



**Report of a Meeting of a Special Hearing Committee to hear submissions
on the 2022-23 Annual Plan Consultation Document
held in the Council Chambers, 15 Seymour Street, Blenheim
on TUESDAY 7 JUNE 2022 and WEDNESDAY 8 JUNE 2022
commencing each day at 8.30 am**

Present

Clr N P Taylor (in the Chair), Clrs J L Andrews, J A Arbuckle, C J Brooks, B A Faulls, M J Fitzpatrick, G A Hope, M A Peters, T P Sowman and B G Dawson (from 8.36am)

Present via Zoom

The Mayor J C Leggett, Clrs J D N Croad, F D Maher and D D Oddie,

In Attendance

Ms N J Chauval (Committee Secretary), Martin Fletcher (Chief Financial Officer) and Chris Lake (Financial Services Manager)

The Hearing departed from the schedule to acknowledge Clr Andrews being awarded the Queen's Services medal for her services to seniors and local government.

Apologies

No apologies for absence were received.

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For each of the Hearing days the Deputy Mayor Taylor welcomed those present and explained the proceedings that would be undertaken for the hearings and noted those members attending by Zoom.

There were 75 submissions received and of those 57 submitters wanted to speak to their submission.

The following speakers had indicated they would speak to their submission but withdrew prior to the Hearings date.

- 5561 Nicci Armour (*Wine Marlborough*)
- 5562 Kim Odendaal (*Hospitality New Zealand*)
- 5546 Kathryn Omond (*Moetapu Bay Community Jetty Society Inc*)

The following is a list of those that spoke to their submission, a note of any presentations and information circulated to Councillors. All submitters were present in the room or otherwise noted as attending via Zoom.

ATTENDANCE: Martin Fletcher (Chief Financial Officer) was present for this session.

Tuesday, 7 June 2022

Those present were advised that permission had been granted for Tyler Redmond to film Margaret McHugh and John Reuhman's presentation.

5510 Margaret McHugh (*Picton Marlborough Sounds Tourism Inc.*)

A powerpoint presentation was shown CM Record No. 22109767 NB: Only the cover page of the presentation was used.

Budget Request: \$7,000

Decision Sought: 1. Picton Wellness & Pools Centre ("hot pools & spa") - VSL report published & detailed feasibility 2. Picton Waitohi Ferry Precinct Development - Independent Risk Analysis Mitigation & Compensation 3. Picton Groups Facilitation - \$2,000 4. Picton Weather station - get the job finished - \$1,000 5. Picton webcams - 3 to be installed - \$2,000 6. Picton Greeters - uniforms - \$2,000 7. Fruit Trees for Growing Communities.

5511 John Reuhman (EcoWorld Aquarium & Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre)

A powerpoint presentation was shown CM Record No. 22109775.

Decision Sought: EcoWorld - Marlborough's leading thriving unique regenerative social enterprise In Nature
The decision we seek from Council is: (1) Acknowledgement (2) Consultation with (3) Support & (4) Inclusion in all future relevant Planning recognising: 1. EcoWorld is Marlborough's leading tourism attraction, a thriving unique regenerative social enterprise In Nature 2. EcoWorld makes very significant positive impacts locally, regionally & nationally EcoWorld is: (1) EcoWorld Aquarium & Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre (2) EcoWorld Science Heritage & Education Charitable Trust (# CC10212) (3) Picton Cinemas (emphasis on community art house cinema)

5545 Jacqui Lloyd (Destination Marlborough)

A powerpoint presentation was shown CM Record No. 22107424.

Budget Request: \$120,000

Topic: Regional

Decision Sought: To provide a one-time provision in the budget of \$120,000 to bridge the shortfall of industry partnership support to resource international travel trade promotion, and ongoing destination marketing and management, while Marlborough's visitor industry recovers.

NB: Requested the current financial position/updated financial budget to end of April or end of March if possible.

5563 Chris Shaw (Marlborough Chamber of Commerce)

A powerpoint presentation was shown CM Record No. 22109937

Budget Requested: \$40,000

Topic: Regional Development

- Betty White, Queen Charlotte College, was with Chris Shaw for his presentation.
- A budget request of \$40,000 was noted at the hearing, it had not been included with their submission.

NB: Further written information on any other funding contributions confirmed or provisional and a first-year budget or some financial information to assist with deliberations was requested.

5550 Cathie Bell (Feast Marlborough)

Budget Request: \$15,000

Topic: Regional Development

- Angelia Clifford, Chief Executive from Eat New Zealand, spoke to the submission via Zoom.

