



**SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL
Ordinary Meeting
Minutes from 18 March 2020**

- 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.
- In Attendance:** Harry Wilson (Chief Executive Officer), Euan Stitt (Group Manager Partnerships and Operations), Russell O’Leary (Group Manager Planning and Environment), Karen Yates (Acting Manager Policy and Governance), Katrina Neems (Chief Financial Officer), Suzanne Clark (Committee Advisor) and Paul Gardiner (Wellington Water) for part only.
- Conduct of Business:** The meeting was held in the Martinborough Town Hall, Texas Street, Martinborough and was conducted in public between 10:00am and 2:06pm.
- Also in Attendance:** Mat Shackleton, Gary Hewson (Greytown Sport and Leisure), Ed Read (Greytown Rugby Club) and Ann Rainford (Greytown Community Board Chair).
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Open Section

Cr Hay read the Council affirmation.

A1. Apologies

There were no apologies.

A2. Conflicts of Interest

Deputy Mayor Emms declared a conflict of interest with the Featherston Treated Wastewater to Land Report; agenda item C1, and would stand aside from debate.

A3. Acknowledgements and Tributes

Cr Colenso acknowledged Thelma Feist who had recently passed away. Ms Feist had researched and written books on Martinborough’s history and had played a key part in Martinborough’s 100 year celebrations.

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A4. Public Participation

Mr Shackleton sought to host a Wairarapa wide suicide memorial with the initial event to be held in Martinborough. Mr Shackleton requested use of Martinborough Square (including power) with the option to move to the Town Hall if it was raining.

Mr Hewson and Mr Read spoke in support of the urgent financial assistance applications from Greytown Rugby Club and Greytown Bowling Club on behalf of the wider Greytown community. They outlined the reasons necessitating the request and that a grant would ensure status quo while providing time for Council to consult with the community on a permanent solution.

A5. Actions from public participation

Council requested Council officers contact Mr Shackleton to see what assistance could be provided.

Council deferred discussion of the funding requests to agenda item 'C2 – Application for Grant Funding'.

COUNCIL NOTED:

1. Action 122: Contact Mat Shackleton to see what assistance can be provided for the proposed suicide memorial to be held in Martinborough; Mr Wilson

A6. Community Board/Māori Standing Committee Participation

Mrs Rainford reported that the Greytown Community Board had met with the community, including Kuranui College students, to determine what the community wanted included in Council's annual plan. A submission from the Community Board had been submitted to Council. The Community Board were progressing civil defence preparedness.

A7. Extraordinary Business

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2020/21) that Council consider a report on an unbudgeted capex delegation limit item. The report was not on the agenda as the quote had only just arrived and is higher than expected, and it can't wait as Council need to undertake emergency preparedness.

(Moved Cr Plimmer/Seconded Cr Fox)

Carried

Urgent Procurement of Standby Generators for Key Water Infrastructure

Mr Stitt discussed the proposed use of the generators with members.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2020/22) to approve the unbudgeted capex expenditure of \$131,500 excluding GST and delegate to the Chief Executive the right to spend those funds.

(Moved Cr Jephson/Seconded Cr Fox)

Carried

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A8. Minutes for Confirmation

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2020/23) that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 5 February 2020 are a true and correct record subject.

(Moved Cr Vickery/Seconded Cr Plimmer)

Carried

A9. Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

B Reports of Committees and Community Boards

B1. Minutes of Council Community Boards and Committees

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2020/24):

1. To receive the information.

(Moved Cr Plimmer/Seconded Cr Emms)

Carried

2. To receive the minutes of the Māori Standing Committee meeting 17 February 2020.

3. To receive the minutes of the Assets and Services Committee meeting 19 February 2020.

4. To receive the minutes of the Greytown Community Board meeting 19 February 2020.

5. To receive the minutes of the Featherston Community Board meeting 25 February 2020.

6. To receive the tabled minutes of the Martinborough Community Board meeting 27 February 2020.

7. To receive the minutes of the Planning and Regulatory Committee meeting 26 February 2020.

(Moved Cr Maynard/Seconded Cr Colenso)

Carried

B2. Recommendations from Community Boards

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2020/25):

1. To receive the Recommendations from Community Boards Report.

(Moved Cr Hay/Seconded Cr Colenso)

Carried

2. To agree the Martinborough Community Board recommendation and support Option 2 – separately rent the Pain Farm cottage for residential purposes as the preferred approach for the long-term future of the Pain Farm homestead, cottage and surrounds.

(Moved Cr Maynard/Seconded Cr Jephson)

Carried

B3. Recommendations from Committees

Cr Vickery outlined the basis for the recommendation from the Planning and Regulatory Committee.

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COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2020/26):

1. To receive the Recommendations from Committees Report.
2. To adopt the draft Ruamāhanga Strategy and Implementation Plan.
3. To note that once the draft Ruamāhanga Strategy and Implementation Plan is adopted, it will become an active strategy.
4. To note that the Ruamāhanga Strategy and Implementation Plan will be regularly updated.

(Moved Cr Fox/Seconded Cr Hay)

Carried

C Decision Reports from Chief Executive and Staff

C1. Featherston Treated Wastewater to Land and Water Resource Consent Application

Deputy Mayor Emms removed himself from the Council table.

Mr Wilson with support from Mr Stitt discussed the advantages, disadvantages and risks associated with the options put forward for decision and the reasons for the recommendation with members.

Mr Gardiner agreed with officer's recommendation to withdraw the consent and the proposed three month timeframe to provide a report for decision to Council.

