

**MINUTES OF SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL  
COMMUNITY WELLBEING FUND SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT THE TAUHERENIKAU RACECOURSE, THE PAVILION  
ON SATURDAY, 19 OCTOBER 2024 AT 9:00 AM**

- PRESENT:** Ms Janice Smith (Chief Executive Officer), Ms Narida Hooper and Lina McManus.
- APOLOGIES:** Louise Brown, Narida Hooper – attending from 1pm.
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Councillor Rebecca Gray, Councillor Martin Bosley, Councillor Pip Maynard, Tui Rutherford (FCB, Louise Brown (GCB), Storm Robertson (MCB), Terina Kawai (MSC), Janice Smith CE and Narida Hooper Pou Māori.
- CONDUCT OF BUSINESS:** This meeting was held in the Tauherenikau Racecourse, the Pavilion and via audio-visual conference. This meeting was live-streamed is available to view on our YouTube channel. The meeting was held in public under the above provisions from 9am to 4.58pm except where expressly noted.

**OPEN SECTION**

**1 KARAKIA TIMATANGA – OPENING**

Mr Rutherford opened the meeting.

**2 APOLOGIES**

**APOLOGY**

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CWFSC2024/08**

**Moved: Cr R Gray**

**Seconded: Cr P Maynard**

That Community Wellbeing Fund Subcommittee resolved to accept/not accept apologies from Louise Brown, Narida Hooper – attending from 1pm.

**CARRIED**

**3 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

The following members noted an interest with an application in the agenda; Cr Maynard (Rural Support Trust), Cr Bosley (Greytown Crop Up and Country Village Haven Trust), Narida Hooper (Pae tū Mōkai o Taurira), Cr Gray (Featherston Community Patrol and Featherston's Own Charitable Trust), Storm Robertson (Martinborough Golf Club) and agreed to stand aside from decision making on these items.

**4 URGENT BUSINESS**

Nil.

**5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CWFSC2024/09**

**Moved: Cr S Robertson**

**Seconded: Cr M Bosley**

That the minutes of the Community Wellbeing Fund Subcommittee Meeting held on 4 September 2024 are confirmed as a true and correct record.

**CARRIED**

## 6 APPLICANT SPEAKING SCHEDULE

Time Slot	Organisation	Speakers
9.00am - 9.30am	Martinborough School	Courtney Miles
	Elevate Wairarapa Trust	Hayden Mischevski
	Crop Up Greytown	Barb Hyde
	South Wairarapa Bouldering	William Watterson
	Featherston Sports Hub	Marc van de Loo
	Martinborough Music Festival Trust	Andrew Morrison
9.30am - 10.00am	Predator Free Featherston	Daniel Millar
	Featherston Community Patrol	Warren Maxwell
	Pickled Compost	Lydia Thomsen
	Rural Support Trust	Sarah Donaldson
	The Life Flight Trust	Lyndal Bremer
	Youthline	Luke Tiller

10.00am - 10.40am	The Social Crust	May & Peter Croft
	The Wairarapa Pūkaha to Kawakawa Trust	Esther Dijkstra
	The Good Garden (Pirinoa)	Alex Morrissey
	Vagabond Vege	Justin Connor and Sheldon Level
	Fareham Creative Space	Claire Bleakley and Joanne Ridley-McBeth
	Greytown Lions Trust	Steve Maddock
*buffer*		
<b>Morning Tea</b>		
11.00am - 11.30am	Pae Tu Mokai o Tauria - He Kotare Native Plant Nursery	Tracy Burkhart
	The Waiti Project	Terry Wreford Hann
	Te Hepunui Greytown Gallery	Members of the Committee
	Greytown Toy Library	Gay Butler and Carol McNaught
	Walwaste	Victoria Ross
	Greytown Red Robins	John Rennie
11.30am - Noon	Carterton Indoor Pool Project	Catherine Rossiter-Stead
	NZ Astrological Biology Network	Samuel Leske
	Hau Ariki Marae	David on behalf of the committee
	Featherstons Own Community Trust	Rachel Cooper
	Country Village Heaven	Rach Fletcher
	*buffer*	

