

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE UTILITIES AND ROADING COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, RANGIORA SERVICE CENTRE, 215 HIGH STREET, RANGIORA ON TUESDAY 20 JUNE 2023 AT 9AM.**

**PRESENT**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Councillors B Cairns and T Fulton.

J Millward (Chief Executive), G Cleary (General Manager Utilities and Roding), J McBride (Roding and Transport Manager), K Simpson (3 Waters Manager), J Recker (Stormwater and Waterways Manager) and E Stubbs (Governance Support Officer).

**1 APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies.

**2 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

There were no conflicts declared.

**3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**3.1 Minutes of the meeting of the Utilities and Roding Committee held on Tuesday 23 May 2023.**

Moved: Councillor Redmond

Seconded: Councillor Williams

**THAT** the Utilities and Roding Committee:

- (a) **Confirms** the circulated Minutes of the meeting of the Utilities and Roding Committee held on 23 May 2023, as a true and accurate record.

**CARRIED**

**3.2 Matters arising (From Minutes)**

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

**4 DEPUTATION/PRESENTATIONS**

Nil.

**5 REPORTS**

**5.1 Mandeville Resurgence and Channel Diversion Upgrade Project – Public Consultation – S Murphy (Senior Civil Engineer) and J Recker (Stormwater and Waterways Manager)**

J Recker and K Simpson presented the report which sought approval from the Council to undertake consultation on options for the Mandeville Resurgence and Channel Diversion Upgrade Project. Previous project work had determined two stages of work required and this had been recently assessed with three potential options for Stage 1 and two potential options for Stage 2 identified.

If the Council approved, staff would undertake public consultation on the potential options including a drop-in session at the Mandeville Sports Ground on 10 July 2023 with advertising in June. Utilities and Roding staff would consult with the Communications and Engagement team to determine the most effective communications strategy. Project information regarding the potential

solutions and cost estimates would be provided at the drop-in session and staff would talk directly with residents.

Councillor Williams was pleased to see the report as Mandeville residents had been waiting a long time for a viable solution. He enquired if it was possible for Stage 1 and 2 to be completed together. J Recker advised that was a potential option.

Councillor Redmond noted that none of the proposed work would assist residents this winter and asked if there were any solutions that could mitigate issues in the short term. J Recker replied that there were options such as raising bunds or rock armouring that were being looked at over the next couple of weeks.

Mayor Gordon agreed with Councillor Redmond regarding the need for short term solutions. He suggested staff be prepared with responses to the 20-30 action points Mandeville residents would like to see addressed for the drop-in session. J Recker noted that the main focus of the drop-in session was the proposed future options however staff would be able to address any specific questions also.

Mayor Gordon referred to the poor communications for the Cust chlorine exemptions consultation and enquired how residents would be made aware of the Mandeville drop-in session. J Recker noted staff would reach out via email to the Drainage Advisory Group, use social media including the Mandeville Residents Association Facebook group as well as a flyer drop. Mayor Gordon requested that the communications plan be circulated to Committee members.

Councillor Fulton asked about associated infrastructure works for Stage 2 diversion options. J Recker advised that for both diversion options there would be upgrades of driveway culverts.

Councillor Mealings referred to Stage 1 options and enquired about consideration of downstream effects. J Recker advised staff had completed modelling analysis and the calculated one cumec through the diversion would not have adverse impacts. There would be some upgrades downstream. K Simpson commented that the best way of looking at the Stage 1 upgrades was that the current infrastructure was not containing flow and therefore creating issues. Bradleys Road drain did have capacity so upgrades were effectively extending what had been done previously. It was not increasing the flow heading toward Ohoka as with the diversion it was changing where water was going.

Moved: Councillor Williams

Seconded: Councillor Redmond

**THAT** the Utilities and Roading Committee:

- (a) **Receives** report No. 230511067733.
- (b) **Authorises** that consultation would be undertaken with those affected or interested in this project by holding an informative drop-in session at the Mandeville Sports Ground on 10 July 2023.
- (c) **Notes** that Utilities and Roading staff would develop consultation documentation and information to be presented at the drop-in session in conjunction with Council's Communications team.
- (d) **Notes** that a workshop would be scheduled with the Utilities and Roading Committee following the consultation period. Feedback from the consultation process would be analysed and summarised in a further report which would be presented at this workshop.
- (e) **Notes** that staff would continue to refine estimated costs referred to in attachment iii of the report to enable budgets to be set for the 2024/34 Long Term Plan (LTP).

- (f) **Notes** that following the Utilities and Roading Committee workshop it was intended that a preferred solution would be adopted. If required, Council staff would then be requesting additional budget as part of the 2024/34 Long Term Plan.
- (g) **Circulates** this report to the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board for information.