In making a decision the following was considered:

- That treatment of pathogens was not fully contemplated and climate change was not addressed in the original consent application.
- That not all the \$2.8m spent to date would be sunk as three-quarters of that figure related to technical/science analysis and could be reused in new solution proposals.
- That this decision precedes information on potential solutions and associated financial costs being available.
- That Council can continue to operate under current consent conditions in the short term.
- The urgency of ensuring untreated wastewater was not discharged to waterways and the need to consider a range of options, associated costs and a community engagement plan in a timely manner.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2020/27):

1. To receive the Featherston Treated Wastewater to Land and Water Resource Consent Application Report.

(Moved Cr West/Seconded Cr Colenso)

Carried

2. To endorse Option 2 (withdrawal of the current consent application and lodging a new consent application) as the way forward for the Featherston Treated Wastewater to land and water consent application.
3. Within three months prepare options for the Assessment of Environmental Effects and a Community Engagement Plan.

(Moved Cr Fox/Seconded Cr Colenso)

Carried

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C2. Application for Grant Funding

Members considered the points made during the public forum and discussed the potential for precedent setting, review of the Grant Policy, potential loss of club assets, that a sudden change in a historical funding policy had occurred, that the land was originally gifted to the community, that the grant would be funded from the total grant pool allocated in the 19/20 Annual Plan, and that another Greytown property was also impacted by current property transition policies.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2020/28):

1. To receive the Application for Grant Funding Report.
(Moved Cr Hay/Seconded Cr Plimmer) Carried
2. To grant Greytown Rugby Football Club \$15,000.00 and Greytown Bowling Club \$5,828.82.
(Moved Cr Plimmer/Seconded Cr Jephson) Carried

Council adjourned for lunch at 12:30pm.

Council reconvened at 1:05pm.

C3. Committee Appointments

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2020/29):

1. To receive the Elected Member and Committee Appointments Report.
(Moved Cr Hay/Seconded Cr Colenso) Carried
2. To appoint Carlene Te Tau (Rangitāne o Wairarapa) as an external member to the Māori Standing Committee on an interim basis.
(Moved Cr Jephson/Seconded Cr Maynard) Carried

C4. South Wairarapa Spatial Plan Programme and Enhanced Community Engagement Proposal

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2020/30) to delay consideration of the South Wairarapa Spatial Plan Programme and Enhanced Community Engagement Proposal Report until the next meeting.

(Moved Cr Hay/Seconded Cr Vickery) Carried

C5. Local Governance Statement

Mr Wilson with support from Ms Yates answered members' questions regarding changes made to the document from the 16-19 triennium.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2020/31):

1. To receive the Local Governance Statement Report.
(Moved Cr Fox/Seconded Cr Emms) Carried
2. To adopt the Local Governance Statement 2019-2022 for publication to the South Wairarapa District Council's website.

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3. To delegate to the Chief Executive the authority to maintain the Local Governance Statement by making administrative updates as and when required.

(Moved Cr Fox/Seconded Cr Maynard)

Carried

C6. Triennial Agreement

Members discussed including the Wellington Region Waste Management and Minimisation Plan Joint Committee as an example under clause 5.1(b) but acknowledged that the list was not exhaustive and that the document had already been agreed in the current form by all but one of the other nine councils. The suggestion would be forwarded to the servicing council as a suggested change for the 2022-2025 triennium document.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2020/32):

1. To receive the Triennial Agreement Report.
(Moved Cr Vickery/Seconded Cr Colenso) Carried
2. To agree the draft Triennial Agreement 2019-2022 attached in Appendix 1.
3. To delegate to the Chief Executive Officer and the Mayor the authority to make any minor amendments required as a result of minor changes requested by other local authorities in the region as part of the adoption process.

(Moved Cr Plimmer/Seconded Cr Maynard)

Carried

D1. Action Items Report

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2020/33) to receive the Action Items Report.

(Moved Cr Colenso/Seconded Cr Fox)

Carried

E Chairperson's Report

E1. Report from His Worship the Mayor

Mayor Beijen briefed Council on key points from meetings attended. Mayor Beijen undertook to include councillor attendance at meetings as applicable.

The Mayor discussed the reasons for the recommendation to revoke resolution DC2018/77 with members.

Members wanted to ensure robust reporting back to Council from Cobblestones Museum in light of the current property transition issues; changes to recommendation three were made to ensure this.

Councillors selected to attend the LGNZ Conference were drawn from lot from those available to attend.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2020/34):

1. To receive the report from His Worship the Mayor.
(Moved Cr Colenso/Seconded Cr Plimmer) Carried
2. To revoke resolution DC2018/77 (That South Wairarapa District Council hold its regular ordinary Council meetings in each of the three wards by rotation) in its entirety.

(Moved Cr Jephson/Seconded Cr Hay)

Carried

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3. To endorse the recommendations of Alan Percy as Council's preferred appointee to the Cobblestones Trust Board and request that Cobblestones Trust consider formally appointing Mr Percy as Council's representative on the Board with the proviso that Mr Percy prepare a report for every Council meeting.

(Moved Cr Hay/Seconded Cr Emms)

Carried

4. To make an external appointment of Colin Wright to the GWRC Waiohine Floodplain Management Plan Steering Group in place of interim member Cr Leigh Hay.

(Moved Cr Jephson/Seconded Cr Colenso)

Carried

5. That Cr Fox, Deputy Mayor Emms and Mayor Beijen will attend the LGNZ Conference in Blenheim when it is held.

(Moved Cr Hay/Seconded Cr Colenso)

Carried

F. Reports from Committees (Public Excluded)

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2020/35) that the public be excluded from the following part of the meeting, namely:

F1. Recommendation from CEO Review Committee

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
Recommendation from CEO Review Committee	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7(2)(a)	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
a) to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons	Section 7(2)(a)

(Moved Cr Maynard/Seconded Cr Plimmer)

Carried

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Confirmed as a true and correct record

.....(Mayor)

.....(Date)

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