

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RANGIORA-ASHLEY COMMUNITY BOARD HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 215 HIGH STREET, RANGIORA, ON WEDNESDAY, 14 AUGUST 2024, AT 7 PM.

PRESENT

J Gerard (Chairperson), K Barnett, R Brine, I Campbell, M Clarke, M Fleming, J Goldsworthy, L McClure, B McLaren, J Ward, S Wilkinson, and P Williams.

IN ATTENDANCE

S Hart (General Manager Strategy, Engagement and Economic Development), G Stephens (Design and Planning Team Leader), T Kunkel (Governance Team Leader) and E Stubbs (Governance Support Officer).

Mayor Dan Gordon and eleven members of the public were present.

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Item 6.3 - B McLaren declared a conflict of interest in the Oxford Community Trust application for Discretionary Grant funding for the costs involved in hosting a Day Out Event, as he worked with various social service providers in the Waimakariri District.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1. Minutes of the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board – 10 July 2024

Moved: B McLaren

Seconded: J Goldsworthy

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) **Confirms**, as a true and accurate record, the circulated Minutes of the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board meeting held on 10 July 2024.

CARRIED

3.2. Matters Arising (From Minutes)

T Kunkel provided an update on the following matters:

- **Environment Canterbury Air Quality Monitoring Station** - Environmental Canterbury has not yet provided the Council with the results of the public consultation on the preferred location of the station.
- **Quarry and landfill in Loburn** - The consent application submitted by Protranz International Limited to undertake quarrying activities and construct and operate a landfill on Quarry Road, Loburn, was still on hold, awaiting further information from the applicant.
- **Solar farm on Upper Sefton Road, Loburn** - Energy Bay Limited's consent application to develop a solar farm at 87 Upper Sefton Road was still on hold, awaiting further information from the applicant.

3.3. **Notes of the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board Workshop – 10 July 2024**

Moved: S Wilkinson

Seconded: B McLaren

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** the circulated notes of the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board workshop, held on 10 July 2024.

CARRIED

4. DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

4.1. **Seasonal Temporary Paper Road Closures for Nesting Bird Protection – L Ellis (Operations Manager, Department of Conservation - North Canterbury District), S Young (Department of Conservation - Senior Ranger Biodiversity), and G Davies (Ashley Rakahuri Rivercare Group)**

S Young noted that braided rivers were a unique ecosystem and were globally rare. Canterbury had 64% of New Zealand's braided river ecosystems. The Ashley Rakahuri River was one of Canterbury's significant braided river ecosystems and was one of the last strongholds of native biodiversity on the Canterbury Plains. Braided rivers were a very dynamic habitat and were home to a wide range of bird species, many of which, such as the threatened Wrybill and endangered Black-fronted Tern, had specially evolved to cope with the harsh habitat. Around 85 species of birds lived on Canterbury's braided rivers, many of which were endemic, of which many were threatened.

G Davies explained that the Ashley River was the least damaged of the Canterbury Plains rivers, which made it a critical habitat. Larger rivers had flooded due to the northwest rains; however, the Ashley River had not. The Waimakariri River had entire seasons where all the bird nesting had been washed away due to repeated flooding. Due to this, many of the birds migrated to the Ashley River as their principal nesting area. The Ashley Department of Conservation Group conducted regular bird studies in the upper part of the Ashley River, which had become a critical habitat.

L Ellis noted since 2021, the Department of Conservation (DOC) had seen a substantial increase in the number of vehicles in the Ashley Riverbed. In part, that stemmed from a local radio station's promotion of 'Crate Day' in early December. An unofficial organised group had introduced a river run along the Ashley River from the Okuku confluence to the Ashley Gorge. This has hurt the biodiversity in the riverbed and threatened birds, as many of the birds have been killed and nests destroyed.

In 2023, DOC worked with the Ashley Rakahuri Rivercare Group, the New Zealand Police and the Council to close some access points to the Ashley River. Environment Canterbury managed the Ashley River's lower part (below the Okuku's confluence). Over the last ten years, they have closed off vehicle access to the riverbed during nesting season, which seems to be working well, with good awareness and few vehicles. Therefore, DOC was proposing the annual closure of the unformed legal road (the Ashley River section from the Okuku confluence to Ashley Gorge) during the nesting season.

