



SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

22 April 2015

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

In Attendance: Paul Crimp (Chief Executive Officer), Murray Buchanan (Planning and Environment Group Manager), Suzanne Clark (Committee Secretary) and for part only Mark Allingham (Infrastructure and Services Group Manager) and Bill Sloan (Asset Manager).

Also in Attendance: Volme Springford (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 12:10pm except where expressly noted.

A Preliminary Matters

Councillors agreed to consider appointments to a joint Wairarapa Council's Grant Application Committee and tabled correspondence from Palmerston North City Council under item 'F1 Mayor's Report'.

A1. Apologies

There were no apologies.

A2. Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

A3. Public Participation

There was no public participation.

A4. Minutes for Confirmation

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2015/43) to amend number 2 of resolution DC2015/32 for clarity from;

“To support the correction of spelling for the Rimutaka Hill from ‘RImutaka’ to ‘REmutaka’; to

“To support the correction of spelling for the Rimutaka Hill from ‘RImutaka’ to ‘REmutaka’ and to remain neutral on whether ‘Hill’ should be renamed to ‘Pass’.

(Moved Cr Davies/Seconded Cr Montgomerie)

Carried

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COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2015/44) that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 11 March 2015 be received and confirmed as a true and correct record subject to resolution DC2015/43.

(Moved Cr Robertson/Seconded Cr Craig)

Carried

A5. District Council Actions

Councillors discussed possible impacts of the revised Occupational Health and Safety legislation and the Group Manager Planning and Environment advised a report on implications was being drafted.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2015/45) to receive the District Council Action Items.

(Moved Cr Stevens/Seconded Cr Olds)

Carried

B Council Committee and Community Board Minutes

B1. Policy and Finance Committee

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2015/46) to receive the minutes of the Policy and Finance Committee 11 March 2015.

(Moved Cr Montgomerie/Seconded Cr Riddell)

Carried

B2. Martinborough Community Board

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2015/47) to receive the minutes of the Martinborough Community Board 30 March 2015.

(Moved Cr Stevens/Seconded Cr Jephson)

Carried

B3. Featherston Community Board

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2015/48) to receive the minutes of the Featherston Community Board 31 March 2015

(Moved Cr Stevens/Seconded Cr Jephson)

Carried

B4. Greytown Community Board

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2015/49) to receive the minutes of the Greytown Community Board 1 April 2015.

(Moved Cr Stevens/Seconded Cr Jephson)

Carried

B5. Maori Standing Committee

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2015/50) to receive the minutes of the Maori Standing Committee 23 March 2015.

(Moved Cr Olds/Seconded Cr Davies)

Carried

C Recommendation from Community Boards

C1. Martinborough Community Board

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2015/51) to defer a decision on recommendation MCB2015/16 until a policy for watering of key parks has been developed and adopted.

(Moved Mayor Staples/Seconded Cr Napier)

Carried

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D Decision Papers and Common Seal

D1. Report on Coastal Ranging Activities 2014/15 Season

The Group Manager Planning and Environment discussed problems and opportunities encountered over the 2014/15 season with councillors. Councillors recalled that the community had requested regulation some years ago due to roaming dogs and the potential spread of sheep measles.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2015/52):

1. To receive the information.
2. That community engagement is undertaken with the Ngawi community leaders regarding coastal ranging for the 2015/16 season.

(Moved Cr Riddell/Seconded Cr Craig)

Carried

D2. Fees and Charges

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2015/53):

1. To receive the information.
2. To approve the schedules of fees and charges relating to resource management and environmental health as set out in Appendix 1 for inclusion into the 2015-25 LTP for public consultation, with the balance of fees and charges listed in appendix 1 to take effect from 1 July 2015.
3. To approve investigating the provision of a public notification service for on and off licence applications under the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 to determine whether it would prove economic to do so.