NB: A request for Council staff to advise whether there is a food sector budget for the development of an industry plan? Staff to provide a summary of what the budget is to enable Councillors to understand Council's food sector work plan for 2022/23 and beyond. To be available for decision day.

5554 Sue Avery (Business Trust Marlborough)

Topic: Regional

Decision Sought: Seek a CPI increase.

ATTENDANCE: Cllr Dawson declared a conflict of interest and withdrew for the Business Trust Marlborough submission.

5549 Sue Avery (Connect and Connect Marlborough Trust)

Topic: Community

Decision Sought: We would like to thank the MDC for the financial and advisory support and request that the Council keeps all these social support services in front of mind during Annual Planning process as we feel the ongoing benefits to the wider Marlborough community both socially and financially far outweigh the cost.

5525 James McKenzie-Wiley (Marlborough Christmas In The Park)

Submitter was present via Zoom.

Budget Request: \$3,000

Decision Sought: We seek an increase in the operating grant from MDC from \$2,000 pa to \$5000 pa and/or we propose that MDC considers underwriting a wet weather venue for Marlborough Christmas In The Park.

ATTENDANCE: The Hearing adjourned at 10.35 am and reconnect at 10.47 am.

5576 Gary Brown (Canvastown Community Association)

Alan Rees was unable to speak to the submission, Gary Brown presented on his behalf. A powerpoint presentation was shown CM Record No. 22109742.

5559 Tania Billingsley / Tony O'Donnell (Rai Valley Area School Board of Trustees)

A powerpoint presentation was shown CM Record No. 22119327

Budget Request: \$300,000

Topic: Community Facilities

Decision Sought: To support the business case and its objectives for Rai Valley and the wider community by funding the provision of multipurpose sports field lighting at the Rai Valley Area School.

5566 Russell Hopkins

Decision Sought: I want the Council to help the Community Housing Providers find and fund the purchase of land for new social housing. The 17th of February 2022 Council "Housing and Business Development Capacity Assessment" Report highlighted a potential shortfall of land zoned for residential purposes. The 25th of February 2021 paper: U045-04-03 on "Level of Services Challenges"; Recommendation 2 said: "That discussion with landowners and developers continue to encourage and support residential subdivision and development". Another option could be for the Council to lease land to CHP's for the building of social and affordable housing. The land would remain in Council ownership and Council could gain rent from the land. If the CHP's in the Housing Group could collectively plan ahead their new builds and thus land requirements, these could be included in the discussions above with landowners and developers. Thus, a start can be made on increasing the number of social houses in Marlborough.

5565 Andrea Goodman (Christchurch Methodist Mission)

Submitter was present via Zoom.

Decision Sought: 1) In consultation with stakeholders, prepare and implement a Housing Action Plan for Marlborough that directly addresses the undersupply of affordable and public/social housing. 2) Waive or reduce development fees for not-for-profit organisations building affordable or public/social housing. 3) Create specific provision for social/public housing to allow for greater density of same, in current zoning 4) Re-zone under-utilised commercial and industrial land in urban areas to enable residential development that includes affordable and public/social housing. 5) Identify partnerships and models that support supply of affordable and public/social housing, which may include provision of council land or other resources at reduced rates for not-for-profit organisations.

5541 Kay Saville-Smith (CRESA)

Submitter was present via Zoom.

Topics: MEP Rezoning and Senior Housing

Decision Sought: Funding to support potential rezoning - 1. Stimulate affordable housing provision; 2. Ensures windfall increases in land prices associated with investment in infrastructure or zoning changes are: a) realized for the community good; and b) redirected to investing in community-based non-profit provision of affordable housing. 3. Ensure residential covenants on its own developments are not exclusionary to the building of housing affordable to low and modest income households; 4. Extend zone 1 residential rules to the Hospital land and to the area within Blenheim with 15 minutes walk to the Blenheim town centre in combination with 2-above; 5. Identify under-utilised land in non-residential uses in Blenheim's current zone 1 and change zoning to allow for residential development in combination with 2-above; 6. Facilitate mixed typology, mixed tenure master plan development of the hospital land to generate affordable housing for the modest and low income households; 7. Identify Council land suitable for residential purposes and facilitate its contribution to affordable housing development which will be retained as affordable housing for low and modest income households into the future; 8. Work with the iwi, community housing providers, workforce planning and training agencies and industry sectors to develop an integrated workforce and housing strategy; 9. Commit to Council housing rents set at affordable rates.

Senior Housing - Council housing rents for seniors should be set to maintain the affordability and well-being of senior tenants. It is desirable that seniors' rents are set to be affordable – that is, 25% of gross income. 2. If MDC insists on calibrating its rents to the market through a so-called discounted rate, market rate estimates should be calculated more robustly: • Using actual rents – ie., the stock rent; • Calculated on that latest census data with CPU based annual reviews.

