow paths were generally very complex; however, staff had a good understanding of the flow path, and water quality monitoring assisted that.

Councillor Fulton also questioned whether staff were mindful of urban growth. G Cleary advised that all urban subdivisions required treatment ponds; however, in the flood situation, rural water flowed through towns. While it was extremely complex, it was considered for design and stormwater management.

Moved: Councillor Redmond

Seconded: Mayor Gordon

THAT the Utilities and Roding Committee:

(a) **Receives** Report No. 240506071112.

- (b) **Notes** that compliant results were achieved during wet weather events for Total Suspended Solids in all urban waterways and Total Ammoniacal Nitrogen; likewise, guideline values were met during dry weather sampling as an indicator of stream health components including values for dissolved oxygen, temperature, pH, Total Ammoniacal Nitrogen, TSS and Dissolved Reactive Phosphorus in all urban waterways.
- (c) **Notes** that there were exceedances (non-compliances) during wet weather events of dissolved Copper and dissolved Zinc in some Rangiora waterways, and Dissolved Reactive Phosphorus and *E. coli* in most Rangiora waterways; and during dry weather sampling guidelines were exceeded for Dissolved Inorganic Nitrogen and *E. coli*, specifically in the North Brook, South Brook and No. 7 Drain for the former, and Middle Brook for the latter.
- (d) **Notes** that follow up investigations are recommended in this report, which will be carried out by 3 Waters staff under existing budgets in 2023-24 and 2024-25.
- (e) **Notes** that a Rangiora Stormwater Management Plan 2025-2040 is currently being drafted as required by CRC184601 for 1 January 2025, which will address exceedances and improvements presented in these reports.
- (f) **Circulates** these reports to the Waimakariri Water Zone Committee and the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board.

CARRIED

Councillor Redmond thanked staff for a comprehensive report. He appreciated that it dealt with urban Rangiora; however, it could be a snapshot of elsewhere in the Waimakariri District. He was reassured that most historical data trends did not identify a significant increasing trend of contaminants through time. He commented on the presence of copper and zinc in brake pads as a source of contamination following their introduction after the phase-out of asbestos brake pads.

Mayor Gordon supported the report recommendations and commented on the quality of work prepared. Stream health and water quality were matters very important to the community and he suggested staff consider a report demonstrating the concern the Council had about these items and their plans to address. Sometimes stream health could be confused with drinking water quality. However, the community could be assured that the Council supplied drinking water was safe and secure. He would like to see the methodology applied in the analysis extended, for example, to Ohoka Stream and to ensure partnership with ECan in this space. Waterway health was important to mana whenua, and water quality and stream health were often raised in the Council's regular meetings with Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga.

6 CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

7 PORTFOLIO UPDATES

7.1 Roading – Councillor Philip Redmond

- Focus areas for staff:
 - Staff were continuing with the last of the pre-winter maintenance repairs. This mainly involved removing heaves and shoves with asphalt reinstatement to get through the winter, when wider area repairs could then be undertaken.
 - Remetalling was underway on unsealed roads, and maintenance grading was continuing.

- Ice gritting had started, particularly around the Ashley Gorge area. With more cold weather expected over the next few days, it was expected to increase.
- Capital:
 - The Waimakariri Gorge Bridge deck replacement work was progressing. The deck replacement was now complete, and the chip seal surfacing had been laid. Guardrail works were continuing on the approaches at the tie-ins to the bridge during the daytime.
 - The Island / Ohoka Roads traffic signals project was progressing well. The traffic signals were planned to be commissioned on Thursday, 30 May 2024.
 - Kerb and Channel Renewal work was continuing in Geddis Street and was 85% complete. All kerb and channels were in place, with the final sealing of shoulders and the remaining footpath on the south side of the road to be completed over the next two weeks.
 - Installation of pedestrian refuges was underway. One refuge had been installed on Ivory Street and one on West Belt. The last island was to be installed on Ivory Street this week.
 - Palmer Street Upgrade work was continuing. The kerb and channel, water main, and drainage work were now complete, with the footpath construction underway. The road shoulder reinstatement would follow, and all works were due to be completed in early June 2024.
 - On Ashley Street, the new kerb and channel had been installed, and the shoulder was being reinstated. Footpath works were to follow. The water main trenching was complete, and the new main had been connected to the existing reticulation at the northern end. The southern water main connection was still to be completed.
- Other works:
 - Doubledays Footbridge remained closed. Repairs to the pier cap had been detailed, and work was currently being programmed.
 - South Belt pavement repairs had been sealed adjacent to the new development, and the road was due to be reopened this week.
 - Work had begun on undergrounding the trunk water main on Townsend Road at the culvert.
 - Work was coming up to install water, stormwater, and sewer mains through the Blackett / King Streets roundabout. This was a continuation of the Rangiora Sewer Upgrade project. The roundabout would need to be closed to accommodate those works. Once the tender was awarded, further information on timing and closures would be communicated.
- Events:
 - The Kaiapoi Matariki Event would be hosted in late June 2024.
 - The Rangiora Fire Brigade was holding a 150th Anniversary event in Percival Street on Sunday, 2 June 2024. Percival Street would, therefore, be closed between Queen Street and the Rangiora Service Centre car park entry from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Road Safety:

