



**SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL
Ordinary Meeting
Minutes from 22 April 2020**

Present: (via audio/tele conference)	Mayor Alex Beijen (Chair), Deputy Mayor Garrick Emms, Councillors Pam Colenso, Rebecca Fox, Leigh Hay, Brian Jephson, Pip Maynard, Alistair Plimmer, and Ross Vickery (from 1:12pm).
In Attendance:	Harry Wilson (Chief Executive Officer), Karen Yates (Acting Policy and Governance Manager), Euan Stitt (Group Manager Partnerships and Operations), Katrina Neems (Chief Financial Officer), Amy Wharram (Communications Manager), Russell O’Leary (Group Manager Planning and Environment), Suzanne Clark and Steph Dorne (Committee Advisors).
Conduct of Business:	Due to L4 COVID-19 restrictions it was not possible for South Wairarapa District Council to conduct this meeting with members and the public physically present. This meeting was held in accordance with clause 25B of Schedule 7 to the Local Government Act 2002 in accordance with clause 47A of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and was conducted between 1:00pm and 2:05pm.
Public Participation:	Lee Carter

Open Section

Cr Plimmer read the Council affirmation.

A1. Apologies

Members noted that Cr Vickery would be joining the meeting late.

A2. Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflict of interests declared.

A3. Public Participation

Mrs Carter spoke to Council about the current COVID-19 situation and ask Council to ensure that all spending was justified. Mrs Carter requested that Council urgently consider a rates relief package including penalty waivers and communicate any decision on Council’s website. Mrs Carter requested that over the next year Council complete a cost savings analysis and consider core functions as the main objective for the next 12-18 months.

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A4. Actions from Public Participation

Considered after item 'B1 Adoption of the 2020/21 Annual Plan Supporting Information and Consultation Document'.

Mr Wilson advised that a decision report on a rates remission package would be prepared for the 29 April 20 Council meeting.

A5. Extraordinary Business

There was no extraordinary business.

B Decision Reports from Chief Executive and Staff

B1. Adoption of the 2020/21 Annual Plan Supporting Information and Consultation Document

The Mayor noted that Council were presenting a document for public consultation and that public opinion would be taken into account before a final decision on the proposals was made.

Mr Wilson outlined underspending in areas of water supply, wastewater, stormwater, land transport, Greytown sport and recreation, resource management, staff capability including processes, systems and accommodation, requiring increased investment as per the proposal for consultation.

Mr Wilson believed the proposed budget would allow Council to provide needed services for the current environment but would not meet aspirational unplanned initiatives.

Mr Wilson advised that the proposed fees and charges were in-line with the other Wairarapa councils, but there were differences due to the calculation of public versus private benefits.

Mr Wilson suspected the South Wairarapa economy to benefit from domestic tourism and would be well balanced to recover from COVID-19 quickly, and that Council needed to be optimistic in its view but pessimistic in operation.

Mr Wilson confirmed that the Greytown Sports and Recreation Hub was a deviation from the Long Term Plan (LTP), but that the other projects had been identified in the LTP, just not with the level of investment that was required.

The Council meeting currently set for 10 June 2020 would be changed to the 3 June 2020.

The meeting was closed at 1:50pm, but was reopened due to an objection from Cr Colenso to not reviewing the Greytown Sports and Recreation Supporting Information prior to a motion being carried.

Councillors viewed the financial supporting information including the rates increase examples.

The Mayor noted that there was limited time available to change the supporting information as consultation opened in two days, and that councillors were not being asked to make any final decisions.

It was noted that key documents were provided to Council late, leaving little time for review.

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Councillors agreed that as the Supporting Information was being provided to the public as part of the consultation, and that as no decision was being made on the proposals, the supporting information could be discussed post consultation.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2020/21):

1. To receive the Adoption of the 2020/21 Annual Plan Supporting Information and Consultation Document Report.
(Moved Cr Jephson/Seconded Cr Maynard) Carried
2. To adopt the 2020/21 Annual Plan supporting information subject to the Chief Executive making minor changes of a typographical nature.
(Moved Cr Fox/Seconded Cr Plimmer) Carried
3. To adopt the 2020/21 Annual Plan consultation document subject to the Chief Executive making minor changes of a typographical nature.
(Moved Cr Hay/Seconded Cr Maynard) Carried

Confirmed as a true and correct record

.....(Mayor)

.....(Date)

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