



SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

18 May 2016

Present: Mayor Adrienne Staples (Chair), Councillors Margaret Craig, Dean Davies, Brian Jephson, David Montgomerie, Viv Napier (from 9:45am), Colin Olds, Julie Riddell, Solitaire Robertson and Max Stevens.

In Attendance: Paul Crimp (Chief Executive Officer), Suzanne Clark (Committee Secretary) and for part only Mark Allingham (Group Manager Infrastructure and Services).

Also In Attendance: Hayley Gastmeier (Wairarapa Times Age).

Conduct of Business: The meeting was held in the South Wairarapa District Council Chambers at 19 Kitchener Street, Martinborough and was conducted in public between 9:30am and 11:25am except where expressly noted.

Procedural Matters

Councillors agreed to consider additional items under agenda item E1 Mayor's Report so guidance could be provided to requesters on repatriation of a Wairarapa waka and the formal opening date of the Featherston Town Square.

A. Public Business

A1. Apologies

Mayor Staples tendered lateness apologies on behalf of Cr Napier.

A2. Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

A3. Public Participation

There was no public participation.

A4. Minutes for Confirmation

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2016/58) that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 6 April 2016 be received and confirmed as a true and correct record.

(Moved Cr Robertson/Seconded Cr Riddell)

Carried

A5. District Council Actions

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2016/59) to receive the action items.

(Moved Cr Craig/Seconded Cr Davies)

Carried

DISCLAIMER

Until confirmed as a true and correct record, at a subsequent meeting, the minutes of this meeting should not be relied on as to their correctness

B Council Committee and Community Board Minutes

B1. Policy and Finance Committee

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2016/60) to receive the minutes of the Policy and Finance Committee 6 April 2016.

(Moved Cr Craig/Seconded Cr Jephson)

Carried

B2. Martinborough Community Board

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2016/61) to receive the minutes of the Martinborough Community Board 11 April 2016.

(Moved Cr Olds/Seconded Cr Montgomerie)

Carried

B3. Featherston Community Board

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2016/62) to receive the minutes of the Featherston Community Board 26 April 2016.

(Moved Cr Olds/Seconded Cr Montgomerie)

Carried

B4. Greytown Community Board

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2016/63) to receive the minutes of the Greytown Community Board 27 April 2016.

(Moved Cr Olds/Seconded Cr Montgomerie)

Carried

C Decision Papers and Common Seal

C1. Formation of Water Race Users Group (WRUG)

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2016/64):

1. To receive the information.

(Moved Cr Stevens/Seconded Cr Robertson)

Carried

2. To ratify the formation of the Water Race Users Group (WRUG) subject to clarification of the waste water consent iwi representation requirement and amendment of the WRUG membership if required.

(Moved Cr Riddell/Seconded Cr Olds)

Carried

C2. Elected Members Remuneration

Mr Crimp tabled an updated report noting that the change from the published report related to the recommendations regarding the Deputy Mayor's salary. The amended report addresses the loss in salary that occurred at the last change.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2016/65):

1. To receive the information.

2. To approve additional duties payment for the councillor representative on the Ruamahanga Whaitua Committee of either 50% of the appointed member remuneration, or \$3,000, whichever is the greater.

3. To note that the above resolution will be effective following approval from the Remuneration Authority.

DISCLAIMER

Until confirmed as a true and correct record, at a subsequent meeting, the minutes of this meeting should not be relied on as to their correctness

4. To approve remuneration for the Deputy Mayor position at 40% of Mayoral Remuneration (total remuneration).

(Moved Cr Jephson/Seconded Cr Riddell)

Carried

C3. 2016 Local Authority Elections

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2016/66):

1. To receive the information.
2. To approve that candidates be listed on voting papers in random order.

(Moved Cr Montgomerie/Seconded Cr Jephson)

Carried

D Operational Reports

D1. Planning and Environment Group Report

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2016/67) to receive the Planning and Environment Group Report.