5526 Bev James (Marlborough Sustainable Housing Trust)

Decision Sought: 1) In consultation with stakeholders, prepare a housing strategy and action plan for Marlborough that sets out practical pathways to increase the supply of affordable and suitable housing. 2)

Create an intensification zone in appropriate parts of zones 1 and 2 to support the development of medium density housing. 3) Re-zone under-utilised commercial and industrial land in urban areas to enable its use for residential development. This action would not only enable the development of affordable housing, but also help revitalize Blenheim town centre. 4) Discount development fees for not-for-profit housing providers of affordable and social housing. 5) Provide land for development of affordable and social housing by not-for-profit housing providers at a discounted rent. 6) Introduce tools to realise a proportion of the value uplift that private landowners gain from the community's investment in infrastructure development and changes in zoning, and establish mechanisms to direct that value, in funds and/or in land, to enable affordable and social housing developed by not-for profit housing providers.

At this point Cllr Taylor acknowledged Dr Beverley James becoming a member of the New Zealand Order of Merit for service to senior citizens.

5538 Gayle Chambers (Grey Power Marlborough)

Budget Request: \$44,000

Decision Sought: Permission Publishers produce a quarterly magazine at the cost of \$11,000.00 per quarter. Some of the costs are covered by advertising and I would like to encourage Marlborough District Council to finance a similar magazine.

A copy of the magazine mudcakes & roses (the Magazine for Nelson Tasman Seniors) was circulated to members.

NB: Further Information requested on costs – estimates of how much is generated from advertising. How is/will the magazine be physically managed/distributed? What does the \$44k cover?

5575 Kate Horrey (Wairau Valley Community Hall Board)

Submitter was present via Zoom. There were technical difficulties at the beginning of the presentation and the Zoom recording was paused. The issue was on Kate's side which was sorted to enable sound but no picture. A presentation was unable to be shown. It was requested that Kate forward the powerpoint to Councillors for their information. No presentation was received.

Topic: Community Facilities

Decision Sought: We seek assistance from the Council in resolving the roofing problem to safeguard this important community asset. As the quotes vary considerably, more work will be required to find out of the scope of the problem and the best way forward. We would appreciate being able to draw on some Council technical support if needed. One option would be to combine any MDC financial support with a grant application to the Community Lotteries Facilities Fund or similar large funding organisation. Lottery Community Facilities provides grants: • to improve or build new community facilities, or • for feasibility studies to work out if plans to improve or build community facilities can be achieved and will benefit the community. Funding starts from \$30,000. Given that the Board has only just realised the extent of the problem, we have not investigated this option closely but it may have merit particularly if the Council was to dedicate funds to the project.

NB: Latest financial report and the third quote if it comes in on time.

ATTENDANCE: The Hearing adjourned at 12.47 pm and reconvened at 1.31 pm

ATTENDANCE: Martin Fletcher (Chief Financial Officer) withdrew from the Hearing at 12.47 pm.

ATTENDANCE: Chris Lake (Financial Services Manager) joined the Hearing at 1.31 pm.

5506 Jo Grigg (Marlborough Environment Awards Trust)

A video was shown CM Record No. 22107408

Budget Request: \$5,000

Decision Sought: \$5k increase in annual funding for the Cawthron Marlborough Environment Awards.

Several trustees were in Chambers to support the submitter.

NB: A response from the Trust on whether they wanted a CPI adjustment to their grant. This request was put to Jo who advised that she would discuss with the Trust and provide a response.

5537 Jodie Kuntzsch / Katrina Kidson (Businesses for Climate Action Trust)

Submitters were present via Zoom. A powerpoint was shown CM Record No. 22109757

Budget Request: \$50,000

Decision Sought: To approve funding for Businesses for Climate Action for \$50,000 over two years to enable 'carbon coaching' and a Climate Leaders Programme unique to businesses in the Marlborough region.

5540/ 5517 *Tim Newsham (Spring Creek Residents and Ratepayers Association Inc)*

A powerpoint was shown CM Record No. 22119360

Topic: Roads Footpaths

Decision Sought: The Spring Creek Residents and Ratepayers Association Inc. requests the Council to discuss the proposed plan mentioned with Marlborough Roads and proceed with costing, consultation with the community, and implementation of the proposed calming measures. This process should be started immediately once the draft budget is approved so that work on this important project can be completed in this financial year, as the safety and amenity values of our community are being continuously eroded.

Budget Request: \$3,000

Topic: Community

Decision Sought: To approve this grant to our association on an ongoing annual basis.

