



SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES – 10 August 2011

- Present:** Mayor Adrienne Staples (Chairperson), Councillors Margaret Craig, Mike Gray, Brian Jephson, Julie Riddell, Solitaire Robertson and Keith Sexton.
- In attendance:** Dr Jack Dowds (Chief Executive Officer), Paul Crimp (Group Manager Corporate Support) and Suzanne Clark (Committee Secretary). For part only Mark Allingham (Group Manager Infrastructure and Services).
- Conduct of Business:** The meeting was held in the South Wairarapa Council Chambers at 19 Kitchener Street, Martinborough and was conducted in public between 9.45am and 11:50pm.

A Preliminary Matters

A1. Apologies

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC 2011/98) to receive apologies from Cr Davies, Cr Napier and Cr Stevens.

(Moved Cr Craig/Seconded Cr Gray)

Carried

A2. Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

A3. Public Participation

There was no public participation.

A4. Minutes for Confirmation

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC 2011/99) that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 29 June 2011 were received and confirmed as true and correct.

(Moved Cr Sexton/Seconded Cr Robertson)

Carried

A5. Action Items

Councillors discussed the timing of a public meeting to discuss the future of the Martinborough Town Hall and the need to have costs and options available to the public. Dr Dowds undertook to liaise with the Town Hall Committee to ensure they continued to have information as it came to hand.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC 2011/100) to receive the action items from 29 June 2011.

(Moved Cr Riddell/Seconded Cr Jephson)

Carried

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COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC 2011/101) that Dr Dowds would take over management of actions relating to the Martinborough Town Hall given the workload of the Group Manager Infrastructure and Services and the importance of ensuring that full and correct information is available to the community before a decision on the future of the Town Hall is made.

(Moved Cr Craig/Seconded Cr Jephson) Carried

B Council Committee and Community Board Minutes

B1. Policy and Finance Committee

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2011/102) to receive the minutes of the Policy and Finance Committee 29 June 2011.

(Moved Cr Jephson/Seconded Cr Riddell) Carried

B2. Martinborough Community Board

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2011/103) to receive the minutes of the Martinborough Community Board 18 July 2011.

(Moved Cr Craig /Seconded Cr Sexton) Carried

B3. Featherston Community Board

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2011/104) to receive the minutes of the Featherston Community Board 19 July 2011.

(Moved Cr Craig /Seconded Cr Sexton) Carried

B4. Greytown Community Board

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2011/105) to receive the minutes of the Greytown Community Board 20 July 2011.

(Moved Cr Craig /Seconded Cr Sexton) Carried

B5. Maori Standing Committee

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2011/106):

1. To receive the minutes of the Maori Standing Committee 25 July 2011.

(Moved Cr Robertson /Seconded Cr Gray) Carried

2. Action 840: Invite Haami Te Whaiti to give the GIS mapping of historical South Wairarapa iwi sites presentation to Council on 21 September; P Crimp

C Decision Papers and Common Seal

C1. Centennial and Considine Park, Martinborough – Approval of Development Plan

The Mayor noted that considerable work and consideration had been undertaken by the Martinborough Community Board and the development plan as presented to Council reflected this work.

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COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2011/107):

1. To receive the information.
2. Approve the development plan for Centennial and Considine Park with the changes as outlined in Section 2.2 of the presented report.

(Moved Cr Gray/Seconded Cr Jephson)

Carried

C2. Appointment of Electoral Officer

Councillors considered the report and whether having an offsite electoral officer would disadvantage South Wairarapa residents. The Group Manager Corporate Support advised that he would be the local liaison and respond to electoral queries. For a normal election cycle the cost would be no greater than having an in-house electoral officer.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2011/108):

1. To receive the information.
2. That pursuant to section 12 of the Local Electoral Act 2011, Warwick James Lampp be appointed as Electoral Officer for South Wairarapa District Council.

(Moved Cr Sexton/Seconded Cr Riddell)

Carried

C3. Electoral System for 2013 Elections – Voting System

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2011/109):

1. To receive the information.
2. To retain the First Past the Post (FPP) electoral system for the 2013 local authority elections.

(Moved Cr Craig/Seconded Cr Riddell)

Carried

D Operational Reports

D1. Chief Executive Officer Report

Council considered the Chief Executive Officer's Report and Dr Dowds expanded further and answered councillors questions.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2011/110) to receive the Chief Executive Officer's Report.

(Moved Cr Robertson/Seconded Cr Gray)

Carried

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2011/111) that an investigation should be undertaken to determine what resources would be required to become part of SMART (Sharing and Managing a Region Together) Libraries.

(Moved Cr Riddell/Seconded Cr Craig)

Carried

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D2. Planning and Environment Group Report

Council considered the Planning and Environment Group Report.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2011/112):

1. To receive the Planning and Environment Group Report.

(Moved Mayor Staples/Seconded Cr Robertson)

Carried

D3. Corporate Support Group Report

Council considered the Corporate Support Group Report, and the Group Manager Corporate Support expanded on the work being undertaken to collect rates debt.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2011/113):

1. To receive the Corporate Support Group Report including the financial statements to 30 June 2011.
2. To approve expenditure from Pain Farm to the amount of \$12,500 for concrete levelling work at the Martinborough pool per resolution MCB 2011/29.