Noon - 12.30pm	Featherston Community Centre Charitable Trust	Joanna Baldwin
	Hōkai Tahī	Rebecca Vergunst
	GSL - Community Pavillion	Rosie Swanson
	Martinborough Golf Club	Jane Fanselow-Price
	Ruamahanga Farm Foundation	Rod Sugden
12.30pm - 1.00pm	Nuku Ora	Andrew Leslie
	Featherston Booktown	Mary Biggs
	Featherston Memorial RSA	Robbie Taylor
	Sustainable Wairarapa	Justine Prain
	Awhea Charitable Trust	Claire Edwards
Lunch Break - Presentations complete deliberations to follow		

## 7 COMMUNITY WELLBEING FUND APPLICANT PRESENTATION

*The Featherston Sports Hub* spoke to their application - *Card Reserve Playing Facilities upgrade*. A member queried considerations for flood lighting within dark skies requirement, applicant confirmed within recommended regulations.

*Greytown Crop Up* spoke to their application – *Crop up 2025*. A member queried long term plan and vision for sustainability.

*Martinborough School* spoke to their application – *Garden to Table*. A member queried if suppliers have supported, applicant confirmed yes. Another member queried the GTT subscription and how its covered. Applicant noted they fundraise to cover most costs and shared a message from students to end.

*Elevate Wairarapa Trust* spoke to their application – *Summer Hummer 2025*. The organisation noted that notable artists brought to the region and how accessible the event is for community with gold coin entry, hoping to maintain that.

At 9:56 am, Cr M Bosley left the meeting.

*South Wairarapa Bouldering Club* spoke to their application – *Community Bouldering Wall*. Sharing plans for a wall to be built and made accessible to community at Featherston Stadium.

*Predator Free Featherston* spoke to their application – *Predator control at Featherston's Domain and Dorset Square*. Member queries whether DOC supports through funding, applicant noted no, and that at the time of application included a pending outcome from Transpower which was declined.

*Featherston Community Patrol* spoke to their application, with Detective Nick Bunny – *Ngā Karu hei haumarua, the eyes that keep us safe*. A community survey shows 90% indication of support from community in Featherston for project. Member queried the type of camera, clarified CCTV, biometric cameras. Member queried Privacy Act, Detective Nick Bunny confirmed process is in accordance with act – has to be a law full reason and is audited. FCP will own and maintain, the data goes straight to police no access from volunteers.

*Pickled Compost* spoke to their application – *Pickled Compost Collection Pilot*. Sharing an example of the bokashi system with a pickled sprinkle. Chair noted worth also speaking and engaging with Council Officers.

*The East Coast Rural Support Trust, Wairarapa Branch* spoke to their application – *Rural Wellbeing Community night*. It was noted that the event is retrospective but was eligible based on the original grant submission timeframe, it was acceptable to bring the application to the committee, and had secured funding from another funder to support. Member noted that as we were over prescribed, and that they would receive the application due to the strength of wellbeing outcomes specific to our rural and isolated communities but noted ang grant is at the sole discretion of the committee.

At 10:43am, Cr M Bosley returned to the meeting.

*Wairarapa Pūkaha to Kawakawaka Trust* spoke to their application – *Growing nature in our backyards*. Sharing that the biggest threat to flora, fauna and native species is us and that their vision is to provide a solution to support the whenua and moana to thrive.

At 11:00 am, Cr P Maynard left the meeting.

**Meeting adjourned for morning tea 10 minutes.**

**Meeting reconvened.**

*Life flight* spoke to their application – *Life flight operating costs*. Noted a 20% increase in service use on the previous year. Have upgraded fleet with second hand planes, allowing for more space, land in smaller airfields and carry more weight.

*Youthline* regional representative spoke to their application – *Youth development and mentoring*. Noting they are currently a solo resource offering two services, misconception that they receive funding from Auckland. Funding would be used for operational costs e.g. travel / petrol as largest expense.

*The Social Crust* spoke to their application - *building vegetable gardens to service Martinborough and Greytown foodbanks*. Detailing the project would be sited at 45 Princess Street, housing four garden beds for vegetables and a garden shed to support food security.

*Little Farms* spoke to their application – *the Good Garden Pirinoa*. Rural Pirinoa can be isolating; particularly for mums and the ageing population. More organic gardens the better for soil and waterways and also strengthen community ties.

