



**SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL
Extraordinary Meeting
Minutes from 4 December 2019**

Present:	Mayor Alex Beijen (Chair), Deputy Mayor Garrick Emms, Councillors Pam Colenso, Rebecca Fox, Leigh Hay, Brian Jephson, Pip Maynard, Alistair Plimmer, Ross Vickery and Brenda West.
In Attendance:	Harry Wilson (Chief Executive Officer), Jennie Mitchell (Group Manager Corporate Support), Russell O’Leary (Group Manager Planning and Environment) and Suzanne Clark (Committee Advisor).
Conduct of Business:	The meeting was held in the Supper Room, Waihinga Centre, Texas Street, Martinborough and was conducted in public between 12:00pm and 12:50pm.
Forum and Other Presenters:	Warren Woodgyer, Mike Gray and Daphne Geisler.

Open Section

Cr West read the Council affirmation.

A1. Apologies

There were no apologies.

A2. Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest.

A3. Public Participation

Mr Woodgyer spoke against the sale of Old Stella Bull Park. He was concerned about increased traffic down Cotter Street, selling land in Greytown when more recreational space was needed and selling land without a clear title. Mr Woodgyer requested that reserve contributions from the development were ringfenced for Greytown and that all costs associated with bringing the land to market be made public.

Mr Gray disputed that the intent of past councils to sell Old Stella Bull Park was clear and unambiguous. Mr Gray had participated in the community workshops and meetings relating to the potential sale of land. Mr Gray suggested that a

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diagram should have been supplied with the report, that the land was of some significance to Greytown and that Greytown had a requirement for more recreation space.

Mrs Geisler was not in favour of Council being asked to make significant decisions under urgency and queried why the land wasn't sold previously and where the 2016 discussion was documented. Mrs Geisler believed there was ambiguity and queried whether the intention of one Council was valid 17 years later. Mrs Geisler believed there were financial considerations that needed to be explained and further options presented in the Council report.

A7. Actions from Public Participation

Matters raised under public participation were deferred to agenda item B1 Council Disposal of 'Old Stella Bull Park'.

B Decision Reports from Chief Executive and Staff

B1. Council Disposal of 'Old Stella Bull Park' Report

For the avoidance of doubt officers were seeking a resolution for the sale of Old Stella Bull Park. Councillors agreed that the intent of previous councils was to sell Old Stella Bull Park, however due to a large delay in enacting the resolution to sell from 2001, it was agreed to remove the words 'has always been clear and unambiguous' from the second recommendation.

It was established that Council had entered into a sale and purchase agreement with a developer in good faith. It would be remiss to pull out, regardless of current community views, due to reputational risk and significant financial risk should the purchaser sue for damages.

The total contributions from the subdivision was expected to be \$1.2m - \$1.5m, members discussed this being ringfenced for Greytown. Members discussed putting policies and procedures in place to ensure this could not happen again, and releasing public excluded documents relating to Old Stella Bull Park.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2019/167):

1. To receive the Council Disposal of 'Old Stella Bull Park' Report.
(Moved Cr Jephson/Seconded Cr Hay) Carried
2. To note that the intent of previous Councils was to sell the Council owned land known as 'Old Stella Bull Park', and that the resolution is a matter procedure.
(Moved Cr Fox/Seconded Cr Emms) Carried
3. To agree to the sale of Lots 4-5 DP 527754, Part Lot 4 DP 1187 & Part Lot 4 DP 1187 & Part Lot 4 DP 1187, Lot 40-42 Deeds Plan 55, Lot 1, 5-6 DP 17741 and Lot 26 DP 455345 held within Record of Titles 840486, 774470, WN336/240, WN11D/1058, WN11D/1059, WN11D/1060, WN336/246 and 589504 totalling area of 7.2151 hectares more or less.
(Moved Cr Plimmer/Seconded Cr Vickery) Carried

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4. Action 203: Review all public excluded minutes and agenda documents relating to the sale of Old Stella Bull Park and release them to the public provided there are no longer conditions under which they need to remain under public exclusion; H Wilson
5. Action 204: Advise Council whether the subdivision contributions from the sale of Old Stella Bull Park can be ringfenced for use in Greytown; J Mitchell

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