

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR THE HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS TO THE DRAFT 2024-34 LONG TERM PLAN, HELD IN the KĀIKANUI ROOM, RUATANIWHA KAIAPOI CIVIC CENTRE, 176 WILLIAMS STREET, KAIAPOI ON WEDNESDAY 8 MAY 2024 COMMENCING AT 9AM.

PRESENT:

Mayor D Gordon (Chair), Deputy Mayor N Atkinson, Councillors A Blackie, R Brine, B Cairns, T Fulton, J Goldsworthy, N Mealings, P Redmond (virtual), J Ward and P Williams.

IN ATTENDANCE:

J Millward (Chief Executive), S Hart (General Manager Strategy, Engagement and Economic Development), M Maxwell (Strategy and Business Manager), H Street (Corporate Planner), K Rabe (Governance Advisor) and A Connor (Governance Support Officer).

- *The meeting adjourned for refreshments at 10.26am and reconvened at 10.43am.*

1. APOLOGIES

Nil.

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

3. HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS TO THE DRAFT LONG TERM PLAN 2024-2034

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Kaiapoi District Historical Society Inc (Owen Cassidy and Jean Turvey)	<p>The Kaiapoi District Historical Society Inc.'s submission was taken as read. However, O Cassidy noted that the Kaiapoi Museum had many items of historical value in storage and required more archival storage to accommodate future gifts of historical artefacts, photographs, and documents pertaining to Kaiapoi. He, therefore, urged the Council to consider extending the museum's storage area. O Cassidy explained that for Health and Safety reasons, the Society required a device to enable them to move artefacts and 'storage' items to the museum's second level.</p> <p>Mayor Gordon asked if the Society had obtained possible prices for a lift, and O Cassidy confirmed the cost of installing the device was anticipated to be approximately \$45,000. However, this did not include an engineer's report on the feasibility of installation, which would be required.</p> <p>Deputy Mayor Atkinson enquired how much additional square meterage would be required for the proposed expansion of the museum's storage area to accommodate future growth. O Cassidy advised he was unsure; however, currently, the Society was using a 20-ft container as a short-term solution.</p> <p>Councillor Blackie asked if the "bridge" suggested previously was still an option. O Cassidy noted that this would be the best solution as it would allow for storage above the museum. However, it would be extremely costly as it would require changes to the current structure.</p>

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Heather Warwick	<p>H Warwick requested the Council consider expanding the green organics bin kerbside collections to Mandeville, North Mandeville, and Ohoka. She did not believe that organic waste should be sent to landfills. H Warwick also tabled 39 letters from her immediate neighbours, who supported an expansion of the use of green organics bins.</p> <p>Councillor Redmond clarified that garden waste was allowed in the red bins and noted that green waste contributed to the breakdown of waste in landfills. H Warwick acknowledged Councillor Redmond's comments; however, she noted that most properties in Mandeville and Ohoka were large and, therefore, generated too much organic waste to rely on only red bins.</p> <p>Councillor Fulton sought clarification on where North Mandeville was, and H Warwick advised that Swannanoa was officially known as North Mandeville.</p> <p>Councillor Redmond questioned why H Warwick had used the term 'cost-neutral' when referring to the Council's cost for the expanded kerbside collection. H Warwick explained that due to the significant uptake of the green organics bins, she believed that the expansion of the route would be cost-neutral.</p>
Eyreton Hall Association Inc (Donald Foulkes)	<p>D Foulkes provided a brief overview of Eyreton Hall's history and requested the Council consider increasing its \$1,800 annual grant to cover electrical connection costs. This would assist the Association in keeping this important community facility operating.</p> <p>Councillor Ward enquired if the Association had requested funding from the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board. Mr Foulkes advised that the Association had not, as they felt that there was a need for more financial security which an annual grant rather than several small grants would provide.</p> <p>Councillor Fulton asked if the electrical connection costs were correctly categorised and was advised that the hall had been correctly rated as non-residential and that the problem was the continual increases in power costs.</p>
Woodend-Sefton Community Board (Shona Powell and Mark Patterson)	<p>S Powell took the Woodend-Sefton Community Board's submission as read; however, she highlighted the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trevor Inch Memorial Rangiora Library expansion – There would never be a good time for the proposed library expansion, and the longer it was delayed, the more expensive it would become; the Board, therefore, believed that the Council should proceed with the expansion. • Rangiora Eastern Link Road - The road would be an important addition to the district's roading network, and thus, the Board was in favour of advancing this project. • The Board was disappointed that Ravenwood/Woodend was not included as a viable economic centre. It was very visible and accessible from State Highway One, and development was ongoing. • The Community Boards Landscape Budgets should be reviewed to ensure Boards receive equitable and sufficient funds to assist in building new communities which were being established. • Sefton Hall would be replacing a Council facility at the Sefton Domain, and the Board supported the Sefton Hall Committee in their request for new septic tanks to be installed.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community facility increased charges – the Board was against the sudden and substantial increase in charges, which it believed would impact users adversely. • A shared path connecting Woodend and Ravenswood was a priority due to safety concerns, as there was no safe way for pedestrians to access Ravenswood. • Pegasus street tree service charge should be discontinued as Pegasus currently received no more service than most other new developments. <p>Councillor Cairns sought clarification on the Woodend/ Ravenswood shared path. S Powell explained that St Barnabas Anglican Church, an important facilitator of community programs, such as the Food Bank and Music for Tots, was along this route. Currently, pedestrians were exposed to danger when walking on uneven ground along State Highway One.</p> <p>Deputy Mayor Atkinson noted that the Board believed more community facilities were required; however, it also believed that the charges should be reduced. He questioned how the Board thought the Council could supply and maintain community facilities if no income was derived from them. S Powell agreed that there should be charges for using Council facilities just on a more regular low increase rather than one large increase every four or five years.</p>
Kaiapoi Food Forest Trust (Gordyn Hamblyn)	<p>G Hamblyn spoke to the Kaiapoi Food Forest Trust’s submission, noting that planting edible trees and shrubs assisted with the reduction of carbon footprints, increased food security and improved amenities for communities. Thus, he suggested that edible trees and shrubs should be planted in Council reserves, parks and in residential areas. G Hamblyn noted the recent interest in foraging, which Māori had been doing for centuries; however, he encouraged the planting of vegetation more familiar to Pākeha should be planted so they too could also follow this practice.</p> <p>In response to a question from Councillor Cairns, G Hamblyn advised that it was impossible to know how many people visited the Kaiapoi Food Forest as the site was not manned, and some people even visited the area at night.</p>
Sandra Stewart	<p>S Stewart highlighted the following from her submission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She congratulated the Council on the Natural Environment Policy and supported Option A. She supported the employment of two staff members to assist in implementing the policy and was looking forward to the progress on the proposed Lineside Road wetland. • Signage on rivers and streams was an important aspect of getting people to take ownership of their areas and spoke to the history and culture of the area. • The upgrading of Skewbridge Road was long overdue, as it was a dangerous area that needed to be addressed. However, S Stewart believed that the Rangiora Eastern Link Road should be a separate project that could be progressed at a later date when required. • The review of Drainage Rates should be prioritized rather than pushed out until the 2025/26 financial year. S Stewart considered the current rating system unfair and ineffective. • Water meters should be installed with some urgency as these would help conserve water and indicate where possible leaks in the system were.