J Gerard questioned if DOC requested the Board's support for the road closures. L Ellis confirmed that DOC was seeking support for the Council to close the unformed legal roads that formed the Ashley riverbed from 1 September to 31 January each year.

K Barnett commended DOC for their work to protect the birds; however, she expressed a concern that the public would not be able to access swimming holes in the Ashley River during the summer. L Ellis noted that people will still be able to drive to the barrier and walk to the river.

P Williams enquired if there was another location or riverbed that purpose-built off-road recreational vehicles could access in light of the Ashley Rivers' unique ecosystem. L Ellis commented that their mandate was to protect biodiversity, and she did not believe it was appropriate to nominate a 'sacrificial river'. L Ellis further noted that recreational vehicle owners were prepared to change their behaviour and not use the river during the nesting session. However, it was the antisocial behaviour of some, particularly on Crate Day, that was of concern.

Responding to a question from J Gerard, L Ellis advised that under the Land Transport Act 1998, the definition of a legal road included riverbeds. The Ashley River section from the Okuku's confluence to the Ashley Gorge was classified as public conservation land managed by DOC and as an unformed legal road managed by the Council. This meant there was currently unrestricted vehicle access along the Ashley riverbed. However, the Council had the authority to close the unformed legal road.

I Campbell asked what steps had been taken to educate recreational vehicle owners on the importance of protecting the Ashley River's ecosystem. L Ellis reported that DOC had met with 4-wheel drive clubs, which were willing not to use the riverbed during nesting season. It was the vehicle owners who were not associated with organised groups who seemed to cause problems. Over the past few years, there had been much media coverage, and DOC Rangers and the New Zealand Police maintained a presence on the river to help educate drivers. There have also been Facebook campaigns, newspaper articles, and signage on the river urging people to respect wildlife.

S Wilkinson questioned whether cancelling Crate Day would stop the destruction of the bird's habitat. L Ellis did not believe it would, as river runs had become local events.

4.2. **Community Issues – Sam Fisher**

S Fisher alerted the Board about the residents' concerns regarding safety at the intersection of King and Charles Streets, Rangiora. The residents were concerned that there could be a critical accident and asked the Board to request the Council to investigate the possibility of implementing safety measures at the intersection.

S Fisher introduced the idea of a modern version of a 'town crier'. He suggested a public billboard displaying local photos, advertisements, and public notices that the Council, businesses, and community could use. Community facilities, businesses, retirement homes, and private residences should be able to access the free feed. S Fisher explained that the free feed would enable the communication of key information to the community.

I Campbell questioned how often the images on the proposed free feed would be updated and who would sign off on them. S Fisher suggested that the images be changed once a month or when required. He further indicated that the Council or Rangiora Promotions could administrate the content of the free feed.

J Gerard thanked S Fisher for the information and advised that the Board would request an updated safety of the King and Charles Street intersection.

4.3. **Queen Street Trees – Queen Street Residents**

On behalf of Queen Street residents, Mr Hill addressed the Board on the proposed Queen Street Trees Management Plan. He commented that he had attended the Board meeting on 8 November; however, due to a miscommunication, he was unable to address the Board. He tabled the points he would have made had he been able to make a presentation (Trim 240815136841).

Mr Hill advised that residents disagreed that the Tripstop trial had been successful, and they believed the footpath was still uneven and dangerous. He commented that providing bags for people to collect leaves did not mitigate the challenges of collecting large quantities of fallen leaves, especially for ageing residents. The residents felt that the

consultation the report stated should have been undertaken had not actually occurred; thus, their concerns had not been resolved.

Regarding the Queen Street Plane Tree's Management Plan, Mr Hill noted that residents were previously advised that a one-third height reduction was feasible; however, the plan was to reduce trees by only a couple of metres over the next five years. He referred the Board to the Masterton District Council's decision to remove trees that had been allowed to grow too large. Mr Hill expressed a concern that the resident's evidence would not be considered based on comments made at previous Board meetings.

M Fleming asked if providing bins for leaves would make it easier for residents to pick up leaves. Mr Hill did not believe it would, as the large quantities of fallen leaves still needed to be collected. In any case, shading from the trees was the resident's primary concern.

J Ward enquired what tree height would be acceptable for residents. Mr Hill commented that at the site meeting held, residents had been advised that reducing trees by a third was feasible, and residents believed this scale of reduction would allow for a lot more light.

