



**Report of a Meeting of a Special Hearing Committee to hear submissions
on the 2021-31 Long Term Plan Consultation Document
held in the Council Chambers, 15 Seymour Street, Blenheim
on TUESDAY 1 JUNE 2021, WEDNESDAY 2 JUNE 2021 and THURSDAY 3 JUNE 2021
commencing each day at 8.30 am**

Present

The Mayor J C Leggett (in the Chair), Clrs J L Andrews, J A Arbuckle, C J Brooks, J D N Croad, B G Dawson, B A Faulls, M J Fitzpatrick, G A Hope, F D Maher, D D Oddie, M A Peters, T P Sowman and N P Taylor

In Attendance

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

Apologies

No apologies for absence were received.

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For each of the days the Mayor welcomed those present and explained the proceedings that would be undertaken for the hearings.

There were 131 submissions received and of those 86 submitters wanted to speak to their submission.

The following speakers had indicated they would speak to their submission but either withdrew prior to the Hearings date or did not appear at their allotted time.

- 2479 Kim Odendaal (*Hospitality New Zealand*)
- 3620 Kevin Prendergast
- 3628 Penny Wardle (*Walking and Access Commission*)
- 3595 Lewis Boyles (*Maataa Waka Ki Te Tau Ihu Trust*)
- 3608 Don Miller
- 3594 Aaron Smail (*Summerset Group Holdings Limited*)
- 2499 Henry Dowler *Withdrawn*
- 2494 BJ Clark (*CCS Disability Auction*)
- 3631 Shane Graham (*Ngati Rarua*)

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.

Tuesday, 1 June 2021

3538 John Reuhman (*Ecoworld Aquarium & Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre; EcoWorld Trust; Picton Cinemas*)

A powerpoint was shown and filed in CM Record No. 21119828.

Decision Sought: Marlborough District Council acknowledges, consults with, supports and includes the EcoWorld. Identities in future relevant Annual Planning and Long Term Planning recognising that: EcoWorld is Marlborough's unique social enterprise making very significant positive impacts locally, regionally and nationally.

3611 Margaret McHugh (*Picton Marlborough Sounds Tourism Inc*)

John Reuhman spoke to the submission also. A powerpoint was shown and is filed in CM Record No. 21119847.

Budget Requested: \$6000

Decision Sought: The Marlborough District Council's support, resources, and non-financial support which might include assistance of staff with any or all of the items via the Annual and Long Term Plan.

NB: It was suggested that the submitter consider making an application to the Community Grants Fund.

3612 Jacqui Lloyd (Destination Marlborough)

A powerpoint was shown and is filed in CM Record No. 21119870.

Decision Sought: That the Marlborough District Council include in the Long Term Plan to:

1. Maintain current funding levels for Destination Marlborough supporting marketing, product development, capability building, and visitor information provision (i-SITEs) for the Marlborough region.
2. Make provision to allow Destination Marlborough the opportunity to approach Marlborough District Council on a case-by-case basis for support as borders reopen and/or qualified unbudgeted tourism opportunities arise that support our highly vulnerable and impacted tourism and hospitality sector.

3505 Katrina Lange (Pure Events Marlborough)

A powerpoint was shown and filed in CM Record No. 21119872.

Budget Requested: \$244,750

Decision Sought: To support the events as outlined in the submission and identified proposed budgets.

3521 Tracy Atkin (Feast Marlborough Charitable Trust)

Budget Requested: \$200,000 annually

Decision Sought: Funding for Feast Marlborough to help deliver and grow Food, Technology and Screen sectors through establishment of a lean, annually funded model similar to that of 'Marlborough for Fun'.

NB: Financial information and budget projections for the Trust were requested.

2498 Robert Besaans (GeoInsight)

Decision Sought: Supports Council's proposal to increase funding to protect the Environment. Continue current economic development activities and increase spending by \$100,000 per annum. Increase skilled IT personnel in the region. Stop printing the Spring and Autumn events guide and disseminate the events online through a social media campaign.

ATTENDANCE: Cllr Sowman withdrew from the meeting at 9.51 am during the following submitter's presentation.

3543 Philip Vink

Submission notes were circulated to members and filed in CM Record No: 21108349

Decision Sought: That the Council consider the feasibility of installing a new Regional Transfer Station located on the outskirts of Renwick to better manage the local environment and waste dumping problems.

ATTENDANCE: Cllr Taylor declared a conflict of interest and withdrew for the Picton Dawn Chorus submission.

3549 James Wilson (Picton Dawn Chorus)

An image was shown which identified all traps that are currently within the Picton region and the future area that Picton Dawn Chorus would like to trap. The image is filed in CM Record No: 21110786. Additional Information from the submitter was circulated to members and is filed in CM Record No: 21109270.

Decision Sought: That the cost of a full-time employee be covered by Council for three years, to ensure that our volunteering work, in building a better environment and a cohesive community, can continue.

NB: Financial information and budget projections were requested.