Mr Newsham advised that Fletcher Kidd, President Spring Creek Residents and Ratepayers Assn was in Chambers in support of the submission.

NB: Association to provide a balance sheet and last year's financial statement for the Spring Creek Community Hall preferably in time for deliberation day. The Association to advise when they are next to meet. Council staff to provide the formulated Ferry Bridge plan of the area and timeline to present to the Spring Creek's Residents Association.

5529 *John Kershaw*

A powerpoint presentation was shown CM Record No. 22109124.

Decision Sought: Adopt the proposals to expand the cycle path network and add EV charge stations to all CBDs in region.

NB: Council's Rivers staff to provide comment regarding closing the stop back (1H).

5535 *Tim Newsham (Marlborough Landscape Group)*

A powerpoint presentation was shown CM Record No. 22119372

Topic: Enviro Health

Decision Sought: We seek MDC to approve finances to engage a consultant to audit existing requirements for weed control and to develop a plan/strategy using a combination of controls that would be cost effective and less harmful to both residents and the natural environment than is currently achieved with the use of herbicides.

NB: The herbicide powerpoint to be circulated to Parks and Open Spaces for comment on contractor guidelines when using glysophate around playgrounds and trees for deliberation meeting on Monday.

5543 *Kathryn Walker (Marlborough Vintners)*

Marlborough Vintners had originally not wanted to speak to their submission. Prior to Hearing day they sought approval to speak, this was granted by Deputy Mayor Taylor.

Topic: Roads Footpaths

Decision Sought: To have a specific, significant cycle way plan and spend for 2022 - 2023 and onwards, starting with the plan to connect current cycle paths together. There are many groups in Marlborough supporting cycle ways and I would like a forum to see them all come together. I have business and wine industry support to form a cycle trust if necessary that can work with Council to achieve funding and goals in this area.

5555 *Andrew Caddie (Kenepuru & Central Sounds Residents Association Inc)*

Submitter was present via Zoom.

Topic: Roads Footpaths

Decision Sought: Today the Association is submitting on three roading infrastructure related matters. Namely: * to ensure Council funds allocated for a vital piece of local infrastructure to reduce pressure on a stressed roading network continues to be ring fenced; * seeking an update on the Council's obligations under the Marlborough Environment Plan to implement a plan of action to assess Climate Change risk on existing Council infrastructure such as the roading network; and * what we see as the pressing need for Council to fund and recruit a suitably qualified and experienced in-house roading engineer to more effectively monitor and improve the outcomes from its current contractual arrangements, particularly in relation to rural roads.

ATTENDANCE: Cllr Dawson withdrew from the Hearing at 3.45 pm.

ATTENDANCE: Chris Lake (Financial Services Manager) withdrew from the Hearing at 3.45 pm.

ATTENDANCE: The hearing adjourned at 3.45 pm and reconvened at 3.58 pm.

5523 *Robyn Richards*

Decision Sought: Consideration to facilitating/funding/partly funding a public EV charger in Picton. Suggested location: the MDC carpark between Wellington and High Streets.

Additional information: Circulated to Councillors CM Record no. 22119429.

NB: Council staff to seek a response from Port Marlborough on what is happening with the iRex development in regard to new charging stations in the car parks and on ferries.

ATTENDANCE: Martin Fletcher (Chief Financial Officer) joined the Hearing at 4.09 am during the following submission.

5514 *Bruce Richards (Picton Smart + Connected)*

Topic: Roads Footpaths

Decision Sought: Make a decision about infrastructure for cycling in Picton.

5573 *Scott Adams (Federated Farmers of New Zealand)*

Decision Sought: Federated Farmers opposes the purported rates increase of 5.37% and recommends MDC undertake a comprehensive review of how rates in the district are levied.

5560 *Yvonne Wratt (Grovetoyn Residents Association)*

Anne, President of the Grovetoyn Residents and Ratepayers Association, was present with Yvonne Wratt.

Topic: Sewerage

Decision Sought: That all residential ratepayers that are connected to the Blenheim Sewerage Ponds pay the same amount of sewerage rates. Change the way Council charge the Grovetoyn ratepayer for its sewerage scheme, to be the same formula that Council uses to charge the Seddon ratepayer for its water scheme. That is, spread the costs over all users of the service. Don't just dismiss our request without looking into the actual financial impact of what we are suggesting. Take a serious look at how stormwater can be cost effectively dealt with in Grovetoyn.

5572 *Heather Smith (Top-of-the-South Region, Social Credit NZ)*

Additional information: Circulated to Councillors CM Record No. 22119436

ATTENDANCE: Hearing adjourned at 5.00 pm to contact Constance Phua as she had not shown for the allotted speaking time. Contact was made and Hearing reconvened at 5.06pm.

