

**Report of a Meeting of a Special Hearing Committee to hear submissions
on the 2023-24 Annual Plan Consultation Document
held in the Council Chambers, 15 Seymour Street, Blenheim
on TUESDAY 6 JUNE 2023 and WEDNESDAY 7 JUNE 2023
commencing each day at 8.30 am**

Present

The Mayor N P Taylor (in the Chair), Cllrs S R W Adams, J A Arbuckle, S J Arbuckle, A R Burgess, J D N Croad, B G Dawson, B A Faulls, M R K Flight, G A Hope, R J Innes, B J Minehan, J C Rosene and T P Sowman

Present via Teams

Cllr D A Dalliessi

In Attendance

Mr M Fletcher (Chief Financial Officer), Ms C Lake (Financial Services Manager) and Ms N J Chauval (Committee Secretary),

Apologies

No apologies for absence were received.

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For each of the Hearing sessions Mayor Taylor welcomed those present and explained the proceedings that would be undertaken for the hearings and noted the member attending by Teams.

There were 78 submissions received and of those 55 submitters wanted to speak to their submission.

The following speakers had indicated they would speak to their submission but withdrew from the Hearing.

- 6232 Masha Woodbury (Woodbury Family Trust)
- 6200 Doug Saunders-Loder (New Zealand Federation of Commercial Fisherman)
- 6269 Debs Martin (Kotahitanga mō te Taiao Alliance/The Nature Conservancy) – additional information provided by Ms Martin circulated to Mayor and Councillors CM Record No. 23126208
- 6240 Shana Pinker (Marlborough Netball Centre)
- 6193 Jason Mackie (Waitaria Bay Settlers Hall)

The following is a list of those that spoke to their submission, a note of any presentations and information circulated to the Mayor and Councillors. All submitters were present in the room or attended via Teams.

ATTENDANCE: Chris Lake, Council's Financial Services Manager joined the Hearing at 8.30 pm.

Tuesday, 6 June 2023

6239 Samantha Forrest (Marlborough Stadium Trust)

Matt Kerr, Chair Stadium Trust, spoke to the submission. Bridget Taylor, Stadium 2000 Trust's General Manager was present in the public gallery.

Budget Requested: \$62,925

Topic: Community Facilities

Decision Sought: The notes that the Long-Term Plan proposed an increase to the Trust's grants from Council be requests that this is upheld in the Annual Plan process. We submit for approval an annual CPI adjustment to the existing annual grant.

NB: Current set of financial accounts. Information on CPI adjustments regarding the Stadium. Clarify last paragraph of submission.

6220 *Brian McNamara (Abbeyfield Marlborough)*

Brian McNamara, Brian Ross, Gayle chambers (President Greypower and Committee Member Abbeyfield) and Russell Hopkins spoke to the submission.

Decision Sought: Request that Council consider subdividing 2054m² from the Kingwell Drive Reserve to establish an Abbeyfield house.

NB: Council staff to clarify the status of Kingwell Drive Reserve and provide the management plan for the reserve.

6247 *Hularii Mckenzie (via Teams)*

Topic: Accessibility

Decision Sought: 1. Amend Accessibility Policy to reflect the needs of our disabled community to continue make it easier to see the need and then provide the facility for the accessibility we long for in our community. Taking away of 4.3 - Policy 4.3 - There will be two specialist change facilities located in Council buildings in Blenheim so even the possibility of asking for changing facilities isn't prevented. 2. Council to continue the work and commitment made towards an accessible change facility at Pollard Park. 3. Council to consider and commit to a Changing Places NZ facility in Picton to help service our changing needs. 4. Westwood Business Park, we ask council to commit when building proposed public facilities, they include accessible changing facilities for our disabled community that can be accessed 24/7. 5. Council to liaise with Changing Places NZ for consultation regarding a facility in Picton to service our community needs but also the needs of our disabled visitors, friends, and families. 6. Work with the Stadium 2000 to provide two additional change tables for the other family change rooms at the stadium to lessen the wait and danger times our disabled community face in entering and exiting the pools. Work with the Stadium to make two of the family change rooms specific to disability changes instead of being family change and help to educate and get the information out about why leaving these rooms for those that need it is so important.

