

**MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE OXFORD-OHOKA COMMUNITY BOARD HELD IN THE A&P ROOM, OXFORD TOWN HALL, 34 MAIN STREET, OXFORD ON WEDNESDAY 7 DECEMBER 2022 AT 7PM.**

**PRESENT**

T Robson (Chairperson), S Barkle (Deputy Chairperson), T Fulton, R Harpur, N Mealings, P Merrifield and M Wilson.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

K Simpson (3 Waters Manager), J McBride (Roading and Transport Manager), G Stephens (Design and Planning Team Leader), A Mace-Cochrane (Project Engineer), T Kunkel (Governance Team Leader) and C Fowler-Jenkins (Governance Support Officer).

There were approximately 70 members of the public present.

**1. APOLOGIES**

Moved: P Merrifield

Seconded: R Harpur

**THAT** an apology for absence be received and sustained from M Brown.

**CARRIED**

**2. PUBLIC FORUM**

T Robson explained to the public that the Board had agreed to submit an objection to the resource consent received from Woodstock Quarries Ltd pertaining to 513 Trig Road, Woodstock. He explained that in terms of the Resource Management Act, 1991, that was the only avenue open to the Board, so it was essential to ensure that the Board had a robust submission. He, therefore, invited the members of the public present to share their concerns with the Board.

**2.1. Brian Holland**

B Holland advised that he lived close to where the landfill was proposed. He believed that storing toxic waste in a landfill in a pristine area at the foothills of the Southern Alps would be bad for the environment. His main concern was that the consent use application documentation noted 'special waste', but there was no explanation of what 'special waste' entailed. He further noted that there were other ways of disposing of waste, such as high-intensity burning, and he asked if these had been investigated. Finally, he expressed a concern that the application process had been proceeding for eighteen months, unbeknown to the community. However, the community only had twenty days to consider the application, which would affect their air, land, and water.

**2.2. Sue Yates**

S Yates noted that the Oxford area formed part of the Alpine Fault Magnitude 8 Earthquake (AF8) area. Therefore, if a magnitude eight earthquake occurred, the landfill layering would not stop toxins from leaking into the ground. Her other concern was the leaking of toxins into the surrounding waterways, especially the Waimakariri River.

### 2.3. **Tracy Sayer**

T Sayer noted that she lived on Woodstock Road and would be directly affected by truck movements. She also pointed out that the consent use documents did not assess the alpine fault. In 2021, Victoria University increased the risk of a magnitude eight earthquake from 30% to 75% in the next fifty years. This earthquake would result in landslides, weakened rock, slip displacements and changes in river courses. Research had shown that if landslides occurred near a landfill, the landfill lining would stretch and tear, which would not be detectable until after leaching occurred. In addition to the significant earthquake risk, hundreds of small slope movements and sliding cover displacements occurred at landfills worldwide every year. In almost every case running water and soil erosion was the cause. Liner failure was not expected, however, it did happen.

T Sayer raised a concern that birds and animals would be attracted to the landfill and ingest plastics and heavy metals. She further noted that New Zealand was trying to reduce its methane and CO2 emissions levels. She, therefore, highlighted that no detailed steps had been provided should contamination occur, nor were the steps to monitoring groundwater and gas emissions clear. In addition, the applicant requested nonpublic notification, which was a warning sign to her. Therefore, she questioned if the applicant had the necessary qualifications to manage this facility.

### 2.4. **Bill Foster**

B Foster commented that he managed a property on the corner of South Eyre and Burnt Hill Roads, and in 1998 they drilled an irrigation well, where the first deep aqua was found. It was confirmed to be Eyre water, which had not seen daylight since 1950. Subsequently, many wells were installed, and in 2010 the Council sunk a well at the corner of Domain and South Eyre Roads. However, due to the numerous other wells in the area, the Council had to prove that they were not risking other wells. Therefore, a lot of testing was done, and it was found that all the wells were hydrologically linked.

