



SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL
Minutes from 10 February 2021

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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, Ross Vickery and Brenda West (from 10:02am).
- In Attendance:** Karen Yates (Policy and Governance Manager), Katrina Neems (Chief Financial Officer), and Suzanne Clark (Committee Advisor).
Attendance via audio-visual link: Kim Kelly (Project Director – Wellington Regional Growth Strategy).
- Conduct of Business:** The meeting was held in the Supper Room, Waihinga Centre, Texas Street, Martinborough and was conducted in public between 10:00am and 12:15pm except where expressly noted.
- Public Participation:** Mike Gray and Warren Woodgyer.
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Open Section

Cr Emms read the Council affirmation.

A1. Apologies

*COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2021/01) to accept apologies from Mr Harry Wilson.
(Moved Cr Emms/Seconded Cr Fox)*

Carried

A2. Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

A3. Acknowledgements and Tributes

Mayor Beijen acknowledged the passing and loss of Council officer Godwell Mahowa.

Cr Plimmer acknowledged the passing of John Hayes son in respect of Mr Hayes former position as the Wairarapa member of parliament.

Cr Fox acknowledged the passing of Helen Smith who was an active member of the Inner Wheels Club and the wider community.

Cr Maynard acknowledged the passing of George Aporo who was local mana whenua.

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Mayor Beijen acknowledged Mr Nathan Maynard for representing Hau Arika Marae on the Māori Standing Committee, and Council on the Destination Wairarapa Board. Mr Maynard was pursuing a new job opportunity outside the Wairarapa.

A4. Public Participation

Mr Gray and Mr Woodgyer presented questions on the proposed 'Establishment of a Wellington Region Joint Committee' report as to value for money and ongoing costs, effects on local democracy due to centralisation, and the need for community engagement before agreeing to enter into a joint committee agreement.

A5. Actions from public participation

Discussion on the item from Mr Gray and Mr Woodgyer was deferred to agenda item C1 Establishment of Wellington Region Joint Committee.

COUNCIL NOTED:

1. Action 4: Provide a response to Mike Gray on questions asked regarding the Establishment of the Wellington Region Joint Committee during the public forum; R O'Leary

A6. Extraordinary Business

There was no extraordinary business.

A7. Community Board/Māori Standing Committee Report from Meetings

There was no community board or Māori Standing Committee participation.

A8. Minutes for Confirmation

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2021/02) that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 25 November 2020 are a true and correct record subject to the correction of the Public Participation section; specifically altering the name 'Kim Kelly' to 'Kim Hayes'.
(Moved Cr Colenso/Seconded Cr Plimmer) Carried

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2021/03) that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 17 December 2020 are a true and correct record.
(Moved Cr Plimmer/Seconded Cr Emms) Carried

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2021/04) that the minutes of the public excluded Council meeting held on 25 November 2020 can be received in public.
(Moved Cr Hay/Seconded Cr Jephson) Carried

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2021/05) that the public excluded minutes of the Council meeting held on 25 November 2020 are a true and correct record.
(Moved Cr Hay/Seconded Cr Fox) Carried

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A9. Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

B Recommendations from Committees and Community Boards

B1. Minutes of Council Committees and Community Boards

Cr Plimmer outlined the rationale leading to the Greytown Community Board recommendation to Council.

Members discussed the community board public participation proposal to plant trees on road reserve between the South Wairarapa towns and would await Council officer advice.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2021/06):

1. To receive the Report.
(Moved Cr Fox/Seconded Cr Jephson) Carried
2. Receive the minutes of the Māori Standing Committee meeting 8 December 2020.
3. Receive the minutes of the Greytown Community Board meeting 9 December 2020.
4. Note the recommendation from the Greytown Community Board to review the funding criteria of the Grants Policy.
5. Receive the minutes of the Featherston Community Board meeting 15 December 2020.
6. Receive the minutes of the Assets and Services Committee meeting 16 December 2020.
7. Receive the minutes of the Planning and Regulatory Committee meeting 16 December 2020.
8. Receive the minutes of the Martinborough Community Board meeting 17 December 2020.
(Moved Cr Colenso/Seconded Cr Maynard) Carried