**CARRIED**

P Williams was pleased to see the project being brought forward as residents had been waiting a long time for the flooding issues in the area to be addressed.

Councillor Redmond commented it was very good to receive the report and residents would be relieved. He still felt it was an 'ambulance' and catch-up scenario. Locals had known this was an issue before the subdivisions had been developed.

Mayor Gordon supported the direction of the report which had been a long-time coming and would provide a degree of relief to residents. It was important the program had a clear plan to reduce long-standing issues. It was also important to ensure communications were right so that all affected residents were aware of what was happening.

Councillor Fulton was supportive of the recommendation for further consultation and noted this issue had been on the Council table for some years and there was growing impatience in the community. He commented on the importance of modelling when considering any further intensification.

Councillor Mealings commented it was great to see the report finally coming to the Council as residents had been approaching the Council for a long time regarding the issues. She thanked staff for getting the project moving.

**5.2 July 2022 Flood Response Update – K Simpson – (3 Waters Manager), J McBride (Roading and Transport Manager) and R Kerr (Flood Recovery Programme Manager)**

R Kerr noted the service requests following the July 2022 flood event had been distilled into 143 investigations and 321 maintenance actions. These had been worked through steadily and aside from a portion of fieldwork all investigations had been completed. All maintenance actions had been started and 245 had been completed. The majority of capital expenditure work had been completed with \$385,000 proposed to be carried forward. Staff were looking to close out projects and return this type of work to Business as Usual.

Councillor Redmond requested clarification of the \$1.5 million scope of work for the diversion of the lower Kaikainui Stream. R Kerr provided further information on the location and advised that during flood events water flowed across farmland toward the Courtenay Stream and staff were looking at a potential project to improve how the lower section of the Kaikainui flowed.

It was asked how the Rural Drainage for Ashley Gorge Road was funded with Environment Canterbury (ECan). K Simpson replied that it was not a river within one of the rural rating areas and was an area ECan engineers had also been considering. The stream could have high erosion damage. A solution had been implemented between the Roading team, Drainage team and ECan engineers with the work to be carried out by the Roading team. Councillor Fulton asked if it reflected gaps in the funding system. K Simpson replied yes potentially, however it also indicated that two Councils were involved in the management of waterways and the importance of a good working relationship. In this situation a practical approach had been taken for resolving and funding the issue between the Councils.

Councillor Williams asked about progress on Mt Thomas Road and were the residents still being encouraged to complete works. K Simpson advised that the abatement notice issued by ECan had been withdrawn as it required additional information and ECan was not confident in its position to defend the notice if it was reviewed. A meeting would be held with landowners to discuss the next steps which would not be easy or straightforward. It was hoped a representative from ECan would also attend.

Councillor Mealings asked for clarification on the Wilson Drive project and if it had been included in the 2023/24 Annual Plan. K Simpson advised that was correct.

Moved: Councillor Brine

Seconded: Councillor Williams

**THAT** the Utilities and Roading Committee:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 23607083123.
- (b) **Notes** that investigations, funded physical works and maintenance actions arising from the July 2022 floods were well advanced, with the majority expected to be completed prior to end of winter 2023.
- (c) **Circulates** this report to all Community Boards for information.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Williams commented it was a good report showing a lot of work had been completed. He hoped weather in 2023 would not result in the need for a similar report.

Councillor Mealings commented it had been a herculean effort from staff to progress this far through the a years' worth of service requests received in three and a half weeks. The triaging of issues was commendable.

## **6 CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil.

## **7 PORTFOLIO UPDATES**

### **7.1 Roading – Councillor Philip Redmond**

- Preparation of the Speed Management Plan was ongoing – note Council workshop following this meeting.
- Confirmation of the Resealing Programme for 2023/24.
- Continuing with unsealed road inspections with Corde.
- Work continuing on Transport Choices programme including Woodend to Ravenswood path and Marsh/Dunlops Road rail crossings.
- Construction of Tuahiwi gritted path to be carried out in two stages.
- Traffic signals and road marking on Southbrook road completed and post-construction safety audit underway.
- Kerb and channel contract now completed.
- Butchers Road culvert – all work now completed except for taller permanent posts for guardrail.
- Footpath renewals were complete on Blakett Street and a short section of new path had been installed between Williams Street Bridge and Hakarau Road.
- During May approximately 8,000m<sup>3</sup> of unsealed road remetalling had been completed on 11 roads. Remetalling would continue through June and July.
- Drainage works were underway on Upper Sefton Road to address scour.
- Ice gritting was underway.
- Winter driving advertising was underway.
- Ice scrapers and window cloths were available at service centres.