6225 *Jeanine Sadd (Crossroads Charitable Trust)*

An updated profit and loss sheet was tabled (CM Record No. 23114223) and a video was shown 23113965.

Decision Sought: Request from Council an annual contribution towards the running costs of Crossroads.

NB: Members requested a complete Profit and Loss sheet for the year ended 31 March 2024 as the one circulated at the Hearing had not included the information for - Kiwisaver – Employer's contribution; Wages and Salaries; Total Operating Expenses; Net Profit.

6241 *Evelyn Duncan (Tua Marina-Waikakaho Residents and Ratepayers Association)*

A powerpoint presentation was shown CM Record No. 23125697

Topic: Community Facilities

Decision Sought: Funding from Council to upgrade the community memorial hall.

6233 *William Harris (Marlborough A&P Association)*

An additional document containing images of the sheep pavilion was circulated Rec No. 23114225

Budget Requested: \$12,384.46

Topic: Parks and Reserves

Decision Sought: Funding to undertake restoration of the heritage sheep pavilion.

ATTENDANCE: The Hearing adjourned at 10.00 am and reconvened at 10.43 am.

6216 *Brian Henstock (Marlborough Community Vehicle Trust)*

Brian Henstock and John Aldridge (Treasurer Marlborough Community Vehicle Trust) spoke to the submission.

Topic: Community Support

Decision Sought: Marlborough Community Vehicle Trust to remain on the Annual Plan for the next year. The Trust is included in the Strategic Plan, and the 5 year Marlborough Age-Friendly Strategy. The Marlborough District Council provide support and assistance to minimise current problems with the District Health Board.

NB: Mayor suggested that she meets with Stuart Smith MP to discuss a Marlborough approach to Whatu Ora.

6199 *Chris Marshall (Endeavour Park Pavilion Society trading as Port Marlborough Pavilion)*

A powerpoint presentation was shown CM Record No. 23125712

Topic: Community Facilities

Decision Sought: Acknowledgment that provision needs to be made in Council budgets for maintenance of the current building which has now been in operation for 10 years. 2. Acceptance of the Stage 2 Feasibility Study as tabled.

NB: Further detailed information on the playground and covered courts.

6254 *Melanie Cherry (Pelorus Rugby Football Club Inc.)*

A powerpoint presentation was shown CM Record No. 23125719

Denis Marfell (Chairperson Pelorus Rugby Football Club) also spoke to the submission.

Topic: Parks

Noted that the scoreboard from the park has been removed.

NB: Details on whether they have applied for further discount from Havelock Community Assn for use of the facilities and have they you applied elsewhere for funding eg RATA or Cogs. New scoreboard in place has been paid for by MDC.

6230 *Kate Horrey (Wairau Valley Community Hall Board)*

Jill Odell (Chair Wairau Community Hall) and Angela Woolfe (Chair of Wantwood Community Room) spoke to the submission. A powerpoint presentation was shown CM Record No. 23125727

Budget Requested: \$29,158

Topic: Community Facilities

Decision Sought: Assistance in funding, or co-funding, the community outdoor surface areas at the Wantwood Community Room and Wairau Valley Community Hall.

6238 *Stephen Hall (Picton Maritime Festival Trust) (via Teams)*

A powerpoint presentation was shown CM Record No. 23125740

Budget Requested: \$750

Topic: Community Support

Decision Sought: Increase the PMF Annual Grant by the lower of CPI or the Rates Increase each year. Investigate the options for having a suitable stage in Marlborough for events to use, thus eliminating having to hire in from outside the region.

NB: Cost of a stage and who would look after it.