The Council's well at the corner of Domain and South Eyre Roads was Oxford's number two water supply. As the wells were hydrologically linked, he was concerned about the water quality of Oxford's number one water supply, which was closer to the proposed landfill than the number two water supply. Contamination may not happen straight away, however, gravity and water flow would eventually cause issues.

### 2.5. **Les Pander**

L Pander explained that he worked in the waste disposal industry. He highlighted the impact such a facility would have on the town and the surrounding areas.

### 2.6. **Shirley Farrell**

S Farrell noted that the community only found out about the proposed resource consent application a few days ago. She enquired how long the Council had been aware of the pending application. The Council knew this was a contentious issue why did they not bring it to the community's attention. She questioned the community's assurance that they would have an opportunity to study the documentation and prepare submissions.

T Robson reiterated the Board's position on the matter, noting he had been advised by the Council that an application for an extension for the consultation period had been received, which was currently being worked through by Environment Canterbury (ECan) and the Council. The Board could not judge the application's processing by Council staff as they had to adhere to the criteria set out in the Resource Management Act, 1991.

In conclusion, S Farrell noted that a landfill could be disastrous to community health, wellbeing, the water, and the surrounding roads.

2.7. **David Hoult**

D Hoult noted there were hundreds of examples around the country of things going wrong with landfills, and their children's children would pay for it. It was not a question of if there would be an earthquake, but rather when because the alpine fault was overdue. It needed to be clarified what the impact of an earthquake would be on a landfill.

2.8. **Jill Rogers**

J Rogers noted that she had only found out about the proposal three days ago. She believed the Oxford area already had enough problems to deal with and did not need a landfill. If you went to the dump on a windy day, you would come away with an asthma attack. The community also had to deal with an increase in rain events and the resulting flooding, so why was there a need to introduce an increase in trucks and air pollution. She questioned who would be responsible for the increased maintenance of the roads due to the increase in traffic. Oxford had always had clean, pristine air for asthmatics and other immune-compromised people. People did not need this additional stress.

2.9. **Angela Redings**

A Redings noted she was new to the community and had lived near Hampton Downs, which unfortunately had not been successful in stopping the landfill near the Waikato River. The community had been assured that the landfill would be safe, that there would be no odour, and that there would be no environmental effects. However, the landfill caught fire and burnt for some time, whereafter there was water contamination, air pollution, and the smell were atrocious.

2.10. **Wendy Geretson**

W Geretson noted that people paid to come to Oxford for its horse-riding, tramping and cycling because Oxford was known as an eco-friendly destination. A landfill would damage Oxford's reputation as a 'green destination' and deter people from visiting the town.

3. **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Item 7.1 – N Mealings declared a conflict of interest, as she was a Council appointed Commissioner to the District Plan Hearing Panel.

4. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

4.1. **Minutes of the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board – 9 November 2022**

Moved: M Wilson                      Seconded: N Mealings

**THAT** the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board:

- (a) **Confirms** the circulated Minutes of the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board meeting, held on 9 November 2022, as a true and accurate record.

**CARRIED**

4.2. **Matters Arising**

T Robson noted that the mural on the toilets had now been completed.

**PUBLIC EXCLUDED MINUTES**

*(These Minutes were considered in the public excluded portion of the meeting)*

4.3. **Minutes of the public excluded portion of the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board meeting held on 9 November 2022**

5. **DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Nil.

6. **ADJOURNED BUSINESS**

Nil.

7. **REPORTS**

7.1. **Retrospective Ratification of the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board's submission on Further Submissions to the District Plan and Variation 1 – Housing Intensification – K Rabe (Governance Adviser)**

*Having declared a conflict of interest, N Mealings, stepped away from the table at 7.40pm.*

T Kunkel took the report as read.

Moved: S Barkle

Seconded: R Harpur

**THAT** the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board:

(a) **Receives** report No 221118200543.

(b) **Approves** the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board's submissions on Further Submission to the District Plan (Trim 221121201561) and Variation 1 – Housing Intensification (Trim 221121201564).