ATTENDANCE: Cllr Oddie withdrew from the meeting at 10.05 am during the above item and rejoined the meeting at 10.45am at the start of the second session.

ATTENDANCE: The Hearings adjourned at 10.10 am and reconvened at 10.45 am.

3610 Jillian Trayling (Marlborough Heritage Trust)

Cathie Bell spoke to the submission. A presentation was shown and filed in CM Record No: 21111112.

Budget Requested: \$190,731

Decision Sought:

1. Ongoing attention to assist with the development of heritage infrastructure in Marlborough as The Trust reviews its position and core funding requirements.
2. Fire Suppression Systems at Marlborough Museum: topping up available funds to \$450,000.
3. Assistance with assessing the usable life of the Marlborough Museum building.
4. Assistance with security cameras and lighting, dry dock steel wall corrosion survey funding at the Edwin Fox site: \$11,150.54.
5. External security cameras for Marlborough Museum: \$17,581.08.
6. Funding for heritage plaques for Blenheim CBD: \$12,000.00 for 10 plaques.
7. Giving the name of Mary Muller prominence in the new Library to raise awareness of her legacy.
8. Support in principle for the completion of the Making Marlborough documentary which focuses on migration and will be part of Marlborough Museum's permanent exhibitions.

NB: Check capital funding in the 2021 Annual Plan - core funding is available.

ATTENDANCE: Clr Sowman rejoined the Hearings at 11.00 am.

ATTENDANCE: Clr Taylor declared a conflict of interest and withdrew for the Picton Christmas Parade submission.

3559 Beryl Bowers (Picton Christmas Parade)

A copy of the presentation was circulated and is filed in CM Record No. 21111117.

Budget Requested: \$5,000

Decision Sought: That funding be provided to cover the ongoing costs of the road interruption approximately \$5k annually.

NB: As requested two quotes were supplied following the meeting and filed in CM Record Nos: 21115790, 21116494.

2493 Beryl Bowers Picton Historical Society

Phillipa Turley, Curator, was present and introduced to members.

Additional information was circulated to members and filed in CM Record No. 21111164.

Decision Sought: Continued support for the operation of the museum.

ATTENDANCE: Martin Fletcher withdrew from the Hearings at 11.35 am during the following item.

3585 Melissa Tripe (Marlborough Equestrian Park NZ Ltd)

Melissa spoke to their submission and introduced the following people who were present in the public gallery - Tim Smit, Anna Gale, Lisa Ellis (Chairperson), Tracy Rose and Lisa Herkt (Secretary)

A powerpoint presentation was shown and filed in CM Record No: 21110802.

Budget Requested: \$598,900 (excl GST)

Decision Sought: To assist with funding the Marlborough Equestrian Park NZ to enable it to complete its second stage of development.

NB: In the recent funding round 50% of the project cost has been approved under Sports and Recreation Facilities (Feb 2021).

3627 Allan Gifford (Tuamarina Vintage Traction and Machinery Club)

Additional information was circulated to members and filed in CM Record No. 21120162

Decision Sought: Seeks advice and assistance for funding, consenting and servicing for the proposed new facility to an approved site as offered to the Club at Brayshaw Park by Mr John Larcome of Park Administrators.

NB: A copy of the second quote for members' information was provided and filed in CM Record No. 21116272.

3560 Paul Davidson (Argosy Trust)

Sarah Wheldale (Chair, Marlborough Multicultural Centre) also spoke to the submission. A powerpoint presentation was shown and filed in CM Record No. 21110840.

Budget Requested: \$2M per three years over 10 years

Decision Sought: Support local film producers with local productions and the TOTS Film Festival. Finish "Making Marlborough" thereby completing the Only Marlborough Story; Fund this film from Screen Marlborough and EDU budgets; Support local art, culture and heritage.

ATTENDANCE: The Hearings adjourned at 12.22 pm and reconvened at 1.25 pm.

ATTENDANCE: The Mayor withdrew from the Hearings at 12.22 pm and Clr Taylor assumed the chair.

ATTENDANCE: Chris Lake joined the Hearings at 1.25 pm.

2412 *Talia Burton-Walker (Pine Valley Outdoor Centre)*

Graham Ellis and one other, both Trustees from Pine valley Outdoor Centre, spoke to the submission.

Budget Requested: \$86,000

Decision Sought: Funding to seal Pine Valley Road from the intersection of North Bank Rd and Pine Valley Rd to 50m beyond the Pine Valley Outdoor Centre to improve health and safety outcomes for centre users.

NB: Further information from Marlborough Roads on road maintenance costs was requested.

2485 *Anna Polson (Kaipupu Point Mainland Island Society)*

The submitter had a powerpoint presentation but it didn't display properly so wasn't used. The presentation is saved in CM Record No: 21109195. Additional notes were circulated and these are saved under the same record number.

Decision Sought: Council's ongoing support of Kaipupu Wildlife Sanctuary.

2481 *Valerie Seatter (Havelock Community Association)*

Ian Cameron spoke to the submission and had a powerpoint presentation, filed in CM Record No. 21109280.