6214 *Simon Feltham (NZ Police)*

Graham Single (Police), Simon Langford, Rebecca Lowe (Te Whatu Ora) and Michael Neal (Hospitality Business Owner) spoke to the submission. A powerpoint presentation was shown CM Record No. 23125744

Topic: Alcohol

Decision Sought: MAGG would like Council to introduce a Local Alcohol Policy (LAP). That the development of an LAP be included in the work plan for the MDC Annual Plan 2023.

ATTENDANCE: The Hearing adjourned at 12.35 pm and reconvened at 1.30 pm.

6270 *Heather Turnbull (Awatere Valley Trust)*

An image was shown CM Record No. 23125750

Topic: Community Facilities

Decision Sought: Whale Trail - We want an attractive bollard that lifts up for garden/WT track maintenance for trucks at both ends at Seymour St and Mills Rd (SH1) of the cycle/walkway. Clean-up and maintain the unkempt Starborough Creek riparian land along the Underpass Walkway where the Whale Trail goes. Remove willows to open up the area for more light (H&S) and to get better river flow. Drinking water bubbler near Tui Garden or somewhere central for Whale Trail riders and others. Electric charging station for vehicles and bikes. Township Highway Safety - Need rail over bridge foliage cut back on SH1 (NZTA & MDC) - Need sign saying "watch out for pedestrians" both ends of Seddon's centre.

NB: Clarity on the playground. How is the campground administered.

ATTENDANCE: Martin Fletcher, Council's Chief Financial Officer joined the meeting at 1.50 pm and Chris Lake (Financial Services Manager) withdrew from the meeting at 1.50 pm.

6261 *Bradley Roberts (Riverlands School)*

A powerpoint presentation was shown CM Record No. 23125764

Topic: Kea Crossing

Decision Sought: Safety improvements at the crossing on Alabama Road, near School Rd. A Kea Crossing, or similar.

NB: Link to the Speed Management Plan be sent to Mr Roberts.

6178 *Kevin Wilson (Thursday Recreation Mountain Bikers)*

A powerpoint presentation was shown CM Record No. 23125769

Budget Requested: \$9,500

Topic: Parks

Decision Sought: Employ and pay a contractor to do any fencing required and drive the posts for the five proposed structures, pay for all material with estimated total cost for contractor and materials \$9,500.

6242 *Fraser Brown (Marlborough Mountain Bike Club)*

Topic: Community Facilities

Decision Sought: MDC commission an MTB economic benefit study specifically relating to Marlborough. An audit of the current trail network looking at synergy of trails, grading of trails and subsequent safety concerns. Allocated funding for the upkeep and development of MTB trails. A review of the contractor approval process, including volunteers.

NB: Copy of financial accounts.

6264 *Nigel Muir (Wild Waikawa)*

Nigel Muir and Mish Clark were present and spoke to the submission. A powerpoint presentation was shown CM Record No. 23125779

Topic: Environment

Decision Sought: To encourage Council to do more in the environmental space.

6252 *Nigel Muir (The Whale Trail)*

A powerpoint presentation was shown CM Record No. 23125783

Topic: Parks

Decision Sought: Support increased investment in this space and seek the Council to consider investments around the development of the Whale Trail cycling/walking route. Specifically, this includes the foreshore at Waitohi where users of the Whale Trail, Queen Charlotte Track and Linked Pathway all congregate. The routes for the Whale Trail through the townships of Waitohi and Blenheim will also require partnership and investment to ensure a safe, enjoyable experience for all and this will include wayfinding, directional signage, bike stands, connection with other walkway/bikeways and other aspects that make for a "bike friendly" environment.

6256 *Bruce Richards*

A powerpoint presentation was shown CM Record No. 23125787

Topic: Cycling

Decision Sought: Development of safe cycling infrastructure throughout the region.