(Moved Cr Robertson/Seconded Cr Gray)

Carried

D4. Infrastructure and Services Group Report

Council considered the Infrastructure and Services Group Report and the Group Manager Infrastructure and Services answered councillors questions relating to water usage.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2011/114):

1. To receive the Infrastructure and Services Group Report.

(Moved Cr Sexton /Seconded Cr Craig)

Carried

2. Action 841: Provide the Mayor and Councillors advance notice of library programmes; M Allingham

D5. Proposed Wellington to Wairarapa Cycle Trail

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2011/115):

1. To receive the Proposed Wellington to Wairarapa Cycle Trail Report.

(Moved Cr Riddell /Seconded Cr Craig)

Carried

E Representation Reports

E1. Mayor's Monthly Report

Councillors considered the Mayor's monthly report and Mayor Staples expanded verbally.

Correspondence from the Featherston Arts Trust thanking Council for supporting a recent fundraiser for the Christchurch Woman's Refuge by donating the use of Anzac Hall was tabled.

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COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2011/116):

1. To receive the Mayor's monthly report and the tabled letter from the Featherston Arts Trust.

(Moved Mayor Staples/Seconded Cr Jephson)

Carried

E2. Reports from Councillors

Cr Craig

Cobblestones Trust, Wairarapa Road Safety Council, Wellington Region Waste Forum

Cr Craig reported that Cobblestones Trust was awaiting resource consent for their museum entrance building.

The Wairarapa Road Safety Council will meet on 11 August 2011 and the Wellington Region Waste Forum will meet in the week commencing 15 August 2011.

Cr Gray

Greytown Oxidation Pond Advisory Group

Cr Gray had nothing to report from the Greytown Oxidation Pond Advisory Group.

Cr Gray provided an update from a meeting of the Wairarapa Public Transport Review Committee and noted that he had made a submission on behalf of Council. Cr Gray undertook to include the submission in the next Council agenda papers. Cr Robertson thanked Cr Gray for making this submission.

Cr Riddell

Healthy Homes, Wairarapa Library Service Committee

Cr Riddell reported that a Healthy Homes meeting had been held but she was unable to attend because meeting notice advice had been provided at very late notice.

Cr Robertson

South Wairarapa Community Arts Council

Cr Robertson had nothing to report.

Cr Sexton

Wairarapa District Rural Fire Board

Cr Sexton reported that a working party meeting at Castlepoint was planned.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2011/117):

1. To receive the verbal reports from Councillors.

(Moved Cr Gray/Seconded Cr Jephson)

Carried

2. Action 842: Request Healthy Homes provide reasonable notice of meeting dates to the South Wairarapa Council representative; Dr Dowds

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E3. Focus Group Minutes and Reports

Waste Water Focus Group

The Mayor expressed concern that a Wairarapa district wide water strategy produced by the territorial authorities may be beyond our scope because of Greater Wellington Regional Council control of resources which local Council can not influence. Cr Gray referred to the National Policy Statement for Fresh Water Management which gives the Wellington Regional Council the ability to work independently from the local councils and said there needed to be a strong working relationship between the local councils and the Wellington Regional Council.

Reserves and Amenities Focus Group

Cr Robertson gave a brief update on items discussed at the meeting on 27 July 2011, including a proposal to landscape the new Featherston Cemetery.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2011/118) to receive the verbal update from the Reserves and Amenities Focus Group and the minutes of the other Focus Group meetings.

(Moved Cr Craig /Seconded Cr Gray)

Carried

E4. Council Appointments

Destination Wairarapa

Council reviewed the reports and finances from Destination Wairarapa and on behalf of Cr Stevens the Mayor queried the reported surplus.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2011/119) to receive the Destination Wairarapa reports and that Dr Dowds seek clarification from Destination Wairarapa as to why there is a surplus and how the surplus is to be expended.

(Moved Cr Stevens /Seconded Cr Gray)

Carried

E5. WRC Advisory Committees

Waiohine Floodplain Management Planning Advisory Committee

Cr Gray reported that there were two public information forums on floodplain management at the Greytown Town Centre on 2 July 2011 and 22 June 2011 which were modestly attended.

Awhea Opouawe Scheme Committee

Council reviewed the minutes of the last meeting.

Lower Valley Development Scheme Advisory Committee

Cr Sexton had nothing to report.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2011/120):

1. To receive the reports from Destination Wairarapa and the WRC Advisory Committees.

(Moved Cr Sexton/Seconded Cr Robertson)

Carried

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F Correspondence

F1. Inwards

Letter to Dr Dowds from Toi Wairarapa dated 18 July 2011.

Letter from Gerry Rotman, Clive Paton and David Lawrence dated 29 July 2011.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2011/121) to receive the inwards correspondence.

(Moved Cr Sexton/Seconded Cr Robertson)

Carried

G Public Exclusion

G1. Council-Owned Land at South End of Greytown (Old Stella Bull Park) – Potential Cost and Return of Development

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2011/122) to receive the public excluded Council minutes of 29 June 2011 in public.

(Moved Mayor Staples/Seconded Cr Gray)

Carried

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC 2011/123) that the minutes of the public excluded Council meeting held on 29 June 2011 were confirmed as true and correct.

(Moved Cr Jephson/Seconded Cr Craig)

Carried

Confirmed as a true and correct record

.....(Mayor)

.....(Date)

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