B2. Recommendations from Planning and Regulatory Committee

Mayor Beijen read amended recommendations for Council to consider. The recommendations had been revised to ensure clarity that an agreement to sell, the sale value, and the authority to stop the section of unformed road.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2021/07):

1. To receive the Recommendations from Planning and Regulatory Committee Report.
(Moved Cr Fox/Seconded Cr Hay) Carried
2. To endorse the methodology used to establish the value of a 7000m² section of legal, unformed road reserve (part of Hickson Street) contained within the property at 185 Boundary Road, Featherston.
3. To agree to sell and transfer that section of road to the owner of 185 Boundary Road, Featherston for the price of \$53,550 and all other costs

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relating to the stopping of the road, sale and transfer to be met by the purchaser.

4. To stop that section of road in accordance with Section 342 and Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 1974.

(Moved Cr West/Seconded Cr Vickery)

Carried

C Decision Reports from Chief Executive and Staff

C1. Establishment of a Wellington Region Joint Committee

Ms Kelly outlined the background to the proposal for Council to establish a joint regional committee, and emphasised the need for one formal regional voice. Members discussed the potential consequences of not establishing the committee, Wairarapa representation, engagement with iwi on the initiative, committee and project funding, inclusion of Horowhenua and funding share arrangements, commitment from other councils, discharging the Wellington Regional Strategy Committee, and public consultation of the Wellington Regional Growth Framework. Members agreed to appoint an alternate to the Committee at a later date.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2021/08):

1. To receive the Establishment of a Wellington Region Joint Committee Report.
(Moved Cr Fox/Seconded Cr Jephson) Carried
2. To approve the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee Joint Committee Agreement (referred to in, and attached to, the Report) and the Council's entry into it.
3. To authorise the Mayor to sign, on behalf of the Council, the Joint Committee Agreement.
4. To note that the Joint Committee will adopt a memorandum of understanding which will set out the principles that guide the Joint Committee's work and the approach that the Joint Committee will take.
5. To appoint and establish the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee as a joint committee under clause 30(1)(b) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002 on the terms set out in the Joint Committee Agreement and with effect from the date that the Joint Committee Agreement is signed by all local authority parties.
(Moved Cr Jephson/Seconded Cr Hay) Carried
6. To appoint the Mayor to the Joint Committee, with effect from the date that the Joint Committee is established.
7. To appoint a councillor as an alternate to be a member of the Joint Committee and attend meetings in exceptional circumstances where the Mayor is unable to attend.
(Moved Cr Vickery/Seconded Cr Maynard) Carried
8. To note that the Joint Committee is a joint committee of all of the local authorities that are parties to the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee Joint Committee Agreement and includes members representing iwi and the Crown.

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9. To make the following delegations to the Joint Committee:
 - a. Approval of all plans and implementation programmes necessary to fulfil the specific responsibilities of the Joint Committee, including:
 - i. Wellington Regional Growth Framework and the Wellington Regional Growth Framework Implementation Plan
 - ii. Regional Economic Development Plan
 - iii. Regional Economic Recovery Implementation Plan
 - b. Approval of all submissions and advocacy statements necessary to fulfil the specific responsibilities of the Joint Committee.
10. Note that the Wellington Regional Strategy Committee is likely to be disestablished in the future, with the disestablishment process to be confirmed.

(Moved Cr Maynard/Seconded Cr Fox)

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 11:15am.

The meeting reconvened at 11:30am.

C2. Adoption of the Wairarapa Solid Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw 2021

Councillors Colenso, Emms and Plimmer updated Council on the Bylaw hearings and deliberations, noting general support from the community. Members discussed making resources available for event managers to simplify compliance and encourage event recycling and a future review of control 2.9 in order to reduce the estimated value of building work in order to trigger the requirement for a construction site and demolition waste management plan more widely.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2021/09):

1. To receive the Adoption of the Wairarapa Solid Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw 2021 Report.
2. To receive Report 002/21 of the Wairarapa Policy Working Group Proposed Wairarapa Solid Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw Deliberations held at the Carterton Events Centre on Wednesday, 20 January 2021;

(Moved Cr Plimmer/Seconded Cr Maynard)

Carried

3. To adopt the final Wairarapa Solid Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw and Bylaw Controls 2021 (Attachments 1 and 2) as recommended by the Wairarapa Policy Working Group, with the following amendment, and subject to adoption by the Carterton and Masterton District Councils:

Clause 6 Interpretation

- a. Add the following waste hierarchy definition as an additional reference: "a list of waste management options with decreasing priority – usually shown as reduce, reuse, recycle, reprocess, treat, dispose."

