

SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL

17 MAY 2017

AGENDA ITEM E1

REPORT FROM HER WORSHIP THE MAYOR

Purpose of Report

To update Council on activities and issues which have arisen since my last report to Council.

Recommendations

Her Worship the Mayor recommends that Council:

1. *Receives the information.*
2. *Appoint Councillor Colin Wright as the SWDC representative on the GWRC Wairarapa Committee and Councillor Brian Jephson as the SWDC alternate to the GWRC Wairarapa Committee.*
3. *Appoint Councillor Paora Ammunson as the SWDC representative on the Cycle Strategy Group.*

1. SWDC Annual Plan 2017/18 and Local Government Commission consultation

The last six weeks have been focussed on engaging with the public and actively encouraging them to have their say by putting in submissions to the SWDC Annual Plan and the LGC draft proposal for a Wairarapa Council.

Both these proposals have a huge impact on the future of South Wairarapa.

As a council we released a Discussion Document that gives members of the public an indication of this Council's thoughts on the LGC proposal. We have not taken a definitive position as there is not a consensus around the council table.

I spoke as a panellist at the Wairarapa Voice public meeting held at the Carterton Events Centre on

We have circulated the Discussion Document widely through various media including a pull out feature in Mid-Week.

Council hosted public meetings in Featherston, Martinborough and Greytown to outline the changes in the Annual Plan and answer any questions.

Although there were not large numbers at the meetings there was good information sharing and many questions were asked of Mr Crimp regarding various aspects of the Annual Plan but especially the Waste Water Project.

2. Messines - 100th Anniversary of Battle of Messines

The invitation to attend the New Zealand Commemorative Service has been sent by the New Zealand Ambassador to Belgium H. E. Gregory Andrews in the presence of H.E. The Rt Hon. Dame Patsy Reddy, Governor-General of New Zealand.

The programme of commemorations has now been released; it will be a very busy day.

The programme for the 7th June in Messines will be as following :

- 08.00 AM : New Zealand ceremony at the Messines Ridge British Cemetery
- 10.30 AM : Australian ceremony at the Strand Cemetery in Ploegsteert
- 02.00 PM : Irish / UK ceremony at the Island of Ireland Peace Park
- 04.00 PM : eventually small additional Irish ceremony in Wytschate
- 07.30 PM : New Zealand evening ceremony

The town of Mesen has arranged accommodation for me at their expense. I will be taking letters, artwork and videos from the Featherston Schools to give to the children of Mesen.

3. Committee Appointments; GWRC Wairarapa Committee and the Joint Wairarapa Cycle Strategy group.

The Chair of GWRC has invited SWDC to appoint a Councillor as a representative on their new Wairarapa Committee. The request and the terms of reference for the Committee are attached as Appendix 2.

My suggestion is we appoint Councillor Colin Wright as he has extensive experience with not only the Regional Council but also as an officer in the Wairarapa Catchment Board and the CEO of Carterton District Council.

I believe that Councillor Brian Jephson be appointed the SWDC alternate representative due to his intimate knowledge of rural issues.

Councillor Greg Laing from Carterton District Council has asked SWDC for a representative to sit on a Wairarapa Cycle Strategy Group. I would like to recommend that SWDC is represented by Councillor Ammunson on the Joint Wairarapa Cycle Strategy group. Cr Ammunson is working with other Cycle groups and organisations so he has a good knowledge of what is happening within the Wairarapa.

4. Remutaka Hill Road Committee

Meeting – Date & Venue	7 April 2017 12.30pm Remutaka Hill Road Committee Greytown Town Centre
Present	Mayors from SWDC, Carterton, Upper Hutt and Masterton, Representatives from GWRC, NZTA, AA, Road Transport Assoc, Police.
Key issues from meeting	Update on works on the Hill Road- Taking out sharp bends on the Wairarapa side, A review of signage especially around the "slow vehicle bay". The State Highway 2 Business case Te Marua to Masterton has been adopted by the NZTA Board but it will not be one of the projects supported with funding. The intersections at Ngamutama Rd and Norfolk Rd were seen as priorities. NZTA will work with Carterton DC to improve the intersection at Norman Ave Name change to Remutaka Pass at the summit. This Committee will meet quarterly

5. Correspondence

DATE	INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE	SUBJECT
3 March 17	Irene Hammond	Representation at Messines.
15 March 17	Local Government Commission	Draft proposal: Local Government re-organisation Wellington region.
30 March 17	Athletics Featherston Inc	Thanks to council for support of the triathlon, Tri-Featherston.
30 March 17	UCOL	Thank you for representation at recent graduation and the scholarship.
10 April 17	Bring it to Colombo Trust	AGM report.
10 April 17	Ministry of Transport	Amendment to the Government policy statement on Land Transport.
13 April 17	Audit New Zealand	New publication "Asset management and long-term planning: learning from audit findings 2015-2017.
April 17	Janice Wenn	Thank you for visiting Ultimate Care.
1 May 17	Greater Wellington Regional Council	Southern Rimutaka Aerial Project