Budget Requested: \$15,640

Decision Sought: Additional funding from MDC to cover the cost of interior painting at the Pavilion \$6,390 (excl GST). Additional funding to cover the balance of the cost of vinyl floor coverings at Havelock Town Hall \$9,250 (excl GST).

ATTENDANCE: The Hearings adjourned at 1.56 pm and reconvened at 2.33 pm.

The Hearings were adjourned at this time to enable staff to contact submitters to confirm their attendance and whether they were able to appear earlier than scheduled.

ATTENDANCE: Clr Oddie withdrew from the Hearings at 1.56 pm.

2410 *Chloe Dixon*

Decision Sought: Traffic calming on Dillons Point Road. Establish a multiuse urban green space including an accessible playground for children and outdoor exercise area for seniors in the small reserve off Snowden Crescent.

NB: Suggested that the submitter discuss the idea with surrounding residents.

3620 *Kevin Prendergast*

Withdrew from speaking prior to the Hearings but provided his notes that he would have presented on the day which are filed in CM Record No. 21110909.

3524 *Kelvin Watt (Graeme Dingle Foundation Marlborough)*

A brochure was circulated to members and is filed in CM Record No. 21120312. A powerpoint was shown and filed in CM Record No: 21120314.

ATTENDANCE: Clr Dawson withdrew from the Hearings at 3.09 pm.

ATTENDANCE: Hearings adjourned at 3.09 pm and reconvened at 3.30 pm.

3554 *John Kershaw*

Decision Sought: Adopt the proposals and strategies listed as 'yes' in the submission. Undertake consultation, provide support and funding for a Wairau River Regional Park. Restrictions on access into the river reserve be implemented while at the same time allocating areas for specific activities. Support continued investment in shared paths in the Wairau Plans. To leverage the benefit of the Whale Trail – we need both a North and South link into the Whale Trail. Supports the first wave of speed limit reductions on our local rural roads. Asks that all local rural roads be reduced from 100 to 80km/h. Supports more council resources going into recycling soft plastics.

3503 Tamara Livingstone (Marlborough Youth Council)

Representatives from MBC, MGC and QCC spoke - Molly Glover, Charlotte McLean, Tamara Livingstone, Lachlan McNabb and Jarrah Timms (QCC) and Ethan Patrick (MBC).

A powerpoint was shown and filed in CM Record No. 21111625.

Decision Sought: Environment - Clean oceans and rivers are important to us. We would like to see Council supporting clean-up efforts. Promotion about sensible waste disposal in the Sounds, more rubbish bins provided around Picton marina. Raise awareness on the impact of rubbish and waste in the Sounds. Youth Council is in favour of ideas such as the Envirohub waste free trailer for events. Any new building near the sea, such as marinas, needs to consider how they manage waste and any other environmental impact. Youth Council encourage ongoing monitoring of air pollution, keeping public informed and taking steps to reduce this.

Submitters spoke on the current bus service, timetabling and frequency of service.

NB: Suggested that the submission be presented to other groups ie; Rotary. Students will discuss at a future Youth Council meeting.

ATTENDANCE Martin Fletcher joined the Hearings and Chris Lake withdrew from the Hearings at 4.02 pm during the Marlborough Youth Trust submission.

3604 Johanna Lane (Marlborough Youth Trust)

Russell Smith and a Lakshay Negi spoke to the submission. A handout on Myspace was circulated and is filed in CM Record No. 21120419. Lakshay Negi spoke on the Cactus programme.

Budget Requested: \$250,000 pa x 10 years.

Decision Sought: Support for MYSPACE to be a sustainable youth centre for all youth in Marlborough. Marlborough Youth Trust would like to have the resources to keep running the Myspace youth centre. The trust seeks funding support for the building, and operational support. Operational support of at least two trained youth workers, a trust manager, OPEX, power and insurance covered by MDC to the value of \$250,000 per annum. We currently receive \$20,000 from MDC for operational support which only covers the OPEX (building property manager's fees) of \$1,500 per month. We are a not for profit, charitable trust, not a commercial enterprise, and we are struggling to pay OPEX. The Trust would like MDC to remove this expense from the MYT's monthly payments as this could be funding going to youth development.

NB: Councillors requested a copy of the Trust's financials and budget projections, these were supplied and circulated. Filed in CM Record No: 21115491.

2408 Jo Coughlan (New Zealand Chinese Language Week Charitable Trust)

Jo Coughlan was present via Zoom. A video was shown and filed in CM Record No: 21111144.

Budget Requested: \$5000

Decision Sought: Funding to assist with delivery of the New Zealand Chinese Language Week (NZCLW) being held across New Zealand 26 September to 2 October 2021.

3622 Nigel Muir (Sport Tasman)

Rory Crawford was also present and spoke to submission. A powerpoint presentation was shown and is filed in CM Record No. 21111095.

Rory provided a summary to the Councillors on what they have been undertaking in the sporting space.