5. ADJOURNED BUSINESS

Nil.

6. REPORTS

6.1. Queen Street Trees Management Plan – Grant MacLeod (Greenspace Manager)

The Council's Design and Planning Team Leader, G Stephens, S Mackinnon (Asplundh) and G Jones (Asplundh, via Teams) were present to speak to the report. G Stephens introduced the report, which requested approval of the Management Plan (the plan) for the London Plane trees in Queen Street, Rangiora. G Stephens provided a brief overview of the process of drafting the plan; he advised that, after the Board meeting in November 2023, a meeting was held with interested residents, Mayor D Gordon, J Millward and J Gerard in April 2024 to discuss the management of the trees. The main points recorded included leaf fall, how the trees were impacting drains and gutters, fixes required to the footpath network of Queen Street and further pruning of the trees.

G Stephens explained that staff had had several meetings with the Council's contracted arborists, Asplundh, to discuss the management of the trees, which resulted in the plan's creation. The plan aimed to retain the iconic trees in good health while reducing their height and size over five years through industry-standard crown reduction techniques. To comply with industry standards, removing more than 25% of the overall leaf-bearing structure would not be possible during the five-year plan period. However, it is expected that the overall height of the trees could be reduced by between two and three meters while also having a thinner outer canopy. The exact amount would be specific to each tree and its overall health and vitality.

S Mackinnon added that Asplundh had developed the plan based on the nuisance aspect to residents, including shading, leaf drop and damage to the footpath and balanced that against the importance of retaining the avenue of trees to the broader community.

J Gerard asked how the tree height would compare to the height of the streetlights after five years. S Mackinnon advised that it was unlikely that the trees would be reduced to the height of the streetlights. The proposed 25% reduction related to the leaf-bearing capacity of the trees and a reduction greater than 25% would increase weakly attached fast-growing shoots that would cause more challenges and necessary maintenance.

M Fleming sought further details regarding the proposed reduction in the trees' canopies. S Mackinnon commented that the trees currently had only 50% of the canopy that London Plain trees should have, and it was essential to retain enough canopy to keep trees healthy.

P Williams enquired what the trees currently cost to maintain and what the cost would be under the new plan. G Stephens explained that the last pruning was significant and cost approximately \$20,000. Maintenance pruning was anticipated to cost less; however, an exact estimate could not be obtained until the summer, when the trees were covered with leaves. However, staff were confident that costs would fall within the existing Tree Maintenance Budget; otherwise, the Board would be advised.

P Williams questioned if staff were recommending an unlimited budget due to the unknown cost. S Hart noted that staff had indicated that the existing tree maintenance contract reactive budgets would cover the cost in the first year. Should additional funding be required, staff would apply for budget during the Council's annual plan process, as the Council was responsible for budget allocation.

K Barnett expressed a concern that implementing the plan may set a precedent for residents of other streets to expect a higher level of service for their street trees. G Stephens acknowledged that this could occur; however, staff would work with those residents to address their concerns if and when issues arise. The plan was specific to Queen Street because the trees contribute to Rangiora's amenities.

K Barnett asked whether it was confirmed that the Victoria Park trees provided more shade than the Queen Street trees; however, G Stephens indicated that staff was not aware if that was, in fact, the case and could, therefore, not comment.

K Barnett further questioned whether any trees could be pruned to the height of the streetlights, and S Mackinnon advised that it depended on the individual tree; however, some of the smaller trees may end up the same height as the streetlights.

Responding to a question from K Barnett, S Mackinnon noted that the trees were different sizes, with trees on the Victoria Park side being smaller; however, the trees would be managed to create as much consistency as possible to provide an avenue effect.

L McClure sought clarity on the annual growth rate of London Plane trees and whether a 25% decrease in tree height over five years would exceed the growth over that time. S Mackinnon noted that the growth rate depended on various factors; however, the plan removed more than the annual growth rate.

J Ward asked what the height of the trees would be after five years and whether the reduction in height would increase tree safety, as the trees were much larger than urban trees generally. S Mackinnon advised that their scope from the Council had been to develop a Management Plan to maintain the health and vitality of the trees while balancing the residents' concerns. The plan they developed was based on industry best practices, and they recommended reducing the tree height any further, which would mean Asplundh was not acting professionally.

