

WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY AND RECREATION COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 215 HIGH STREET, RANGIORA ON TUESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2022 AT 3:30PM.

PRESENT

Councillor Mealings (Chairperson), Councillors A Blackie, R Brine, W Doody and P Redmond.

IN ATTENDANCE

J Millward (Acting Chief Executive), C Brown (General Manager Community and Recreation), G MacLeod (Community Greenspace Manager), M Greenwood (Aquatics Manager), L Cayhgill (Community Experiences and Diversity Team Leader) and C Fowler-Jenkins (Governance Support Officer).

1 APOLOGIES

Moved: Councillor Mealings Seconded: Councillor Blackie

THAT an apology for absence be received and sustained from Mayor Gordon.

CARRIED

2 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts declared.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the meeting of the Community and Recreation Committee held on 16 August 2022.

Moved: Councillor Doody Seconded: Councillor Redmond

THAT the Community and Recreation Committee:

- (a) **Confirms** the circulated Minutes of the meeting of the Community and Recreation Committee, held on 16 August 2022, as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED

4 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

5 DEPUTATIONS / PRESENTATIONS

Nil.

6 REPORTS

6.1 Aquatics September 2022 Update – M Greenwood (Aquatics Manager)

M Greenwood spoke to the report, noting that the recent customer satisfaction survey had scored 94%, which was very strong considering the impact of Covid 19 on the pools. Attendance numbers had also started to increase again. The data from Recreation Aotearoa showed that accident rates at the district's Aquatic facilities largely followed national trends.

Councillor Doody noted her concern at the number of accidental drownings from 2011 to 2020. She asked what the Council could do to encourage people to learn to swim. M Greenwood explained that the Council was working with the Sports and Recreation Trust, to teach children water safety via the MainPower Waiswim School's Learn to Swim Programme. Water safety education for really young children had definitely helped, however it was an ongoing battle.

Councillor Doody enquired about the financial assistance available for the Learn to Swim Programme. M Greenwood noted that staff worked with Water Safety New Zealand, Lottery Grants, the Rata Foundation and also a Rotary Foundation to secure funding to help ensure viable swim options for the children in the community.

Councillor Redmond asked how many vacancies there were currently in the Aquatic Team. M Greenwood explained that there were around forty full time and around eighty five part time staff over summer months. The Council was currently involved in recruiting five or six new lifeguards, however, this was a long process.

Moved: Councillor Doody

Seconded: Councillor Blackie

THAT the Community and Recreation Committee:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 220509072485.
- (a) **Notes** Aquatic Facilities progress against key performance indicators including Financial Results, Water Quality and Customer Satisfaction.
- (b) **Notes** the efforts taken to maintain service levels with the ongoing impacts of Covid isolation and staffing limitations.
- (c) **Notes** the achievement of a Customer Satisfaction result of 94% on a target of $\leq 90\%$.
- (d) **Notes** facility accident numbers are in line with national trends for similar operations.
- (e) **Circulates** this report to the Community Boards for their information.

CARRIED

Councillor Doody thanked M Greenwood for his report and was pleased that the Sport and Recreation Trust were continuing with the learn to swim programmes. She also thanked him for all he had done and the support he had given during the 2019-2022 term.

Councillor Blackie thanked M Greenwood, stating the results were a credit to him and the work that he did.

Councillor Mealings commented that while the last few years had been challenging, the team had managed to improve on the customer satisfaction result from the previous one.

In her right of reply Councillor Doody commented how important this programme was, everything M Greenwood and his staff did was very appreciated.

6.2 **Library update to 8 September – P Eskett (District Libraries Manager)**

L Caygill spoke to the report noting the purpose was to update the Committee on the special programmes the libraries had run over the last few months particularly the celebrations for Te Wiki o Te reo Māori, Māori Language Week, and the wonderful event held in partnership with the New Zealand Hubei Economic Trade Cultural Association called 'Christchurch Word Festival'. She highlighted the launch of the Ako Collection for Māori Language Week, Ako meant to learn in Te reo Māori. The staff's initiative was to pull together a lot of the libraries bilingual content into one collection to enable people to 'have a go' at learning a bit of Te reo Māori. Staff created two learning packs one for adults and one for Whanau, full of games, activities, books, resources to make that learning experience fun and accessible for people.

Councillor Doody questioned what resources were available in the libraries for those adults who struggled to read and/or learn. L Caygill explained that the library had a dyslexia friendly collection, which was targeted more towards children as that was what was generally published in that space. In terms of adults' learning needs they also had audio book collections or an easy reads collection which were designed for people who found reading a bit more challenging.

Moved: Councillor Doody

Seconded: Councillor Redmond

THAT the Community and Recreation Committee:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 220908155984.
- (b) **Notes** the customer service improvements, Te Wiki o Te reo Māori, events including Word Christchurch Festival that have contributed positively to community outcomes by Waimakariri Libraries from 5 August to 8 September 2022.
- (c) **Circulates** the report to the Community Boards for their information.

CARRIED

Councillor Doody thanked L Caygill and commented that she appreciated everything the libraries did and the amount of work and effort that had gone into the initiatives and events.

Councillor Redmond noted he attended Ronels Cuppa in Pegasus and two of the librarians had given a very good presented, which reminded him that libraries were not just about books. He learnt they had a platform where you got the Press and various newspapers for free.

Councillor Mealings thanked the libraries for supporting our diverse community and all their diverse needs.

7 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil.