ATTENDANCE: The Hearing adjourned at 3.19 pm and reconvened at 3.41 pm

6245 *John Kershaw*

A powerpoint presentation was shown CM Record No. 23125818

NB: Cllr Dawson will contact the submitter in regard to submitting to the Regional Transport plan.

6258 *Jane Buckman*

Topic: Community Facilities – Culture/Heritage – Library Services – Solid Waste

Decision Sought: Community Facilities - For sufficient resource allocation [person time, expertise, and money] to ensure that planning and consultation work directed towards establishment of a new Regional Park resumes/continues. Undertake an update to the Council's website with information on timelines so that a website search produces more than two results.

Culture/Heritage - To not close off a potential avenue for future development of a Blenheim based museum building by selling out of Council's control of the old library building at 33 Arthur Street. If Council's revenue contribution of \$3.5 million towards the new library must be completed in the 2023-4 fiscal year, then I request that additional Reserves funding is used by Council to "buy time" keeping the old library building until a full review and consultation process is completed.

Library Services - That Council work with The Boathouse's committee to ensure that all new Council signage for the "arts and culture precinct" area, physical and electronic, and including that for the new winery and cellar door, also include directions to The Boathouse Theatre. That the Council works closely with the sale/purchase

process for the Marlborough Clubs building to ensure the best outcome for this significant piece of infrastructure, ensuring the result compliments the Community Centre and ASB Theatre.

Solid Waste - The Staff working at the transfer station stop the dumping of recyclable materials.

6229 Clara Watt

A powerpoint presentation was shown CM Record No. 23125835

Topic: Environmental Protection

Decision Sought: A recycling facility (Container) for Renwick until the kerbside collection is put into place.

The Tuesday, 6 June 2023 Hearing adjourned at 4.26 pm and reconvened on Wednesday, 7 June 2023 at 8.30 am.

Wednesday, 7 June 2023

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

The Mayor welcome everyone to the Hearing and noted the process for the day.

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

- The Mayor for submission 6176 Marlborough District Brass Band

6143 David Dew (Blenheim Club)

A copy of the submitter's notes were circulated to members CM Record No. 23110191.

Topic: Heritage

Decision Sought: Create a rating category that assists the Club by reducing rates or create a grant that must be spent on maintenance to assist preserving the Blenheim Club building.

Mr Dew advised that Councillors were welcome to undertake a tour of the Club.

NB: Latest financial information for the Club.

6255 Paul Davidson (Heritage)

Paul Davidson and Dale Webb spoke to the submission. A powerpoint presentation was shown CM Record No. 23126031

Topic: Heritage

Decision Sought: 1. Take no further action regarding transfer of assets pending proper consultation with the Heritage Trust, the Historical Society and all relevant community organisations. 2. Maintain the Marlborough Heritage Trust operating budget (excluding staff) for a further 12 months, reappoint Council and Iwi representatives and support its operation as the Partnership Agreement requires; 3. Underwrite the operation of the Heritage Education programme to the end of the 2023 school year and assist with securing continued Ministry funding for future years; 4. Support and fund an appropriate heritage working group and heritage consultants to develop strategic visions and economic feasibility studies for a future reset of the Marlborough Heritage sector; 5. Include in this year's Annual Plan a budget for development of a 10 year capital development plan for the region's museums, with project timelines and priorities for inclusion in the next Long Term Plan.

NB: Information on the cost to fund the education programme until the end of the year. KPI Information for the Marlborough Historical Society.

6263 Paul Davidson (Film Archive)

A powerpoint presentation was shown CM Record No. 23126066

Topic: Culture

Decision Sought: 1. Recognise the significance of the audio visual heritage of Marlborough and the absence of any formal means to preserve and maintain this heritage assets; 2. Encourage a partnership between the heritage sector and Screen Marlborough to develop a strategy for collection and protection of the region's film heritage. 3. In consultation with the heritage and filmmaking sectors of the community, develop appropriate strategies and budgets to research, access, collate and preserve all significant audio visual resources relevant to the Marlborough Iwi and community.