Decision Sought: Investment in infrastructure - supports the Council's proposed additional investment for significant projects related to the provision of sport and recreation facilities, in line with the Regional Sport and Active Recreation Spaces and Places Strategy for the Top of the South Island. Supports the Council's loan guarantee proposal for the Stadium 2000 Trust to assist with its delivery of physical activity opportunities, in line with our support of and belief in, fit for purpose sport facilities. Sport Tasman advocates that Council continues to develop all opportunities possible for walkways and cycleways, as they encourage an improvement in our environment through lower greenhouse gas emissions, and their encouragement of healthier, more active communities.

2. Investment in the Environment - Sport Tasman strongly supports the connection and education opportunities for rangatahi to engage with the environment, partnering with groups such as DoC and the Marlborough Youth Trust. We would ask the Council to continue to support these initiatives. We support the development of active transport because of the benefits to the environment and opportunities for healthier, more active communities.

3. Investment in the Community - Sport Tasman encourages the Council to continue to invest grant dollars into general community wellbeing and physical activity opportunities as part of creating a healthy, vibrant

community. We encourage 50% of any such grants be aimed at encouraging more activity for our youth, in particular those who are missing out. We support Council investment in community led initiatives, particularly involving young people. We offer our support to Council in working with us around learnings and opportunities for rangatahi to be active.

3617 *Nigel Muir and Michelle Clark*

A powerpoint presentation was shown and filed in CM Record No. 21111647.

Budget Requested: \$30,000

Decision Sought: That Council join in Nigel and Michelle's battle against wilding pines and controlling the many pests on their land, simultaneous to their work, so a total solution for the valley can be found.

3597 *Tom Pegler*

A powerpoint was shown and filed in CM Record No. 21111945

The submission process concluded at 5.37 pm and the Hearings adjourned at this time.

Wednesday, 2 June 2021

ATTENDANCE Martin Fletcher joined the Hearings at 8.30 am.

3616 *Greg Smith (Deluxe Property Group)*

Decision Sought: Council should rezone more land for future requirements out to 25 – 30 years and supply infrastructure 5 – 10 years in advance so that developers know what land is next in the pipeline. This is the only way that supply will finally exceed demand. Council should not be afraid to use legislation to progress the development of land if this is what's required. Residents in the North/West who are sitting on rural land yet to be developed should not be charged a higher rate as suggested, when they were promised otherwise. There is no justification to increase the Reserve Fund Contributions when Council effectively collects 3 – 4 times the amount in Contributions to what it actually spends in that immediate area.

3520 *Phil Robinson (Robinson Construction Limited)*

Decision Sought: Council to focus on enabling land subdivision, by zoning land for residential purposes and installing services to support the zoning. Keeping in mind that landowners will decide to sell or develop when they are ready, and it is unlikely that land owners will do this sequentially. Further Council funded priorities to increase supply.

2411 *Andrew Whitt (Churchward Park Scout Group)*

A YouTube video was shown and filed in CM Record No. 21112311.

Decision Sought: Permission given to the Churchward Park Scout Group to use the building formally used by the Girl Guides on the Churchward Park reserve to run its Scouting programme from.

2482 *Robert Boyes (Evolution Boxing Academy Marlborough)*

Terry Agent and Eddie O'Brien also spoke to the submission.

Budget Requested: \$4,000

Decision Sought: Tenure of the vacant Guide buildings at Churchward Park. A grant of \$4,000 for set up costs - mats, bags, mitts and gloves.

3598 *Robert Stillion (Blenheim Judo Club)*

Anaru also spoke to the submission.

Decision Sought: That the Blenheim Judo Club is able to lease the vacated building at 2 Taylor Pass Road, Blenheim for use as their permanent dojo.

3621 *Samantha Baxter (Marlborough Children's and Youth Theatre)*

Simon Clark spoke to the submission on behalf of Samantha.

Additional information was circulated and filed in CM Record No. 21120979

Decision Sought: Looking for a premises to start a 'Theatre Hub' to house and support multiple performing arts groups, training for Youth and Adult Combined Performances.

2477 *Mary Livingston (Marlborough Community Potters)*

Fran Maguire spoke to the submission. A powerpoint was shown filed in CM Record No. 21108671 and additional information filed in CM Record No. 21120994.

Decision Sought: To transfer its lease with Marlborough District from the shed it currently occupies on the Bright Reserve at 2 Dillons Point Road to the building owned by Council located at 49 Taylor Pass Road.

NB: Following the hearings additional information on the kilns used by the group was circulated via email to Councillors and Executive for their information (Filed in CM Record No. 21114328)

3518 *Victoria Templeton (Little Footsteps)*

Decision Sought: To extend the lease of 49 Taylor Pass Road.

ATTENDANCE: The Hearings adjourned at 10.25 am and reconvened at 10.45 am.

ATTENDANCE: Martin Fletcher withdrew from the Hearings at 10.25 am and Chris Lake joined the Hearings at 10.45 am.

3615 *Debs Martin (Forest & Bird, Marlborough Branch and National Officer)*

Spoke to the submission, no presentation.

