



SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – 23 July 2008

- Present: Mayor Adrienne Staples (Chairperson), Councillors Margaret Craig, Dean Davies, Mike Gray, Diane Phelps, Julie Riddell, Solitaire Robertson, Keith Sexton and Max Stevens.
- In attendance: Louise Lyster (MDC) and Ravi Mangar (MWS) and Sonny Te Maari (MSC) for the entire meeting. Chris Gorman (Senior Planner) for items A-C, Richard Airey (Consultant) for F2 and F3, Bronwyn Johnson (EHO) for F4.
- Conduct of Business: The meeting was held at the District Council Chambers in Martinborough and was conducted in public between 9.35 am - 12.35 pm and 1.15pm and 1.35pm. Between 1.35 pm and 1.45 pm the meeting was held with the public excluded.

A Preliminary Matters

1. Introduction and Apologies

COUNCIL RESOLVED to accept an apology from Cr Napier. (Craig/Robertson)

2. Public Participation

Clare Bleakley spoke about the impact that the verge spray programme was having on some of the trees along State Highway One and Western Lake Rd. It was noted that younger and/or shallow-rooted trees were more likely to be affected by drought or over-spraying and that owners had the option of undertaking management of verge areas adjacent to organic properties.

[Action: Council undertook to discuss the matter with Transit NZ and to review the spraying programme in the area.]

3. Minutes for Confirmation:

- The minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting to hear submissions on the draft annual plan held on 23 June 2008 were confirmed as true and correct. (Craig/Davies)
- The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 25 June 2008 were confirmed as true and correct. (Riddell/Phelps)

Matters arising:

- Rates Resolution: look at reviewing wording of the rates resolution for 2008/2009.
- It was confirmed that Cr Robertson be relieved of responsibility for representing Council on the group formed to develop the Wellington Region Youth Strategy.

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B Council Committee and Community Board Minutes

- 4.1 *COUNCIL RESOLVED* to receive the June 2008 minutes of the Policy and Finance Committee. (*Gray/Davies*)

DC2008/326 COUNCIL RESOLVED that, due to recent developments in other small towns, Council staff be directed to develop a “Brothel Policy” as a matter of urgency. 23 July 2008
(*Phelps/Riddell*)

- 4.2 *COUNCIL RESOLVED* to receive the July 2008 minutes of the Maori Standing Committee. (*Phelps/Robertson*)

- 4.3 *COUNCIL RESOLVED* to receive the July 2008 minutes of the Rural Services Committee. (*Riddell/Craig*)

The value of the RSC as a forum for enabling Councillors to discuss and share views on issues affecting the rural community was endorsed. The RSC had a similar role to the Community Boards in maintaining an overview of Council activities in the rural community. The RSC could also advise Council on the development of GWRC strategy and make submissions to Council on the annual plan, LTTCP, Combined Plan etc. Outside of formal meetings, the members could act as a ‘sounding board’ for advice on issues coming before Council.

[Action: amend name of RSC to Rural Advisory Committee, update governance statements, raise Committee profile through Rates Newsletter]

Council noted that there were no public meetings for the Community Boards in July 2008 and that instead a joint workshop to discuss the function/operation of the community boards was held.

C Planning and Regulatory

COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive the June 2008 report on planning activities, the summary of the decision of the Hearings Committee held on 18 June 2008 and the reports of the Applications sub-committee dated 3,10,17 and 24 June 2008. (*Phelps/Stevens*)

COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive the June 2008 Building Services Report. (*Staples/Gray*)

D Operational Reports

- 6.1 **CEO – Finance – Corporate**
No report.

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6.2 Works and Services

COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive the Works and Services report for July 2008.
(Robertson/Stevens) It was noted that:

- The auditors required evidence that Council has considered the policy, financial, legal and environmental implications of operational activities.
- Concerns regarding effectiveness of water pressure for fire duties to be referred to Council managers.

[Action: All Council reports to comment on policy, financial, legal and environmental implications.]

[Action: Advise fire service to contact Works and Services immediately if there are any concerns arise and emphasise need to ensure that fire equipment is suitable for operation under local conditions.]

6.3 Democratic and Community Services: No report.

E Representation Reports

7.1 Mayor's report

COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive the Mayor's report for July 2008. (Staples/Sexton)

The report from the Southern Wairarapa Safer Community Council was noted. Council expressed a preference that the SWSCC continue to focus on activities in the South Wairarapa.

Domain Reserve Bridge: a letter from the Department of Conservation dated 14 July 2008 was noted. Management was asked to place a concrete barrier preventing vehicle access over the bridge until responsibility bridge maintenance was determined and bridge repairs completed.

[Action: Mayor to reply to Department of Conservation letter.]

Council then moved to consider Agenda Items F2, F3, and F4.

7.2 Reports from Councillors

Cr Craig tabled a report updating recent activities of Cobblestones Museum Trust; Healthy Homes; Historic Places Trust; Wellington Waste Forum. Other Councillors gave verbal reports.

GWRC Water Strategy: advisors are consulting on a framework to develop the strategy.

COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive representation reports from Councillors and the report from Destination Wairarapa. (Stevens/Sexton)

[Action: Update Governance Statement re representation/committee responsibilities.]

[Action: Review administration arrangements for South Wairarapa Community Arts Council.]

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F Decision Papers

8.1 Recommendations from Committees

1.0 Maori Standing Committee

DC2008/327 COUNCIL RESOLVED to note that the recommendation of the Maori Standing Committee, and requested Council to investigate the possibility of imposing conditions on Resource Consent 3497. 23 July 2008
(Robertson/Staples)

DC2008/328 COUNCIL RESOLVED to note the recommendation of the Maori Standing Committee, regarding a sinking lid policy for Gambling Venues, was consistent with the option adopted for consultation by Council at the June 2008 meeting. 23 July 2008
(Staples/Robertson)

1.2 Rural Services Committee

DC2008/329 COUNCIL RESOLVED to adopt the recommendation of the Rural Services Committee that Council make a submission on the mataitai applications to the Minister of Fisheries requesting that the economic and social wellbeing of the local coastal communities and the wider rural community be considered, noting: 23 July 2008
(Phelps/Riddell)

1. The wider district has benefited from the development of infrastructure and services to the coastal communities – if the coastal population declines, this will have a negative impact on infrastructure and services available to the wider rural community.
2. The size of the mataitai area needs to strike a reasonable balance between the sustainability of the resource, the rights of Maori and the interests of the wider “local” community.
3. That it urges the Ministry to monitor the fishery so as to measure the impact of customary, commercial, recreational and illegal fishing along the South Wairarapa coast.

8.2 Greytown Railway Goodshed

Council considered the submission from the Rail Heritage Trust of NZ regarding the Railway Goods Shed in West Street, Greytown. To date there has not been strong community support for this property to remain in Council ownership or for Council to fund the restoration/removal of the Goods Shed. While Council is sympathetic to the aims of the Trust, Council is not able to finance the restoration work, the property is surplus to requirements and Council policy requires that the property be put up for sale.

DC2008/330 COUNCIL RESOLVED to dispose of the Railway Goods Shed in West St, Greytown by placing the property for sale by tender noting that Council would consider giving preference to a purchaser who had plans to restore the property. 23 July 2008
(Phelps/Sexton)

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8.3 Greytown Memorial Park Pavilion

DC2008/331 COUNCIL RESOLVED that the use of the Greytown Memorial Park Pavillion by sporting bodies is to be on terms consistent with other sporting groups operating on reserve land and in compliance with Council policy.

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(Davies/Craig)

8.4 Gambling Venue Policy Review

Council discussed the issues with Bronwyn Johnson, Environmental Health Officer and confirmed the decision made at the June 2008 Council meeting to adopt for consultation a sinking lid policy for gambling venues (option 3).

8.5 Moroa Water Race Bylaw

DC2008/332 COUNCIL RESOLVED to rescind the resolution DC2008/305 made in June 2008 and, after giving due consideration to the submission received, Council adopted the Moroa Water Race Bylaw 2007 to come into force with effect from 1 August 2008.

23 July 2008
(Stevens/Craig)

[Action: circulate the new Bylaw to all parties who made submissions and place on Council's website. Information about the bylaw to be included in LIM reports for all affected properties.]

8.6 Road-naming Applications.

DC2008/333 COUNCIL RESOLVED TO

1. Approve McKerrow Place and Colonel Place as names for the private road in the subdivision in Lyon and Wallace Streets Featherston.
2. Approve Harvest Rise Lane as a name for the private road off Lake Ferry Road.
3. Decline the application for Waihenga Drive as it was a private driveway.

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(Robertson/Phelps)

Council noted each property should have one clear reference point (eg fire number or street address in urban areas) for emergency services.

[Action: Council staff to advise on whether each application complies with Council's policy on the Naming of Public Roads, Private Roads and Rights of Way.]

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G PUBLIC EXCLUDED

Minutes for Confirmation — Council meeting held on 25 June 2008

COUNCIL RESOLVED that the public be excluded from the following part of the meeting: Item G1 Minutes for Confirmation Council meeting held on 25 June 2008. This resolution was made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government 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 this part of the meeting in public are as follows:

- Protection of the privacy of natural persons – section 7(2)(a)
- Conduct of negotiations – section 7(2)(i)
(*Sexton/Staples*)

COUNCIL RESOLVED to confirm the minutes of the public excluded section of the meeting on 25 June 2008 and noted that the confirmation of these minutes may be held in public at the next meeting. (*Riddell/Phelps*)

Matters arising: It was noted that resource consent issues could further delay the lease negotiations.

Confirmed as a true and correct record

.....(Mayor)

.....(Date)

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