



**SOUTH WAIRARAPA  
DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
*Kia Reretahi Tātau*

## **ASSETS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE**

### **PUBLIC EXCLUDED MINUTES 19 June 2019**

- Present:** Councillors Brian Jephson (Chair), Pam Colenso, Colin Olds, Colin Wright, Mike Gray, Lisa Cornelissen, Robyn Ramsden, Leigh Hay and Mayor Viv Napier.
- In Attendance:** Harry Wilson (Chief Executive) until 10:30am, Mark Allingham (Group Manager Infrastructure and Services), Suzanne Clark (Committee Advisor), and for part only Jennie Mitchell (Group Manager Corporate Support), Katrina Neems (Finance Manager), Lawrence Stephenson (Assets and Operations Manager) and Ian McSherry (Wellington Water).
- Conduct of Business:** The meeting was held in the Supper Room, Waihinga Centre, Texas Street, Martinborough and was conducted in public excluded between 10:10am and 11:05am.
- Also in Attendance:** Councillor Ross Vickery.

#### **Open Section**

##### **A1. Apologies**

*ASSETS AND SERVICES RESOLVED (AS2019/08)* to accept apologies from Cr Lee Carter.

*(Moved Cr Colenso/Seconded Cr Gray)*

Carried

#### **Public Excluded**

*ASSETS AND SERVICES RESOLVED (AS2019/14)* that the public be excluded from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

##### **C1. Chlorination of Martinborough Water Supply**

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:

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<b>Report/General Subject Matter</b>	<b>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to the matter</b>	<b>Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for the passing of this Resolution</b>
Chlorination of Martinborough Water Supply	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7(2)(f)(h)	Section 48(1)(a)

This resolution 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:

<b>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to the matter</b>	<b>Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for the passing of this Resolution</b>
f) to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through- i) the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of any local authority, or any persons to whom section 2(5) applies, in the course of their duty. ii) the protection of such members, officers, employees, and person from improper pressure or harassment. (h) enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations including commercial and industrial.	Section 7(2)(f)(h)

*(Moved Cr Olds/Seconded Cr Gray)*

Carried

Mr Wilson advised Council that consultation with the community should be undertaken, with a preferred solution formulated from all the known information against an option of ‘is anyone aware of other information that Council should be considering’. Funding options were tabled; Ms Mitchell recommended option two which would result in a minimal rating impact. Mr Allingham, Mr Stephenson and Mr McSherry answered members questions.

- Members noted that the financial impact would extend to all urban ratepayers.
- Members expressed concern that building a manganese plant had increased from \$570,000 to \$2,052,722.
- Members noted the low probability of finding a new Martinborough bore that did not contain manganese.
- Members noted that implementation of a timely solution was paramount in order to mitigate the risk of the ability to provide water during low water reserve periods and to prevent negative economic or reputation impact.
- Members noted that there was capacity to loan fund the required amount.
- Members noted there were contingencies built into the \$2m figure, but that it would be a few weeks before the final solution and associated figure could be confirmed.

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- Councillors not able to attend the meeting should be sent a copy of the resolution and given the opportunity to be briefed before the Council meeting on the 26 June 2019.
- Members noted that Council officer’s recommendations needed to be reformulated to capture the key issues.

*ASSETS AND SERVICES RESOLVED (AS2019/15PE):*

1. To receive the Chlorination of Martinborough Water Supply Report and the tabled financial update.  
*(Moved Cr Gray/Seconded Cr Colenso)* Carried
2. To recommend to Council to engage with the district on proceeding with a manganese plant to allow permanent chlorination based on 75% loan funding with the remainder of the required funding coming from the Martinborough infrastructure reserve.
3. To recommend to Council to continue to temporarily chlorinate the Martinborough water supply in the meantime.
4. To recommend to Council to continue to design a manganese removal plant, and that purchase of long lead time items should be approved and then undertaken as soon as possible.
5. To recommend to Council that Council officers be instructed to take all measures to reduce demand and publicise water use regularly.
6. That these recommendations are received in the Council open meeting, but that the report and minutes remain public excluded until community engagement has been completed, and the project has been completed.  
*(Moved Cr Wright/Seconded Hay)* Carried

Mrs Ramsden left the meeting at 11:00am.

Mrs Ramsden returned to the meeting at 11:05am.

*ASSETS AND SERVICES RESOLVED (AS2019/16PE) to move out of the public excluded section of the meeting.*

*(Moved Cr Gray/Seconded Cr Colenso)* Carried

**Confirmed as a true and correct record**

.....(Chair)

.....(Date)

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