

Martinborough Community Board Submission

South Wairarapa District Council Long Term Plan 2018-2028

We would like to speak to this submission and request a speaking slot on the 14th May.

1. Future Growth and Development

We support Option One – to prepare a Spatial Plan

The South Wairarapa is facing a period of continued growth. We believe it is now time for the council to re-look at the district plan and undertake spatial planning. We would like to see a plan that includes infrastructure plus existing and planned community assets.

We would like to see the plan:

- include direction for future growth and organisation
- identify community values and allow for Martinborough to develop with a focus on these values
- allow the community to get ahead of growth and plan for it rather than respond to it
- allow us to anticipate and respond to risks (eg climate change/water supply/transport)
- improve linkages and connections within the community
- support consideration of different groups within the community (eg youth, elderly)
- provide the opportunity for individual communities to say who they are and identify their own character/uniqueness in order to enhance these qualities
- to enable economic growth through siting and connecting business efficiently as well as enhancing our tourism offering
- to enable well planned public spaces to reduce crime and enhance wellbeing
- respond to disruptive change (eg technology – electric cars and remote working)
- provide an opportunity for council to understand, represent and articulate the community's desires
- be flexible enough to respond to change

2. Youth Training and Development

We support Option One with the following comment:

There is a clear need for funding to support programs that help youth, particularly in the areas of mental health and early intervention for at risk youth, we are pleased to hear of SWDC's intention to support the Kuranui project.

3. Promoting and Enhancing our District

We support Option One with the following comment

We feel it is important that SWDC doesn't duplicate the work already being done by Destination Wairarapa to promote the District to visitors. The focus of this spend should be to position the District as an independent region and to support that positioning through the SWDC website, communications and social media presence. We would like this to include new ways of communicating and consulting with ratepayers to reflect the changes in the ways people communicate and more readily available digital technology.

4. Infrastructure for Visitors

We support Option One

Given the strong growth in tourism and visitor numbers we believe that this is a priority. We would like this to be linked to the spatial planning exercise so that freedom camping and tourism in general is managed in a way to least harm the natural environment.

5. Sports Coordination

MCB does not feel qualified to express an opinion but have contacted a number of Martinborough Ward sporting organisations to encourage them to submit on this proposal.

6. Reducing Waste Going to Landfills

We support the target to reduce total waste sent to landfill from 600kg to 400kg per person per annum. Of the proposed initiatives we would prioritise kerbside recycling with 240l wheelie bins and some form of e-waste collection, followed by food waste collections.

We also recommend that Council install public recycling bins alongside our rubbish bins to allow people to recycle whilst out and about.

We believe Social Media sites such as 'Martinborough Wanted Buy and Sell' provide better options for people to dispose of their usable goods than a recycling/recovery centre at a transfer station.

7. Water Conservation

We support Option One

We believe that water conservation is a priority for South Wairarapa and support a feasibility study to ensure a robust approach to this issue.

8. Business Friendly

We believe that the strongest economic development role for SWDC is to facilitate private investment and development. We have received substantial feedback from businesses in the past year that dealing with SWDC is becoming increasingly difficult and are concerned that private investors are being put off investing in our towns. We ask that SWDC put aside some time to review the way it works with local businesses so that our district remains an attractive place to invest.

9. Community Boards Review - P20 Consultation Supporting Documents

We support a review of Community Boards' Terms of Reference and Delegations. We believe that Community Boards need to be empowered with appropriate financial and human resources. We also recommend that SWDC investigate the possibility of running

events prior to the next Local Government elections for potential candidates to understand what is involved. This will deliver well against SWDC's Community Partnerships pillar in the Council's strategic plan.

10. UFB P34 consultation supporting documents

We support the connection of libraries to UFB and request that SWDC include the new Martinborough Library in the Waihinga centre in this rollout.

11. Martinborough Playground - P34 Consultation Supporting Documents

We request SWDC allocate some of the proposed playground budget to the Waihinga Centre playground in Martinborough. We believe that the Playground budget should be spent equally across all of the District's playgrounds.

12. Footpath Budget – P79 Consultation Supporting Documents

We understand that the possible funding for new footpaths identified in last year's Annual Plan (SWDC resolution DC2017/71) was made unavailable due to urgent roading rehabilitation. We request that additional footpath funding is set aside for the footpath work on Texas Street identified in the Waihinga Centre Plans. This footpath is essential to provide safe access to the Waihinga Centre, Park and Playground, which is owned by SWDC.

13. Old Martinborough Cemetery Fence

We request that budget is allocated to replacing this fence in keeping with the fence at Considine Park. This sits well with Council's objective to provide Attractive Parks and Spaces.

14. Considine Park

We request that funding is allocated to continue the Considine Park Development Plan and ask that those funds are allocated in line with Considine Park Committee priorities.

15. Martinborough Square Development Plan funding

MCB have requested a price for providing the circular seating as per the Martinborough Square Development Plan. We note that the Plan was adopted in August 2012 but, other than the new toilets adjacent to the Museum and long delayed repairs to the Boer War Memorial little has been done. We request that SWDC allocate funds to implement the circular seating around the Boer War Memorial within the next 2 years.

16. Town Beautification Funds

We request that SWDC continue to allocate funds for town beautification to be managed by the respective Community Boards.

17. Cycle Strategy Implementation

In line with SWDC's cycle strategy we request that SWDC set aside funds for on road cycle lanes on the Martinborough Urban routes. We also request Pass Safely Signage to be positioned at key points on these popular cycling routes.

18. Pool Pergola

We ask that the pergola salvaged from the Martinborough Playground be installed at Martinborough Pool before the 2018/19 swim season.

19. Manganese Removal – P44 consultation supporting documents

We support the removal of manganese from the Martinborough Water supply. Should SWDC need to chlorinate the supply in the future we ask that the community and particularly the Martinborough Vineyards who are irrigating from town supply are consulted and kept informed.

20. Residential Land Rezoning

We appreciate the funding provided in the 2017/18 Annual Plan for residential land rezoning in Martinborough and look forward to seeing the outcome of this work. We believe this and the Spatial Planning exercise, proposed by SWDC, are crucial in order to manage growth and the acute shortage of residential accommodation in Martinborough, however, we also note that the current rental crisis is exacerbated by the proliferation of short term holiday lets removing potential long term rentals from the market.

21. Bilingual Signage

We strongly support this initiative to increase the visibility of Te Reo Māori in our District and recommend that SWDC consider early replacement of some key signs throughout the District to kick start this initiative.