

WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE UTILITIES AND ROADING COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, RANGIORA SERVICE CENTRE, 215 HIGH STREET, RANGIORA ON TUESDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2022 AT 9.00AM.

PRESENT

Councillor N Mealings (Chairperson), Councillors R Brine (via Zoom), P Redmond, J Ward, P Williams and Mayor D Gordon.

IN ATTENDANCE

Councillors B Cairns, T Fulton and J Goldsworthy.

J Millward (Acting Chief Executive), G Cleary (General Manager Utilities and Roading), J McBride (Roading and Transport Manager), K Simpson (Three Waters Manager), J Recker (Stormwater and Waterways Manager) and E Stubbs (Governance Support Officer).

1 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

2 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were declared.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Nil.

4 DEPUTATION/PRESENTATIONS

Nil.

5 REPORTS

5.1 Request Approval for Stringers Road Seal Extension – J McBride (Roading and Transport Manager) and C Grabowski (Roading Operations Team Leader)

J McBride introduced the report, which sought approval to undertake a seal extension on Stringers Road in Sefton. The sealing was requested under the Council's Private Funding of Seal Extensions Policy and would be 150 meters long. The estimated cost was just over \$34,000, with the property owners of 5 Stringers Road and 209 Toppings Road agreeing to fund 50% of the sealing cost in line with the policy.

Councillor Redmond asked if the Council had funding for the proposed seal extension. J McBride confirmed that budget allocation had been made in the Subdivision Contribution area for up to one kilometre of sealing annually. Although the Youngs Road seal extension had already been approved this year, the further 150 meters was still within budget.

Moved: Councillor Redmond

Seconded: Councillor Ward

THAT the Utilities and Roading Committee:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 221104193075.
- (b) **Approves** the sealing of Stringers Road under the Private Funding of Seal Extensions Policy, for a length of 150 meters from the existing seal on Toppings Road.
- (c) **Notes** that the estimated cost of sealing was \$34,054.08 excluding GST, of which the Council's share would be 50% or \$17,027.04 excluding GST, and the property owners' share would be \$19,581.10 including GST, split equally between 5 Stringers Road and 209 Toppings Road.
- (d) **Notes** that funding was available within the Subdivision Contribution Budget area for the Council share of the funding required, as outlined in the report (Trim 221104193075)
- (e) **Notes** that written agreement would be sought from the property owners prior to any work being undertaken on site.

CARRIED

Councillor Redmond believed it was a good proposal that would benefit the properties on the road contributing to the work. As there was budget available for the work, he supported the motion.

Councillor Ward concurred with the comments made by Councillor Redmond and also supported the motion.

5.2 **July 2022 Flood Response Update – G Cleary (General Manager Utilities and Roading)**

G Cleary took the report as read.

Councillor Williams questioned if there had been any progress in securing funding from Waka Kotahi for repairing roads damaged by flooding. J McBride advised there had been a delay as Waka Kotahi had to request further funding from Central Government due to the large number of flood events over the year. However, the Council's application had been lodged with Waka Kotahi.

Councillor Redmond noted the planned street meeting with the residents of Stalkers Road, Woodend Beach and requested an update. K Simpson explained that work at Stalkers Road was ongoing, with CCTV monitoring of the sewer mains, followed by onsite connectivity work and looking at low gully traps. Consultants had also just provided a report on a potential solution. Staff was currently looking at meeting with residents either before Christmas or early in the new year.

Moved: Councillor Ward

Seconded: Councillor Ward

THAT the Utilities and Roading Committee:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 221117199645.
- (b) **Note** that 38 of the 143 investigations were yet to commence and staff forecast that the whole programme of investigations would take six to nine months to complete.

- (c) **Circulates** this report to all Community Boards for information.

CARRIED

Councillor Williams thanked the staff for the update.

6 CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Letter regarding Fluoride in water – R Read

Moved: Councillor Williams

Seconded: Councillor Ward

THAT the Utilities and Roading Committee:

- (a) **Receives** the correspondence in Item 6.1 Trim No. 221122202388.

CARRIED

Councillor Williams noted that he had received the letter from R Reed and believed it was important the Utilities and Roading Committee be made aware of her concerns.