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	<p>Councillor Fulton asked what S Stewart believed should be a priority in developing the Lineside Road property. S Stewart noted that this area should be used to filter stormwater that flows and contaminates the Kaiapoi River. She believed that correct plantings could achieve this.</p>
<p>Spokes Canterbury (Anne Scott)</p>	<p>A Scott elaborated on the following points in Spokes Canterbury's submission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She thanked the Council for its work on cycleways and shared paths, which encouraged commuter and recreational cycling and worked with the natural environment in many cases. • She also encouraged the Council to consider making entrances/exits of shared paths accessible to tricycles, cargo bikes, prams, and mobility scooters. • She advocated for better signage on recreational cycleways. • She suggested that the Council consider installing public toilets and bike parking along cycle routes and include bike parking outside current public toilets. • She requested safer crossing for pedestrians and cyclists on busy roads and at busy intersections. She also recommended lower speed limits in urban areas. <p>Councillor Cairns enquired whether A Scott used physical or digital maps for the cycle routes. A Scott commented that she was of the generation that preferred physical maps; hence, it would make things a lot easier if there was signage.</p>
<p>Arts Waimakariri (Louise Johns)</p>	<p>L Johns thanked the Council, on behalf of Arts Waimakariri, which included the Kaiapoi, Oxford, and Rangiora Galleries, for its support in increasing the galleries' visibility via newspaper adverts and electronic boards and requested that this support continue.</p> <p>L Johns acknowledged the Council's work on the development of the Waimakariri Arts Strategy, which would be launched soon. Arts Waimakariri would assist in implementing and delivering the strategy's community outcomes.</p> <p>There were no questions from elected members.</p>
<p>Fiona Bennetts</p>	<p>F Bennetts supported Spokes Canterbury's submission and raised the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She encouraged the Council to consider sealed as well as unsealed shared paths, stating that cyclists found it difficult to negotiate unsealed paths, as did people pushing prams. • She requested that consideration be given to the urgent need for a safe, secure cycleway between Kaiapoi and Woodend, acknowledging that this could be difficult due to the Central Government withdrawing funding support. However, the lack of a secure cycleway was a safety concern for students cycling to Kaiapoi High School. • F Bennetts urged the Council to continue to advocate Environment Canterbury (ECan) and the Central Government for better public transport, especially between small communities such as Cust, Mandeville, Loburn and Amberly. • She recommended that the Council reconsider reducing urban speeds to a default of 40km/ph., as this made cycling much safer.

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	Councillor Cairns also enquired if F Bennetts used the maps produced by Enterprise North Canterbury. F Bennetts was unaware of the maps and endeavoured to try them. However, she agreed that signage was needed along cycle routes and, preferably, signage that could not be vandalized to point in the wrong direction.

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Janette Hinton	<p>J Hinton advised that she was not in favour of an increase in rates, as the Waimakariri District had one of the highest rates in the country. Increasing rates at this time was not acceptable to most residents who were struggling to put food on the table. She urged the Council to consider needs vs wants and to consider spending only on maintenance and management rather than embarking on new costly builds.</p> <p>J Hinton noted that residents were being charged twice for facilities such as pools, once with their rates and again at the door and believed that many of the facilities should be on a 'user pays' basis.</p> <p>Councillor Williams asked why J Hinton had indicated that she did not support any of the options offered in the consultation document. J Hinton felt that the document contained insufficient information to make a rational decision.</p> <p>Councillor Cairns enquired if J Hinton would prefer a two-tiered approach to charges i.e lower fees for ratepayers and higher fees for visitors to the district. Ms Hinton confirmed that this would be acceptable.</p>
Kaiapoi Promotions Association (Martin Pinkham)	M Pinkham chose not to address the Council; however, he arranged to have his presentation circulated to elected members.
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The next hearing of submissions to the draft 2024-34 Long Term Plan was scheduled for Wednesday, 8 May 2024, commencing at 2.30pm in the Oxford Town Hall, 34 Main Street, Oxford

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10.55AM.

CONFIRMED



Chairperson
Mayor Dan Gordon

4 June 2024
Date