(Moved Cr Napier/Seconded Cr Riddell)

Carried

D3. Water Conservation Strategy and Water Management Plans

The Group Manager Planning and Environment discussed water meter readings and potential water wastage through undetected leaks, potential to manage seasonal shortages through charging mechanisms, measurement using KPI's and that adoption of the Water Management Plans would tie them into consenting requirements with GWRC.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2015/54):

1. To receive the information.
2. To adopt the South Wairarapa Water Conservation management Strategy 2015 and the South Wairarapa Water Demand Management Plan 2015.
3. To take the steps necessary to implement the South Wairarapa Water Conservation Management Strategy 2015 and the South Wairarapa Water Demand Management Plan 2015.

(Moved Cr Robertson/Seconded Cr Napier)

Carried

4. Action 252: Send the Water Conservation Strategy and Water Management Plans to Enviroschools and ask that they include water conservation in their education programme; M Allingham
5. Action 253: Correct the reference to Gladstone Road in the Water Conservation Strategy and Water Management Plans; M Allingham

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6. Action 254: Ensure the population projections are correct and identify within the document that they have been sourced from Statistics NZ. Remove reference to 'continued' and 'negative' population movements with preference to using 'population decline' if/when appropriate; M Allingham
7. Action 255: Continue Discussion of Water Conservation Strategy, Water Management Plans and KPI's at the LTP workshops; P Crimp

D4. Naming of Right-of-Way, 14 Cotter St, Greytown

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2015/55):

1. To receive the information.
2. To approve the name "Flax Mill Lane" pursuant to Section 319A of the Local Government Act 1974 subject to the proposed name being supported by the Greytown Community Board.
3. That the Policy on Naming of Public Roads, Private Roads and Rights-of-Way be amended so that all street naming be referred to the appropriate community board in the first instance for a recommendation.

(Moved Cr Napier/Seconded Cr Craig)

Carried

E Operational Reports

E1. Planning and Environment Group Report

The Group Manager Planning and Environment noted Council had received a request for a private District Plan change in order to rezone land in Greytown and that a separate District Plan change would need to be run in order to recognise the Featherston War Camp's status as a heritage site. Mr Buchanan outlined the noise control complaint process.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2015/56) to receive the information.

(Moved Cr Davies/Seconded Cr Jephson)

Carried

E2. Infrastructure and Services Group Report

The Group Manager Infrastructure and Services discussed timing of new road seals and cycle track development, Maori representation on water race committees, road and bridge maintenance, ramp access to pensioner housing, budgeting for special purpose roads due to NZTA funding changes and lobbying of NZTA for continued funds for special purpose roads with councillors.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2015/57):

1. To receive the Infrastructure and Services Group Report.
(Moved Cr Riddell/Seconded Cr Olds)
2. Action 256: Organise 'No engine braking' signs for placement on State Highway 2 into Featherston and Greytown urban areas; M Allingham

Carried

E3. Chief Executive Officer Report

The Chief Executive discussed rates arrears, that the meeting to adopt the LTP documents for consultation had been revised to 1 May 2015 and the possibility of moving through the LTP process earlier in future years with councillors.

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Mayor Staples thanked Mr Crimp and senior management for the work undertaken in preparing the Long Term Plan and consultation documents.

*COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2015/58) to receive the Chief Executive Officer Report.
(Moved Mayor Staples/Seconded Cr Montgomerie) Carried*

E4. Featherston 2033

*COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2015/59) to receive the information.
(Moved Cr Stevens/Seconded Cr Davies) Carried*

F Representation Reports

F1. Mayor's Report

Mayor Staples tabled a letter from Palmerston North City Council which sought support for a remit to LGNZ on the plastic shopping bags levy so "That the government impose a compulsory levy on plastic shopping bags at point of sale". Councillors agreed to support a remit to LGNZ.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2015/60):

1. To receive the Mayor's Report.
(Moved Mayor Staples/Seconded Cr Davies) Carried
2. Action 257: Write to Palmerston North City Council indicating SWDC support of a remit to LGNZ regarding a levy on plastic shopping bags; Mayor Staples

*COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2015/61) to appoint Mayor Staples, Cr Riddell and Cr Napier to the joint Wairarapa Council's Grant Application Committee.
(Moved Cr Davies/Seconded Cr Robertson) Carried*

F2. Reports from Councillors

Cr Craig

Wairarapa Road Safety Council, Wellington Region Waste Forum

Cr Craig tabled and spoke to her report for the Wairarapa Road Safety Council and presented a recommendation for Council to consider introducing a variable speed limit on East Street outside Greytown Primary School.

*COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2015/62) to request that Council officers investigate the introduction of variable speed zoning outside schools in the South Wairarapa district.
(Moved Cr Craig/Seconded Cr Napier) Carried*

Cr Montgomerie

Cobblestones Museum, Economic Development Task Group

Cr Montgomerie reported that Cobblestones Museum were developing a Strategic Plan and a Volunteer Plan and noted the sad passing of Graeme Croton who volunteered many hours to Cobblestones Museum.

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Cr Montgomerie reported that the Economic Development Task Group discussed the Wairarapa broadband issue, the Wellington Airport runway extension proposal and flights out of Hood Aerodrome, Masterton.

Cr Riddell

Wairarapa Library Service

A written report was included in Council papers.

Cr Robertson

South Wairarapa Arts Council

Minutes were included in Council papers.

Cr Stevens

Wairarapa Rural Fire Board

Cr Stevens tabled a written report noting that there may be some additional funding requirement to cover expenses relating to the Voluntary Rural Fire Force training beyond the 2015/16 year.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2015/63) to receive councillor reports, including tabled reports.

(Moved Cr Craig/Seconded Cr Olds)

Carried

F3. Council Groups and Working Parties

Community Safety and Resilience Working Party

Cr Riddell gave an update from the meeting.

Wairarapa Alcohol Working Group

Cr Riddell tabled a summary of a seminar attended reviewing ‘One year on – the sale and supply of Alcohol Act 2012’ noting that Wairarapa had excellent agency collaboration.

Martinborough Community Centre Steering Group

Cr Stevens reported that fundraising continued.

Emergency Services Working Party

Cr Riddell reported that WREMO had made new appointments.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2015/64) to receive Council groups and working parties reports.

(Moved Cr Jephson/Seconded Cr Olds)

Carried

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F4. GWRC Advisory Committees

Lower Valley Development Scheme Advisory Committee

Cr Jephson tabled minutes from a recent meeting. Councillors discussed farmers concern about the build-up of material at the lower Tauherenikau River and the impact of RAMSAR on gravel removal.

Wairarapa Moana Wetlands Co-ordinating Committee

Minutes were included in Council papers.

Whaitua Committee

Cr Olds reported that the Committee were engaging with the community to identify values.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2015/65) to receive reports from GWRC advisory committees.

(Moved Cr Robertson/Seconded Cr Montgomerie)

Carried

G. Public Excluded

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2015/66) 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
Consideration of Recommendations from Wairarapa Alcohol Working Group in Relation to the Local Alcohol Policy	Good reason to withhold exists under Section 48 (1)(d) (2)(a)(i)	Section 48(1)(d) (2)(a)(i)

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
(1) (d) that the exclusion of the public from the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting is necessary to enable the local authority to deliberate in private on its decision or recommendation in any proceedings to which this paragraph applies. (2) (a) any proceedings before a local authority where – (i) A right of appeal lies to any Court or Tribunal against the final decision of the local authority in those proceedings	Section 48(1)(d) (2)(a)(i)

(Moved Cr Napier/Seconded Cr Olds)

Carried

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COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2015/68) to move out of the public excluded section of the meeting.

(Moved Cr Stevens/Seconded Cr Davies)

Carried

Confirmed as a true and correct record

.....(Mayor)

.....(Date)

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