NB: Copy letter of support.

6176 *Brian Nicholas (Marlborough District Brass Band Inc)*

A powerpoint presentation was shown CM Record No. 23126075

Topic: Culture

Decision Sought: That Marlborough District Brass Band's annual grant be adjusted by CPI annually.

ATTENDANCE: Mayor Taylor declared a conflict of interest in the above submission and withdrew for this presentation and the Deputy Mayor Croad assumed the chair.

NB: Current financial information.

6235 *Ailie Suzuki (Envirohub Marlborough)*

A powerpoint presentation was shown CM Record No. 23126079

Budget Requested: \$64,473

Topic: Minimising Waste

Decision Sought: Greater support for community and grassroots efforts to drive zero waste practices throughout the region, with an emphasis on events of any size and type. Financial support allowing for the Zero Waste service to reach further and be equitable and accessible to ALL members of our community and driving the community-wide change we need to minimise our environmental impact.

NB: Current financial information for the Hub and details of the Council events they have provided the service to.

6234 *Catherine van der Meulen (Entrepreneurial Women with Purpose) (present via Teams)*

A powerpoint presentation was shown CM Record No. 23126085

Topic: Various

Decision Sought: Regional development - Campaigns that support innovation and imaginative solutions to craft organisations, business models and ideas to bring these into our community. Activating projects like "We love it here" to attract the next generation of environmental guardians. Waste - Subsidised composting bins with the new roll out of wheely bins for general rubbish and recycling.

6221 *Rick Wilson (Millennium Public Art Gallery)*

Rick Wilson and Cressida Bishop spoke to the submission. A powerpoint presentation was shown CM Record No. 23126092

Budget Requested: \$230,000

Topic: Culture

Decision Sought: 1. An increase to the operating costs grant by \$60,000 per annum from July 2023. 2. Funding of MPAG staffing increases by an extra \$120,000 per annum from the 2023/24 financial year (CPI adjusted). 3. Funding for the storage, maintenance and conservation of the Marlborough Collection subject to a separate contract for service being negotiated and funded up to \$50,000 per annum. 4. That all operating funding be CPI adjusted on an annual basis.

NB: Requested information on the operating grant they are receiving now plus the CPI. Provide budget scenarios on options for operating at new hours but 6 days a week and 5 days a week.

ATTENDANCE: The Hearing adjourned at 10.55 am and reconvened 11.09 am.

ATTENDANCE: Martin Fletcher (Chief Financial Officer) withdrew from the meeting at 10.55 am and Chris Lake (Financial Services Manager) joined the meeting at 11.09 am.

6266 *Graham Gosling (Picton Business Group)*

Graham Gosling and Maria Baxter spoke to the submission. A powerpoint presentation was shown CM Record No. 23126102

Topic: Community Facilities, Roads and Footpaths

NB: Plans for the temporary terminal – entranceway, shelter.

6251 *John Hickman (Flaxbourne Settlers Association)*

Budget Requested: \$34,397

Topic: Community Facilities

Decision Sought: Seeking an increase in the community contract grant to fund services and tasks as required by Council and assistance with items that need attention and those that the community wishes to pursue.

NB: Latest financial information.

6265 *Chris Davies*

A powerpoint presentation was shown CM Record No.

Topic: Various

6268 *Scott Burnett (Forest & bird)*

Topic: Environmental monitoring and compliance; East Coast Vehicle Bylaw – budget funds for permitting, monitoring and enforcement; Port Marlborough Inland Hub in Riverlands industrial area and Plague Skinks; Cat control; Better practice in plantation forestry; Climate; Nature based solutions ahead of engineered solutions to flood risk and inundation; Environmental funding support of Kotahitanga mō te Taiao Alliance projects.

NB: Provide minutes and/or bylaw from Tasman District Council on cat management.

