

**MINUTES OF PUBLIC EXCLUDED COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE SUPPER ROOM, WAIHINGA CENTRE, TEXAS STREET, MARTINBOROUGH
ON THURSDAY, 11 DECEMBER 2025 AT 1:30 PM**

PRESENT: Mayor Fran Wilde (Chair), Cr Martin Bosley, Cr Aidan Ellims, Cr Colin Olds, Cr Chris Archer, Cr Andrea Rutene, Cr Simone Baker, Cr Rachel Clarke, Cr Collier Isaacs, Cr Rupert Watson and Deputy Mayor Rob Taylor.

APOLOGIES: Nil

IN ATTENDANCE: Janice Smith (Chief Executive Officer), Stefan Corbett (Group Manager, Corporate Services), James O'Connor (Acting Group Manager, Infrastructure and Community Operations), [REDACTED]

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CONDUCT OF BUSINESS: This meeting was held in the Supper Room, Waihinga Centre, Texas Street, Martinborough and via audio-visual conferencing commencing at 1:30pm. The meeting was held under public excluded provisions from 2:09pm to 3:10pm.

OPEN SECTION

1 KARAKIA TIMATANGA – OPENING

Cr Rutene opened the meeting.

2 APOLOGIES

Nil

3 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No interests were disclosed relating to items on the agenda or interests not already recorded on a relevant register.

10 PUBLIC EXCLUDED BUSINESS

10.1 DISPOSAL OF OLD FEATHERSTON GOLFCOURSE

Ms Smith provided the background to the papers.

Members queried timeframes and discussed the process, and protection of the dog pound and Pai Tū Mōkai's nursery.

Ms Smith clarified Lot 2 was for sale; members queried whether the subdivision would inhibit the development of a cycle trail and whether surveying was required. Mr O'Connor noted that regardless of the sale, the paper road will still remain and is not situated on this property – there is plenty of room for the trail.

Members questions included the timeline and officers noted that the subdivision process is under way and timeframes were all realistic (due to be completed this week); the purpose and suitability of the land; loans remaining on the land (\$██████); how much land is unsuitable for treated wastewater / how much space from Hodder Farm is unsuitable and when SWDC will be doing something with that (Ms Smith noted council were waiting for the outcome of 10 year trial as part of the consent for disposal of treated wastewater); and whether there was assessment of sites of significance (confirmed by Ms Smith this has been reviewed as part of the Wairarapa Combined District Plan, as per the report).

Mr O'Connor responded to queries regarding costs - noting that as the seller, SWDC must complete certain actions under subdivision rules prior to settlement.

Members noted that for all future reports, council officers must confirm with iwi any implications for Māori in relation to land and water.

RESOLUTION DC2025/97

Moved: Cr A Ellims

Seconded: Cr R Watson

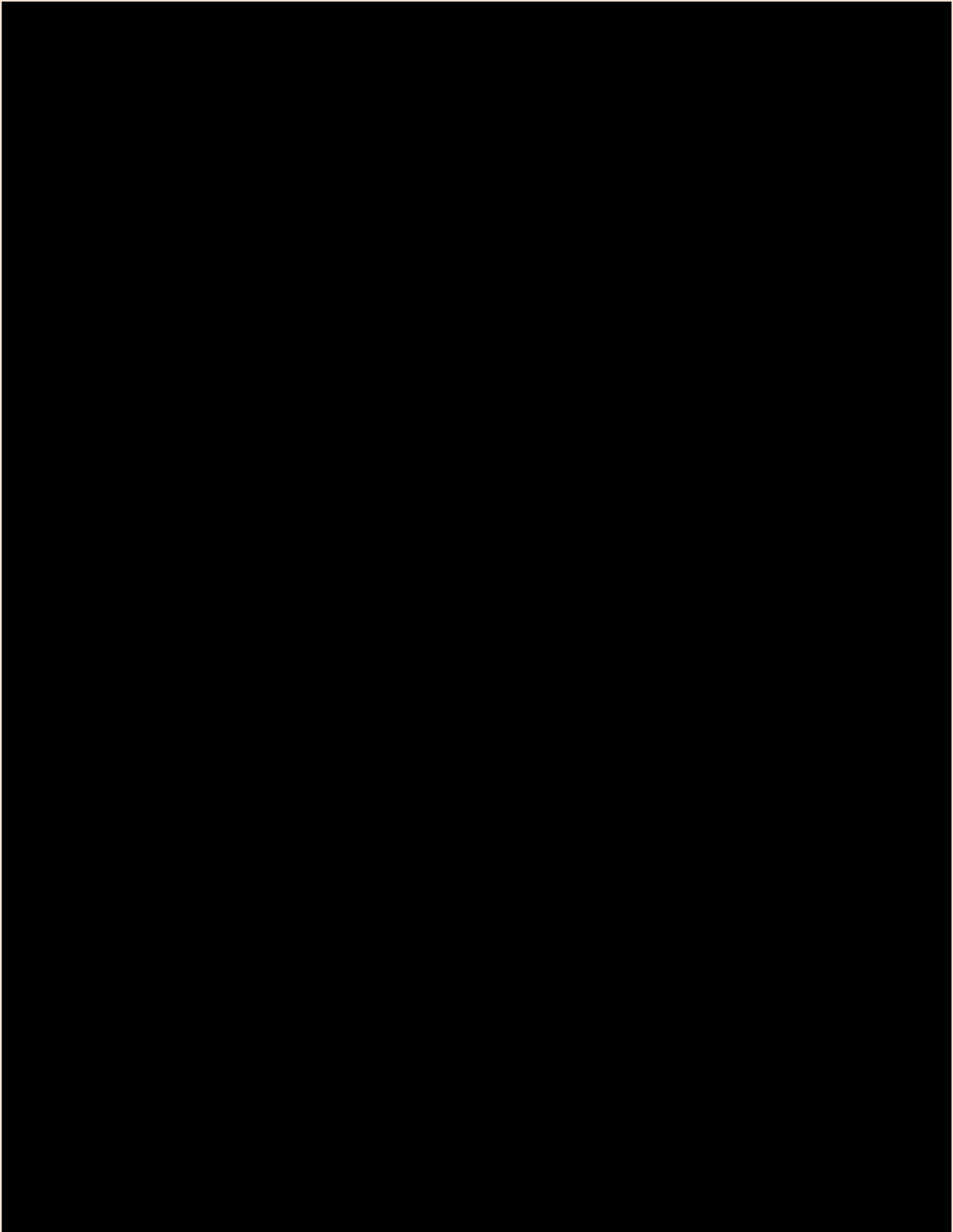
Council resolved to:

1. Receive the 'Disposal of Old Featherston Golf Course' Report.
2. Note resolution DC2018/141 that any excess Featherston wastewater land that is surplus is sold as soon as possible.
3. Note that an application to subdivide the Old Featherston Golf Course into two lots is being considered by Council's planning team via an independent consultant.
4. Approve the disposal of the unnecessary portion of the Old Featherston Golf Course once resource consent to subdivide is successfully obtained, and local iwi and hapu have been consulted. [The amendment became the substantive resolution]
5. Note that costs for subdivision and sale are considered costs of preparing the land for sale and are deducted from the net proceeds from sale.
6. Note that the interest costs on the loan that purchased this land have been funded by wastewater ratepayers so net proceeds should be put to wastewater purposes.
7. Agree that this report and associated minutes stay in public excluded until the Chief Executive determines there are no longer any reason to withhold the information under the Act.
8. Note that the withholding of information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 is necessary for Council to carry out negotiations S 7(2)(i).

[Items 1-8 read together]

CARRIED

10.2 THREE WATERS PROCUREMENT



10.3 WATERS CAPITAL PROJECTS FINANCIAL DELEGATIONS

██████████ and Mr O'Connor spoke to the report and responded to queries regarding pricing – noting LTP budgets and a budget ceiling.

Members sought clarification on the how quickly work would be completed on the Martinborough Wastewater Treatment Plant (MWWTP) and the timeframe for connections.

██████████ replied to questions regarding implementation of a Membrane Aerated Biofilm Reactor (MABR) system and noted this technology was too expensive for SWDC's budget at the moment. Also that more capability would be required in team to run a system like this.

Members sought further information on the Greytown Wastewater Treatment Plant issues and the current state. ██████████ noted this required further discussion with Ms Smith and Mayor Wilde to progress solutions. ██████████ informed that Papawai Marae had not provided feedback on options presented as yet.

██████████ also responded to queries regarding desludging at MWWTP and the removal of waste from the site.

Members requested more regular briefings on the progress regarding the plants and reinstatement of connections.

RESOLUTION DC2025/99

Moved: Cr A Ellims

Seconded: Cr M Bosley

Council resolved to receive the *Waters Capital Projects Delegation* report.

CARRIED

MOTION

To delegate authority to the Chief Executive to approve a design and construction contract for the SWDC WWTP upgrade approval of up to ██████████.

In Favour: Nil

Against: Cr M Bosley, Cr A Ellims, Cr C Olds, Mayor F Wilde, Cr C Archer, Cr A Rutene, Cr S Baker, Cr R Clarke, Cr C Isaacs, Cr R Watson and Cr R Taylor

LOST 0/11

MOTION

To delegate authority to the Chief Executive to approve a design and construction contract for the Greytown Water Treatment Plant (WTP) Stage 3 upgrade project of up to ██████████.

In Favour: Nil

Against: Cr M Bosley, Cr A Ellims, Cr C Olds, Mayor F Wilde, Cr C Archer, Cr A Rutene, Cr S Baker, Cr R Clarke, Cr C Isaacs, Cr R Watson and Cr R Taylor

LOST 0/11

RESOLUTION DC2025/100

Moved: Cr A Ellims
Seconded: Cr M Bosley

Council resolved that Council does not wish to delegate authority to the Chief Executive as per the previous recommendations, and thus a Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday 5 March 2026 to approve the tenders following tender evaluation.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION DC2025/101

Moved: Cr A Ellims
Seconded: Cr M Bosley

Council resolved:

1. That this report and associated minutes stay in public excluded until the competitively tendered contracts are awarded.
2. To note that the withholding of information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 is necessary to: enable Council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) s7(2)(i).

[Items 1 & 2 read together]

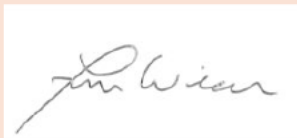
CARRIED

4 KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA – CLOSING

Cr Rutene closed the meeting with a karakia.

The meeting closed at 3:10pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record.



..... (Mayor)

18 December 2025 (Date)

..... (Chief Executive)

..... (Date)