*Vegabond Vege* spoke to their application – *the next level tool library*. Detailing how current food systems has negative impacts on climate and we need a solution, a tool library, that could be used by both commercial growers and community. Member queried where this would be stored, applicant noted Ruamahanga Farm was a likely option. Member queried set up for Vegabond Vege, applicant confirmed is a business, however the next level tool library would be another suitable structure.

*Fareham Creative Space* spoke to their application – Accessible Art Group Programme, noting their research-based evidence for creativity and social wellbeing. Shared experiences from different members of the community who have meaningful arts experiences, supporting their wellbeing, with a vision to host an exhibition.

*The Greytown Lions* spoke to their application – *Greytown community walkway enhancement*. Shared an image of the wire house and walkway in the 1950s. Regularly cleared and maintained by the Lions over the years. The applicant noted that mural would be the priority and noted due to the competitive nature of the fund, the compostable toilet could be deferred.

*Greytown School* spoke to their project – *first solar school in South Wairarapa*. Noted it could be a legacy for both the school and the Council and aligns well with the criteria. Member queried whether this covers all the power costs, applicant noted no, that would require larger panels. Applicant presented video from children to end.

*Pae tū mōkai o Tauira* spoke to their application – *Native Nursery potting shed development*. Shared examples of native seeds and the plants they grow into. Having the space would allow the volunteers to deliver back more for the community and the environment.

*The Waiti Project* presented a brief video and spoke the application – *poster and resource on our fresh water*. The Subcommittee commended the video presentation and had no further questions.

Te Hepunui – Greytown Gallery spoke to their application – *Mahi Toi a South Wairarapa Arts programme*. Sharing a video produced by the committee, featuring artists, community members and Kuranui Students. Member queried where the funds would be directed, applicant noted artists are offering their time in kind, so would be going primarily on materials.

*Greytown Toy Library* spoke to their application – *Toy library building and maintenance*. Member queried who owns the building, applicant confirmed they do. Another member queried location, confirmed next to Plunket. Member asked if all the upgrades were delivered would the building be sustainable in the long term.

*WaiWaste* spoke to their application – *Food Rescue*. Detailing the statistics of waste in our region and how they minimise this with local groups such as our foodbanks, schools and other organisations. Member queried if funding would be Wairarapa wide or South Wairarapa. Applicant noted their focus will be South Wairarapa as part of her role and that could be supported by this funding.

*The Greytown Red Robins* spoke to their application – *Greytown School Produce Garden*. Items have been donated by community volunteers, hope to build raised gardens for students, which would be supported and maintained over school holidays by Red Robin volunteers.

**Committee discussed timing and delays – decided to defer lunch scheduled at 1pm to through the rest of the presentations.** *The meeting continued in accordance with Standing Orders 4.2 meeting durations the meeting is of a critical nature and resolves to continue.*

*The Carterton Swimming Club* spoke to their application – *Indoor pool building project Carterton*. Detailing users from all across the SW district, all ages all mobility as the only heated, indoor pool outside of Masterton. Member queried pricing model, applicant noted minimal \$4 casual – covers diesel generator and annual membership.

At 12:47 pm, Cr P Maynard returned to the meeting.

*The NZ Astro biological Network* spoke to their application – *Dark skies business capability training*. Sharing success of Carterton events and benefit of the course. Two classroom sessions –stargazing/site visits and practical advice.

*Hau Ariki Marae* spoke to their application – *Rainwater collection for potable water supply*. Shared background of marae hapori – māori land trust, and future vision for self-sustainability and resilience. That included an application to be electrically resilient with another funder, which was successful next step is water resilience.

*Featherston's Own Community Trust* spoke to their application – *Organisation Safety – HR*. Grassroots organisation, that now has paid staff, wanting to get policy and procedures in place to protect trust and also employees safe.

*Country Village Haven Trust* spoke to their application – *Community Optimism Activations Festival of Christmas*. 80% of residents survey said that this festival makes Wairarapa a great place to live, requesting funding for the opening and closing events in particular.

*Martinborough Museum* spoke to their application – *heating for the Museum*. Spoke to the Museums existing operations, noting the building itself has heritage status – 130 years old. Need support to protect and

preserve the building – no installation and isn't designed to have such, heat pumps are the best solution. Member queried historic funding, applicant noted used to acquire operational fund through LTP, but no other grants recently applied.

