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## Community meeting keeps Kaiapoi Zone B in the know

*On Wednesday night the Waimakariri District Council, in conjunction with The Pines Beach/Kairaki and Kaiapoi Residents Associations hosted an Earthquake Recovery Community Meeting for Zone B Kaiapoi and The Pines Beach residents.*

This meeting advised residents of the proposed rebuild programme for Zone C along with the implications of large scale construction activity nearby. Members of the Council, Department of Building and Housing and representatives from the insurance industry were present to provide guidance and answer residents' questions.

To co-incide with the two week community meeting programme, the Council also provided a Zone C Enquiries Drop in Centre located at the Kaiapoi Hub. A Waimakariri Earthquake Support Service Coordinator and Engineer were available during drop in hours to answer residents' questions. Following the completion of the six Zone C Kaiapoi community meetings the drop in centre was closed.

Of the community meeting programme and drop in centre, the Council's Infrastructure Recovery Manager Rob Kerr says both were well received by residents. "We are very pleased with the response we got during the meetings and the feedback we received was that people were pleased to understand the timeframes for the rebuild of their community."

"We are also very aware of the challenges involved with the delivery of this project and all the things that need to come together for the programme to be met.

We all need to be aware there are many things that could affect the programme and this means that these timeframes change. However the Council is working hard with all the different organisations and companies involved to minimise uncertainties."

"It is these uncertainties which mean that we can only give an indication that works will start at some time during each of the six month periods. Most clusters will not commence at the start of this period – they will start during that six months – however we don't know exactly when yet."

The Council is also reminding Zone C residents about the follow up meetings next week on April 12 and 13 at the Kaiapoi Borough School Hall. These meetings will provide an opportunity for further discussion and questions raised during the community meetings will be addressed.

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