

SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL

18 NOVEMBER 2015

AGENDA ITEM C6

WAIHINGA CENTRE

Purpose of Report

To summarise progress to date.

Recommendations

The Chief Executive Officer recommends that Council:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Recognise there is strong community support for the Waihinga Centre Project and Council is continuing to work closely with the steering group and SGL Group to review the capital funding programme and the building plans to identify where savings can be made. Council recommends that the Waihinga Centre project be completed in 2 phases. The first being the core building including refurbishment of the town hall and phase 2 being the playground. Further public consultation will be undertaken on the playground and surrounding area design.*

1. Executive Summary

The completion of the consultation on seeking views on whether a targeted rate was an option to complete the funding requirements for the Waihinga Centre concluded that this option was not supported.

As part of that process valuable feedback was received on the project, there was clear support for a project of this nature.

Council resolved (subject to confirmation):

"DC2015/145 to reject the targeted rate and recognizing the strong support in the community for the Waihinga centre, that council meet with the Martinborough Community Centre Steering Group as soon as practicable to discuss a way forward"

2. Discussion

2.1 Next Steps

Council met with the Martinborough Community Centre Steering Group as resolved to discuss next steps.

The discussion revolved around the scope of the project, and the funding available.

Council will review again available funding and look for further opportunities, including additional land/property sales.

The recommended resolution was discussed with Council / Steering Group as a statement of where it is felt the project sits.

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