- There had been a concerning number of crashes around the district over the last two weeks resulting in serious injuries and fatalities sadly.
- Consultation on Riverside Road was underway.
- Consultation on Transport Choices funding remained on hold.

G Cleary advised that the Butchers Road culvert hydraulic capacity had increased from 6.94 m<sup>3</sup>/s to 16.7 m<sup>3</sup>/s. The bottom section of the 3x3m<sup>2</sup> box culvert was in-ground below channel which was required for fish passage and 0.5m of freeboard was also required.

P Williams referred to community concerns regarding humming from the new lights at Southbrook. J McBride advised staff were currently investigating this with the installers.

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

- Disappointed at conditions of drains coming into winter. Ratepayers had expressed concern regarding drains that had not been cleared.
- Disappointed at continued push by regulators for chlorination of Waimakariri water which had been acknowledged to be a very good quality. The health consequences of chlorination needed to be understood.
- Noted a number of the Council sewerage consents were due to expire soon.
- Oxford No.1, McPhedrons Road well had stabilised and the Boil Water Notice lifted. Noted the workshop on the issue at end of meeting today.
- Final version of the Cust Residual Disinfection Exemption application Decision Report expected from Taumata Arowai later in the week.
- Mandeville storage reservoir was now operational.
- Mandeville Resurgence Channel project drop-in session planned for Monday 10 July at Mandeville Sports Ground.
- Better Off Funding for Drainage Maintenance and Capacity Improvements with a list being collated by staff.
- McIntosh Drain Pump Station – pumps were now onsite and being connected up. Commissioning of the pumps was expected to be completed early next week. Opening date currently confirmed for mid-July 2023.
- Water Services Entities Amendment Bill was introduced to Parliament last week.

## **7.3 Solid Waste– Councillor Robbie Brine**

- The second round of kerbside recycling bin audits were near completion. 45 bins had been added to the removal list with nine removed.
- The change in collection days for Ravenswood had been made with few issues, however there was still an issue with the text alert system.
- Solid Waste and Business Support Team were working on a solution to the waste and recycling bins and commercial cages and skips on Good Street.
- Regional waste staff had met to discuss applications to the Canterbury Waste Joint Committee waste minimisation fund, 15 applications had been received.
- Regional waste staff had also discussed a number of other topics including event waste management plans, the need for a regional waste management and minimisation plan, and the potential need for regional waste/minimisation infrastructure.
- The Ministry for the Environment (MfE) have confirmed that they required all councils to collect the same products at kerbside from 1 February 2024. Standardization would mean the Council could no longer accept paper or cardboard in organic bins.
- The MfE were also banning specific single use plastic products from 1 July 2023 including produce bags, plastic tableware, drinking straws and produce labels.

- Attended waste minimisation conference in Hamilton and had been somewhat disappointing by content but the networking was important. A report would follow.

Councillor Mealings asked about the stopping of cardboard and paper in the organic bins and G Cleary advised MfE were concerned about chemicals from print going into the organics chain. Staff had requested further information to explain change to the community. It was apparently still acceptable to line organic bins with newspaper although clarity was being sought. Staff believed the change would cause some confusion to the community.

Councillor Cairns asked if there was an ongoing education programme regarding recycling to help residents get their recycling correct. Councillor Brine advised flyers were available. If there was a particular community that required further education Solid Waste staff could help. With the upcoming MfE changes the education collateral (flyers etc) would require updating and more education would be required.

Councillor Redmond asked with the need for standardisation would there be education support from a national level. G Cleary commented that had not been confirmed, Canterbury Solid Waste officer would work together to standardise throughout Canterbury.

Councillor Fulton asked about plans for remote recycling sites. Councillor Brine commented it had been expected there would be submissions from local communities like Sefton or North Loburn for a site like at Cust however nothing had come through the Annual Plan.

#### **7.4 Transport – Mayor Dan Gordon**

- From a regional transport perspective, a number of Councils were experiencing challenges with Kiwirail particularly around cycleway planning. It was difficult when a Government funded organisation had unreasonable requirements.
- Regarding the conversation with Waka Kotahi the previous week the Council were now waiting what communications came back. They were also awaiting a response regarding the Woodend Safety Improvement project.
- Commented on the unfortunate vehicle accidents over the weekend, Councillor's thoughts were with the families. They were awaiting the results of the Police investigation.

Councillor Mealings noted that in the Northern Biosecurity meeting concern had been raised about gorse and broom weed in the rail corridor. Kiwirail were not spraying and were not allowing others to enter the corridor to control. Mayor Gordon would follow up.

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

### **8.1 Proposed Roothing Capital Works Programme for 2023/24**

Items 8 – 11 were introduced by J McBride and dealt with as one item.