6267 *Evan White (Federated Farmers of New Zealand)*

Chris Dawkins spoke to the submission.

Decision Sought: That the Council Cap the percentage rates increase to no greater than stated in the Council's 2021 Long Term Plan for the 2023/24 financial year and reduce expenditure to ensure there is no need for loans to cover revenue shortfall. That MDC should fully utilise the Uniform Annual General Charge (UAGC) mechanism at 30% of the total rates income, to provide equity between ratepayers. That MDC funds freshwater management and monitoring through the Council's reserves and the UAGC due to the district-wide benefit for all ratepayers. That the Council continue to ensure that rural landowners are not rated for Three Waters services. That any increase in roading debt which is incurred by transportation projects in nonrural areas be recovered from ratepayers in non-rural areas where the transportation projects are situated unless there is a demonstrable benefit to rural ratepayers. That the Council to continue to improve and seal more roads in Marlborough's rural areas.

6218 *Zoe Aitchison (Administration Coordinator)*

Brin Evans (Chair Picton Dawn Chorus), Dave Johnston (Head Ngahere Planting Group) spoke to the submitters. Members of the Picton Dawn Chorus Board were present in the public gallery. A powerpoint presentation was shown CM Record No. 23126174

Budget Requested: \$5,000

Topic: Parks

Decision Sought: Seek sufficient funding to purchase planting tools and an administrative allowance.

6211 *Michelle Madsen (Marlborough Four Paws)*

Liz spoke to the submission and Lesley and Michelle (Founders of Marlborough Four Paws) were in the public gallery. A powerpoint presentation was shown CM Record No. 23126188

Topic: Stray Cats

Decision Sought: A stray cat management plan be developed.

ATTENDANCE: The hearing adjourned at 1.10 pm and reconvened at 1.45 pm.

ATTENDANCE: Chris Lake (Financial Services Manager) withdrew from the Hearing at 1.10 pm and Martin Fletcher (Chief Financial Officer) joined the meeting at 1.45 pm.

6244 *Peter Chapman*

A powerpoint presentation was shown CM Record No. 23126212

Topic: Destination Marlborough

Decision Sought: Immediate action on all the following in regard to Destination Marlborough; Legal structure; Board structure; Trust Board appointment process; DM Annual Plan & Funding; Q & A's with the MDC District Secretary (April 2023); I-Site operations; Employee entitlements and full disclosure of all operating expenses (Salaries & wages); Marlborough brand confusion; All Inclusive Tourism; Cruise ship ground transport.

NB: Requested clarification on what Destination Marlborough is registered as.

6217 *Lee Harper (The Omaka Observatory Charity Trust)*

Lee Harper and Emily Barraclough spoke to the submission. A powerpoint presentation was shown CM Record No. 23126231

Topic: Dark Skys Over Marlborough

Decision Sought: Council to agree that the creation of dark skies reserves / parks / places should be investigated. Establish a working group to work through what is involved. Membership to include: Omaka Observatory Council staff from environment and planning teams (and any other effected parts of Council).

Council to promote dark sky friendly lighting on any replacement or new work being undertaken and on buildings and car parks by it and its commercial subsidiaries (dark sky friendly lighting should save money in the long run due to less energy use and therefore have a zero-cost impact to the Council).

Mr Harper extended an invitation to the Mayor and Councillors to visit the area where they would be given a tour from a dark sky perspective.

6215 *Tim Newsham (Spring Creek Residents and Ratepayers Association Inc.)*

Budget Requested: \$5,000

Topic: Community Halls

Decision Sought: Funding to paint and replace the Spring Creek Hall's windows.

NB: Information on the status of the hall's piles. Update on small townships programme for Spring Creek.

6219 *Tim Newsham (Marlborough Environment Centre Inc.)*

Topic: Wairau River Recreational Reserve

Decision Sought: An accurate explanation of why this project has stalled. A new co-ordinator appointed for the project. Project to be back on Council's agenda for 2023/24 with full funding as was originally allocated.