5507 *Constance Phua (Jo Coughlan) (New Zealand Chinese Language Week)*

Submitter was present via Zoom and a YouTube video was shown CM Record No. 22119452.

Budget Request: \$2,000

Topic: Culture Heritage

Decision Sought: We wish to apply for a \$2,000 grant to fund activities for New Zealand Chinese Language Week in your region.

The Tuesday, 7 June 2022 Hearing adjourned at 5.16 pm and reconvened on Wednesday, 8 June 2022 at 8.30 am.

Wednesday, 8 June 2022

ATTENDANCE: Martin Fletcher (Chief Financial Officer) was present at the commencement of the Hearing.

At the beginning of the session the following Conflicts of Interests were noted:

- Cllr Brooks for submission 5571 Renwick Museum
- The Mayor for submission 5520 Marlborough Community Gardens
- Cllr Taylor for submission 5552 Picton Dawn Chorus

5520 *Susan Ross (Marlborough Community Gardens)*

Submitter was present via Zoom.

Topic: Community

Decision Sought: We would like to be able to bring a trailer load once per month to the land fill for either green waste or land fill.

Additional information was circulated to Councillors prior to the commencement of the Hearing. CM Record No. 22119492.

NB: Council staff to provide an estimate of likely green waste charges for a ute plus full trailer load to the green waste centre.

5574 Rob Harrison (Marlborough Farmers Market)

Decision Sought: To assist in funding by building a toilet block near the existing sheds and assist in funding the maintenance of the sheep sheds. Approve extension of our lease to include one way traffic system and facilitate parking.

Additional information was circulated to councillors prior to the commencement of the Hearing. CM Record No. 22119542.

NB: Request for a copy of their Incorporated Societies Annual Financial Report by Monday.

5539 Jane Buckman

A powerpoint presentation was shown CM Record No. 22110823.

Decision Sought: To financially support the establishment of a quality built and resourced Dog Park in Blenheim as per recent community consultations.

5571 Ray Welburn (Renwick Museum)

A powerpoint presentation was shown CM Record No. 22119577

Budget Request: \$10,000

Topic: Community Facilities

Decision Sought: That Council continues its support of the Renwick Museum with the annual financial support of ongoing running costs of \$7500, and additional annual financial support of \$10,000 towards funding a Community Hub Coordinator.

An aerial and floor plan were circulated to Councillors in Chambers and emailed to Councillors on Zoom. CM Record 22119569.

5524 Chris Marshall (Endeavour Park Pavilion Society trading as Port Marlborough Pavilion)

A powerpoint presentation was shown CM Record No. 22109741

5519 Dave Lohead (On behalf of the Flaxbourne Heritage Trust)

Budget Request: \$250,000

Topic: Culture Heritage

Decision Sought: The Flaxbourne Heritage Trust would seek a funding grant of \$250,000 as part of the Marlborough District Council Annual plan for funding under the Community Facilities and Culture and Heritage areas. This funding will enable the Trust to complete the building construction phase, and engage a museum display professional (Sally Papps, Nelson) to complete the museum fitout along with other internal fitout as required, including, but not limited to, office spaces, tables, chairs and sundry furniture, computer systems etc.

Plans for the Flaxbourne Heritage Centre were circulated to Councillors in Chambers and emailed to those on Zoom. CM Record No. 22119603.

NB: They will advise Council if they receive the other funding of \$1.4M.

5569 Dave Lohead (on behalf of the Flaxbourne Early Settlers Association, Ward)

Topic: Community Facilities

Decision Sought: Support for important upgrades to facilities in Ward – Ward hall septic system; This submission covers several important upgrades to facilities in Ward as follows: Urgent: Upgrade of the Ward hall septic system, Provision of a safety rail at the Ward hall. Painting and renovation of the Weld Park Domain Sheds and buildings as required. Water pipe installation at the A & P grounds (Weld Park) to the Horse pen area. Explore options for public access toilets at the hall. Improvements to the Ward hall kitchen to cater for larger groups. Installation of I.T. and a sound system in the Ward Hall. Support Flaxbourne Early Settlers Association: Increase in operational grant funding.