(Moved Cr Montgomerie/Seconded Cr Olds)

Carried

D2. Infrastructure and Services Group Report

The Group Manager Infrastructure and Services discussed setup of the waste water community liaison groups, the Oxford Street lime footpath, a meeting with NZTA regarding the one road network and Cape Palliser Road, community housing, Featherston water quality and associated complaints, Cross Creek cycle trail maintenance and NZTA funded further development, Greytown Town Centre maintenance plan and needed repairs, freedom camping and the high demand of district swimming pools over summer with councillors.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2016/68):

1. To receive the Infrastructure and Services Group Report.
(Moved Cr Stevens/Seconded Cr Davies)
2. Action 279: Update councillors on what is currently on the Greytown Town Centre maintenance plan and how often the planned is reviewed and whether roof maintenance, paint repairs and replacement of electronic equipment (e.g. projector connections) is on the regular maintenance schedule; M Allingham

Carried

D3. Chief Executive Officer Report

Mr Crimp highlighted the new record low rates arrears amount and discussed the abandoned land rating sale LGOIMA request with members.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2016/69):

1. To receive the Chief Executive Officer Report.
2. To receive the financial statements for the period ended 31 March 2016.
3. To endorse the Hau Arika Marae nomination of Reuben Tipoki for the Maori Standing Committee.

(Moved Cr Davies/Seconded Cr Stevens)

Carried

DISCLAIMER

Until confirmed as a true and correct record, at a subsequent meeting, the minutes of this meeting should not be relied on as to their correctness

E Representation Reports

E1. Mayor's Report

Mayor Staples asked for guidance on the request from Aratoi for a letter of support on the proposal to repatriate a South Wairarapa waka which is currently housed at Te Papa, Wellington. Repatriation would involve an extension of museum facilities and housing the waka in the South Wairarapa was beyond Councils financial capability. The request would be placed on the next Maori Standing Committee meeting agenda for discussion.

Mayor Staples sought feedback on a request from the Cross Creek Railway Society to jointly host the opening of the renovated mini fell site and the Featherston Town Square in September.

Councillors discussed the smokefree outdoor dining promotion proposal with councillors. Cr Davies queried the seriousness of the campaign given that it was being held in late autumn/winter and most diners would be sitting inside. Cr Riddell thought Council could be wrongly associated with the promotion and be perceived as an enforcer of the initiative.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2016/70) to support the repatriation of the Wairarapa waka in principle, subject to consultation with the Maori Standing Committee.

(Moved Cr Craig/Seconded Cr Olds)

Carried

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2016/71) that the Featherston Town Square formal opening should be carried out as soon as practicable after completion.

(Moved Cr Davies/Seconded Cr Riddell)

Carried

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2016/72):

1. To receive the Mayor's Report.
2. To support the Wairarapa Smokefree Outdoor Dining Promotion for a 3 week trial period from 31 May 2016-21 June 2016.

(Moved Mayor Staples/Seconded Cr Napier)

Carried

Cr Dean Davies and Cr Julie Riddell voted against the motion.

E1. Appendix 3 - Mayor's Report

Councillors discussed the report noting that if community boards wanted a more strategic role for local decisions then they also needed to be accountable for those decisions.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2016/73):

1. To receive the information
2. That no changes be made to our current delegations to community boards due to the closeness of elections.
3. That this paper be referred to the incoming Council in October 2016 for consideration.

DISCLAIMER

Until confirmed as a true and correct record, at a subsequent meeting, the minutes of this meeting should not be relied on as to their correctness

4. That any proposed new policies or changes to current South Wairarapa District Council policy be referred to the three community boards for input before being presented to the Policy and Finance Committee for adoption.
5. That despite number 4 above, Council retains overriding authority to adopt a policy if it has not been presented at a community board meeting.

(Moved Mayor Staples/Seconded Cr Napier)

Carried

E2. Reports from Councillors

Cr Craig

Wairarapa Road Safety Council, Wellington Region Waste Forum

Cr Craig had included a Wellington Region Waste Forum report in the Council papers and highlighted the Forum request to approve funds to appoint a regional waste management officer to implement outstanding waste minimisation actions.

Councillors discussed the Wairarapa Waste Coordinator vacancy, and Mr Crimp reported that all Wairarapa councils were currently reviewing what they needed from this role.

Cr Napier

SportNZ Rural Travel Fund, Wairarapa Safer Community Trust

Cr Napier gave a verbal report from a recent meeting of the Wairarapa Safer Community Trust. An extensive youth survey had been carried out and data was currently being analysed by Massey University. Funding was currently being sought from various agencies to support the Trust's social programmes.