3599 *Jane Buckman*

Decision Sought: Continue to actively encourage the pest Free Aotearoa 2050 goal and specifically target Old Man's Beard here in Marlborough. Continue working on development of the Regional Park Concept along the south bank of the Wairau River.

3539 *Bruce Richards*

Spoke to the submission, no presentation.

3540 *Budyong Hill (Climate Karanga Marlborough)*

Submitter's notes were circulated to members and filed in CM Record No: 21112280.

Decision Sought: We request councillors to always take the "precautionary approach" when making decisions that have the potential to impact the Wairau River and aquifer. We request that Council systematically review the LTP, taking a perspective of urgent climate action in the current decade and recognising the need to reduce net GHG emissions by half by 2030. We ask you to keep this "provision for uncertainty" foremost in your minds when finalising the LTP. We ask Council to reassess funding commitments in the Climate Action Plan and ensure adequate resourcing is allocated, if not already done so. We request Councillors to take the long view when considering development of any further housing east of the existing town boundary.

3502 *Richard Osmaston (Money Free Party NZ)*

Submitter was present via zoom.

Decision Sought: To be sufficiently bold to acknowledge our current fatal trajectory and to look at 'outside the box' alternatives to capitalism. For example, the money free 'Resource Based Economy'.

3623 *Heather Davies (East Coast Protection Group)*

Rick Stolwerk was present via Zoom and speaking on behalf of the East Coast Protection Group / Heather Davies.

Decision Sought: Include the area from the Awatere River to the south of Marlborough as an area of environmental focus in the Long Term Plan. Include in this: 1. Update and continue the established timeline to achieve outcomes that will ensure the landscape, natural features and biodiversity are managed, protected, enhanced and valued. 2. Utilise the appropriate legislation and consulting processes to establish rules based order, public access, and protection. 3. Ensure there are resources budgeted to achieve scientific research into the biodiversity, ecosystems and natural processes of the coastline, along with research into the impacts people are having on this area to aid the democratic processes and provide the base for an education programme for the public.

3614 *Monyeen Wedge (Queen Charlotte Sound Residents Association)*

Decision Sought: To accept that the Sounds Admin Rural Rating area needs exclusion from many proposed increases.

3586 *Graham Gosling (Picton Business Group)*

A powerpoint presentation was shown and filed in CM Record No. 21121142.

Decision Sought: Beautification of foreshore. Provision of showers and changing facilities for bathers and picnickers. Sensible shade areas with seating underneath. Reinstate the PBG welcome sign to Picton. A parking plan for Picton. Replacement of paving Lower High Street. Use of sweeper/vac regularly. Lower London Quay – the gutters require covering and coloured sun chairs need removing. Repair of Kent Street - Dublin Street roundabout.

ATTENDANCE: The Hearings adjourned at 12.46 pm and reconvened at 1.30 pm.

3542 *Katherine Horrey (Wairau Valley Community Hall Trust)*

A powerpoint presentation was shown and filed in CM Record No. 21110548.

Decision Sought: Assistance to fund a commercial kitchen facility and financial help to preserve the roof.

3537 *Chris Marshall (Endeavour Park Pavilion Society Inc - Port Marlborough Pavilion)*

Regan Russell and one other were present in support of the submission. A powerpoint was shown and filed in CM Record No. 21110158.

Decision Sought: Request continuance of Council funding current Facilities Manager. In 2023/24 building will need repainting inside and out to prevent major deterioration. Outdoor Sport Training equipment be installed at NE end of current building cost approx. \$500,000. Recommend that the "Feasibility Report, Endeavour Park Pavilion, Endeavour Park, Picton Stage Two Development (Draft, 2016)" quoted in the "Sports Facilities Strategic Plan 2021-2031" ref 11.3.2 be rejected by Council. EPPS is prepared to fund a new Feasibility study to be undertaken during 2021/2 estimated cost \$30,000 and request Council support by way of recommending a suitable independent party to carry out the study. Council appoint a manager to be a member of a three person Project Steering Committee. Subject to the outcome of the feasibility report. Concept plans be developed 2023. Fundraising up to 30% of new building be undertaken by EPPS during 2024/5. Build commence 2026 based on maximum space available between existing building and carpark 1000 sm total cost estimated to be approx. \$5M.

3509 *Ed Chapman-Cohen (Moutere Rugby Football Club)*

A powerpoint presentation was shown and filed in CM Record No. 21121193. One other person spoke in support of the presentation.

Budget Requested: \$181,235

Decision Sought: Approve an additional \$181,235.85 of Council funding for the proposed refurbishment of the Community Centre / Changing Sheds at Awarua Park, Spring Creek.

3523 *Christopher Young (Wairau Presbyterian Parish)*

A powerpoint presentation was shown and filed in CM Record No. 21121196. Robert Burr who chairs their Finance Committee was present in the gallery.

Budget Requested: \$40,000

Decision Sought: To financially support the upgrade of toilet facilities at the WPP Community Hall, 1 Riley Crescent, Redwoodtown.