M Fleming enquired if further reducing the tree height would encourage more dense growth. S Mackinnon confirmed that heavy pruning could create a denser canopy and, thus, more shading.

S Wilkinson questioned whether implementing the proposed plan delayed the inevitable removal of the trees in five years. S Mackinnon commented that the trees would unlikely need removal in five years.

S Wilkinson asked if the residents had agreed on the plan being the best solution for the trees. With the approval of the Chairperson, Mayor D Gordon spoke about the process that had been undertaken to meet all Queen Street residents about the trees. He noted that it was clear that the residents would like the height of the trees to be reduced to a much lower height than what was proposed in the plan. With regard to leaf fall, staff had implemented more regular cleaning of the street. They had also made improvements about trip hazards and stormwater-related concerns. Mayor Gordon commented that there were numerous reports on the Queen Street trees over time. Therefore, he requested one decisive document that provided clear guidance on managing the trees. He highlighted that during the onsite meeting, advice had been received that tree height could be reduced by a third; however, this advice had later changed.

Mayor D Gordon advised that the Council also had the proposed plan peer-reviewed by renowned arborist Graham Ford to ensure it was best practice. The advice was that removing too much height from the trees would create a risk. Consultation had been undertaken to ensure that residents' views had been considered. The community was highly expected to maintain the Queen Street trees.

S Wilkinson questioned, in layperson's terms, the lack of alignment between the proposed plan and what residents wanted. Mayor D Gordon commented that, generally, none of the residents wanted the trees removed. However, they wanted the height to be reduced and maintenance to be increased. They acknowledged that the residents may not consider the proposed plan ideal, though it would maintain tree health.

J Gerard asked if the trees could be further reduced in the next three to five-year cycle. S Mackinnon did not believe that would be viable. Ongoing maintenance would be required to reduce size as much as possible while keeping trees healthy; however, he did not believe they could be made smaller.

J Ward sought confirmation that the trees would be 13 meters once pruned. However, S Mackinnon advised that he could not provide a definitive final height as it depended on the individual tree.

Moved: R Brine

Seconded: K Barnett

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 240530087682.
- (b) **Approves** the Queen Street Tree Management Plan (Trim 240801127792) prepared by Asplundh and peer-reviewed by Graeme Ford and Council staff.
- (c) **Notes** that staff have arranged for a sweeper truck to attend to Queen Street twice a week during the leaf fall season. This will occur on Monday and Thursday. On the Monday visit a leaf blower will be deployed ahead of the sweeper truck. This will ensure any leaves deposited by residents from their property can be caught by the sweeper truck.
- (d) **Notes** footpath inspections, in order to establish the forward repair program for the district are currently being undertaken. The repair of the Queen Street footpaths will be prioritised within the program. It is anticipated that repairs will occur in the next six to 12 months. This work is being managed by Councils Roading Unit.
- (e) **Notes** that stormwater laterals from the boundary to the curb will be inspected and identified repairs carried out in the 2024/25 financial year. Council will contact residents to let them know if repairs are going to be undertaken to the laterals outside their properties.

- (f) **Notes** that the Management Plan identifies that two to three metres of height can be reduced from the trees over the five-year maintenance period as well as achieving a thinner outer canopy.
- (g) **Notes** that the amount of crown reduction that can occur each season will be determined by an inspection undertaken by qualified arborists and will depend on the health and vitality of the trees.
- (h) **Notes** that in the first year of inspection, it is proposed that any branches that are overhanging boundaries and are growing in a way that does not support good tree health, balance and form will be inspected and, if possible, removed.
- (i) **Notes** that the approved actions regarding the trees and the footpath and stormwater assets will be included in the Management Plan as one document and provided to residents.

CARRIED

J Ward and P Williams abstain

R Brine thanked staff for a detailed report and commented that, over the years, much effort had been undertaken to solve the challenges experienced with the Queen Street trees. He was aware that not all parties would be satisfied; however, he also considered the view of the wider community, which valued the trees. R Brine noted that staff had indicated that the existing tree maintenance contract reactive budgets would cover the cost in the first year. No indication had been given of the future budget requirement; however, if more funding were required, staff would apply for the budget during the Council's annual plan process. If the tree maintenance were considered too expensive for the wider community, a decision would need to be made then. R Brine, therefore, supported the motion.

