

# **MINUTES OF THE KAIKŌURA DISTRICT COUNCIL EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD TO HEAR SUBMISSIONS TO THE DRAFT LONG TERM PLAN 2021-2031 ON THURSDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2021, 9.00AM, TOTARA, 96 WEST END, KAIKŌURA**

**PRESENT:** Mayor C Mackle (Chair), Deputy Mayor J Howden, Councillor N Pablecheque  
Councillor R Roche, Councillor T Blunt, Councillor D Millton, Councillor V Gulleford and Councillor L Bond

**IN ATTENDANCE:** W Doughty (Chief Executive Officer) M Dickson (Senior Manager Corporate Services), D Clibbery (Senior Manager Operations), Becky Makin

**1. KARAKIA**

**2. APOLOGIES Nil**

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Nil**

**4. 4.1 Overview of numbers of submissions**

Tabled

**4.2 Summary of submissions with staff comment to the draft Long Term Plan 2021-2031**

Tabled

**4.3 Full submissions received (*note: those who submitted online are recorded in the Summary Sheet*)**

Tabled

**4.4 Internal Report / Submission updating potential changes to draft Long Term Plan 2021-2031**

Tabled

**5. SUBMITTERS TO BE HEARD THURSDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2021**

Mayor C Mackle thanked the 71 submitters and those wishing to speak to their submission.

**9.00am – Susie Baker – Submission Number 6**

The submission was in favour of the Mayfair Arts and Culture Centre's (the Mayfair) request for financial support. Susie Baker explained her personal experience on the benefits of the Mayfair as an artist and believes community engagement with the Arts has an overall positive impact. She noted that the Mayfair was a 'not for profit' organisation and running costs would need to be subsidised in order for the Mayfair to continue functioning for future generations.

#### **9.12am - John Wyatt – Submission Number 9**

A request was made to the Council for financial support of \$15,000 to the Mayfair and for the Council to acknowledge and give recognition of the arts through their website. John Wyatt (President of the Mayfair), spoke about the importance of the support to the community and indirect benefits such as hosting conferences and bring performing arts to Kaikōura. The Sudima Hotels have confirmed they will be looking to include the Mayfair as part of their conference offers.

John Wyatt advised that business plans for the Mayfair had foreseen financial support from various organisation and he was confident that grant funders would continue to be supportive. Support from the Council would assist with wider funding applications. Him and his partner have committed up to \$2,000 a year to support events.

#### **9.25am - Kevin Cole - Submission Number 11**

As part of Kevin Cole's submission, he had re-submitted the documents created for the 2020/2021 Annual Plan. He felt that Kaikōura needs a 25-year vision and any expansion of the town should be towards the Kaikōura Flats rather than being industrialised. Kevin Cole invited the Councillors to a 24-hour workshop on 20<sup>th</sup> July at 4.00 am at his residence. He explained that living in the Kaikōura Flats has become uncomfortable for him with dogs regularly barking, feral cats, passing trucks, Downer Utes and the concrete works.

The Council asked if the submitter was aware that a District Plan review has been included in the Long-Term Plan (LTP) to be carried out in two years' time, which will provide a long-term vision of between 20-30 years.

#### **9.45am – Melville & Julie Syme - Submission Number 14**

Melville Syme provided the Council with a copy of his presentation. He spoke about his disappointment that houses have breached the sky lining along Fyffe Quay to Point Kean. He is requesting the skyline rule is removed from the District Plan. He also recommended that the Ngaio's along the pathway from Jimmy Armers to the Seal Colony should be removed and asked who has jurisdiction between the land and the new tide line.

Mayor C Mackle thanked Melville & Julie Syme for their years of service to the community.

#### **9.57am - Justine Schroder - Submission Number 19**

Justine Schroder commended the Council on the delivery of the draft LTP and the proposed rate rises. She commented that the financial support through grants and funds applied for by the Council have been well managed. The submitter was supportive of the preferred options for reviewing the district plan, footpaths, user pays urban rubbish collection and tourism & business. Justine Schroder commented that the removal of the suburban recycling station may lead to illegal rubbish dumping but understands the rationale as it was being misused. A change in the rural rates differential from 0.9% to 0.75% was requested to assist rural ratepayers.

The meeting adjourned for break at 10.04 am and reconvened at 10.23 am.