5557 *John Hickman (Flaxbourne Settlers Association Inc)*

Budget Request: \$21,739

Topic: Community Facilities

Decision Sought: 1. Council has already allocated \$170,000 in a previous budget to spend on community toilet facilities in Ward. On behalf of both the FSA and the FHT I would like to apply for the use of this money, to build a new single septic system that would cater for both buildings. (Urgent Priority) 2. We wish to seek MDC support to investigate potential options and determine a possible cost for future Plan submissions. This priority is for a 2-3 year period. Funds not utilised on the septic system project could be held for this. It will most likely need another similar amount or more to the \$170,000 already available. (Short-Medium Term Priority) 3. Provision of a safety rail from the car park to the Hall entrance. To be carried out by Council. (Urgent Priority) 4. Additional improvements to the Community Hall - improved kitchen facilities to adequately cater for larger groups. Add IT and sound system to the hall. These items will be quoted in time and applied for in future Plan submissions. (Medium Priority) 5. Painting of the Domain sheds. Request a budget of \$2000. 6. Building Renovations. Request a budget of \$5000 to tidy/upgrade one of the buildings that has a small office in it. No quotes have been sought. Buildings owned by Marlborough District Council. (Urgent Priority) 7. Waterpipe supply and install to the horse pen area. \$550inc GST for 200m of 25mm pipe plus \$300 of fittings. Volunteers will use a tractor to rip/bury this pipe from the supply at the southern end of the Domain to the horse area for water troughs and a wash hose. The domain is frequently used for horse events and overnight stays and there are large horse events planned this year which requires a water supply. 8. Water pipe supply and install to the horse pen area. \$550 incl GST for 200 m of 25mm pipe plus \$300 of fittings. (Urgent Priority) 9. We seek an increase in the yearly operational grant from \$21,000 per year to \$35,000 per year.

ATTENDANCE: The Hearing adjourned at 10.37 am and reconvened at 10.50 am.

ATTENDANCE: Martin Fletcher (Chief Financial Officer) withdrew from the meeting at 10.37 am and Chris Lake (Financial Services Manager) joined the meeting at 10.50 am.

5556 *Graham Gosling (Picton Business Group)*

A powerpoint presentation was shown CM Record No. 22119635.

Decision Sought: Picton Business Group support the development and refresh of Picton foreshore, London Quay and lower High Street. PBG request consultation and collaboration with the project manager and contracts. Allocated budget for this project. Increased ongoing maintenance budgets for the Picton Foreshore.

5530 *Brian Henstock (Marlborough Community Vehicle Trust)*

Budget Request: \$8,000

Topic: Community

Decision Sought: To provide funding for operational expenses to the amount of \$8000 per annum for three (3) financial years

ATTENDANCE: The Deputy Mayor declared a conflict of interest for the Picton Dawn Chorus submission and withdrew from the meeting, Cllr Peters assumed the chair.

5552 *Bryn Evans (Picton Dawn Chorus Inc.)*

A powerpoint presentation was shown CM Record No. 22119649.

Also present were Edwin Pitts (Board Member), Lee (Bush Trapping Manager), Pip (General Manager). James Wilson (Founder and Board Member) and Zoey in Chambers Public Gallery.

Budget Request: \$100,000

Topic: Biosecurity

Decision Sought: A commitment to provide PDC with \$90,000 for traps and equipment, and separately a further \$10,000 for the administration of that operating expenditure, to enable us to carry out that portion of our 22/23 operational plan that applies to Council-owned land. Speaking Opportunity when we speak to Council, we shall demonstrate, via a Google Earth presentation, the terrain we are working in, and the respective land ownership areas and planned traplines, to give Council a clear picture of our operational zone and of our needs. We shall share our vision to restore Picton's dawn chorus.

5512 *Beryl Bowers (Picton Historical Society Inc.)*

Philippa Turley assisted with the presentation. A powerpoint presentation was shown CM Record No. 22111260

Budget Request: \$4,000

Topic: Culture Heritage

Decision Sought: An increase to \$34,000 + GST and ask that this value be CPI adjusted annually, so that going forward the grant keeps pace with inflation.

5513 *Linda Thompson*

A powerpoint presentation was shown CM Record No. 22119673.

Topic: Enviro Health

Decision Sought: To look at the big picture and the long term benefits of this project. To consider the benefits of a project that improves air quality and our health. To bring the people of Picton together as we did when we built our beautiful new library which stands out as a project that benefits our community in many ways.

5568 *Rosemary Jorgensen*

Topic: Cycleways on Waikawa Road.

ATTENDANCE: The hearing adjourned at 12.41 pm and reconvened at 1.30 pm.

ATTENDANCE: Chris Lake (Financial Services Manager) withdrew from the Hearing at 12.41 pm and Martin Fletcher (Chief Financial Officer) joined the meeting at 1.30 pm.

5551 *Nigel Muir (Tasman Regional Sports Trust)*

Mahina Henry-Campbell was also present and a powerpoint presentation was shown CM Record No. 22110920.