(Moved Cr Plimmer/Seconded Cr Colenso)

Carried

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4. To agree to the following recommendations made by the Wairarapa Policy Working Group, and subject to agreement by the Carterton and Masterton District Councils:
- a. Council will ensure that the compliance, monitoring and enforcement of the Wairarapa Solid Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw and Bylaw Controls 2021 are sufficiently resourced;
 - b. Council will consider possible incentives and support for diversion when developing the regional licensing fee structure;
 - c. The diversion of resources from landfill operations will be considered when developing the waste operator licensing framework;
 - d. Council will ensure that there is information available and communicated to operators clarifying that the waste operator licensing in the Wairarapa Solid Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw 2021 is additional licensing to the offensive trade licensing;
 - e. Council will continue to encourage all event managers to consider waste minimisation and will provide advice and assistance with recycling and waste bin hire;
 - f. Council will continue to better promote and educate on the benefits of waste minimisation plans for events of all sizes;
 - g. Council will look at ways in which better waste management and minimisation education and promotion can be targeted at the building/construction sector;
 - h. Council will look at ways to better provide waste management and minimisation education and promotion for businesses and the wider community;
 - i. Council will look at ways to better promote and provide education about recyclable materials for hardcopy advertising/mail;
 - j. Council will encourage residents to use signage on their letterboxes to reduce the receipt of unaddressed mail or advertising mail.

(Moved Cr Plimmer/Seconded Cr Fox)

Carried

5. To agree to the following recommendations made by the Wairarapa Policy Working Group, and subject to agreement by the Carterton and Masterton District Councils, regarding the scheduled Wellington Region Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2017-23 Review:
- a. That the issue of banning unaddressed mail and advertising material (including inserts in community newspapers) is considered as part of the scheduled Wellington Region Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2017-23 review;
 - b. that the event definition in Clause 6 Interpretation and Clause 12 Events of the Wairarapa Solid Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw 2021 be considered as part of the scheduled Wellington Region Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2017-23 Review, with a view to reducing the number of event attendees required to trigger an event waste minimisation plan and waste analysis report;

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c. that Clause 2.9 Construction Site and Demolition Waste Management Plans of the Wairarapa Solid Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw Controls 2021 be considered as part of the scheduled Wellington Region Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2017-23 Review, with a view to reducing the value required to submit a Construction Site and Demolition Waste Management Plan.

(Moved Cr Plimmer/Seconded Cr Maynard)

Carried

D Information Reports

D1. Action Items

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2021/10) to receive the Action Items Report.

(Moved Cr Vickery/Seconded Cr Fox)

Carried

E Chairpersons Report

E1. Chairpersons Report

Mayor Beijen discussed meetings held with Cobblestones Museum, Uber Urban Ltd, the Wairarapa Mayors and Lee Malneek with councillors. Councillors agreed that officers should investigate solid waste contract implications with regards to recycled glass diversion to a local crushing facility.

Members discussed the Local Electoral Amendment Bill and attendance at the Local Government Conference.

The Destination Wairarapa appointment recommendation was altered to allow an appointment to be made outside the previously agreed list, and to provide for consultation with councillors before the appointment was made.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2021/11):

1. To receive the Mayor's Report.
2. To delegate to the Mayor the authority to appoint a SWDC representative to the Destination Wairarapa Board following consultation with councillors.

(Moved Cr Emms/Seconded Cr Hay)

Carried

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2021/12) that Council officers consider the feasibility of a South Wairarapa operated glass crushing facility.

(Moved Cr Hay/Seconded Cr Jephson)

Carried

Confirmed as a true and correct record

.....(Mayor)

.....(Date)

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