**CARRIED**

*N Mealings returned to the meeting table at 7.45pm.*

7.2. **Application to the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board's Discretionary Grant Fund 2022/23 – K Rabe (Governance Adviser)**

T Kunkel explained that the West Eyreton School was seeking funding for bark for their junior playground.

P Merrifield noted that the application included a tax invoice dated 29 April 2022. He, therefore, questioned if the bark had already been purchased, as this would mean the application did not comply with the Discretionary Grant Criteria. T Kunkel requested that the application be tabled to enable the Governance Team to investigate further.

In response to a question from R Harpur, T Kunkel advised that organisations predominately funded by Central Government were requested to provide supporting evidence that the funding would not be spent on projects that the Central Government should fund. However, the Board still had the discretion to grant funding if they believed an application had merit.

Moved: T Robson

Seconded: S Barkle

**THAT** the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board:

- (a) **Resolves** that the report lay on the table.

**CARRIED**

## **8. CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil.

## **9. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

### **9.1. Chairperson's Report for November 2022**

- Attended the Oxford Community Trust Meeting – They debriefed the Annual General Meeting and Community Dinner, which was a successful event. They also discussed the upcoming events that the Trust was organising, these include:
  - The Oxbox Youth Summer Pool Party to be held on 14 December 2022 from 12:30pm to 3:30pm.
  - The Christmas Wonderland which would be held from 17 to 24 December 2022 at the GP Hall in Oxford.
  - The Wings with Wheels on 22 January 2023,
- Attended the workshop with the Board regarding their District Plan submission – Thanks to all Board members who contributed to the submission.
- Attended the Oxford Promotions Action Committee (OPAC) working bee at Pearson Park – They tidied up the two sheds that OPAC use as storage and built new cupboards and shelves for additional storage.
- Attended the Ashley Gorge Advisory Group meeting – The group walked around the reserve prior to the meeting and was impressed by the condition of the reserve and by the work carried out by the Camp Manager. Earlier in the day, a few members met with the Council's Roding Team to discuss the vegetation clearance at either end of the bridge and were pleased to learn that this work would be undertaken soon. The group had a shared dinner afterwards, which was a good opportunity to catch up, discuss progress made over the past year, and welcome new members into the group.
- Met with Council staff to discuss issues and concerns that residents had raised about the quality of the Tui Street footpaths and berms – Remedial work was to be carried out. It would hopefully reduce trip hazards and allow residents to mow their berms.

Moved: N Mealings

Seconded: P Merrifield

**THAT** the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** the verbal report from the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board Chairperson.

**CARRIED**

9.2. **Submission on a consent use application from Woodstock Quarries Ltd**

T Robson advised that although the Board agreed to submit an objection to the proposed resource consent application, it had not made an official decision to this effect.

Moved: T Robson

Seconded: T Fulton

**THAT** the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board:

- (a) **Approves** that an objection be drafted and submitted to the consent use application received from Woodstock Quarries Ltd pertaining to 513 Trig Road, Woodstock.

**CARRIED**

10. **MATTERS FOR INFORMATION**

- 10.1. Oxford-Ohoka Community Board Meeting Minutes 9 November 2022.  
10.2. Woodend-Sefton Community Board Meeting Minutes 14 November 2022.  
10.3. Rangiora-Ashley Community Board Meeting Minutes 9 November 2022.  
10.4. Kaiapoi-Tuahivi Community Board Meeting Minutes 21 November 2022.  
10.5. Health, Safety and Wellbeing Report October 2022 – Report to Council meeting 8 November 2022 – Circulates to All Boards.  
10.6. Approval to Submit Three Waters Reform - Better Off Application and Funding Agreement – Report to Extraordinary Council meeting 22 November 2022 – Circulates to All Boards.  
10.7. July 2022 Flood Response Update – Report to Utilities and Roading Committee meeting 29 November 2022 – Circulates to All Boards.  
10.8. Library Update to 17 November 2022 – Report to Community and Recreation Committee meeting 29 November 2022 – Circulates to All Boards.  
10.9. Aquatics November Update – Report to Community and Recreation Committee meeting 29 November 2022 – Circulates to All Boards.