#### **10.29am – Ralph Hogan- Submission Number 70**

Ralph Hogan withdrew his suggestion regarding adding another \$100,000 a year (for 5 years) from a loan on top of the \$100,000 a year from rates for the footpaths. Some of the items highlighted by the submitter were: he spoke against the submission from Melville Syme on the skyline as it would be reviewed as part of the district plan review; no budgeting for a Signs Bylaw was in the draft LTP; he suggested the Council invite Waka Kotahi (NZTA) to assist with a solution to the shared pathway on Beach Road; no enforcement of lighting to support the Dark Skies project has been included; and

the introduction of a 100% user pays urban waste collection that was not part of the consultation. Ralph Hogan suggested two amendments to the Community Outcomes to include the wording 'a diverse economy' and 'economical and aesthetic environment'.

#### **10.45am - Kaikōura Youth Council - Submission Number 29**

The Kaikōura Youth Council had surveyed over 158 students as part of their submission process. They were supportive of a toilet in Churchill Park and felt this would benefit the public and youth who use the park. 36 students felt that more rubbish bins were required along West End. The Youth Council offered members to be involved in any discussions around the location of new bins to add a youth voice to the conversation. Mayor C Mackle advised that a review was previously undertaken which details why the rubbish bins are only situated in one place. It was noted that this would be forwarded to them. The Kaikōura Youth Council thanked the Council for the funding and support received for the year.

#### **10.52am - Marie Simpson - Submission Number 30**

The submission from Marie Simpson requested that the potential for a single unisex toilet on Churchill Street be considered as part of the draft LTP. Fundraising could pay for the toilet to be built and a submission has been made to the OpShop for their next round of funding. The Council would need to consider the ongoing operational costs. Marie Simpson noted that the current port-a-loo costs roughly \$3,600 for 6 months and feel the route will be popular once the new swimming pool opens.

#### **10.58am - Gina Solomon - Submission Numbers 34**

Gina Solomon strongly felt that the draft LTP did not address environmental issues and needs. She noted that there were many conservation groups working separately and that a strategy to bring them and their resources together is missing.

A question was raised if the submitter thought there was an issue with the size of the authority, or if a unity authority like Marlborough is better than the two councils. Gina Solomon felt two councils work better together and people are more passionate as they are connected to Kaikōura, therefore did not want to see the Council disappear in the future.

#### **11.11 – Ian Simmons on behalf of NZMCA Marlborough - Submission Number 41**

The Council were asked to consider if there is funding to form an access to the current bike link to the railway end of Mill Road. This request had previously been raised in their submission to the Annual Plan 2020/2021, however funding was not available. NZMCA were willing to consider partial financing towards the access if successful. Direct contact with KiwiRail has not been established by NZMCA.

#### **11.27am – Nigel Muir on behalf of Sports Tasman - Submission Number 66**

The submission requested additional funding of \$20,000 per annum for the recreation role in Kaikōura, to increase the hours from 15 to 30 hours. This would allow the person to assist local clubs and community groups with Tū Manawa applications and bring an additional \$20,000 into Kaikōura. It was noted that Sports Tasman administer Tū Manawa on behalf of the government. Other organisations and community groups can also lodge applications to Tū Manawa for funding. The Councillors asked for clarification on the numbers to support the coordinator, what Sports Tasman had achieved with target audiences and what else they support. Nigel Muir advised that he could provide this information following internal discussions.

**11.57am - Belinda Rickerby - Submission Number 28**

The submitter supported the investment in footpaths. She had carried out a survey and noted that 9 out of 25, and 7 out of 11 elderly residents spoken to had tripped or fallen directly because of the footpaths. Belinda Rickerby would like to be involved with those working on the roads and footpaths to assist from a disability perspective. The Medical Centre have been asked to ensure the helicopter access has markings for no parking.

The meeting adjourned at 12.07 pm and reconvened at 12.50 pm.

Cr L Bond left the meeting at 12.50 pm.

**12.53pm – Will Doughty read out the submission on behalf of Puhi Puhi Valley Road (in place of Nicky McArthur)**

The submission was in favour of the roading preferred option and would like to see the upper section of the Puhi Puhi Valley Road maintained for all users to the standard it has been this year. The submission noted that DOC have classed the camping ground as high use, and the road is popular for activities, for example cycling and walking.