K Barnett also supported the motion; she noted that staff had looked at all possible solutions, recognised the difficulties for street residents and provided a higher level of service. Victoria Plan and its surrounding area were an iconic amenity for Rangiora, and it was a matter of living in harmony with the natural environment. K Barnett believed the possibility of the public sustaining injuries from the trees was slim. She requested that the trees be pruned to maintain the nice, even avenue effect. She hoped that the Board would support the motion and consider the wider community's wishes.

P Williams expressed concern with the proposed plan, as staff could not clarify the question on shading or provide the expected costs. He noted that colleagues had suggested that if Waimakariri residents thought the maintenance was too expensive, then the trees could be removed. However, the removal costs were also unknown. P Williams was also concerned that the scope of the proposed plan did not include investigating all options. He would abstain as there were too many unanswered questions.

L McClure was conflicted and agreed that there were too many unanswered questions. She noted that trees had fallen over, as had happened recently in her neighbourhood, and she wished to see a more significant height reduction for the trees.

J Ward agreed that dangerous, large trees could cause harm. She was concerned about tree height and the inability to reduce their size. For safety reasons, she believed the tree's height should be reduced as 13 meters was too high.

J Goldsworthy acknowledged the concerns raised by members; however, if the motion was not carried or an amendment tabled, the status quo would remain, and problems with the trees would not be addressed. He noted that the trees would be assessed once they were in full leaf, and a report would go to the Council if the trees became too expensive to maintain. J Goldsworthy indicated that he supported the motion, as it would allow steps to be taken to meet the needs of residents.

S Wilkinson was conflicted, as London Plane trees were no longer recommended as street trees. He believed that the proposed plan may only delay the inevitable by requiring the removal of trees necessary in the future.

J Gerard noted that the Board has been considering the maintenance of the Queen Street trees over the last 17 years. It was a challenging issue, and not everyone would be pleased with the results. Queen Street was an iconic street in Rangiora due to the trees, and the community would be 'up in arms' if they were removed. He agreed they were the case of the wrong trees in the wrong place. However, he disagreed that the trees would cause safety concerns as they would be maintained to best practice. If they did become a safety issue, necessary decisions would be made. In the rapidly changing environment, it was necessary to have trees that benefited the town and provided a safe environment. The proposed plan provided the best outcome: maintaining safety while letting through the most light. J Gerard reiterated the steps taken to review the proposed plan with an expert arborist peer review.

R Brine, in his right of reply, commented on the wishes of the wider community. His colleague was correct; if the motion did not pass, the status quo would remain, which was not acceptable to residents. Hence, further debate would have to be held with the Council and the Board.

6.2. **Rangiora-Ashley Community Board's 2024/25 Discretionary Grant Fund and 2024/25 General Landscaping Budget – T Kunkel (Governance Team Leader)**

T Kunkel noted that the Board's General Landscaping Budget allocated by the Council for the 2024/25 financial year was \$42,970. A carryover from the 2023/24 financial year of \$28,656 brought the total budget to \$71,626. The Board had previously indicated that they wished to spend the funds on beautifying the town entrances, particularly the Kippenberger Avenue entrance to Rangiora. It was anticipated that the Greenspace Team would hold a workshop with the Board in September 2024 to discuss possible landscaping projects.

T Kunkel further advised that the Council did not carry over the ±\$2,856 remaining in the Board's Discretionary Grant Fund in the previous financial year. However, it reviewed the Community Boards' fund allocations as part of the 2024-34 Long Term Plan process. The revised allocation was based on \$0.51 per head of population in the Board's geographical areas. The Board's Discretionary Grant Funding allocation for the 2024/25 financial year was, therefore, \$14,200.

WORKSHOP

The Board adjourned from 8.37pm to 8.41pm for a workshop to discuss the proposed updates to the Board's Discretionary Grant Fund Criteria.

Moved: P Williams

Seconded: S Wilkinson

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** Report No. 240515077892.
- (b) **Notes** that the Board's General Landscaping Budget allocated by the Council for the 2024/25 financial year was \$42,970, with a carryover from the 2023/24 financial year of \$28,656, for a total of \$71,626.
- (c) **Notes** that the Board's Discretionary Grant Funding allocated by the Council for the 2024/25 financial year is \$14,200.
- (d) **Approves** the Board's 2024/25 Discretionary Grant Fund Application Criteria and Application Form (Trim No. 210603089866).