Road Safety Week was from 20 to 26 May 2024. During the week, several road safety messages were shared on social media. The Council teamed up with Beca, CORDE, the New Zealand Transport Agency Waka Kotahi, and Brake New Zealand to teach students at Ashgrove School about staying safe on the roads. Students got hands-on experience with traffic management equipment, learned about roadworks, and listened to a road safety story.

Councillor Williams asked about an overflowing drainage sump on River Road, and J McBride undertook to investigate and report back to the committee.

Councillor Fulton enquired if there was a further update on the Waimakariri Gorge Bridge. J McBride noted that the deck replacement work was behind schedule; however, all the weather-dependent work had been completed. More work was required on the ground rail, as there had been issues with locating underground services. She had an upcoming meeting with Fulton Hogan and would provide an update after that.

7.2 **Drainage, Stockwater and Three Waters (Drinking Water, Sewer and Stormwater) – Councillor Paul Williams**

- Water
 - The UV treatment installation project was progressing relatively well. However, it was behind the schedule and would not be completed until the next financial year. The work at the Pegasus Water Treatment Plant would be completed by the end of June 2024; however, the work at Darnley, Peraki, South Belt and Domain would not be completed until September 2024.
 - Nitrates in water supplies had been a topical issue, following the Greenpeace nitrate testing in the Waimakariri District last month. All Council water supplies were tested regularly in accordance with the Drinking Water Quality Assurance Rules, and all were less than 50% of the MAV for nitrate as set out in the Drinking Water Standards. Council staff intended to hold a workshop on nitrates at the next Oxford-Ohoka Community Board and Utilities and Roading Committee meetings to provide more information to Elected Members on this matter.
- Wastewater

Taumata Arowai recently introduced new Network Environmental Performance Measures that would need to be reported on from July 2024.
- Drainage

The Cones Road Drain Upgrade was progressing well. The driveway culverts were being installed, and the weir modifications at the upper end were about to commence. This work was on track to be completed by the end of June.

7.3 **Solid Waste– Councillor Robbie Brine**

- Transwaste had just confirmed its charges for the disposal and transport of rubbish:
 - Disposal charges at Kate Valley would be rising from \$169.49 to \$185.15/tonne, which was slightly lower than they had forecast (price excludes GST, includes \$10/t landfill levy increase).
 - Transport charges would increase by 8%, as indicated. This was lower than the 11.9% CPI increase experienced in the last year.
 - That means the gate charges in the fees and charges schedule had been set to the right level in the LTP.
- The Communications and Solid Waste Teams had signed off on a video called “*A Day in the Life*” about the challenges and highlights of being a collection truck driver, fronted by Leanne Winter, who was one of the longest-serving drivers. The Communications Team was working on the release of snippets from this video to be posted on social media, with stories to accompany the snippets.
- The Oxford transfer station access road and gate improvements project had been completed, which meant that exiting vehicles no longer clashed with incoming vehicles, improving customer flow.
- The kerbside bin auditors had begun looking at organics bins, as well as recycling bins, because Waste Management collection drivers had reported that there seemed to be a similar level of unwanted stuff in the organics as there was in the recycling – including soft plastics, bags of rubbish, coffee cups and so on. These were being managed in the same way as ‘contaminated’ recycling bins.

- The kerbside audits would be paused in June and July 2024. However, the audit staff planned to visit retail properties in Rangiora, Kaiapoi, Woodend, Pegasus, and Oxford, where it was difficult for the auditors to know which bins belonged to specific businesses. They would talk to shop managers and staff about what was taken in recycling bins and hand out the new brochures and stickers.