**1.00pm - Ted Howard - Submission Number 49**

The submitter was in support of all preferred options, and also supports the Dark Skies project. Ted Howard advised that there was a lot of material from the earthquake in the riverbeds and stream and if they come down it would inundate the town's current systems. He was concerned about biodiversity and responsible pet ownership should be addressed.

**1.09pm – Elisha Young-Ebert on behalf of Federated Farmers (by Teams) - Submission Number 44**

Federated Farmers raised their concern regarding the proposed rates increases for rural properties. They reminded the Council that rural property rates had increased more than 5% last year. Feedback from rural farmers was they are under immense stress and depression is increasing. Federated Farmers would like to see the differential for rural properties decreased to 0.75% from 0.9%. It was noted that approximately 35 members of Federated Farmers are in the Kaikōura District, some have large country stations with high capital values.

**1.15pm – Ailsa Howard - Submission Number 57**

Ailsa Howard commented that the draft LTP has little environmental commitments. Support from the Council with the predator issue around cats was requested. It was noted that the Council have been involved with the predator free initiative alongside the Environmental POU. The draft LTP does not acknowledge the existing work being done by the Council, or that they are committed to protecting biodiversity.

**2.00pm - Tania Ross on behalf of Kaikōura Cycling Club - Submission Number 54**

The Kaikōura Cycling Club requested funding support of \$15,000 per year to assist them with undertaking work on current and future trails. Currently volunteers of the club are carrying out 15 hours of work a week. The aim is for users to contribute to the maintenance of the tracks. QR codes will be put on the tracks to allow for donations. A donation box is also available in Chiwis. The Mayor thanked the club for the work they do with regard to the cycleways.

**2.06pm - Chris Wilson on behalf of ECCO - Submission Number 65**

The submitter noted ECCO's main concerns about the Council's sustainability and rating differentials for farmers and urban residents. They felt the distribution of rates is favourable to the commercial sector. ECCO were supportive of the improvement to roading and urged that this is included in the roading KPI's. They were also supportive of what was proposed for footpaths and urban rubbish, although did not select an option. The timeline on the funding from Waka Kotahi NZTA on the Waiau

Toa (Clarence River) bridge was noted by the submitter and the need to ensure stakeholders are informed of what is happening with the project.

**2.20pm - Chris Sturgeon (and on behalf of Kaikōura Information & Tourism Inc (KITI)) - Submission Numbers 38, 68**

Chris Sturgeon spoke to the submission as Deputy Chair of KITI. He thanked the Council for their continued support. The submission requested continued funding support at \$225,000 per annum. It was noted that the Kaikōura i-Site receives a \$20,000 commitment from the Council.

**2.38pm - Gina Solomon and Rachel Vaughan On behalf of Te Korowai - Submission Number 53**

Te Korowai thanked the Council for their in-kind support and asked for this continue. The submission also requested funding support from the Council of \$10,000 towards conservation of the land and sea and to support Kaikōura's economic productivity. They noted that Te Korowai had supported several other initiatives.

**2.58pm – Larry Fields speaking on behalf of Dark Skies - Submission Number 37**

An application will be submitted to the International Dark Sky Association for Kaikōura to be accredited as a International Dark Sky reserve. It was noted that the LED lights installed by the Council have a positive contribution to the Dark Skies programme. The submission asked for the Council's support in advocacy, technical support, planning, communication and outreach. The submitter requested that Council lead by example with regard to dark skies A photograph of the unshielded light in the car park in West End was shown as an example of the effect of light pollution. Two documents were provided to the Council on examples of lights approved for a dark sky reserve with a request that these are circulated to Council staff to consider using in future projects.

The meeting adjourned for break at 3.12 pm and reconvened at 3.31 pm.

**4.4 Internal Report / submission updating potential changes to draft LTP 2021-2031**

M Dickson, S Poulsen and C Kaa presented the report. The report contained the material issues (identified by the auditors) and technical issues identified by Council staff in category one, and new information now confirmed in category two.

Cr L Bond re-joined the meeting at 3.34 pm.

It was noted that two operational expenditures to be carried forwards will be presented at the updated draft LTP extraordinary meeting on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July.