- (e) **Approves** the Board's 2024/25 Discretionary Grant Accountability Form (Trim No. 210603089980).
- (f) **Approves** that Discretionary Grant Fund applications be considered at each meeting during the 2024/25 financial year (July 2024 to June 2025).

CARRIED

P Williams supported the motion and commented that the report clearly explained the funding available to the Board during the 2024/25 financial year.

6.3. **Application to the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board's 2024/25 Discretionary Grant Fund – T Kunkel (Governance Team Leader)**

T Kunkel commented that the Saracens Rugby Club (the Club) was the largest club in North Canterbury and the only rugby club in Rangiora. The club were requesting funding to send its year seven and eight girls' teams to participate in the Junior Global Games Festival in Auckland in September 2024. Although the application complied with the Board's Discretionary Grant Application Criteria, only 80% of the 18 players chosen to attend the festival resided in the Rangiora-Ashley Ward. Also, no accurate indication was provided of how sending the teams to the festival would benefit the Rangiora-Ashley community. From the club's financial information and the various donations and sponsorships, it appeared that the club would be able to attend the festival if their application was unsuccessful.

Moved: K Barnett

Seconded: L McClure

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** report No. 240724122004.
- (b) **Approves** a grant of \$250 to the Saracens Rugby Club towards the costs of sending teams to the Junior Global Games Festival in Auckland.

CARRIED

K Barnett supported the motion because she believed it was important to encourage girls' participation in sports, and the club was active in the community and well supported. However, as only 80% of the players chosen to attend the festival resided in the Rangiora-Ashley Ward and only 18 people would benefit, she believed that the Board should only grant \$250.

L McClure agreed with K Barnett and also supported the motion.

T Kunkel advised that the Cust/West Eyreton Playcentre (the centre) had requested \$410 to replenish its first aid kits. The centre was a not-for-profit learning facility, and although it was acknowledged that play centres, especially rural centres, had minimal budgets, no evidence had been provided that the Ministry of Education should not be responsible for replacing the medical supplies.

Moved: I Campbell

Seconded: P Williams

- (c) **Approves** a grant of \$205 to the Cust/West Eyreton Playcentre towards replacement medical supplies for its First Aid and Civil Defence kits.

CARRIED

I Campbell noted that it was essential to ensure the health and safety of the children. However, he believed that \$205 would be appropriate as half of the children at the centre reside in the Rangiora-Ashley Ward.

Having previously declared a conflict of interest, B McLaren sat back from the table and did not take part in the discussion.

T Kunkel reported that the Oxford Community Trust (the trust) wished to host a Day Out Event in October 2024 to bring together all social service providers working and delivering social services in the Waimakariri and Hurunui Districts. A similar event was hosted in 2021 and proved to be hugely successful. Although the event was expected to draw approximately 80 participants, the application did not clarify the number of participants from the Rangiora-Ashley Ward. It should also be noted that the trust usually did not support communities in the Rangiora-Ashley Ward. As it was believed that the event would serve the whole district, the trust applied to all Community Boards for funding. The Woodend-Sefton Community Board had declined the applicant and the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board had granted \$500. The Kaiapoi-Tuahivi Community Board still had to consider the application

Moved: J Gerard

Seconded: P Williams

(d) **Declines** the application from the Oxford Community Trust.

CARRIED

J Gerard commented that the Board's Discretionary Grant Fund Criteria stated that the grants were for seed funding, and the Board would not fund the same expenditure in subsequent years. He believed the trust was an exceptionally well-run organisation that served the Oxford community well. However, the work it did fell outside the Rangiora-Ashley Ward. J Gerard further noted that the trust's financial statements indicated that the trust could fund the event if the application was unsuccessful.

P Williams acknowledged that securing funding for community events could be challenging. However, he felt that funding should focus on projects primarily within the Board area or benefiting the ward's residents.

Amendment

Moved: K Barnett

Seconded: R Brine

(e) **Approves** a grant of \$250 to the Oxford Community Trust towards the catering costs for the Trust's Day Out event.