DATE	OUTWARDS	SUBJECT
20 March 17	Irene Hammond	Thank you for letter of support in regards to representation at Messines centenary.
13 April 17	Mike and Liz McCreary	Congratulations on your success in the recent Balance Farm Awards.
18 April 17	Janice Wenn	Annual Plan query.
27 April 17	RSAs	Thank you for organisation of parades in district.
1 May17	Mangar Family	Letter of condolence.

6. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Letter from Mayor of Messines to Featherston for ANZAC Day

Appendix 2 – Wairarapa Committee Request and Terms of Reference

Prepared By: Her Worship the Mayor, Viv Napier

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Anzac day message to the people of the South Wairarapa district

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After having lost their lives on this land they have become our sons as well.”

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6 April 2017

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Dear Viv

South Wairarapa District Council nominee for the Wairarapa Committee

At its meeting on 5 April 2017 Greater Wellington Regional Council established the Wairarapa Committee to consider matters of relevance to the Wairarapa. The Committee's terms of reference are attached. GWRC's appointees to the Committee are Councillors Staples (Committee Chair), Donaldson (Committee Deputy Chair), and Laidlaw.

SWDC is invited to nominate one elected member for appointment to this Committee, and one elected member as an alternate. I would be grateful if you would provide your Council's nominations by the end of May, to enable Council to make the appointment in June.

It is anticipated that the first meeting of the Wairarapa Committee will be held in August 2017.

Yours sincerely

Chris Laidlaw
Chair

NOMINATION FOR REPRESENTATIVES ON GWRC WAIRARAPA COMMITTEE



Wairarapa Committee

1 Purpose

The purpose of the Wairarapa Committee is to consider matters of importance to the Wairarapa and make recommendations to the Council on these matters.

2 Specific responsibilities

The Committee may consider and make recommendations to Council on any issues relevant to the Wairarapa, including but not limited to:

- flood protection
- land management
- biosecurity
- biodiversity
- public transport
- natural resource management.

3 Membership

1. The Greater Wellington Regional Council Councillor elected from the Wairarapa Constituency, and two other Greater Wellington Regional Council Councillors.
2. One member, being an elected member of Carterton District Council appointed by the Council on nomination by Carterton District Council.
3. One member, being an elected member of the Masterton District Council appointed by the Council on nomination by Masterton District Council.
4. One member, being an elected member of South Wairarapa District Council appointed by the Council on nomination by South Wairarapa District Council.
5. One member, appointed by Council on the nomination of Kahungunu ki Wairarapa, for their skills, attributes or knowledge to assist the Committee.
6. One member, appointed by Council on the nomination of Rangitāne ō Wairarapa, for their skills, attributes or knowledge to assist the Committee.

4 Alternates

1. Each territorial authority is entitled to nominate an alternate member for appointment to the Committee. The alternate may attend and vote at meetings of the Committee, but only in the event that the appointed member is unable to attend.
2. In the case of the Greater Wellington Regional Council members appointed to the Committee, that Council may nominate a pool of up to three alternate members for appointment to the Committee. In the event that a Greater Wellington Regional Council member is unavailable to attend a Committee meeting any one person from the pool of the Council's alternate members may attend and vote in their place.

5 Quorum

Half the number of members, including two Wellington Regional Council members.

6 Voting entitlement

All members have equal voting and speaking rights.

The Chair, in the case of an equality of votes, does not have a casting vote (and therefore the motion is defeated and the status quo is preserved).

7 Reporting and servicing

1. The Committee reports to the Greater Wellington Regional Council.
2. The Committee is serviced by the Greater Wellington Regional Council.
3. As the servicing body, Greater Wellington Regional Council standing orders apply to the Committee, subject to the exclusion of the casting vote provision, as referenced in section 6.

8 Council decision-making on Committee recommendations

Decisions made by Council on Committee recommendations will be reported to the Committee. Where Council makes a decision that is materially different from the recommendation of the Committee the reasons for the Council decision will be set out in the report.

9 Remuneration

1. The expenses of members of the Committee who are elected members of the Greater Wellington Regional Council, Carterton District Council, Masterton District Council, or South Wairarapa District Council shall be met by the council they represent.

2. Committee members who are not otherwise being remunerated may claim Greater Wellington Regional Council daily meeting attendance allowances and expenses.

10 Meeting frequency

The Subcommittee shall meet on a quarterly basis, with additional meetings as required.