Direction was sought on the Link Pathway project for Council staff to provide a decision to the TIF panel tomorrow. It was noted that Council's contribution of 20% of the total project costs \$421,000 has been included in the latest model as capital borrowing. The Councillors indicated this was appropriate for the draft LTP noting that a letter from the Mayor to the Minister of Tourism requesting a reduced co-funding commitment was to be sent.

The meeting adjourned at 4.19 pm and reconvened at 4.30 pm.

Further direction was sought by Council staff on additional funding requests that were received from Sports Tasman, Te Korowai, The Kaikōura Cycle Club and the Mayfair. Council staff advised that some unallocated budgeted amounts are available:

- \$10,000 is available in district grants for next year and beyond.
- \$60,000 has been budgeted for economic development and approximately a further \$40,000 to \$45,000 will be carried forward unused from this year to be used next year.

- \$20,000 has been budgeted for environmental and approximately \$30,000 will be carried forward unused from this year to be used next year.

The Council noted that any additional funding would only be provided for one year and that requestors can re-apply annually during the annual plan process. Any organisation that receives funding will also be required to provide quarterly progress updates to Council on activities. The following was noted:

#### Sports Tasman

The Council indicated maintaining the current funding of \$20,000 was appropriate, and therefore not funding the additional \$20,000 requested. It was noted that certain aspects of the request for additional funding was unclear. M Dickson would clarify with Sports Tasman if the additional hours for the Sports Tasman role were proposed for more than one year.

#### Te Korowai

An indication of support of \$10,000 for one year was given on the conditions that; quarterly reports are provided to the Council throughout the year, and the CEO reports back within the next 12 months on the progress and future for Te Korowai and Council ongoing involvement.

#### The Kaikōura Cycle Club

An indication of support of \$15,000 for one year was given on the condition that quarterly reports are provided to the Council throughout the year.

#### The Mayfair

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The Council reviewed and noted the following submissions from submitters who choose not to speak. Their chosen options are recorded in the Summary Sheet.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Submission #</b>	<b>Page #</b>
Diane Rossiter	1	<i>Summary Sheet</i>
Allan Gulleford	2	<i>Summary Sheet</i>
Ian Bradshaw	3	<i>Summary Sheet</i>
Amy Brewer	4	<i>Summary Sheet</i>
Brian Richards	5	1
Sally Turnbull	7	<i>Summary Sheet</i>
Joanna York	8	<i>Summary Sheet</i>
Chanel Starkey	10	<i>Summary Sheet</i>
Sean Madden	12	<i>Summary Sheet</i>
Steph Lange	13	<i>Summary Sheet</i>
Lynette Buurman	15	<i>Summary Sheet</i>
Seth Piercey	16	18
Kaikōura Historical Society Inc	17	<i>Summary Sheet</i>
Janice Dreaver	18	<i>Summary Sheet</i>
Robbie Williams	20	<i>Summary Sheet</i>
Lee Boot	21	<i>Summary Sheet</i>

Sandra Wyatt	22	19
Matt Moriarty	23	20
Susie Lowndes	24	21
Angela van Rooyen	25	<i>Summary Sheet</i>
Neroli Gold	26	22
Fiona	27	<i>Summary Sheet</i>
Larry Field	31	27
Rose Parsons	32	28
Mary-Clare Hampton	33	<i>Summary Sheet</i>
Marlene J Ingram	35	<i>Summary Sheet</i>
Nicky McArthur	36	31
Jill Campion	39	<i>Summary Sheet</i>
Ben Foster	40	56
Paul Finney	42	<i>Summary Sheet</i>
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John Chappell	45	<i>Summary Sheet</i>
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Bronwyn Larsen on behalf of CDHB	50	74
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Fiona Read	55	<i>Summary Sheet</i>
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Sabrina Luecht & Ben Foster	61	110
Ben Foster & Sabrina Luecht	62	115
Matt Foy	63	<i>Summary Sheet</i>
Forest and Bird Kaikōura Branch	64	<i>Summary Sheet</i>
NZMCA – Rayya Ali	67	127
Environment Canterbury	69	133
Scott Barnard	71	<i>Summary Sheet</i>

There being no further business the Meeting was declared closed, with deliberations to be held on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July.

Moved: Cr T Blunt  
Seconded: Cr L Bond

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Hearings ended at 5.15 pm**

CONFIRMED



Chairperson

11/08/2021

Date