

A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY AND RECREATION COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 215 HIGH STREET, RANGIORA ON TUESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 3:30PM.

PRESENT:

Councillors R Brine (Chairperson), B Cairns, P Redmond and Mayor D Gordon.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillors J Ward and P Williams.

J Millward (Chief Executive), L Sole (District Libraries Manager), T Sturley (Community Team Manager), G Stephens (Design and Planning Team Leader), I Clark (Project Manager Community and Recreation), M Pugh (Community Development Facilitator) and C Fowler-Jenkins (Governance Support Officer).

1 APOLOGIES

Moved: Mayor Gordon

Seconded: Councillor Cairns

THAT the Community and Recreation Committee:

- (a) **Received** and sustained leave of absence from Councillors Blackie and Mealings.

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 23 July 2024

Moved: Councillor Redmond

Seconded: Councillor Cairns

THAT the Community and Recreation Committee:

- (a) **Confirms** the circulated Minutes of the meeting of the Community and Recreation Committee, held on 23 July 2024, as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED

3.2 Matters Arising (From Minutes)

There were no matters arising.

3.3 Notes of the Community and Recreation Committee Workshop held on 23 July 2024

Moved: Councillor Cairns

Seconded: Councillor Redmond

THAT the Community and Recreation Committee:

- (a) **Receives** the circulated workshop notes of the Community and Recreation Committee, held on 23 July 2024.

CARRIED

4 DEPUTATIONS

4.1 Waikuku Beach Accessibility Matting – Katie Croft and Biddy Riley

B Riley reported that Ocean Access Advocates Roopu (OAAR), was a group of local residents advocating for equitable access to beaches and coastal areas for all people. OAAR's approach was to educate and advocate in the hope of enhancing understanding. OAAR ran an accessible mat trial during the 2023/24 summer season; it was a 10-metre loan mat from C1 South to test at Waikuku Beach. She noted that OAAR were grateful for the support of the lifeguards and the volunteers at the Waikuku Surf Lifesaving Club during the trial. Feedback indicated that the mats' installation was straightforward; however, daily visual inspections were recommended, with a more thorough physical inspection carried out once a week. B Riley noted that the mats would be a Council asset, however, they had been informed there would be no liability to the Council if volunteers inspected the mat.

K Croft commented that wheelchairs and beach matting were available at Sumner and North Beaches in Christchurch. OAAR believed this was an opportunity for the Waimakariri District to provide unrestricted access to its beaches. OAAR had liaised with North Beach, Christchurch residents about the requirements for installing beach accessibility matting. It seemed that the Resident's Association applied to the Christchurch City Council for funding to purchase the mat, which was rolled out daily and monitored by the lifesavers. In terms of the operational requirements of a mat at Waikuku Beach, the beach environment was changeable. It was, therefore, important OAAR worked on the access to the beach in terms of the IRB for the surf club for emergency access.

Mayor Gordon enquired about the cost of installing beach accessibility matting at Waikuku Beach. K Croft noted that the matting cost approximately \$1,000 a metre. C1 South had indicated that they would donate the 10-metre matting used during the trial. OAAR estimated they would need another 40 metres to ensure to the ocean. It was highly recommended to also have some matting, perpendicular to the access mat where people could leave their wheelchairs while they swam.

Responding to Mayor Gordon's question, K Croft confirmed OAAR had not tried to secure any external funding.

Councillor Cairns asked if the proposed length measured was from the viewing platform or the sheds at Waikuku Beach. K Croft explained it was from the Waikuku Surf Lifesaving Club building.

Councillor Cairns noted that 40-50 metres of matting would be a very large roll. He asked if the anticipated costs included storage and whether OAAR had spoken with the Waikuku Surf Lifesaving Club about storage. K Croft explained that the matting would be wound on a 'pool net' roll and attached to the outside of the building with a metal cage and lock box around it. In terms of the funding, the storage would be an additional cost.