Moved: M Wilson

Seconded: S Barkle

**THAT** the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** the information in Items.10.1 to 10.9.

**CARRIED**

11. **MEMBERS' INFORMATION EXCHANGE**

**S Barkle**

- Trees down McHugh's Road still had not been dealt with.
- Attended the Fernside Garden Tour, which included a few locations in Swannanoa – A successful event.
- Attended a workshop on the Board's further submission to the District Plan.
- Attended a Waimakariri Health Advisory Group meeting – Explanation of the new build at the Health Hub. Two medical practices were joining to establish a medical centre at the hub. It would be a privately owned doctors' surgery operating until 11pm. Therefore, if you were not attached to that surgery, you would be paying more to consult a doctor after-hours.

There was a conversation about potentially disbanding the Waimakariri Health Advisory Group and joining a similar group.

## **T Fulton**

- Attended his first Waimakariri Water Zone Committee workshop on the Ashley Rakahuri Revival Strategy.
- Attended briefings on stormwater and acquisitions.
- Attended meetings in West Eyreton with Council staff, Mark Brown and Bernard Kingsbury, to discuss the Oak Reserve and the West Eyreton Hall area.
- Met with Oxford residents to follow up on flooding issues.
- Wolff's Road – Requested an update from Council staff on where it was at.

## **R Harpur**

- Attended Board workshops on the further submission on the District Plan and the possible submission to the cost use at 513 Trig Road, Woodstock.
- Attended a Mandeville Sports Centre Delegates meeting – The issue with the asbestos on the property still needed to be resolved. Understand that most of the consents had been issued now for its removal.
- Attended GreyPower Christmas function.
- Mandeville Residents Association had a meeting in October 2022 with Council staff about the flooding issues in Mandeville. Understood that Council staff were scheduled to attend a public meeting with residents on 3 December 2022, however, the meeting did not take place.

K Simpson noted that Council still intended to meet with the community which would be happen in the first quarter of 2023.

## **N Mealings**

- Ohoka Residents Association Annual General meeting.
  - Two Committee members stood down; four new members joined the Committee.
  - She was the guest speaker and spoke on the Ohoka Residents Association's history, achievements, and Council issues pertinent to Ohoka.
  - Also, arrange for the attendance of Council staff to answer questions on roading issues.
- Attended the elected members' district bus tour.
- Extraordinary Council meeting – Approved submission of Three Waters Reform "Better Off" funding application and funding agreement, if clauses protecting the Council's right to disagree with the Three Waters Reform were included.
- Attended monthly Council workshop - Discussed Annual Plan budget implications for next year and Future for Local Government Reforms.
- Chaired the Utilities and Roading Committee meeting
  - She would be Chair until November 2023.
  - Flood response update (available on the Council's website).
  - Continuing to see side effects of Waka Kotahi Road funding shortfall.
- Attended the District Planning and Regulation Committee meeting.
- Attended the Community and Recreation Committee meeting
  - Deputation from the North Canterbury Biodiversity Trust.
  - Libraries had new 'Ako' bags for adults and children with Te Reo resources available.
  - Staffing issues continued at Aquatic facilities but were being managed well. Oxford pool opened over the weekend.
- Waimakariri Youth Council Meeting – New co-chair appointed. Councillor Jason Goldsworthy joined herself and the Mayor as Council representatives.
- Oxford-Ohoka Community Board briefing.
- Catchup / briefings for Greater Christchurch Partnership and Mahi Tahī Joint Development Committee with Council staff.
- Council workshop – regarding earthworks and landfill application.

- Council meeting
  - Going forward, kerbside recycle bin audits would be carried out by EcoEducate rather than truck drivers, as that was their area of expertise. She elaborated on the method of auditing.
  - Community Board Chair reports presented for last year,
  - Reinstatement of Walking and Cycling Reference Group sans nine members including the Community Board representatives. However, Council staff would report back to Community Boards to update and get feedback to ensure priorities were still appropriate.

