



**SOUTH WAIRARAPA
DISTRICT COUNCIL**
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**SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL
Annual Plan Deliberations 20/21
Extraordinary Meeting (Reconvened)
Minutes from 17 June 2020**

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| Present: | Mayor Alex Beijen (Chair), Deputy Mayor Garrick Emms, Councillors Pam Colenso, Rebecca Fox, Leigh Hay, Brian Jephson, Pip Maynard, Alistair Plimmer, and Brenda West. |
| In Attendance: | Euan Stitt (Group Manager Partnerships and Operations), Katrina Neems (Chief Financial Officer), Karen Yates (Policy and Governance Manager), Amy Wharram (Communications Manager), Russell O’Leary (Group Manager Planning and Environment) and Suzanne Clark (Committee Advisor). |
| Conduct of Business: | The meeting was held in the Supper Room, Texas Street, Martinborough and was conducted in public between 11:30am and 2:36pm. |

Cr Emms read the Council affirmation.

1 Apologies

Mr Wilson had tendered his apologies; Mr Stitt was acting Chief Executive.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2020/52) to receive apologies from Cr Vickery.

(Moved Cr Maynard/Seconded Cr west)

Carried

2 Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

3 Annual Plan Deliberations

Mr Stitt advised Council that additional information on the Sports Hub had been received by Council and advice was being sought on potential impact to Council’s process. Mr Stitt asked Council to defer deliberations on the Sports Hub.

Mrs Neems provided additional financial information and more detail on the Annual Plan projects proposed for 20/21 (tabled). Councillors reviewed the information for each Consultation Document topic, considered submission feedback on the projects, and reviewed whether individual items could be delayed in order to minimise the impact to rates.

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Deliberations – Three Waters

Councillors confirmed that water supply and wastewater should be Council's main focus for 20/21 and that Council should develop a Water Conservation Plan. After considering the projects in more detail Council confirmed that all waters projects should be programmed and rated for as planned.

Deliberations – Community and Recreation

Councillors requested that after hours use information be captured and more advertising of pool opening hours be undertaken. It was confirmed that Council should continue with a trial of extended swimming pool hours for an additional 12 months.

Councillors confirmed support for an additional \$50,000 to be allocated in the AP 20/21 for building maintenance of Council owned buildings and for street tree maintenance.

Councillors confirmed support for an additional \$60,000 operating and \$80,000 capital expenditure for upgrades to housing for seniors and to increase rents on senior housing as proposed.

Deliberations – Land Transport

Councillors discussed the reserve funds purpose and concluded that additional yearly funding of \$375,000 from reserves for footpath maintenance as agreed to in the 19/20 year should continue in 20/21.

Councillors confirmed that additional funding of \$600,000 for roading network maintenance and renewal should be included in the Annual Plan.

Councillors confirmed that Council should do more to promote walking and cycling in the district in 20/21.

Deliberations – Waste Minimisation

Councillors confirmed that a Waste Minimisation Action Plan should be developed in the 20/21 year.

The meeting adjourned at 12:51pm.

The meeting reconvened at 1:20pm.

Deliberations – Building Capability

Mrs Neems advised that the majority of the proposal was to address staffing shortages. The consultant's budget had been reduced as increased capability would allow more work to be done inhouse. Councillors confirmed support for an additional \$370,000 in the 20/21 year to invest in additional Council capability, but requested that the Council Mark project (\$30,000) be deferred to the Long Term Plan.

Deliberations – Rates, Fees and Charges

Mrs Neems presented a cashflow model (tabled) and discussed rates smoothing with councillors. The option presented was considered the less risky option as cashflow wasn't

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impacted, was permitted by the Revenue and Financing Policy, was used by other councils and was endorsed by Local Government NZ. The model presented took the COVID-19 impact into consideration.

Council endorsed rate increases being partially funded by raising a loan and smoothing the effect over the next five financial years.

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.....(Mayor)

.....(Date)

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