5 REPORTS

5.1 Libraries Update to 5 September 2024 – L Sole (District Libraries Manager)

L Sole took the report as read; however, he highlighted the following:

- National Poetry Day, which drew in around 100 people.
- Libraries held several classes teaching school-aged children writing skills, who had contributed some of their poems for inclusion in a journal that staff had produced. He acknowledged the contribution of Jason Clements, who edited that journal.
- Staff was working with Alzheimer's New Zealand on being accredited as Dementia-friendly libraries. A monthly Next Chapter Group co-led with Dementia Canterbury started in Kaiapoi, facilitated by the Waimakariri Libraries Team. The aim was to socially connect dementia patients within their community. Staff had also been working on a new collection called 'Suitcase of Memories' aimed at people with Dementia.
- The Robotics Club had gone from strength to strength; they had a group of regular participants from local schools.
- Staff recently collaborated with the greater Christchurch schools' network to offer a podcasting programme for school children. It was a facilitated session where they learnt how to record, edit and publish those.

Responding to a question from Councillor Redmond, J Millward explained that there were no contributions in the current financial year. However, the Contributions Policy made provision for ten years in advance and ten years in arrears, so even no expenditure had occurred, development contributions were charged.

Councillor Cairns noted the 8,637 visitors over the last week of Kids Fest and asked what the regular number of visitors was. L Sole advised that they had employed a people-counting solution that was 98% accurate. Often, over such busy periods, visitor volumes could go up a third or sometimes even double.

Councillor Cairns enquired if the Council would fund the Learning Connections Coordinator Jason Clements' trip to Madurai, India, in November 2024. However, L Sole confirmed that the trip would be self-funded.

Moved: Mayor Gordon

Seconded: Councillor Cairns

THAT the Community and Recreation Committee:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 240911154839.
- (b) **Notes** the community benefits of the below initiatives, with reference to children's literacy development, providing valuable social and vocational skills as part of a curriculum-based robotics initiative, and the addition of further services to promote inclusion and social connection for those with Alzheimer's and dementia or related conditions.
- (c) **Circulates** the report to the Community Boards for their information.

CARRIED

Mayor Gordon commented that the library was a very busy and active community space, and he was proud of this activity. The Waimakariri Libraries were well-used spaces that reflected their communities. He thanked the staff for the work they were doing.

Councillor Cairns commended the library's staff for the work they did.

5.2 Aquatics September 2024 Report – M Greenwood (Aquatics Manager)

M Greenwood was not present to present the report.

Councillor Redmond questioned the dates in paragraphs 5.3 and 6.1 of the report. J Millward noted that the dates were incorrect however the data was current.

Moved: Councillor Brine

Seconded: Councillor Cairns

THAT the Community and Recreation Committee:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 240905150863.
- (b) **Notes** a strong response to recent recruitment activity with over 60 candidates applying for Lifeguard and Learn to Swim positions at our facilities.
- (c) **Notes** council staff working closely with the Ministry of Social Development to identify opportunities for funded training and development of employment opportunities.
- (d) **Circulates** this report to the Community Boards for their information.

CARRIED

Councillor Cairns congratulated staff for the support of the Kanes Shield event in Kaiapoi.

6 CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

7 PORTFOLIO UPDATES

7.1 Greenspace (Parks, Reserves and Sports Grounds) – Councillor Al Blackie.

Councillor Blackie was not present.

7.2 Community Facilities (including Aquatic Centres, Multi-use Sports Stadium, Libraries/Service Centres, Town Halls and Museums) – Councillor Robbie Brine.

- Southbrook Sports Club Meeting - They held their Annual General Meeting six weeks ago where some accounting issues were raised, some were addressed at the meeting with others still to be addressed.

7.3 Community Development and Wellbeing – Councillor Brent Cairns.

- Celebrate Te Reo Māori - Multiple sessions were held at libraries throughout the district, hosting story times, toddler times, etc, starting at 1.30pm on Monday, 16 September 2024, at Chamber Gallery and ending at 11am on 26 September 2024 at Kaiapoi.
- There were reports of an increasing number of elderly people arriving at Christchurch Emergency Department malnourished. Local food banks were in discussions to ascertain what could be done. Food Banks were also reporting a growing number of over 65's coming to collect food parcels.
- Kaiapoi Community Wellbeing started a trial of handing out food parcels and vegetables growing in pots. This was to teach and inspire people/families to grow their own food and see how easy it was, even if they were renting or living in their cars. The first given out was lettuces and peas; the next would be strawberries, potatoes, and tomatoes. The aim was to do the trial for six months to a year to

gauge/measure the response/impact with the aim that people started growing their own food. Thus far, the reaction had been very positive. Have approached the Kaiapoi Garden Club to help with growing seedlings.

- Kaiapoi Garden Club donated and planted two Ash trees at the new fire station in Kaiapoi.
- Citizens' Advice was now open from Monday to Friday, 9am to 4:30pm.
- St John was offering the "Three Steps to Life" Program for free to groups.
- Woodend School Fair would be held from 10am till 3pm on Sunday 22 September 2024
- Received much positive feedback regarding the increase in number of days the Council were funding for Surf Lifesaving at its beaches.
- The Inclusive Sports event would be held at MainPower Stadium from 10.30am to 2.30pm on 4 October 2024 from 10.30am to 2.30pm.
- 28 September 2024 Big Variety Show - fundraiser for Big Brother Big Sisters.
- 9 October 2024 - Older Persons Expo at Rangiora RSA.
- Darnley Club Annual General Meeting: The many volunteers who look after the elderly were thanked. They had a new van and were adding on to the garage to accommodate its larger size.
- Join Waimakariri's Driver Mentor Programme, which matched up learner drivers with fully licensed volunteer mentors to assist them in learning safe driving practices and the skills needed to pass the Restricted Driver's Licence test.
- Waimakariri Youth Council, Ashley Rakahuri River Care Group, Environment Canterbury, Eco Educate, 4WD Club, Keep Rangiora Beautiful, Rangiora Rotary, Rangiora Tramping Club and the Waimakariri District Council on Saturday 21 September 2024 on the Ashley Rakahuri River.
- A Marketing 101 Workshop for Community Groups, Clubs, and Not-for-profits would be held from 9.30am to 3.30pm on Friday, September 20, at the Ruataniwha Kaiapoi Civic Centre.
- Waimakariri Youth Development Grant was open for applications.
- Kaiapoi Food Forest had a busy weekend with workshops on how to grow kumara and grafting fruit trees. They also received a substantial donation of trees from the Order of St Lazareth. The last donation of trees resulted in a number of them being quickly stolen.
- The food forest was visited by a US University Graduate who had been funded for a year to visit Food Forests all over the world. She spent several hours understanding how it started and how the community had been involved. Each year, a section of IBM selects and funds 30 graduate programs.
- Food Secure North Canterbury was having its next workshop on 24 October 2024 about "Food Security at a Time of Disruption." This workshop would result in the mapping of local growers and producers.
- A presenter at the Kaiapoi Garden Club spoke about there being 100mm less rainfall this year. Which may impact water supplies going forward.
- Food Box providers had changed the way they tracked the volume of food they gave out. They were now reporting on the number of meals, as opposed to the number of boxes, as each provider was giving out different-sized boxes of food. This would give a more accurate number of meals being provided.
- Waimak United Football team lost the first of their promotion games against Nelson.

7.4 **Waimakariri Arts and Culture – Councillor Al Blackie.**

Councillor Blackie was not present.

8 QUESTIONS

There were no questions.

9 URGENT GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no urgent general business.

10 MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WITH THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED

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), it was moved:

Moved: Councillor Brine

Seconded: Councillor Redmond

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

- Item 10.1 Confirmation of Minutes of the public excluded portion of a meeting of the Community and Recreation Committee meeting held on Tuesday 23 July 2024.
- Item 10.2 Contract CON2418 Pines Beach Relocation Tender Evaluation and Contract Award Report.

The general subject of the matters 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:

Meeting Item No. and subject	Reason for excluding the public	Grounds for excluding the public-
10.1 Confirmation of Minutes of the public excluded portion a meeting of the Community and Recreation Committee meeting held on Tuesday, 23 July 2024.	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7	Section 7(h) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act; "enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities".
10.2 Contract CON2418 Pines Beach Relocation Tender Evaluation and Contract Award Report.	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7	Section 7(h) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act; "enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities".

CLOSED MEETING

See Public Excluded Agenda (separate document)

OPEN MEETING

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Community and Recreation Committee would be held on Tuesday 26 November 2024 at 3.30pm.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING CLOSED AT 4:51PM.

CONFIRMED



Chairperson
Councillor B Carins

26 November 2024

Date