8 PORTFOLIO UPDATES

8.1 Greenspace (Parks, Reserves and Sports Grounds) – Councillor Robbie Brine.

- Silverstream planting
 - 860 seedlings donated by ESR planted at Silverstream Reserve by a team of 15 ESR employees.
 - ALSCO – 600 seedlings planted at the west end of Silverstream Reserve with 15 ALSCO employees and Silverstream volunteers.
 - Matariki – dryland kanuka plantings. A trial of approximately 1000 seedlings to assess the best methodology for the successful establishment of kanuka. This included a winter and a spring planting of a total of 860 kanuka seedlings.
 - Silverstream Village – community volunteers had planted 500 native riparian seedlings along the banks of Silverstream upstream of Island Road. This was the third of three annual plantings in a joint project with ECAN to re-batter and stabilise the eroding river bank.
- Good Street redevelopment was going to tender. Staff were confident of receiving tender submissions this time around after receiving no quotes when it was first tendered. Work was planned to start in February 2023.
- Staff continued to work through documentation for Townsend Reserve development now that it had been approved by the Community Board. An order for the approved playground equipment had been made and this was expected in March 2023 due to lead times. The installation and reserve development would be tendered and awarded in advance of the equipment being ready for installation.
- Operational update, park seat renewals under way, Sports grounds renovations in hand and Victoria Park grass renovation would be done in October 2022.
- Story Walk opened at Honda Forest – “There’s a tui in my Teapot” on sign boards around the pathway at Honda Forest including information about the Libraries and the wider reserve and area. This would be up for a month for visitors to read and enjoy. There was a launch on Saturday 17th September 2022 with a sausage sizzle and planting day combined (500 new plants in the ground). A great collaboration between library and greenspace –a report would be presented in the new term for other story walks
- Woodend-Sefton Community Board had approved consultation on the concept design for Woodlands Estate Reserve. This consultation would take place over the next month with information in Lets’ Talk flyers, social media and the website.
- Three seats were donated by Keep Oxford Beautiful to The Oaks Reserve, Oxford. These had been approved by the Board with thanks and Greenspace staff are working with the group to coordinate their installation.
- The Oxford-Ohoka Community Board had approved the installation of a Randal Watson Sculpture donated by arts patron Chris Marshall at Ohoka Domain. Greenspace staff were working with the Waimakariri Public Arts Committee to coordinate the installation on site.
- Stage One of the pathways at Huria Reserve (Heritage and Mahinga Kai) were nearly completed in the regeneration area. These were expected to be open to the public for use by the end of the month. A planting day was currently being planned for October 2022 utilising local schools and the community.

- Corcoran Reserve and Reid Memorial would be having bollards put in place to help prevent vehicle access.
- A privilege to have worked with the Committee and thanked them.

8.2 **Community Facilities (including Aquatic Centres, Multi-use Sports Stadium, Libraries/Service Centres, Town Halls, Museums and Community Housing) – Councillor Wendy Doody.**

- Celebrating Sister Cities.
- Museums really impressed and the North Canterbury Museums had been part of the portfolio. Six monthly meetings held. The museums were staffed by volunteers who worked very hard. She was very impressed with the Oxford Museum.
- The Stadium facilities – thrilled that they had a Greenspace Managers and Portfolio holders monthly meetings which proved to be very important.
- Being involved with the North Canterbury Sport and Recreation Trust and the Mandeville Sports Club had been a privilege.
- Thanked staff for the work they had done, it was fantastic being part of the team. Greenspace staff had done great work at Ashley Gorge after all the flooding and the park was back to now was incredible.
- The seats that were being installed at the Oaks Reserve in Oxford were very special. Looking at what the park was like now compared to what it was there was no comparison.

8.3 **Community Development and Wellbeing – Councillor Wendy Doody.**

No discussion emanated from this point.

8.4 **Arts and Culture – Councillor Al Blackie.**

- The Waimakariri Public Arts Trust was picking up some momentum. There was the Chris Marshall installation in Ohoka and the Raymond Herber installation in Silverstream.

9 **QUESTIONS**

Nil.

10 **URGENT GENERAL BUSINESS**

Nil.

11 **MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WITH THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED**

Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987

Moved: Councillor Brine

Seconded: Councillor Blackie

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

The general subject of the matter to be considered while the public was excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to the 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 N°	Report for Information:	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
11.1	Minutes of public excluded portion of Community and Recreation Committee meeting of 16 August 2022.	Confirmation of minutes	Good reason to withhold exists under Section 7	Section 48(1)(a)
11.2	Report for Information	Street, Reserves and Cemetery Tree Maintenance Contract	Good reason to withhold exists under Section 7	Section 48(1)(a)

This resolution was 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 were as follows:

Item N°	Reason for protection of interests	Ref NZS 9202:2003 Appendix A
11.1 and 11.2	Protection of privacy of natural persons; To carry out commercial activities without prejudice; Maintain legal professional privilege; Enable Council to continue with (commercial) negotiation without prejudice or disadvantage Prevent the disclose of information for improper gain or advantage	Section 7 2(a) Section 7 2(b)ii Section 7 (g) Section 7 2(i) Section 7 (j)

CLOSED MEETING

See Public Excluded Agenda.

OPEN MEETING

NEXT MEETING

This was the final meeting of the Community and Recreation Committee for the 2019-22 electoral term.

The new Council would be sworn into office late October 2022, with Council and Committee meetings resuming from mid-November 2022. Further information would be advertised and listed on the Council's website

Briefing

- North Canterbury Sport Recreation Trust – Don Robertson (Board Chair), Caroline Whittaker (Community Engagement Manager) and Michael Sharpe (CEO)

CONFIRMED


Chairperson


Acting Chief Executive

1 November 2022

Date