7 PORTFOLIO UPDATES

7.1 Roading – Councillor Philip Redmond

- Several events throughout the district, including the Oxman, Canterbury Half Marathon, Christmas Carnivals and the Coast to Coast, would require traffic management.
- It was a busy time of year in roading with construction and maintenance underway including:
 - Repairing fords once water flows had reduced.
 - A number of sealing of sites, including Tram Road between McHugh's Road and Tupelo Place, Williams Street paving repairs had been completed, half of the Flaxton Road repairs had been completed, Revells Road repairs had been completed with a further reseal to be completed, Southeyre Road pavement repairs.
 - Renewal of cracked road Culvert under Dixons Road had been completed.
 - Work on fixing reoccurring scour at bridges in Lees Valley.
 - Youngs Road seal extension.
 - Focus on minor maintenance repairs.
 - Vegetation trimming on Cones Road.
 - Footpath renewals were continuing.
 - The work planned to reseal SH1 between Lineside Road overbridge and Williams Street (Pineacres) was delayed and was potentially mid-January 2023..
- A number of tenders had recently closed, and a report on Southbrook Road traffic signals would be coming to Council in the new year.
- Mulcocks Road right-turn bay contract had been awarded.
- Butchers Road culvert renewal tenders were being evaluated with work potentially in March 2023.
- A programme of work relining pipe arch culverts was being looked at.
- A maintenance programme for the Waimakariri Gorge bridge was being looked at with Selwyn District Council.

In response to a question from Councillor Mealings, J McBride confirmed that the right-turn bay contract had been awarded for the Skewbridge Road end of Mulcocks Road. The right-turn bay at Skewbridge Road was necessary from a safety perspective, irrespective of what changes were made at the State Highway end.

Councillor Cairns asked if there was an update on the Beach Road reseal, as there had been complaints regarding the roughness of the reseal and the reappearance of potholes. J McBride advised that the work had been a pre-reseal repair with a stabilisation patch and mill/cement, and the heavy rain over the weekend would have impacted the potholes. However, these would be fixed before the reseal. The timeframe for the reseal was early next year, however, urgent repairs could be looked at earlier. Staff would be attending the site today.

Councillor Mealings commented on the lack of understanding in the community about the process for roading repairs. She suggested that staff should consider an 'explainer guide' that sets out the various steps. J McBride noted that the Council was considering compiling an advisory letter to drop in residents' letter boxes before a reseal commences. The letter would explain the process, including the pre-seal repair steps, which could cause concern if residents believed that was the final product. However, getting the message to a broader audience in rural areas would take more work.

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

- Drainage Maintenance Projects for the Better-off funding would be reported to the Committee following discussion with the Rural Drainage Advisory Groups.
- The Stockwater Information pamphlet had been distributed to 1,600 properties on the scheme.
- The new Drinking Water Rules came into effect on 14 November 2022. The Drinking Water Safety Plans had been submitted for all twelve of the Council's Water Supply Schemes. The Chlorine Exemption Applications for the six on-demand water supplies had been submitted, and the new Water Regulator's response for the Cust Water Supply Scheme application was expected before the end of the year.
- Wastewater monitoring of avian botulism had commenced, however, no cases had been noted as yet. There had also been no major outbreaks the previous year.
- Midge work was underway for the Kaiapoi and Woodend treatment plants.
- The septic tank cleaning contract was awarded, however, this had a reduced scope due to the higher-than-expected cost.
- Stormwater flood response work continued. The temporary pump at Feldwick Drive would remain while awaiting parts for the permanent pump.
- There had been no reported issues from the recent rainfall events.

7.3 Solid Waste– Councillor Robbie Brine

- Covid cases have significantly impacted staffing levels for Solid Waste and made the situation very difficult. Therefore, it was important that the public remained patient until normal staffing levels could return.
- It was noted that the housing arranged for Eco-Educate at the Dudley Park Pavilion was a fantastic outcome.

7.4 **Transport – Mayor Dan Gordon**

- Attended a meeting of Mayors with the Board of Waka Kotahi and Senior Staff where a frank discussion was possible. Waka Kotahi had a \$6 million to \$8 million funding gap which meant that the projects the Council had received funding for were due to the excellent work of staff. His suggestion was that a philosophy change away from a 'silo' mentality to where funding could be spent in areas of higher need to achieve road safety. He had also recommended a better alignment so there would not be a disconnect with timing around the budget setting.
- Suggested staff should look into taking the lead on maintenance of the Waimakariri Gorge Bridge so that this Council had effective control and could coordinate timeliness of work around priorities.

Councillor Fulton commended the investigation into a more workable solution for maintaining the Waimakariri Gorge Bridge. However, he questioned if an economic survey on the importance of the bridge had been done and if that would assist in improving the case for a different management approach. J McBride advised that staff worked closely with the Selwyn District Council and Beca Engineering Services. The super-structure of the bridge had been assessed and was sound. The issue was with the surface and the frequency of maintenance required for the bolts and plates.

