



**SOUTH WAIRARAPA
DISTRICT COUNCIL**
Kia Reretahi Tātau

SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL EXTRAORDINARY MEETING MINUTES

17 April 2019

- Present:** Mayor Viv Napier (Chair), Councillors Lee Carter, Pam Colenso, Margaret Craig, Mike Gray, Brian Jephson, Pip Maynard, Colin Olds, Colin Wright and Ross Vickery.
- In Attendance:** Jennie Mitchell (Acting Chief Executive Officer), Mark Allingham (Group Manager Infrastructure and Services), Russell O’Leary (Group Manager Planning and Environment) and Suzanne Clark (Committee Advisor).
- Conduct of Business:** The meeting was held in the Supper Room, Waihinga Centre, Texas Street, Martinborough and was conducted in public between 9:00am and 12:02pm except where expressly stated.
- Forum and Other Presenters:** Dr Jill McKenzie (Regional Public Health), Richard Rudman, Derek Williams, Ron Shaw, Max Stevens and Adrienne Staples.

Open Section

Cr Olds read the South Wairarapa District Council affirmation.

A1. Karakia

Cr Craig opened with a karakia.

A2. Apologies

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2019/65) to accept apologies from Raihānia Tipoki.

(Moved Cr Jephson/Seconded Cr Maynard)

Carried

A3. Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

A4. Acknowledgements and Tributes

Cr Maynard acknowledged the passing of Mōrehu (Maurice) Tipoki who was a stalwart of the Lake Ferry community and father of Māori Standing Committee Chair Raihānia Tipoki. The passing of Jack Priest, of the Ngawi area, was also acknowledged.

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A5. Public Participation

On behalf of Regional Public Health, Dr McKenzie supported Council's proposal to join Wellington Water as the most likely option to improve standards and well-being.

Mr Rudman proposed that nothing had changed in the three weeks since the hearing held on 27 March 2019 to consider submissions to the proposal to become a shareholder of Wellington Water. Mr Rudman believed the officer's report to be dismissive of concerns and that there was no good reason not to accept the Hearing Committee's recommendation.

Mr Williams believed it was prudent to correct existing Martinborough water issues prior to consideration of next steps. An investigation into a shared water service with Carterton District Council could then follow. Failing a satisfactory arrangement, provision of water services alongside commercial professional specialists should be considered. Mr Williams was not in favour of joining Wellington Water.

Mr Shaw had circulated to councillors an analysis of the officer's report. Mr Shaw believed SWDC had struggled to engage and deliver on the three waters which was a failure of both management and governance, and questioned the wisdom of spending money on the Waihinga Centre before needed infrastructure.

Mr Stevens had read all publicly available material and attended the public meeting regarding the Martinborough water issues and supported officer recommendations on the basis that joining Wellington Water would lift expertise and provide diversity of management. Wellington Water would also be able to provide expert assistance with wastewater consents and stormwater drainage. Mr Stevens requested Council consider making an external appointment to the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee to assist with risk management.

Mrs Staples was not representing Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC), but spoke based on her experience dealing with Wellington Water as a GWRC councillor and as an RMA commissioner. Mrs Staples noted that Council assets would remain the property of SWDC, service levels were set via Council's Long Term Plan - Wellington Water could provide recommendations as could members of the public. The current media reporting of a Wellington City Council (WCC) budget blowout was due to an estimate provided for budgeting purposes six years prior. An accurate quote would not have been obtained that far in advance. Mrs Staples had acted as an RMA commissioner for a hearing and was impressed with the Wellington Water application and their work with affected parties.

A6. Actions from Public Participation

Consideration of points raised would be undertaken under agenda item 'B1 Wellington Water'.

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B Decision Reports from Chief Executive and Staff

B1. Wellington Water

Ms Mitchell answered questions relating to the consultation period, why an open tender was not conducted, the basis for determining that status quo was not acceptable, the basis for determining that Wellington Water has a robust structure, staffing considerations, the practical difference between the current contract and operating with Wellington Water, performance monitoring, statements regarding cost savings, initial investment and emergency budgets.

Cr Jephson left the meeting at 10:17am.

Cr Jephson returned to the meeting at 10:20am.

Cr Maynard left the meeting at 10:30am.

Cr Maynard returned to the meeting at 10:32.

The meeting adjourned at 10:51am.

The meeting reconvened at 11:03am.

Although a hui had been held for the Maori Standing Committee, Cr Maynard believed members felt rushed in their consideration of the Wellington Water proposal and would have liked more time to consider the material.

Mayor Napier noted that Wellington Water were seeking to alter their constitution to allow a mana whenua representative on the Wellington Water Committee and acknowledged that consultation could have been undertaken better and learnings would be undertaken. The Mayor acknowledged Wellington Water's practical input and expertise in the current Martinborough situation and summarised the majority view that Wellington Water was the best option at this time.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2019/66):

1. To receive the Wellington Water Shareholding Report.
(Moved Mayor Napier/Seconded Cr Jephson) Carried
2. To agree to become a shareholder of Wellington Water.
(Moved Cr Vickery/Seconded Cr Craig) Carried
Cr Maynard voted against the motion.
Cr Carter voted against the motion.
Cr Gray voted against the motion.
3. To not ratify the recommendation from the Hearings Committee 27 March 2019.
(Moved Cr Olds/Seconded Cr Wright) Carried
Cr Maynard voted against the motion.
Cr Carter voted against the motion.
Cr Gray voted against the motion.

B2. Recommendation from Hearings Committee

The report was not received and the recommendation was not considered.

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C Consideration of Public Excluded Business

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2019/67) that the public be excluded from the following part of the meeting.

C1. Tender Report Contract No. C124101/2019 Roading Contract

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

| Report/General Subject Matter | Reason for passing this resolution in relation to the matter | Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for the passing of this Resolution |
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| Tender Report Contract No. C124101/2019 Roading Contract | Good reason to withhold exists under section 7(2)(i) | Section 48(1)(a) |

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

| Reason for passing this resolution in relation to the matter | Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for the passing of this Resolution |
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| i) to enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) | Section 7(2)(i) |

(Moved Cr Colenso/Seconded Cr Olds)

Carried

Confirmed as a true and correct record

.....(Mayor)

.....(Date)

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