S Barkle asked if the decision for the Walking and Cycling Reference Group final, because the Community Board was representing the community at the ground roots, and therefore knew the needs and desires of the community. It was, therefore, unclear why the key community representatives would not include that Reference Group. J McBride noted that the idea was not to take away the community's voice. Council staff were committed to presenting to the Community Boards every year and renew the priorities again when Council staff did their road capital works programme.

  - Appointments to Outside Committees, organisations, and groups.
- Alcohol and Drug Harm Prevention Steering Group meeting
  - Looking to invite new stakeholders to the Steering Group.
  - Discussed a possible stall at A&P show to raise awareness.
  - Continue to focus on bringing providers together to collaborate on harm prevention and identify gaps/needs in the community.
- Mandeville Drainage – a meeting was held regarding issues in the Mandeville area, attended by Councillor P Williams, the Drainage Portfolio Holder. The group was informed of work underway and planned works, and it was resolved to rename the Ohoka Rural Drainage Advisory Group the Ohoka-Mandeville Rural Drainage Advisory Group.

#### **P Merrifield**

- Attended a zoom meeting with the Board on the proposed Ohoka subdivision.
- Attended the elected members' district bus tour.
- Volunteered at the Ox Man triathlon.
- Attended Board workshops on the further submission on the District Plan and the possible submission to the cost use at 513 Trig Road, Woodstock.
- Visited the Wolff's Road Bridge.
- Visited the Browns Rock Road intake.
- Visited the Ashley Gorge.

#### **M Wilson**

- Volunteered to sell raffle tickets for the Women's Institute at the Ohoka Market.
- Ohoka Residents Association Annual General meeting – fantastic to see the number of new people. Thanked Rob Buchanan as he steps down after serving as secretary and had also been integral of getting the flying fox at the Domain.
- Attended the elected members' district bus tour.
- Attended the Local Government New Zealand Workshop One about how we can revitalise local democracy.
- Alerted the Council to a trailer load of dumped rubbish in the Bradleys Road drain.
- Attended two Board workshops via zoom.
- Alcohol and Drug Harm Prevention Steering Group.



**12. CONSULTATION PROJECTS**

Nil.

**13. BOARD FUNDING UPDATE**

**13.1. Board Discretionary Grant**

Balance as at 31 October 2022: \$3,039.

**13.2. General Landscaping Fund**

Balance as at 31 October 2022: \$13,090.

The Board noted the funding update.

**14. MEDIA ITEMS**

Nil.

**15. MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WITH THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED**

*Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987*

Moved: T Robson

Seconded: P Merrifield

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

**CARRIED**

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:

<b>Item N°</b>	<b>Reports / Minutes of:</b>	<b>General subject of each matter to be considered</b>	<b>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</b>	<b>Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</b>
15.1	Minutes of the Public Excluded Portion of the meeting of 9 November 2022	Confirmation of Minutes	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:

<b>Item N°</b>	<b>Reason for protection of interests</b>	<b>Ref NZS 9202:2003 Appendix A</b>
15.1	Protection of privacy of natural persons	A2(a)

**CLOSED MEETING**

*The public excluded portion of the meeting commenced at 8.22pm and concluded at 8:23pm.*

**OPEN MEETING**

**Resolution to resume in open meeting**

Moved: M Wilson

Seconded: T Fulton

**THAT** open meeting resumes and the business discussed within the public excluded portion of the meeting remains public excluded.

**CARRIED**

**16. QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDERS**

Nil.

**17. URGENT GENERAL BUSINESS UNDER STANDING ORDERS**

Nil.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board is scheduled for 7pm, Wednesday 8 February 2022 at the Ohoka Hall, Mill Road, Ohoka.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.23pm.

**CONFIRMED**

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Chairperson

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Date