Councillor Fulton asked if increasing Kate Valley charges would encourage other landfill developers. G Cleary noted that most of the increase was a \$10 Central Government levy that would be applied to all landfills. It was beyond Council control.

7.4 **Transport – Mayor Dan Gordon**

- There had been confirmation that while the Woodend Bypass was not on the 'Regional Roads' list, it was a priority project for the Central Government. It was being pushed at pace, with the remaining land being secured. He believed it was disappointing and a mistake that walking and cycling was not included. He intended to lobby strongly alongside the Woodend-Sefton Community Board that it be included.
- Now that the Rangiora Eastern Link Road project had been confirmed through the 2024-34 LTP process. A document that provided an overview with a narrative, stories, and images clearly laid out and explained the project should be created. This document should be used as a resource for Ministers and officials as well as the wider community.
- Attended the Local Government New Zealand Transport Forum. Traffic Management and lack of certainty around emergency funding following natural disasters were discussed. Senior staff from the New Zealand Transport Agency Waka Kotahi attended. He had suggested an EQC type model as a national fund to access after a major event as a solution, as ratepayers could not afford to shoulder themselves.

Councillor Williams sought an update on the Rangiora Western Link Road. J McBride advised that most of the required land had been secured aside from a portion owned by ECan. The project had been included in the 2024-34 LTP, and she would provide an update on the timing.

Councillor Fulton questioned the prioritisation of the Selwyn District's public transport. Mayor Gordon advised that Selwyn currently did not have the same level of public transport as the Waimakariri District, and it was, therefore, not a matter of the Waimakariri District being left behind but rather of Selwyn catching up.

Councillor Fulton asked about public transport for Oxford, which the community routinely raised. J McBride advised that it had been raised in the past, and the cost had been off-putting to residents. It was raised in the Council submission to ECan. Selwyn was currently oversubscribed in terms of patronage. She was uncertain of the funding model for Darfield, and the Council may be funding a higher proportion.

8 **MATTERS FOR INFORMATION**

- 8.1 **23/21 Oxford Rural No.1 Water Main Renewals 2023/24 – Tender Approval Report – Separable Portions B and C – C Freeman (Acting Water and Wastewater Asset Manager) and S Fauth (Utilities Projects Team Leader)**
(Report No. 240507072248 to Management Team Meeting 13 May 2024)

Councillor Redmond questioned the \$25,000 increase due to traffic management costs. G Cleary could not confirm the exact traffic management costs for the project; however, in the last few years, there had been a step change in traffic management requirements and costs, and they were an increasingly large proportion.

Moved: Councillor Redmond

Seconded: Mayor Gordon

THAT the Utilities and Roothing Committee:

(a) **Receives** the information in Item 8.1.

CARRIED

9 QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDERS

Nil

10 URGENT GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

11 MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WITH THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED

Moved: Councillor Brine

Seconded: Councillor Williams

THAT the Utilities and Roothing Committee:

Moves 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):

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

- 11.1 Report from Management Team Operations 15 April 2024.
- 11.2 Report from Management Team Operations 29 April 2024.
- 11.3 Report from Management Team Operations 6 May 2024.

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public was 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 were as follows:

Item No.	Subject	Reason for excluding the public	Grounds for excluding the public.
11.1	Report from Management Team Operations 15 April 2024.	Good reason to withhold exists under Section 7	As per Section 7(2)(h) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, to "enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage commercial activities"
11.2	Report from Management Team Operations 29 April 2024.	Report from Management Team Operations 29 April 2024.	For reasons of protecting the privacy of natural persons and enabling the local authority to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial) negotiations and maintain legal professional privilege as per LGOIMA Section 7 (2)(a), (g) and (i).

Item No.	Subject	Reason for excluding the public	Grounds for excluding the public.
11.3	Report from Management Team Operations 6 May 2024.	Report from Management Team Operations 29 April 2024.	As per Section 7(2)(h) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, to "enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage commercial activities"

CARRIED

CLOSED MEETING

See Public Excluded Minutes

OPEN MEETING

The public excluded portion of the meeting occurred between 10.38am and 10.40am.

Moved: Mayor Gordon

Seconded: Councillor: Williams

THAT open meeting resumes and the business discussed with the public excluded remains public excluded unless otherwise resolved in the individual resolutions.

CARRIED

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Utilities and Roading Committee would be held on Tuesday 18 June 2024 at 9am.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 10.41AM.

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CONFIRMED



Chairperson
Councillor Paul Williams

18 June 2024
Date