There were no questions from Councillors

Moved: Councillor Redmond

Seconded: Councillor Brine

**THAT** the Utilities and Roothing Committee:

- (a) **Approves** the attached 2023/24 Proposed Roothing Capital Works Programme (TRIM No. 230306030136).
- (b) **Authorises** the Roothing and Transport Manager to make minor changes to this programme as a result of consultation or technical issues that may arise during the detailed planning phase, provided the approved budgets and levels of service are met, and the changes included in Quarterly Financial reporting.
- (c) **Endorses** the indicative Roothing Programme for the 2024/25, 2025/26 and 2026/27 years.

**CARRIED**

## **9 MATTERS REFERRED FROM WOODEND-SEFTON COMMUNITY BOARD**

### **9.1 Proposed Roothing Capital Works Programme for 2023/24**

Moved: Councillor Redmond

Seconded: Councillor Brine

**THAT** the Utilities and Roothing Committee:

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- (b) **Authorises** the Roothing and Transport Manager to make minor changes to this programme as a result of consultation or technical issues that may arise during the detailed planning phase, provided the approved budgets and levels of service are met, and the changes included in Quarterly Financial reporting.
- (c) **Endorses** the indicative Roothing Programme for the 2024/25, 2025/26 and 2026/27 years.

**CARRIED**

## **10 MATTERS REFERRED FROM RANGIORA-ASHLEY COMMUNITY BOARD**

### **10.1 Proposed Roothing Capital Works Programme for 2023/24**

Moved: Councillor Redmond

Seconded: Councillor Brine

**THAT** the Utilities and Roothing Committee:

- (a) **Approves** the attached 2023/24 Proposed Roothing Capital Works Programme (TRIM No. 230306030136).
- (b) **Authorises** the Roothing and Transport Manager to make minor changes to this programme as a result of consultation or technical issues that may arise during the detailed planning phase, provided the approved budgets and levels of service are met, and the changes included in Quarterly Financial reporting.
- (c) **Endorses** the indicative Roothing Programme for the 2024/25, 2025/26 and 2026/27 years.

**CARRIED**

## 11 MATTERS REFERRED FROM KAIAPOI-TUAHIWI COMMUNITY BOARD

### 11.1 Proposed Roothing Capital Works Programme for 2023/24

Moved: Councillor Redmond

Seconded: Councillor Brine

**THAT** the Utilities and Roothing Committee:

- (a) **Approves** the attached 2023/24 Proposed Roothing Capital Works Programme (TRIM No. 230306030136).
- (b) **Authorises** the Roothing an Transport Manager to make minor changes to this programme as a result of consultation or technical issues that may arise during the detailed planning phase, provided the approved budgets and levels of service are met, and the changes included in Quarterly Financial reporting.
- (c) **Endorses** the indicative Roothing Programme for the 2024/25, 2025/26 and 2026/27 years.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Redmond noted the proposed rooothing Capital Works Programme had been discussed at the Community Board level and he was not aware of any changes.

## 12 MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

### 12.1 Waikuku Beach Drainage Investigations Update – Jason Recker (Stormwater and Waterways Manager)

(Report No. 230531080636 to the Woodend-Sefton Community Board meeting of 12 June 2023).

Moved: Councillor Redmond

Seconded: Councillor Williams

**THAT** the Utilities and Roothing Committee

- (a) **Receives** the information in Item 12.1.

**CARRIED**

## 13 QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDERS

Nil

## 14 URGENT GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

## 15 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 is moved:

Moved: Councillor Ward

Seconded: Councillor Redmond

1. That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting:
  - Item 15.1 Public Excluded Minutes Utilities and Roothing Committee meeting 23 May 2023
  - Item 15.2 Report from Management Team meeting of 23 May 2023



The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is 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 are as follows:

Meeting Item No. and subject	Reason for excluding the public	Grounds for excluding the public-
15.1 Public Excluded Minutes Utilities and Roothing Committee meeting 23 May 2023	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7	To protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons (s 7(2)(a)).
15.2 Report from Management Team meeting of 23 May 2023	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7	To carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) (s 7(2)(i)).

**CARRIED**

**CLOSED MEETING**

*The public excluded portion of the meeting commenced at 10.09am and concluded at 10.11am.*

**OPEN MEETING**

Moved: Councillor Mealings

Seconded: Councillor Ward

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

**CARRIED**

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Utilities and Roothing Committee will be held on Tuesday 18 July 2023 at 9am.

**Workshop**

- Turbidity Issues on the Oxford No.1 Water Supply – *Caroline Fahey (Water Operations Team Leader) 30mins*

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10.12AM.

**CONFIRMED**

R Brine

Chairperson

18 July 2023