6210 *Simon Lamb (Marlborough Farmers Market)*

Simon Lamb and Euan Mackeller spoke to the submission. A powerpoint presentation was shown CM Record No. 23126272

Topic: Parks & Reserves/Community Facilities

Decision Sought: Funding to allow improvements to the A&P Park to address a number of health and safety issues and to facilitate the future expansion of the market.

6253 *Yvonne Wratt (Grovetown Residents Association)*

Topic: Grovetown Sewerage

Decision Sought: Change the way that the Grovetown ratepayer is charged for their sewerage rates. Take a serious look at how stormwater can be dealt with cost effectively for those original ratepayers who were told, if Grovetown agreed to a sewerage scheme, we would be able to sub-divide our larger sections.

NB: Requested information on the Grovetown land purchased by Council.

The Hearing adjourned at 3.32 pm and reconvened at 3.47 pm

6260 *Helen Reynolds (Top of the South Neighbourhood Support Charitable)*

Meg Martin spoke to the submission. A powerpoint presentation was shown CM Record No. 23126315

Topic: Community Support / Emergency Management / Environmental Health

Decision Sought: That Marlborough District Council make a financial contribution to the \$22,500 annual salary costs of the Marlborough Area Co-ordinator.

NB: A plan for connecting with people down the Sounds; Latest financial information for Top of the South and the Marlborough Branch; Information on whether residents/households in longer streets are being contacted and how many; Identify the core expense that the Trust would be looking for the operating grant to cover.

6222 *Meg Martin (Volunteer Marlborough Charitable Trust)*

A powerpoint presentation was shown CM Record No. 23126330

Budget Requested: \$15,000

Topic: Community support

Decision Sought: We seek an annual operating grant for Volunteer Marlborough of \$15,000.

6206 *Ed Shuttleworth (Tasman Regional Sports Trust)*

Ed Shuttleworth and Mahina Henry-Campbell spoke to the submission. A powerpoint presentation was shown CM Record No. 23126351

Topic: Community Sport and Recreation

6212 *Kelvin Watt (Graeme Dingle Foundation Marlborough)*

Kelvin Watt and Taylor Haze spoke to the submission. A powerpoint presentation was shown CM Record No. 23126362

Budget Requested: \$13,000

Topic: Youth

Decision Sought: Funding to continue the additional support for Career Navigator through to the upcoming year, which would allow us to work with increasing numbers of students in the region. Propose the Council spearhead a research project to create a comprehensive benchmark of youth wellbeing and employment issues in the region/local economy. With a clearer picture of what is happening, and needed, in our community, capacity can be built and resources better targeted to meet that need.

6246 *Andrew Caddie (KCSRA (Kenepuru & Central Sounds Residents Assn Inc))*

Topic: Roading

Decision Sought: 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. 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.

6250 *Emily Hargreaves (Te Pukenga/ NMIT)*

Topic: Community Facilities

Decision Sought: Seeking consideration for a joint venture with Te Pukenga/NMIT to enhance Ballinger Park for the benefit of the community by including a 3x3 basketball area within the park.

6237 *Nicola Kitson*

A powerpoint presentation was shown CM Record No. 23126393

Topic: Reserves

Decision Sought: Approval for and the construction of a paved pathway in the Manor Place Reserve connecting the rights-of-way from Manor Place, Lewis Street with each other and to Redwood Street.

Petition circulated to the Mayor and Councillors.

The Hearing concluded at 5.27 pm

The Mayor, Councillors and Council staff reconvened at 5.30 pm to discuss the process and distributing the additional information requested of staff and submitters for the Council (Decision) meeting on Monday 12 June 2023.

Postscript: All submitter, Council staff responses and additional information were collated into one document and circulated to the Mayor and Councillors prior to the Council (Decision) meeting on Monday 12 June 2023. CM Record No. 23117880

Record No. 23126708