Budget Request: \$35,000

Topic: Community

Decision Sought: Sport Tasman has identified an opportunity to increase service and support provision for local communities and would welcome the opportunity to engage with Council on a joint funded partnership model to best support community wellbeing through physical activity. Sport Tasman is keen to create a 50/50 partnership funded role with Council to make this happen. We would like to work alongside Council staff to explore this partnership.

5548 *Nigel Muir (Project Boons Valley, Waikawa)*

Michelle Clark supported Nigel Muir for the presentation and a powerpoint presentation was shown CM Record No. 22119677.

Topic: Biosecurity

Decision Sought: To achieve the above, we need Council to have equal ambitions with its own land that borders us on both sides. Community volunteers are already engaged but we also would really love any additional support from Council in materials, labour and infrastructure for predator control and weed management. Three specifics we seek are: 1. That Council rapidly heightens the priority of its environmental work across all aspects of its mahi and in doing so send a leadership mandate to the wider Marlborough community about the critical importance of preserving species, plants and rare taonga that we are at high risk of losing forever for the sake of the generation that follows. 2. For Council to increase its awareness and investment in predator and pest control around its own pockets of land across Marlborough. 3. For Council to increase the size of annual grants and partnership support budgets for environmental projects of high importance around our region.

5553 *Kelvin Watt (Graeme Dingle Foundation Marlborough)*

A powerpoint presentation was shown CM Record No. 22119693.

Budget Request: \$63,000

Topic: Community

Decision Sought: We seek to expand the reach of our programmes and propose an additional initiative in order to make an even greater impact in delivering solutions to the region's most pressing problems. We ask for additional funding to support these efforts.

5532 *Meg Martin (Volunteer Marlborough Charitable Trust)*

A powerpoint presentation was shown CM Record No. 22110802.

Budget Request: \$22,000

Decision Sought: We seek an increase in the contract funding from MDC to a total of \$30,000 + GST that we might be able to employ a Youth Worker to facilitate our youth engagement services in the schools and wider community, whilst also delivering our contracted services of providing training to the NFP sector.

NB: Request for their latest financial information/budget.

5544 *Maree Dunlop / Charlotte Wood (Te Kōpuni Kāinga o Te Tau Ihu - Top of the South Neighbourhood Support Charitable Trust)*

Charlotte Wood spoke to the submission and was present in Chambers. Lys Bradley also spoke to the submission via Zoom.

Budget Request: \$140,400

Topic: Community

Decision Sought: To fund 1.5 FTE within Te Kōpuni Kāinga o Te Tau Ihu - Top of the South Neighbourhood Support to deliver community support services aligned to the MDC Long Term plan across the Marlborough District.

NB: Requested that they email confirmation of the budget amount requested, their last year's financial statement and their strategic plan.

5509 *Stuart Petersen and Brent Laurenson (Blenheim Community Patrol Charitable Trust No 2683291)*

Budget Request: \$5,000

Decision Sought: We are seeking funding assistance from the Marlborough District Council to provide funding to Blenheim Community Patrol by way of an Ongoing Annual Operating Grant of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) per year to be utilized for vehicle running costs, uniforms and administration.

5558 *Russell Smith (Marlborough Youth Trust Incorporated)*

Jo Lane represented Marlborough Youth Trust along with Ruby, Taylah and Dion. A YouTube video and powerpoint presentation was shown CM Record No. 22111483.

Budget Request: \$90,000

Decision Sought: This submission is requesting that MDC provision a manager's salary of \$90,000 per annum, providing prudent business oversight, sustainability and continued growth to the organisation. The Council's support of the Trust will also stimulate private sector funding, as they see the recognition and advocacy of the organisation by Council, further contributing to positive community outcomes for young people in the Marlborough district.

NB: Requested a copy of last year's financial statements and this year's budget for deliberation day, a list of current users and what they use the space for.

ATTENDANCE: The meeting adjourned at 3.35 pm and reconvened at 3.51 pm.

ATTENDANCE: Martin Fletcher (Chief Financial Officer) withdraw from the hearing at 3.35 pm and re-joined the Hearing at 4.00 pm

5528 *Lachlan McNabb (Youth Council)*

Lachlan, Zoe, Alex and Chloe spoke to the submission.

Decision Sought: We seek continuation of funding for youth initiatives, supported by Council policy. To have continued support from MDC to fund sports and arts & cultural activities which are in the minority. Good to see activities reaching our youth in outlying areas such as Renwick. To have more career/education based opportunities and programmes would be beneficial especially for those young people who perhaps are chosen to follow non-traditional career paths usual for their gender or ethnicity. For Council to increase and continue support of mental health services which help to benefit the mental health of youth in Marlborough.

NB: It was suggested that staff send all youth submissions to the Youth Council for their review next Annual Plan as part of submission process.

