

**MINUTES OF SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE SUPPER ROOM, WAIHINGA CENTRE, TEXAS STREET, MARTINBOROUGH
ON WEDNESDAY, 11 JUNE 2025 AT 9:00 AM**

- PRESENT:** Deputy Mayor Melissa Sadler-Futter (Chair), Cr Martin Bosley, Cr Rebecca Gray, Cr Colin Olds, Cr Alistair Plimmer, Cr Aaron Woodcock
- APOLOGIES:** Mayor Martin Connelly, Cr Pip Maynard, Cr Kaye McAulay and Cr Aidan Ellims.
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Janice Smith (Chief Executive Officer), Stefan Corbett (Group Manager, Infrastructure and Community Operations), Russell O'Leary (Group Manager, Planning and Regulatory), Nicki Ansell (Lead Advisor, Performance and Strategy), James O'Connor (Manager, Community Operations) and Amy Andersen (Lead Advisor, Democracy and Committees).
- PUBLIC FORUM:** Garry Dittmer, Jim Hedley and Dougal Shelton.
- CONDUCT OF BUSINESS:** This meeting was held in the Supper Room, Waihinga Centre, Texas Street, Martinborough 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 9:06am to 9:50am except where expressly noted.

OPEN SECTION

1 KARAKIA TIMATANGA – OPENING

All in attendance opened the meeting.

2 APOLOGIES

2.1 APOLOGIES

RESOLUTION DC2025/01

Moved: Cr M Bosley

Seconded: Cr R Gray

The Council resolved to accept apologies from Mayor Martin Connelly, Cr Pip Maynard, Cr Kaye McAulay and Cr Aidan Ellims.

CARRIED

3 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr Plimmer declared a conflict of interest with item 10.2 Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw due to judicial position. No other interests were disclosed relating to items on the agenda or interests not already recorded on a relevant register.

4 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND TRIBUTES

Cr Olds acknowledged the passing of Bob Wilton of Featherston, the Council's thoughts are with his family.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Garry Dittmer – Audit 23/24

Mr Dittmer spoke to Council about the Audit 2023/24 and his concerns regarding elements including correspondence and transparency, accuracy of financial information and independent assurances.

Cr Plimmer – left the meeting at 9:15am.

Jim Hedley – Long Term Plan consultation process

Mr Hedley spoke to Council about his concerns regarding the distribution of rates, consideration of the formed letters submitted during the recent Long Term Plan consultation and that rural submitters were ignored. Mr Hedley asked Council to support an increase of the UAGC to 28% and reverse the decision made at the Strategy Working Committee on 14 May 2025 in relation to Question 1, Option 2.

Cr Plimmer returned at 9:23am.

Dougal Shelton – Formed Letters - Long Term Plan consultation

Mr Shelton also spoke to the Council about his concerns regarding the consideration of the formed letters submitted during the recent Long Term Plan consultation, and improving democratic processes.

Deputy Mayor Sadler-Futter noted that Council were grateful for all information received during the Long Term Plan consultation process.

6 URGENT BUSINESS

There was no urgent business.

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

7.1 MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 18 DECEMBER 2024

RESOLUTION DC2025/02**Moved:** Cr A Plimmer**Seconded:** Cr R Gray

That the minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting held on 18 December 2024 are confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

7.2 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 20 NOVEMBER 2024

RESOLUTION DC2025/03**Moved:** Cr C Olds**Seconded:** Cr R Gray

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 20 November 2024 are confirmed as a true and correct record.

In Favour: Deputy Mayor M Sadler-Futter, Cr M Bosley, Cr R Gray, Cr C Olds and Cr A Woodcock

Against: Nil

Abstained: Cr A Plimmer

CARRIED

8 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

There were no matters arising.

9 REPORT BACKS AND REQUESTS FROM MĀORI STANDING COMMITTEE AND COMMUNITY BOARDS

There were no report backs or requests.

10 DECISION REPORTS FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND STAFF**10.1 ELECTIONS 2025 - ORDER OF CANDIDATES ON VOTING FORMS****RESOLUTION DC2025/04****Moved:** Cr A Plimmer**Seconded:** Cr R Gray

Council resolved to:

1. Receive the *Elections 2025 – Order of Candidates on Voting Forms* Report.
2. Agree that, in accordance with clause 31 of the Local Electoral Regulations 2001, the method of ordering the names of candidates on voting papers will be fully random for the 2025 and 2028 triennial council elections and any subsequent by-elections.

[Items 1 & 2 read together]

CARRIED**10.2 WAIRARAPA CONSOLIDATED BYLAW****RESOLUTION DC2025/05****Moved:** Cr C Olds**Seconded:** Cr R Gray

Council resolved to:

1. Receives the *Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw* Report.
2. Endorses the revised Draft Part Nine: Water Supply Bylaw and the Statement of Proposal for consultation.
3. Council notes the consultation for part one - part ten of the Consolidated Bylaw will take place 25 June – 25 July 2025 and that consultation for Part Eleven: Trade Waste is currently open, closing on 25 July 2025.

In Favour: Deputy Mayor M Sadler-Futter, Cr M Bosley, Cr R Gray, Cr C Olds and Cr A Woodcock.

Against: Nil

Abstained: Cr A Plimmer

CARRIED

10.3 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NZ REMIT 2025**RESOLUTION DC2025/06****Moved: Cr A Plimmer****Seconded: Cr A Woodcock**

Council resolved to:

- a) Receives the *Local Government NZ Remit 2025* Report.
- b) Authorises the primary nominee to endorse the remits with the following vote:

| Proposed Remit | | Vote – Yes, No or Abstain |
|----------------|---|---------------------------|
| 1 | Security System Payments | Yes |
| 2 | Improving Joint Management Agreements | Abstain |
| 3 | Alcohol Licencing Fees | Yes |
| 4 | Aligning public and school bus services | Abstain |
| 5 | Review of local government arrangements to achieve better balance | Yes |

- c) Authorises the primary nominee to prioritise the remits as follows:
 - 1. Alcohol Licencing Fees
 - 2. Review of local government arrangements to achieve better balance
 - 3. Security System Payments
 - 4. Aligning public and school bus services
 - 5. Improving Joint Management Agreements.

CARRIED**11 PUBLIC EXCLUDED BUSINESS****RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC****RESOLUTION DC2025/07****Moved: Deputy Mayor M Sadler-Futter****Seconded: Cr M Bosley**

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

The general subject matter 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 of

the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

| General subject of each matter to be considered | Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter | Ground(s) under section 48 for the passing of this resolution | Plain English reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter |
|---|---|--|---|
| 16.1 - Public Excluded Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 18 December 2024 | s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities | s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7 | Relates to the Future Direction of Water Services report. |
| 16.2 - Public Excluded Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 20 November 2024 | s7(2)(b)(ii) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information s7(2)(i) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) | s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7 | Relates to the Lake Ferry Holiday Park Lease Structure report. |

CARRIED

12 KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA – CLOSING

All in attendance closed the meeting with a karakia.

The meeting closed at 9:50am.

Confirmed as a true and correct record.

..... (Chair)

..... (Date)

..... (Chief Executive)

..... (Date)