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K Barnett highlighted that the trust was acting as an umbrella for all well-being organisations, so residents from the whole district, including from the Rangiora-Ashley Ward, would be attending. This included organisations such as Wellbeing North Canterbury and the Cancer Society, which were based in Rangiora. In addition, the event had not been held since 2021 and could, therefore, not be considered a repeat event.

K Barnett further noted that the event supported social service providers who were struggling, especially given the challenging environment they worked in over the last several years

The original motion remained the substantial motion.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

8. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

8.1. Chair's Diary for July 2024

Moved: J Gerard

Seconded: J Goldsworthy

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** report No. 240807130836.

CARRIED

9. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

- 9.1. **Oxford-Ohoka Community Board Meeting Minutes 3 July 2024.**
9.2. **Woodend-Sefton Community Board Meeting Minutes 8 July 2024.**
9.3. **Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board Meeting Minutes 15 July 2024.**
9.4. **Submission Environment Canterbury Long Term Plan – Report to Council meeting 4 June 2024 – Circulates to all Boards.**
9.5. **Submission Fast Track Approvals Bill – Report to Council Meeting 2 July 2024 – Circulates all Boards.**
9.6. **Submission Local Government Water Services Preliminary Arrangements Bill – Report to Council Meeting 2 July 2024 – Circulates to all Boards.**
9.7. **Programme for District Wide Parking Management Plans – Report to Council Meeting 2 July 2024 – Circulates to all Boards.**
9.8. **Elected Member Remuneration 2024/25 – Report to Council Meeting 2 July 2024 – Circulates to all Boards.**
9.9. **Representation Review Proposal – Report to Council Meeting 2 July 2024 – Circulates to all Boards.**
9.10. **Health, Safety and Wellbeing Report June 2024 – Report to Council Meeting 2 July 2024 – Circulates to all Boards.**
9.11. **July 2023 Flood Recovery Progress Update – Report to Utilities and Roading Committee 16 July 2024 – Circulates to all Boards.**
9.12. **Adoption of Final 3 Waters, Solid Waste and Transport Activity Management Plans 2024 – Report to Utilities and Roading Committee 16 July 2024 – Circulates to all Boards.**
9.13. **Approval of Capital Work Renewals Programmes and Sports Ground Growth Programme for Greenspace – Report to Community and Recreation Committee 23 July 2024 – Circulates to all Boards.**
9.14. **Aquatics July Report – Report to Community and Recreation Committee 23 July 2024 – Circulates to all Boards.**

Moved: J Goldsworthy

Seconded: I Campbell

THAT the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board:

- (a) **Receives** the information in Items.9.1 to 9.14.

CARRIED

10. **MEMBERS' INFORMATION EXCHANGE**

I Campbell

- Attended:
 - Meeting regarding Whiterock Landfill.
 - Site visit Loburn Domain with the contractors of the proposed War memorial.
- Engaged with various local farming groups.
- Expressed concern about the difficulties of new BP pumps at the airfield that are currently not operational. It would be raised with the Greenspace Manager.

J Goldsworthy

- Attended open home at Kaiapoi Retirement Units.
- Noted recent judgement on tiny homes, which aligned with Council regulation.
- Civil Defence Community Hubs at Silverstream, Loburn and Pegasus were having an open weekend.
- The Council was establishing five EOC skeleton crews to assist during emergencies.
- The district dog population was 14,000.

L McClure

- Attended:
 - Enquiry by Design Workshop.
 - LGNZ Webinar regarding physical safety.
- Provided update on the Waimakariri Health Advisory Group meeting.
- Had been supporting neighbours when a tree fell during an extreme weather event and commented on the excellent assistance provided by Council staff.

J Ward

- Attended:
 - Enquiry by Design Workshop.
 - NZTA Workshop on the proposed Woodend Bypass.
- Audit and Risk Committee meeting – dog registration was going well. There was still growth in the district.
- Attended the Mandeville Resurgence Project bus trip.

M Fleming

- Attended the Enquiry by Design Workshop.
- Waimakariri Access Group meeting
 - The recent North Canterbury inclusive Sports Day was well received.
 - The accessible viewing platforms at Woodend and Waikuku Beaches were a great asset, with a beach mat to come.
 - There was a new mobile hoist for the Dudley Aquatic Centre, and bathroom alterations were planned to increase accessibility.