5567 *Jillian Trayling (Marlborough Heritage Trust)*

Cathie Bell spoke to the Marlborough Heritage Trust submission.

Budget Request: \$90,339

Topic: Culture Heritage

Decision Sought: Support for Marlborough Heritage Trust insurance of \$90,339.12.

Budget Request: \$31,688

Topic: Culture Heritage

Decision Sought: Financial support totalling \$31,688.80 for maintenance and repairs.

5518 *Joe Keighley (Renwick Smart + Connected)*

A powerpoint presentation was shown CM Record No. 22111181.

5533 *Bronwen Frazer (Blenheim Roller Skating Club)*

Blenheim Roller Skating Club had original not wanted to speak. Prior to Hearing day they sought approval to speak, this was granted by Deputy Mayor Taylor

Three videos were shown CM Record Nos. 2110827, 22119696, 22110828.

Topic: Community Facilities

Decision Sought: The Club would like Council to continue to provide support in both the securing of a suitable site and the establishment and maintenance of a new facility should College Park be confirmed as the site for Boholly Intermediate. The Club would like these matters to be taken into consideration by Council in the future planning of multiple use sports hubs and community sport facilities. This will ensure that the Blenheim Roller Skating Club can continue to provide both recreational and competitive skating opportunities maintaining the diverse range of activities available to the Marlborough community.

Additional information was circulated to Councillors and emailed to those Councillors on Zoom. CM Record No. 22119694 and 22110827.

The following was part of what was circulated to members and is noted as the decision in the documents: The Blenheim Rollerskating Club has a long history of cooperation with Marlborough District Council (Council) in building and maintaining facilities. The existing facilities were built with significant volunteer hours from club members, local business and funds received from the Stadium 2000 Trust. The Club would like Council to continue to provide support with securing a suitable relocation site and the establishment and maintenance of a new facility. The Club would like these matters to be taken into consideration in Council decision making and future planning of multiple use sports hubs.

5564 Corey Hebbard (Te Rūnanga a Rangitāne o Wairau)

A powerpoint presentation was shown CM Record No. 22111165.

Budget Request: \$100,000 and \$20,000

Decision Sought: **Iwi Capability Funding** - To address this issue and inequity, we propose that Council provide iwi capability funding of \$20,000 each year to Rangitāne (and other iwi) in recognition of the work undertaken in the Taiao space in relation to consent processing, with funding from general rates. This approach is not inconsistent with how other councils operate and support iwi capability in resource management issues.

Blenheim Sewerage Treatment Plant (BSTP) - We request that Council include provision in its planning processes to meet the aspirations of iwi in terms of the discharge options. Rangitāne records that it does not support the status quo discharge option, which sees treated effluent enter the Wairau River adjacent to Te Pokohiwi.

Iwi Mapping Project - Rangitāne propose that Council provide support (both financially and operationally) to iwi to map our sites of significance on a platform suitable for our needs.

Resolving misappropriated spelling of Māori Street Names and Catchments - We continue to recommend that Council takes steps to address misspelling of Te Reo Māori words and phrases and propose that a resourced Working Group (comprising of Council, Marlborough Roads staff and iwi partners) be established to appoint suitably experienced Te Reo Māori practitioner(s) to support the correction process. In addition to the above, we expect Council to make provision on the Street Naming Subcommittee for Rangitāne representation and for this representation to be resourced.

Kaihautū (Manager Māori Partnerships) Role - We encourage Council to ensure this role remains strategically focussed.

Ngā Wairau o Ruatere - To enable this to proceed, we are seeking a contribution from Council of \$100,000 towards the feasibility works.

Horahora Kākahu Lookout – Port Underwood - We would welcome the opportunity to work with Council and other interested stakeholders on the development of a lookout and storyboards to tell the unique history of our region. Horahora Kākahu is now jointly vested in Rangitāne, Ngāti Toa and Ngāti Rārua. We encourage you to direct staff and/or the relevant subcommittee to pursue this project.

Council Staff Training and Cultural Capability - We encourage you to make provision for further staff training in relation to Te Tiriti o Waitangi and cultural capability.

NB: Clr Brook to follow-up with Corey Hebbard regarding Small Townships funding in respect of the Horahora Kākahu Lookout.

The Hearing closed at 5.32 pm.

Members and staff discussed the process and distributing the additional information requested of staff and submitters for the Council (Decision) meeting on Monday 13 June 2021.

There being no further business the Hearing closed at 5.40 pm.

Postscript: All submitter, Council staff responses and additional information were collated into one document and circulated to Councillors prior to the Council (Decision) meeting on Monday 13 June 2022. CM Record No. 22119960