*Featherston Community Centre Charitable Trust* spoke to their application – *Community Centre Solar Solution*. Over 25-year warranty time, will save the centre approximately \$300,000 in power costs, allowing them to invest back in community. Member queried the difference between this FCCCT and Featherston's Own Charitable trust, confirmed two different entities with two different remits.

*Hōkai Tahi* spoke to their application – *South Wairarapa Pregnancy Loss and Baby Support*. Originally based in Masterton, looking to bring the service closer to South Wairarapa. Funding will support the establishment of a clinic in Featherston. No questions member commended work as it's the only organisation delivering in this space in the region.

*Greytown Sport and Leisure Society* spoke to their application – *Community Pavilion*. Introducing members from the cricket, swimming and football clubs supporting the project. A new pavilion will be fit for purpose for all members of the community from – women/girls, children and older generations.

*Martinborough Golf Club* spoke to their application – *Golf Clubhouse Rebuild*. About 5,000 visitor rounds played at the club showing the potential for growth of the sport, and events. The new club house will house the first simulation technology in the Wairarapa.

*Ruamahanga Farm Foundation* spoke to their application – *Te Reo o te Wai community conservation, arts and wellbeing*. Project will enable young people to be kaitiaki of the environment through various activities, working with the community, schools, families, Menzshed and Lions.

### ***Narida arrived at 1.10 pm***

*Nuku Ora* spoke to their applications – *Nuku Ora Partnership Strategy and Healthy Neighbourhoods Pirinoa and Featherston*. Based in Wellington working throughout the region – a base in Masterton. First projects support in providing advice around places and spaces, working closely with organisations in our remit. The second, prioritises community development work that was funded by Te Whatu Ora, solving the problem of physical inactivity in these communities. Member queried how long the second project was running, applicant confirmed 18 months, however funding has since been cut.

*Featherston Booktown* spoke to their application – *Karukatea Festival 2025 10yr Anniversary*. Booktown has been lifechanging for South Wairarapa, booksellers across the district but over the years have transformed Featherston. The Young Readers Programme puts a book in every child's hand – the event is unique nothing else like it in Aotearoa. Member queried application for community and youth grant, applicant clarified the application for the young readers, was separate they're speaking to the whole event and the measurable impacts detailed in application.

*Featherston Memorial RSA* spoke to their application – *building upgrades*. Featherston is rich in military history and community, with 300 members, the important to preserve, a safe and accessible venue. Members commented on the community use of the venue, a great venue. Applicant noted this has increased with more people moving over the hill, want to make sure it continues but require some additional support to complete building work to keep doors open.

*Sustainable Wairarapa* spoke to their application – *Electrify Wairarapa Conference*. The vision is to support individuals, businesses and communities to plan for the future in terms of sustainability. The event touches on social, economic and environmental outcomes. Member queried if they approached other Councils. Had applied to Masterton and have some other sponsors.

*Awhea Charitable Trust* spoke to their application – *Coastal Protection and Restoration for Tora*. A trust set up to connect a range of stakeholders including Council to do good for Tora, vision is to see a thriving coastline, abundant resources, flourishing natural ecosystems. Native plantings are the priority, rocks and sandbags are other options, some land is Council, some is private. Member queried what the priorities are; applicant noted many; however plantings seem the best way to connect everybody and collaborate with key stakeholders. Another member commented consideration for supporting local suppliers e.g. Kohunui Marae's nursery.

The Subcommittee agreed to go into confidential discussion to allow free and frank speech so that the funds allocated would be made on the basis clear and transparent discussion and assessment of projects to the criteria. Allowing decision makers an open forum to discuss their confidence in regard to proposed outcomes.

## MOTION

### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CWFSC2024/10

**Moved:** Cr R Gray

**Seconded:** Ms J Smith

That Community Wellbeing Fund Subcommittee resolved to enter the next stage of deliberations under Public Exclusion; Free and Frank Speech s7 (2) (f)

*(f)*

*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 in the course of their duty; or*

*(ii)*

*the protection of such members, officers, employees, and persons from improper pressure or harassment;*

**CARRIED**

## 8 REPORTS FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND STAFF

The Subcommittee came out of the confidential discussion to receive the Community Wellbeing Fund Grant Allocations report and to formalise the grant allocations.