G Cleary commented that even under high-level investigation, the criticality and economic benefits of the bridge were understood, and it was a crucial link for the Waimakariri District.

T Fulton asked if there had been an increasing load on the bridge in recent years. J McBride noted that High Productivity Motor Vehicles (HPMV) processing increased monthly. In the upcoming update report to the Utilities and Roading Committee, she could include statistics on overweight and HPMV vehicles.

8 **MATTERS REFERRED FROM OXFORD-OHOKA COMMUNITY BOARD**

8.1 **Ashley Gorge Bridge – Approval of No-Stopping Restriction – Shane Binder (Transportation Engineer)**

G Cleary introduced the report which was referred from the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board.

Councillor Williams noted the loss of car parking and enquired if adequate car parking was available. J McBride commented that cars were currently stopping in unsafe areas, and signage would be installed to encourage visitors to park in the adjacent camp area. She confirmed that the Ashley Gorge Campground, Ashley Gorge Advisory Group, residents on the north side of the bridge and the Greenspace Team had been involved in discussions around safety.

Moved: Councillor Williams

Seconded: Councillor Ward

THAT the Utilities and Roading Committee:

- (a) **Approve** the installation of the following no-stopping restriction on Ashley Gorge Road at the Ashley Gorge Bridge:
- For a distance from 15 meters west of the bridge to 25 meters east of the bridge railing on the north side.
 - For 25 meters east of the bridge on the south side.

CARRIED

Councillor Williams commented that he was aware of the safety concerns, however, his worry was around the sufficient car parking.

9 MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

9.1 **Evaluation and Award Report for Harding Traffic – Supply and Install Signage – K Straw (Civil Project Team Leader) and J McBride (Roading and Transportation Manager)**
(Report No. 22107193484 to the Management Team meeting of 21 November 2022)

9.2 **Contract 18/27 Traffic Counting – Extension of Contract to 31 December 2023 –J McBride (Roading and Transportation Manager) and C Bacon (Network Planning Team Leader)**
(Report No. 221017180941 to the Management Team meeting of 31 October 2022)

9.3 **Approval to Proceed with Upgrading the Main Street Oxford Pedestrian Crossings – J McBride (Roading and Transportation Manager) and A Mace-Cochrane (Project Engineer)**
(Report No. 220209016538 to the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board meeting of 9 November 2022)

9.4 **Summerhill Water Main Extensions – Request to Engage Water Unit – R Rankin (Graduate Engineer) and C Roxburgh (Water Asset Manager)**
(Report No. 221108194449 to the Management Team meeting of 14 November 2022)

Moved: Councillor Williams

Seconded: Councillor Ward

THAT the Utilities and Roading Committee

(a) **Receives** the information in Items 9.1 to 9.4.

CARRIED

10 QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDERS

Nil.

11 URGENT GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

12 MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WITH THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED

Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987

Moved: Councillor Redmond

Seconded: Councillor Ward

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

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	Report of:	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
REPORTS				
12.1	Report from Management Team meeting	Report for Information	Good reason to withhold exists under Section 7	Section 48(1)(a)
12.2	Report from Management Team meeting	Report for Information	Good reason to withhold exists under Section 7	Section 48(1)(a)
12.3	Report from Management Team meeting	Report for Information	Good reason to withhold exists under Section 7	Section 48(1)(a)
12.4	Report from Management Team meeting	Report for Information	Good reason to withhold exists under Section 7	Section 48(1)(a)
12.5	Report from Management Team meeting	Report for Information	Good reason to withhold exists under Section 7	Section 48(1)(a)
12.6	Report from Management Team meeting	Report for Information	Good reason to withhold exists under Section 7	Section 48(1)(a)
12.7	Report from Management Team meeting	Report for Information	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
12.1-12.7	Protection of privacy of natural persons To carry out commercial activities without prejudice	A2(a) A2(b)ii

CARRIED

CLOSED MEETING

The Public Excluded section of the meeting occurred from 9.45am to 9.48am.

OPEN MEETING

Moved: Councillor Mealings

Seconded: Councillor Ward

THAT open meeting resumes and that the business discussed with the public excluded remains public excluded.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Utilities and Roothing Committee would be held in February 2023.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 9.48AM.

CONFIRMED



Chairperson

21 February 2023

Date