

SWDC COUNCIL MEETING

27 JUNE 2018

NOTICE OF MOTION

Motion

I, Cr Colin Wright, move that the South Wairarapa District Council hold its regular ordinary Council meetings in each of the three towns by rotation.

Background

At the recent public meeting in Featherston there was comment along the lines that the Council itself meets in its "ivory tower" in Martinborough and was never seen in Featherston.

This started me thinking that there would be merit in the Council having its meetings by rotation in each of the three towns. While this would probably be an inconvenience for the officers involved with the meetings, I consider that the symbolic gesture of meeting in each town in turn would make it well worthwhile.

While the main office was required by order in council in 1989 to be in Martinborough, this does not mean that the Council needs to always meet there. There is already a council-owned meeting venue in each town which has sufficient space to allow public to attend if they so wish.

A possible variation of this approach going forward could be for the Council to have a meeting at each marae within the District although not necessarily at the same frequency as the three towns.

Signed:

