



SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL Minutes from 25 November 2020

- Present:** Mayor Alex Beijen (Chair), Deputy Mayor Garrick Emms, Councillors Pam Colenso, Leigh Hay, Brian Jephson, Pip Maynard, Alistair Plimmer, and Brenda West.
- In Attendance:** Harry Wilson (Chief Executive), Russell O’Leary (Planning and Environment Group Manager), Euan Stitt (Partnerships and Operations Group Manager), Karen Yates (Policy and Governance Manager), Katrina Neems (Chief Financial Officer), Godwell Mahowa (Planning Manager), Amy Wharram (Communications Manager), and Suzanne Clark (Committee Advisor).
Bryan Patchett (Project Director – Regional Water Reform Project).
Attendance via audio-visual link: Kim Kelly (Project Director – Wellington Regional Growth Strategy).
- Conduct of Business:** The meeting was held in the Supper Room, Waihinga Centre, Texas Street, Martinborough and was conducted in public between 10:00am and 1:01pm except where expressly noted.
- Community Board Participation:** Ann Rainford (Greytown Community Board Chair).
- Public Participation:** Kim Kelly and Dianne Phelps (Cape Palliser Residents and Ratepayers Association), Lee Carter, Campbell Moon, Sharon Garrett, Jennifer Muth (on behalf of St Teresa’s School Board of Trustees), Shane Atkinson (Greytown Menz Shed).
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Open Section

Cr Jephson read the Council affirmation.

A1. Apologies

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2020/128) to accept apologies from Cr Ross Vickery and Cr Rebecca Fox.

(Moved Mayor Beijen/Seconded Cr Colenso)

Carried

A2. Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

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A3. Acknowledgements and Tributes

There were no acknowledgements or tributes.

A4. Public Participation

Ms Phelps with support from Ms Hayes requested Ngawi coastal infrastructure improvements to help cope with summer tourism. Council were asked to address adequate provision of public toilets, commercial rubbish disposal, blocked drains and sumps, and roading issues. The association requested a speed hump be put in town to slow traffic through the village.

Mrs Carter believed the report to the Greytown Community Board (GCB) requesting a road naming decision was factually incorrect and did not meet Council policy. Mrs Carter requested Council address the out of date policy and correct inconsistencies between the Community Board Terms of Reference and the Naming of Public and Private Roads and Rights of Way Policy and asked Council to support the GCB's road name suggestion of Kowhai Road.

Mr Moon believed that Greater Wellington Regional Council had conceded that resource consent for a Featherston Quarry had been granted without following Resource Management Act protocols. The applicant had now applied to SWDC for additional concessions. Featherston residents were opposed to the application due to increased traffic and safety concerns, a negative impact to tourism, and increased road maintenance costs. Mr Moon requested that the decision be made by Council not officers.

Ms Garrett had three areas of concern regarding the lodged quarry crushing resource consent application to SWDC; these being the impact to her business, the socio-economic impacts to Featherston and the environment issues. Ms Garrett request Council decline the application as it was factually incorrect, studies to support the application had not been carried out, and ratepayer funds would be used to repair road degradation due to business activity.

Ms Muth spoke against the lodged quarry crushing resource consent application to SWDC. Of particular concern was the increased truck traffic past recreation areas frequented by children, the health risk of airborne dust particles, and the environmental impact to Donald's Creek. Donald's Creek is an ongoing environmental project undertaken by school students.

Mr Atkinson spoke about the proposed development in Greytown across land occupied by the Greytown Menz Shed under license from Council. Replacement value of assets was estimated at \$200,000 and relocation would destroy the social utility. Mr Atkinson requested Council consider the possibility of the Menz Shed condensing their footprint and allowing only part of the site to be developed.

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A5. Actions from public participation

Mayor Beijen made a statement on how the Quarry resource consent application would be assessed and gave assurances that stakeholders and the community would be given the opportunity to have their say before a decision was made on Greytown land options.

The following actions were made for council officers.

COUNCIL NOTED:

1. Action 634: Refer the Ngawi Ratepayers and Residents Association submission to the Assets and Services Committee; E Stitt
2. Action 635: Provide an interpretation of the Naming of Public and Private Roads and Rights of Way Policy for the Greytown Community Board; K Yates

A6. Extraordinary Business

There was no extraordinary business.

A7. Community Board/Maori Standing Committee Report from Meetings

Mrs Rainford reported that Greytown Community Board declined the road name proposal put forward by the Rapa Valley developer as there was no local significance. The Community Board had proposed the name Kowhai Road and believed the authority to name the road had been given to the Community Board.

Cr Plimmer left the meeting at 10:55am.

Cr Plimmer returned to the meeting at 11:01am.

A8. Minutes for Confirmation

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2020/129) that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 14 October 2020 are a true and correct record.

(Moved Cr Hay/Seconded Cr Jephson)

Carried

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2020/130) that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 28 October 2020 are a true and correct record.

(Moved Cr Hay/Seconded Cr Colenso)

Carried

A9. Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

B Decision Reports from Chief Executive and Staff

B1. Minutes of Council Committees and Community Boards

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2020/131):

1. To receive the Report.

(Moved Cr West/Seconded Cr Colenso)

Carried

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2. Receive the minutes of the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee meeting 21 October 2020.
3. Receive the minutes of the Māori Standing Committee meeting 27 October 2020.
4. Receive the minutes of the Greytown Community Board meeting 29 October 2020.
5. Receive the minutes of the Featherston Community Board meeting 3 November 2020.
6. Receive the minutes of the Assets and Services Committee meeting 4 November 2020.
7. Receive the minutes of the Planning and Regulatory Committee meeting 4 November 2020.
8. Receive the tabled minutes of the Martinborough Community Board meeting 5 November 2020.

(Moved Cr Plimmer/Seconded Cr Emms)

Carried

B2. Recommendations from Planning and Regulatory Committee

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2020/132):

1. To receive the Recommendations from the Planning and Regulatory Report.
(Moved Cr Maynard/Seconded Cr West)
2. That pursuant to Section 10A of the Dog Control Act 1996, that the Dog Control Policy and Practices for 2019/2020 be adopted.
3. That officers be authorised to publicly notify the report.

(Moved Cr Plimmer/Seconded Cr Hay)

Carried

Carried

B3. Recommendations from Wairarapa Library Services Joint Committee

Cr Colenso outlined the intention of the new policies and members queried how cash donations were handled and discussed how care of children in libraries was being provided for by the policies, and discussed the withdrawal of funding for the summer reading programme.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2020/133):

1. To receive the Report from the Wairarapa Library Services Joint Committee.
(Moved Cr West/Seconded Cr Colenso)
2. That the existing seventeen Wairarapa Library Services policies are retired and replaced by the adoption of the Collection Development and Management Policy, the Donations Policy, and the Customer Service Policy
3. That the review date for the Collection Development and Management Policy, the Donations Policy and the Customer Service Policy be three years from the adoption date of these policies.

(Moved Cr Colenso/Seconded Cr Hay)

Carried

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4. Action 636: Consider how cash donations should be handled and if they need to be considered within the Wairarapa Library Services policies or council finance policies and report back to the WLS on any action needed; E Stitt
5. Action 637: Advise Council how much funding Eastern and Central Community Trust provides for the Wairarapa Library Services Summer Reading Programme, whether applications to other grant funders will be prepared to cover the shortfall, and what additional amount is being budgeted for within LTP budgets; E Stitt

C Decision Reports from Chief Executive and Staff

C1. Wellington Regional Growth Framework

Members discussed the need for better public transport to towns as growth occurred and document amendments were requested.

Ms Kelly agreed to clarify the draft document with specific Wairarapa growth expectations and reference to libraries being community infrastructure essential for social wellbeing.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2020/134):

1. To receive the Wellington Regional Growth Framework Report.
(Moved Cr Jephson/Seconded Cr Maynard) Carried
2. To note that the draft Framework is the result of a partnership between central government, local government, and iwi.
3. To note that the draft Framework is generally consistent in content and structure to other spatial plans developed within the urban growth partnership programme.
4. To endorse the Draft Wellington Regional Growth Framework for public consultation.
5. To note that a 'public consultation friendly' version of this Framework (smaller and more concise) will be developed for the public consultation process in 2021 and that an example of what this might look like.
(Moved Cr Emms/Seconded Cr West) Carried
6. To endorse changes to the Draft Wellington Regional Growth Framework for public consultation as discussed with Kim Kelly.
(Moved Cr Jephson/Seconded Cr Hayes) Carried

C2. Māori Standing Committee Appointment

The Mayor acknowledged the work by Terry Te Maari over the eight years he represented Kohunui Marae on the Māori Standing Committee.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2020/135):

1. To receive the Māori Standing Committee Appointment Report.
(Moved Cr Colenso/Seconded Cr Plimmer) Carried

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2. To make the following external appointment to the Māori Standing Committee: Suzanne Murphy (Kohunui Marae).
(Moved Cr Jephson/Seconded Cr Maynard) Carried
3. Action 638: Write and thank Terry Te Maari for the work and commitment to the Māori Standing Committee; Mayor Beijen

C3. Communications Plan for Council Committees

Members discussed amendments to clarify the intended stakeholders and the various communications channels that could be used for messaging. Holding a mock debate was discussed.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2020/136):

1. To receive the Communications Plan for Council Committees Report.
(Moved Cr Hay/Seconded Cr Maynard) Carried
2. Action 639: Amend the Council Committees Communications Plan so that promotions goes to the community not just ratepayers; A Wharram

The meeting adjourned at 11:28am.

The meeting reconvened at 11:46am.

D Information Reports

D1. Three Waters Reform Update

Mr Patchett discussed with councillors the Three Waters Reform Regional Project. The project has been put together so councils can effectively respond to the Department of Internal Affairs Request for Information on a range of water related matters and to ensure the best outcome for a three waters reform.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2020/137) to receive the Three Waters Reform Update – Request for Information (RFI).

(Moved Cr West/Seconded Cr Jephson) Carried

D2. Action Items

Members discussed the timeline and responsibility framework for withdrawing the Featherston Wastewater consent application.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2020/138):

1. To receive the Action Items Report.
(Moved Cr West/Seconded Cr Maynard) Carried
2. Action 640: Create a timeline of what happened between the decision made to withdraw the Featherston Wastewater consent application until the withdrawal confirmation date; E Stitt

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E Chairpersons Report

E1. Chairpersons Report

Mayor Beijen discussed the Youth2Work movement and potential programme support, and selection of a rangatahi for mentoring under the Tuia programme.

Cr Plimmer provided an update on the Mayor’s Taskforce for Jobs Programme, and advised that an appointment had been made to the Wairarapa Whanau Trust to support the programme.

Cr Maynard left the meeting at 12:53pm.

Cr Maynard returned to the meeting at 12:55pm.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2020/139) to receive the tabled Mayor’s Report.

(Moved Cr West/Seconded Cr Plimmer)

Carried

F Public Excluded Business

F1. Confirmation of Public Excluded Minutes from 28 October 2020

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
Confirmation of Public Excluded Minutes from 28 October 2020	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7(2)(b)(i), 7(2)(h), 7(2)(i)	Section 48(1)(a)

This resolution (DC2020/140) 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
The withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would disclose a trade secret	7(2)(b)(i)
The withholding of the information is necessary to enable the Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)	7(2)(i)
The withholding of the information is necessary to enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities	7(2)(h)

(Moved Cr Plimmer/Seconded Cr West)

Carried

Confirmed as a true and correct record

.....(Mayor)

.....(Date)

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