Cr Riddell

Healthy Homes, Wairarapa Library Service Committee

Cr Riddell had included a Wairarapa Library Service Committee report in the Council papers.

Cr Stevens

Wairarapa Rural Fire Board

Cr Stevens tabled a report from the Wairarapa Rural Fire Board. A fire appliance had been purchased for Morrinsville and funding was being sought to build a fire depot at Tinui. Along with a restructure of rural fire, it was anticipated that the funding model would be different for future years.

Cr Montgomerie

Economic Development Task Force, Cobblestones Museum

Cr Montgomerie gave a verbal report from a recent meeting of Cobblestones Museum.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2016/74) to receive councillor reports.

(Moved Cr Davies/Seconded Cr Napier)

Carried

DISCLAIMER

Until confirmed as a true and correct record, at a subsequent meeting, the minutes of this meeting should not be relied on as to their correctness

E3. Council Groups and Working Parties

Emergency Services Working Party, Community Safety and Resilience Working Party, Wairarapa Policies Working Group

Mayor Staples gave a verbal update on civil defence matters. Martinborough community response planning was building momentum and community led initiatives were being encouraged. Council's role in an emergency would primarily be infrastructure based.

Cr Napier reported that the Gambling Venues Policy was being released for consultation and the change Council requested had been addressed.

Cr Riddell had included a Community Safety and Resilience Working Party report in the Council papers and noted that a representative from Youth in Education Training and Employment (YETE) would be presenting at the next meeting.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2016/75) to receive Council groups and working parties reports.

(Moved Cr Olds/Seconded Cr Jephson)

Carried

E4. GWRC Advisory Committees

Waiohine Floodplain Management Planning Advisory Committee

Cr Napier reported that the Committee had recommended to GWRC a zero rates increase for the Waiohine River scheme due to large funding reserves. Screening of river rock was no longer allowed in the river beds and a draft River Management hearings panel had been setup from members of the Committee.

Awhea Opouawe Scheme Committee

Cr Jephson reported that the Committee had recently held their AGM. Fuller's Bridge and Ushers Hill were of interest to the Committee.

Lower Valley Development Scheme Advisory Committee

A meeting was scheduled for the week commencing 23 May 2016.

Wairarapa Moana Wetlands Co-ordinating Committee

The Committee had not met.

Whaitua Committee

Cr Olds had attended a modelling workshop with the Infrastructure and Services Group Manager. The showcased models gave stakeholders an understanding of the whole Whaitua process. Geology, overland and underground water flows, nitrates and phosphorus flow models were merged into a regional model to show how water works in the region.

Cr Olds had registered for an electric vehicle symposium and had successfully negotiated with Trust House Masterton an agreement to install a rapid charge electric car charging block in the Featherston Gateway carpark. Cr Olds was interested in following through installation of additional charging block in the Wairarapa.

DISCLAIMER

Until confirmed as a true and correct record, at a subsequent meeting, the minutes of this meeting should not be relied on as to their correctness

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2016/76):

1. To receive reports from the GWRC advisory committees.

(Moved Cr Davies/Seconded Cr Craig)

Carried

2. Action 280: Write to GWRC and ask that an advanced meeting schedule is released for the Lower Valley Development Scheme Advisory Committee; P Crimp

3. Action 281: Write to Ian Gunn acknowledging his service to the Wairarapa Moana projects and the positive impact in the area; Mayor Staples

F Public Excluded

F1. Crown Redress Proposal for Wairarapa with Ngati Kahungunu Rangitane

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2016/77): That the public be excluded from the following part of the meeting.

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
Crown Redress Proposal for Wairarapa with Ngati Kahungunu Rangitane	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
i) 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 Olds/Seconded Cr Riddell)

Carried

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2016/79) to move out of the public excluded section of the meeting

(Moved Cr Jephson/Seconded Cr Montgomerie)

Carried

Confirmed as a true and correct record

.....(Mayor)

.....(Date)

DISCLAIMER

Until confirmed as a true and correct record, at a subsequent meeting, the minutes of this meeting should not be relied on as to their correctness

DISCLAIMER

Until confirmed as a true and correct record, at a subsequent meeting, the minutes of this meeting should not be relied on as to their correctness