## MOTION

### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION CWFSC2024/11

**Moved:** Cr R Gray

**Seconded:** Cr T Rutherford



That Community Wellbeing Fund Subcommittee resolved to:

a. Receive the Community Wellbeing Fund Summary of Applications report.

b. The Community Wellbeing Fund Subcommittee allocates \$340,000 from the Community Wellbeing fund allocated to the following groups:

b.1) Priority Projects:

- Awhea Charitable Trust, the amount of \$10,000
- Crop up Greytown, the amount of \$10,000
- Hokai Tahi, the amount of \$10,000
- Featherston Community Patrol, the amount of \$33,500
- Greytown Lions, the amount of \$5,000
- Predator Free Featherston, the amount of \$13,000
- Hau Ariki Marae, the amount of \$49,000

b.2) Environmental Projects

- Ruamhanga Farm Foundation, the amount of \$10,000
- Pickled Compost, the amount of \$2,000
- Martinborough School, the amount of \$10,000
- Greytown School, the amount of \$33,000
- Featherston Community Centre, the amount of \$33,000

b.3) Capital Projects

- Featherston Sports Hub, the amount of \$25,000
- Martinborough Museum, the amount of \$10,000
- Featherston Memorial RSA, the amount of \$6,000
- Pae tū Mōkai o Taurira, the amount of \$10,000

b.4) Events

- East Coast Rural Support Trust, the amount of \$5,000
- Elevate Wairarapa Community Trust, the amount of \$2,500
- Featherston Booktown, the amount of \$15,000
- Country Village Haven Trust, the amount of \$10,000

b.5) Regional

- WaiWaste Food Rescue, the amount of \$10,000
- Wellington Free Ambulance, the amount of \$18,000
- Carterton Swimming Club, the amount of \$5,500

c. The Community Wellbeing Fund Subcommittee declined the application held from Greytown Sports and Leisure Society from the former meeting.

d. The Community Wellbeing Fund Subcommittee delegated the following applicants to other funds to consider funding due to the overall availability of funds.

d.1) Little Farms, to Māori Standing Committee

d.2) Greytown Lions, to Greytown Community Board

d.3) Featherston's Own Charitable Trust, to Featherston Community Board

d.4) Greytown Red Robins, to Greytown Community Board

d.5) The Waitī Project, to Māori Standing Committee

d.6) Featherston Bowling Club, to Featherston Community Board

d.7) Featherston Beautification Group, to Featherston Community Board

d.8) Featherston Knitters, to Featherston Community Board

- d.9) Martinborough Gaming Board Club, to Martinborough Community Board
- d.10) Greytown Community Gym, Greytown Community Board
- d.11) Kohunui Marae, Māori Standing Committee
- d.12) Kahutara School, Māori Standing Committee
- d.13) Pae tū Mōkai o Tauira, Māori Standing Committee
- e. The Community Wellbeing Fund Subcommittee declined the following applicants due a not meeting criteria and/or lower confidence of outcomes being achieved and/or the overall availability of funds and/or at the Subcommittees sole discretion not to proceed.
- e.1) Carterton School
- e.2) Divine River Trust
- e.3) Featherston Heritage Complex
- e.4) Sarah Cristaldi
- e.5) Belinda Miles
- e.6) Simon Cartwright
- e.7) Vegabond Vege
- e.8) South Wairarapa Bouldering Club
- e.9) Greytown Toy Library
- e.10) Martinborough Golf Club
- e.11) The Social Crust
- e.12) NZ Astrobiological Network NZ
- e.13) Te Hupenui/Greytown Art Gallery
- e.14) Fareham Creative Space
- e.15) Martinborough Music Festival
- e.16) Martinborough School Fundraiser – RTV
- e.17) Sustainable Wairarapa
- e.18) Wairarapa Youth Orchestra
- e.19) Youthline
- e.20) Wairarapa Pūkaha to Kawakawaka Trust
- e.21) The Life Flight Trust
- e.22) Nuku Ora
- e.23) Papawai Mangarara Stream Catchment Group

Items A through E read together

**CARRIED**

## **9 KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA – CLOSING**

Cr Gray closed the meeting with a karakia.

The meeting closed at 4.58pm.

**Confirmed as a true and correct record.**

..... (Chair)

..... (Date)

..... (Group Manager Corporate Services)

..... (Date)