K Barnett

- Attended:
 - The Kaiapoi Art Expo.
 - Rangiora Promotions' relaunch noted the upcoming Harry Potter Quiz.
- Noted upcoming events where community members would establish Civil Defence Community Hubs.
- Would like to see a report on the trees at Rangiora Dog Park following its closure after the recent wind event.

M Clake

- Greypower would advocate for greater visibility of glass doors in public places.
- Noted trees on Church Street West required maintenance.
- Commented on community members without firewood, which he had been assisting.
- Expressed concern regarding dim streetlights on White Street, Rangiora.
- Attended Justice of the Peace meeting.

B McLaren

- Attended:
 - Rangiora Community Patrol monthly meeting and monitored the cameras
 - Wizard of Oz at Rangiora Town Hall was an excellent production by the Hartley School of Performing Arts.
 - St Johns Church Fair, which was a monthly event that draws large crowds and raises funds for the community.
 - LGNZ Webinar regarding physical safety.

P Williams

- Attended:
 - Utilities and Roading Committee meeting.
 - Mandeville Resurgence Project bus trip.
 - 3 Waters meeting and commented that the Council had not made any decision, despite what had been reported in local newspapers.
 - Threkhoads Road public meeting regarding reducing the flooding.
 - Meetings with Cam River residents regarding flooding and noted that the willow trees would be removed.
 - Kaiapoi Promotions Annual General Meeting.
- Commented he was disappointed with the lack of progress in resolving the Upper Sefton Road drainage challenges.
- Noted that the Cones Road, Loburn drainage improvements had been completed.
- Commented that the River Road, Rangiora upgrade work had been completed and looked good; however, he was not confident of its practicality.
- Commented on new Floor Height Regulations that could result in homes being built approximately 1.5m higher than neighbouring houses.
- Noted the sizable increase to the Council insurance premium, commenting that the Council had been fortunate to secure insurance, as some Councils had not been able to obtain reinsurance.
- Suggested that the Board request a report on the trees at the Rangiora Dog Park that fell over during a recent extreme weather event. He expressed concern, as the trees had been recently inspected for safety.

S Wilkinson

- Noted that other councils, such as Selwyn District Council, were questioning the role, value and relevance of Community Boards. He suggested that the Board consider its relativity and review what it did well and whether it was meeting its objectives.
- Noted that community members had raised concerns about whether the appointment of an Arts Strategy Coordinator and spending \$10,000 on cinema advertising for road safety were core business for the Council. He questioned how elected members handle feedback like that from the public.

R Brine

- Noted that he had been misquoted in the Northern Outlook on the new Floor Height Regulations; the floor levels of homes were now required to be 1.53m. However, he believed it was necessary due to the realities of climate change.
- Attended the Canterbury Regional Landfill Committee
 - Transwaste confirmed that it would be submitting the proposed Loburn Landfill. The Kate Valley Landfill had been required to meet a certain standard, and that standard should be the same for all other landfills.
 - Transwaste was approaching 20 years old and would be reviewing its Governance Structure. Transport equalisation meant that all districts (excluding the Hurunui District) paid the same for transport.
 - The Landfill Committee had also approved grants of \$112,000.
- Upon questioning, he confirmed that the Kate Valley Landfill could easily operate for another 100 years, as there was ample space for extension.
- Attended several briefings regarding 3 Waters and noted that there was a large amount of unknown.

11. CONSULTATION PROJECTS

11.1. A Lease for the Historical Scow Success

<https://letstalk.waimakariri.govt.nz/a-lease-for-the-historical-scow-success>

The consultation was closing on Friday, 30 August 2024.

11.2. Welcoming Communities

<https://letstalk.waimakariri.govt.nz/welcoming-communities>

The Board noted the Consultation Projects.

12. BOARD FUNDING UPDATE

12.1. Board Discretionary Grant

Balance as at 31 July 2024: \$12,990.

12.2. General Landscaping Fund

Balance as at 31 July 2024: \$71,626.

The Board noted the Board Funding updates.

13. MEDIA ITEMS

Nil

14. QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDERS

Nil

15. URGENT GENERAL BUSINESS UNDER STANDING ORDERS

Nil

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Rangiora-Ashley Community Board was scheduled for 7pm on Wednesday, 11 September 2024.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.40PM.

CONFIRMED



Chairperson

11 September 2024

Date