3545 *Donna Nepia (Omaka Marae Inc)*

Kiley Nepia spoke to the submission and the tamariki from Omaka performed a waiata at the end of the presentation.

Decision Sought: Seeks Council's support of Omaka Marae in the development of a playground for Te Pā Wānanga o Omaka Marae.

ATTENDANCE: Cllr Brooks declared a conflict of interest and withdrew for the Te Whanau Hou Grovetown Lagoon Inc submission.

3548 *Justine Johnson (Te Whanau Hou Grovetown Lagoon Inc)*

Tim Barton (Chair), Doug Hislop member of the Executive Wairau Lagoon spoke to the report. A powerpoint presentation was shown and is filed in CM Record No. 21111411.

Budget Requested: \$20,000

Decision Sought: Spend \$20,000 on an independent review on how the aquatic weed can be controlled upstream of the Grovetown Lagoon pump stations to enhance flood flows, maintain the ecological and aesthetic values of the area in a sustainable way.

3590 *Raymond Madsen (Marlborough Boxing Club)*

A copy of the submitter's notes were circulated to members and is filed in CM Record No. 21121247.

Decision Sought: Council to invest in more community buildings to provide venues for the youth of Marlborough to help them in their sporting activities.

ATTENDANCE: Cllr Sowman declared a conflict of interest and withdrew for the Marlborough Cricket Association Incorporated submission.

3606 *Edward Gilhooly (Marlborough Cricket Association Incorporated)*

Decision Sought: Marlborough Cricket supports the recommendations set out in the LTP for facility development at Horton Park and ask that Council prioritise the cost comparison report on the best option for the Horton Park Pavilion; Consider bringing forward funding allocated for this in the LTP depending on the report findings; Consider the amount of funding allocated in the LTP depending on the report findings; Allocate funding in the next financial year towards costs of upgrades to the outdoor practice nets at Horton Park and to provide support if required towards the main no1 wicket block replacement.

ATTENDANCE: Cllr Andrews declared a conflict of interest and withdrew for the NZMCA Marlborough submission.

3504 *Ian Simmons (NZMCA Marlborough)*

Don Mathews was present and spoke to the submission. The notes were circulated and are filed in CM Record No. 21110821.

Decision Sought: Lease of Horton Park netball courts.

ATTENDANCE: Cllrs Dawson and Oddie and Chris Lake withdrew from the meeting at 3.28 pm.

ATTENDANCE: The Hearings adjourned at 3.28 pm and resumed at 3.44 pm.

ATTENDANCE: Martin Fletcher joined the Hearings at 3.44 pm.

3630 *Carey Huria (Principal Ward School)*

A powerpoint was shown and is filed in CM Record No. 21112808. A copy of the powerpoint was distributed by two students (Jonty and one other). Jonty spoke to the submission. The Ward School principal, Hannah and one other adult was present in the gallery.

Budget Requested: \$75,042

Decision Sought: Funding to design and build a new playground for the benefit of the children of the Ward Community and visitors to the school.

3605 *Corey Hebbard (Te Rūnanga a Rangitāne o Wairau Trust)*

A powerpoint presentation was shown and is filed in CM Record No. 21121279. Three Rangitane representatives present performed a waiata for Councillors.

Decision Sought: Iwi Capability Funding - That Council provide iwi capability funding of \$25,000 each year to Rangitāne in recognition of the work undertaken in the Taiao space in relation to consent processing, with funding from general rates. Māori Cultural Initiatives Fund - That the Marlborough District Council establish a Māori Cultural Initiatives Fund, of \$50,000 per annum (increasing by \$5,000 per annum for each of the next ten years) and that the Fund be targeted at supporting - Marae and papakāinga development and maintenance; Māori cultural programmes, such as wananga, whakapapa research and tribal activities; Māori artwork and design across the Marlborough region. Blenheim Sewerage Treatment Plant (BSTP) - That Council include provision in its Long Term Plan 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 - 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 - Rangitāne proposes that Council establish an eighteen-month project to work with iwi on reviewing all Māori street and catchment names across the region, with a view to rectifying these.

3508 *Moira Parry*

Decision Sought: Supports Council expanding its core role in housing matters as long as in the building process the Council include solar power in the building/construction process.

3522 *Vyviene Dunlop (Marlborough Stroke Club)*

Carol Simpson (President) and Vyviene Dunlop (Secretary) spoke to the submission and are pleased that Council has changed its decision on the installation of a lift in the new senior housing development.

3527 *Kay Saville-Smith*

Submitter spoke to her submission via Zoom.

Decision Sought: Develop a seniors housing strategy within a more comprehensive regional housing strategy with clear goals and action pathways for council and other actors; 2. Adopt LifeMark 4 for all council new builds and independently accredit; 3. Incentivise new builds to be independently accredited through either small increases in site coverage or when intensification is delivered some development levy relief; 4. Set affordable rents for MDC senior housing or use prevailing rents (stock rents) rather than 'flow' rents to represent 'market rents'.

