



SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL EXTRAORDINARY MEETING MINUTES

21 November 2018

Present: Mayor Viv Napier (Chair), Deputy Mayor Brian Jephson, Councillors Lee Carter, Margaret Craig, Pam Colenso, Pip Maynard, Colin Olds, Ross Vickery and Colin Wright.

In Attendance: Paul Crimp (Chief Executive Officer), Mark Allingham (Group Manager Infrastructure and Services), Jennie Mitchell (Group Manager Corporate Support), Russell O’Leary (Group Manager Planning and Environment), and Suzanne Clark (Committee Secretary).

Conduct of Business: The meeting was held in the Council Chambers, 19 Kitchener Street, Martinborough and was conducted in public between 9:00am and 11:03am.

Also in Attendance: Robyn Ramsden, Jennifer Grey and Sue Fox.

Open Section

A1. Karakia

Mayor Napier opened with a reading from Socrates.

A2. Apologies

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2018/163) to accept apologies from Cr Ammunson and Mr Tipoki.

(Moved Cr Craig/Seconded Cr Jephson)

Carried

A3. Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

A4. Public Participation

Robyn Ramsden requested Council repair the damage to the Featherston community caused by a vacant lot on Main Street since 2014. Ms Ramsden had made an alternate proposal to those suggested in the Council officer’s report via email to Council. In the short term the space could be developed into a container mall or creative space if it was paved.

Jennifer Grey stated that Featherston Community Board minutes showed they were waiting to receive further material from Council before running another public meeting, not that the meeting was cancelled, and that the Featherston community still wanted a meeting. Ms Grey expressed disappointment that only half of the

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Featherston Town Centre plan consulted on was implemented, and requested Council consider what Featherston needed and pursue development of facilities that matched the other South Wairarapa towns. Ms Grey requested Council read the tabled papers and hold the Chief Executive accountable.

Sue Fox alleged that Trusthouse pursued a land swap knowing that their land was unsuitable for development. Prior to the land swap, Council was receiving income from the land. Council now owned land that was restricted in usability and generated no income. Ms Fox requested Council use someone with relevant skills to develop a fully considered plan of all options and then provide recommendations of the best way forward to Council for consideration. Ms Fox suggested that in the short term the lot was grassed over, run as a carpark or that a container mall is developed.

A5. Actions from Public Participation

Mayor Napier clarified that Ms Ramsden's proposal was for Council to build a new building to house a library, Council staff and commercial tenants.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2018/164):

1. To receive the tabled information.
2. To fully discuss the points made during public participation before going on to discuss the recommendation in report 'B1 Featherston Town Centre'.

(Moved Cr Craig/Seconded Cr Maynard)

Carried

B Chief Executive Reports

B1. Featherston Town Centre

Mr Crimp advised that the third paragraph under the executive summary was incorrectly included in the Council report and that he had been advised that the meeting referred to in paragraph 3.3 had been cancelled.

Councillors discussed Chorus' statement of position on the easement, the timeframe and links with the spatial plan project, tabled documents and suggestions from the public, and a desire for further consultation with the Featherston Community Board.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2018/165)

1. To receive the Featherston Town Centre Report.
(Moved Cr Craig/Seconded Cr Carter)
2. To defer taking action on resolution DC2015/90 in the meantime.
3. To organise a workshop as soon as possible between the Featherston Community Board and Council to discuss the Featherston vacant land (Lot 2 DP471153).

Carried

(Moved Cr Wright/Seconded Cr Carter)

Carried

B2. Featherston Wastewater Short Term Consent

Mr Crimp discussed the proposal with Council including notification of affected landowners, expected benefits and impact of late delivery. Impacts and potential adoption delays of the Greater Wellington Regional Council's draft Natural Resources Plan on the primary Featherston Wastewater Treatment Project (FWWTP) consent application and hearing were also discussed.

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Cr Carter declared a conflict of interest as she had made a submission on the FWWTP consent application.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2018/166)

1. To receive the Featherston Wastewater Short Term Consent Report.
(Moved Cr Jephson/Seconded Cr Colenso) Carried
2. To lodge a consent application to enable discharge of treated wastewater to the southern block of the Featherston land.
3. To note that this is unplanned expenditure, and that expenditure can be taken from within existing budgets, and that there will probably be some savings in construction costs.
(Moved Cr Craig/Seconded Cr Olds) Carried

B3. Wellington Water Shareholding

Mr Crimp noted that a formal consultation process needed to be carried out before Council could consider joining Wellington Water, and discussed the proposal with members.

Cr Jephson left the meeting at 10:55am.

Cr Jephson returned to the meeting at 10:56am.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2018/167)

1. To receive the Wellington Water Report.
(Moved Cr Colenso/Seconded Cr Vickery) Carried
2. To agree to continuing discussions with Wellington Water with a view to possibly becoming a shareholding member.
(Moved Cr Wright/Seconded Cr Maynard) Carried
3. Action 750: Open dialogue with Wellington Water shareholders and the Wairarapa councils to discuss service delivery experiences and water management decisions; Mayor Napier

B4. Alteration of Resolution DC2018/159

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2018/168)

1. To receive the alteration of resolution report.
2. To alter DC2018/159 from 'Council resolved (DC2018/159) that the public excluded minutes of the council meeting held on 19 September 2018 are a true and correct record.'
(Moved Cr Craig/Seconded Cr Jephson) Carried

Cr Carter against
Cr Vickery against
Cr Maynard against

To

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2018/159) that the public excluded minutes of the council meeting held on 19 September 2018 are a true and correct record subject to the following changes:

-Delete 'Members noted' and replace with 'Points discussed included'.

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-Delete the bullet point and add ‘Notwithstanding the points above, members considered’ prior to ‘that purchasing the Featherston Golf Club land kept all options open and provided future proofing possibilities with excess land able to be sold at a later date’.

3. That the minutes of the 19 September 2018 meeting be updated to reflect the DC2018/159 resolution change.

(Moved Cr Jephson/Seconded Cr Olds)

Carried

C Chairperson’s Report

C1. Report from Her Worship the Mayor

Mayor Napier commented on the NZ Productivity Commission Issues Report on Local Government Funding and Financing with councillors advising that South Wairarapa would be named as a submitter on the Local Government NZ submission.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2018/169):

1. To receive the Report from Her Worship the Mayor.
2. To approve the appointment of Cr Ross Vickery to the Wairarapa Policies Working Group.

(Moved Cr Craig/Seconded Cr Colenso)

Carried

Confirmed as a true and correct record

.....(Mayor)

.....(Date)

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