3601 *Kiri McDermott (Awatere Pony Club)*

Indi Payne, Sophie Oswald and Hamish Oswald spoke to the submission and a powerpoint presentation was shown and filed in CM Record No. 21110340.

Budget Requested: \$110,700

Decision Sought: Funding for the installation of an all-weather arena at Flaxbourne Domain.

3588 *Margaret and Niel Sowry*

An image was displayed during the submission and filed in CM Record No. 21121311.

Decision Sought: We ask that Council reverse their decision and follow "Lifemark advice and process" and, indeed, make these valuable units "fit for purpose" with the installation of a lift included at the time of construction.

That from the date of the adoption of 2021-31 LTP and thereafter, rentals for pensioner flats owned by MDC shall only increase in rent by either: a. No more than the percentage increase in Government Superannuation b. No more than the annual increase in the Consumer Price Index whichever is the lesser.

2. That Councillors consider replacing the Chairperson of Committee.

3592 *Bev James (Marlborough Sustainable Housing)*

Spoke to the submission and also used the above submitters image while she spoke to the submission. Bev noted that Russel Hopkins was in the public gallery.

Decision Sought: That the provision of infrastructure and the regulatory requirements to enable appropriate housing on zoned land to continue to be given high priority. That discussions with land owners and developers continue to encourage and support residential subdivision and development. That impediments to sequential infrastructure development for residential zones be addressed and the use of designations under the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) and other powers under the Local Government Act 2002 and the Public Works Act are considered where negotiated settlements cannot be reached. That Council considers the rationale for any Council intervention in housing matters being considered beyond its mandated role and what outcomes it is seeking to achieve. That the feasibility of Council purchasing zoned but undeveloped residential land and subdividing it be explored and a report to Council outlining feasibility and funding options be prepared. That Council-led development of "affordable" housing or apartments on Council-owned land be investigated and a feasibility and funding options report be prepared. That Council continues to monitor and report on housing data and information according to the National Policy Statement on Urban Development (NPS-UD) methodology utilising updated Statistics NZ information when it is available and that this work informs planning for new residential zoning capacity requirements. That a housing preferences survey of our community be commissioned looking at style, location and cost aspirations and the survey outcomes be discussed with the Marlborough and Central Government housing stakeholders to inform action plans. That Council work with the Ministry of Education and KiwiRail to assist the understanding and possible solutions to housing supply challenges related to the Combined Colleges and iReX projects. That the current rating policy for rezoned but undeveloped rural land be reviewed for consultation in the 2022/23 Annual Plan with progress in the development of that land being a key consideration. That further strategic planning work be undertaken through the Senior Housing Sub Committee on the Senior Housing Unit Renewal Plans. That a budget of up to \$100,000 from the Forestry and Land Development Reserve be provided to assist with any planning and analysis work required to implement these recommendations.

The submission process concluded at 5.30 pm and the Hearings adjourned at this time.

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ATTENDANCE: Chris Lake joined the Hearings at 8.30 am.

3546 *Ross Beech*

An aerial of the proposed route was display and is filed in CM Record No. 21121367.

Decision Sought: Sought to draw Council's attention to the following area of high priority for walking/biking access from SH63 to the sea on the true right of the Wairau River. Of particular concern: The stopbank stretch between Giffords Road and Selmes Road has restricted or no access for biking/walking.

3514 *Neil Charles-Jones (Ara Wairau Cycle Trust (not yet incorporated))*

A presentation was shown and is filed in CM Record No. 21114026.

Decision Sought: Financial support for suspension bridges across the Ōpaoa and Wairau Rivers.

ATTENDANCE: Clr Maher declared a conflict of interest and withdrew for the Blenheim Club Incorporated submission.

2478 *David Dew (Blenheim Club Incorporated)*

Helen Pauley (President) and Jarrod Midgley spoke to the submission.

Decision Sought: That a fund is established to assist with the maintenance of historic buildings as outlined in the submission and policies put in place for administration of such a fund. The rates issue is under separate consideration but the Club is happy to discuss that at any hearing.

3501 *Paul Frost (Roofline Marlborough)*

Decision Sought: Seeks support from Council to expand the Voluntary Targeted Rates Scheme further to include the re-roofing of existing Marlborough dwellings by offering a funding service to ratepayers.

Postscript: An email was received from Georgina Cooper and Paul Frost Roofline Marlborough Ltd and circulated to Councillors for their information (filed in CM Record No. 21114702)

3526 *Yvonne Wratt (Grovetown Residents' Association)*

Decision Sought: Install stormwater infrastructure in Grovetown to enable already zoned residential sections to be built on larger sections to be sub-divided. Stop using Targeted Loan Rates as the largest source of funds for the General Revenue Accounts. Targeted Loan Rates should only be used for their targeted purpose, not as a profit making activity for other Council spending.

NB: A letter that was sent to the residents of Grovetown in 2019 was attached to the submission by mistake, it was part of the staff information for Councillors.

ATTENDANCE: Clrs Peters, Oddie and Arbuckle declared a conflict of interest and withdrew for the Levide Capital Limited submission.

3515 *Josh Marshall (Gascoigne Wicks Lawyers)*

Decision Sought: That the Council should be planning in its LTP to provide infrastructure for industrial development in 15th Valley and rural living development in 16th Valley.

3530 *Ross Cooke (Marlborough Vintage & Farm Machinery Society Incorporated)*

John Neal (Secretary) and Ross Cooke (President) of the vintage society talked to their submission and were supported by a powerpoint presentation filed in CM Record No. 21121454. Summary information of the submission was circulated and filed in CM Record No. 21113542.

Budget Requested: \$60,000

Decision Sought: An initial grant of \$60,000 to have the building brought up to current seismic strength so that it may be opened to the public, and the air receivers surveyed; and an annual grant of \$6,300 to cover the annual operating costs, this amount reducing \$3,300 pa if MDC would be willing to consider the station as an extension of Brayshaw Heritage Park where it already insures the buildings and waives the Rates.

ATTENDANCE: Clr Fauls and Chris Lake withdrew from the Hearings at 10.29 am.

ATTENDANCE: The Hearings adjourned at 10.29 am and reconvened at 10.46 am.

ATTENDANCE: Martin Fletcher joined the Hearings at 10.46 am.

3544 Jane Murray (Nelson Marlborough Health)

Jane Murray was present via Zoom and Karen McIntosh was present in Chambers. A powerpoint presentation was shown and filed in CM Record No. 21112302.

Decision Sought: That MDC works closely with NMH to develop a broader smokefree policy. That MDC develops a Local Alcohol Policy, under S75-97 of the Sale of Alcohol Act 2021. That the Plan outlines MDC's commitments in relation to working in partnership with local iwi.

NB: Follow-up information regards Bikes in Schools was circulated to Councillors and filed in CM Record no. 21113634.

2484 Leeson Baldey (Warmer Healthier Homes Te Tau Ihu Charitable Trust)

Leeson Baldey spoke to the submission via Zoom.

Budget Requested: \$30,000 x 3 years

Decision Sought: Seeking approval for the continuation of our programme's funding for the next three years at a reduced amount of \$30,000 per annum.

3536 Joanne Brady (Citizens Advice Bureau Marlborough)

Tiffany Cross and Joanne Brady spoke to the submission.

Budget Requested: \$10,000 x 10 years

Decision Sought: Approval for an additional \$10,000 Council funding per annum (total \$17,100 pa) which will enable us to develop and continue our in-demand service.

ATTENDANCE: Cllr Dawson declared a conflict of interest and withdrew for the Marlborough Chamber of Commerce's submission.

3564 Pete Coldwell (Marlborough Chamber of Commerce)

The supporting notes for the submission were circulated to members and filed in CM Record No. 21113348.

Budget Requested: \$30,000 x 10 years

Decision Sought: Funding to support the Marlborough Chamber of Commerce.

3602 Augusta van Wijk (On behalf of Bragato Research Institute Bragato Research Institute)

Jeffrey Clarke, Interim CEO spoke to the submission and was supported by a powerpoint presentation filed in CM Record No. 21121475.

Budget Requested: \$150,000

Decision Sought: Bragato Research Institute proposes an MDC investment of \$150,000 per year, over the next 10 years, to grow and foster agritech innovation in Marlborough for the wine industry, as detailed in the submission.

NB: Requested financial reports and budgets were received and circulated and are filed in CM Record No. 21116638.

ATTENDANCE: Cllr Faulls rejoined the meeting at 11.40 am.

3587 Phillip Neal (Federated Farmers of New Zealand)

A large number of recommendations were noted by Federated Farmers.

3541 John Cretney (Cissy Bay Community Association)

A powerpoint was shown and is filed in CM Record No. 21112930. Dick Kearsley and one other member of the Cissy Bay Community Association was present.

Decision Sought: To agree on action necessary to address the issues in the submission, namely the upgrading and sealing of two road sections in the Cissy Bay locale.

Noted that Marlborough Roads had provided a quote of \$70,000 for the heli pad area and the road.

ATTENDANCE: The Hearings adjourned at 12.00 pm and reconvened at 1.30 pm.

3603 Joe Keighley (Renwick Smart + Connected)

Decision Sought: To work with the Renwick community to arrange both immediate short term, and long term solutions for waste management and recycling.

2491 *Andrew Caddie (President KCSRA)*

Decision Sought: To ensure Council funds allocated for a vital piece of local infrastructure continue to be ring fenced; and the Council's obligations under the Marlborough Environment Plan to implement a plan of action to assess Climate Change risk on existing Council infrastructure.

3626 *Rangitopeora Wiremu (Te Runanga o Toa Rangatira)*

Tracey Williams spoke to the submission.

The Hearings closed at 2.10 pm.

Members and staff discussed the process and whether any additional information was required for deliberations on Tuesday 8 June 2021.

There being no further business the Hearings closed at 2.34 pm.

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