

SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL

18 MARCH 2020

AGENDA ITEM E1

REPORT FROM HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR

Purpose of Report

To update Council on activities and issues which have arisen since my last report to Council.

Recommendations

Her Worship the Mayor recommends that Council:

1. *Receives the Report from His Worship the Mayor.*
2. *Revoke resolution DC2018/77 (That South Wairarapa District Council hold its regular ordinary Council meetings in each of the three wards by rotation) in its entirety.*
3. *Endorse the recommendation of Alan Percy as Council's preferred appointee to the Cobblestones Trust Board and request that Cobblestones Trust consider formally appointing Mr Percy as Council's representative on the Board.*
4. *Make an external appointment of Colin Wright to the GWRC Waiohine Floodplain Management Plan Steering Group in place of interim member Cr Leigh Hay.*
5. *Resolve that two councillors (select and name) and the Mayor will attend the LGNZ Conference in Blenheim from 16-18 July 2020.*

1. Meeting One - Remutaka Road Committee

Meeting 1 – Date & Venue	Remutaka Road Committee 31/01/20 Greytown
Key issues from meeting	Review of speed limits on SH2 through to Masterton Prioritise sharp corners on North side of hill to make truck safety improvements

2. Meeting Two – Wellington Water Committee

Meeting 2– Date & Venue	Wellington Water Committee Lower Hutt 10/02/20
Speakers	Wellington Water
Key issues from meeting	Review to be undertaken of governance structure of Wellington Water given the additional shareholders and changes in legislation
General	As Central Government drive water legislation changes, the growth of WW-style companies is essential. Does WW grow to provide services to other Councils in the LNI?

3. Meeting Three – NZ Police

Meeting 3 – Date & Venue	NZ Police SWDC 17/02/20
Key issues from meeting	Regular meetings with Police and SWDC staff Discussion over community presence Effectiveness of methamphetamine policing Trends in event issues
Specific item/s for Council consideration	Does the Council support a Mayoral request for the Police Minister to implement a trial task force in the Wairarapa to increase meth investigations

4. Meeting Four – Wairarapa Regional Growth Framework Workshop

Meeting 4 – Date & Venue	Wairarapa Regional Growth Framework Workshop Lower Hutt 24/02/20
Speakers	Various
Key issues from meeting	Central Government have identified a need to plan for growth of 61,000 houses in the Wellington Region by 2045 Who is responsible, and how will this growth be accommodated
Specific item/s for Council consideration	As part of the Spatial Plan, we need to react to expected growth, within the limitations of flooding, geotechnical, transport, green space allocation and infrastructure services. Where do we plan for an increase of up to 3000 houses?

5. Additional business from the Mayor

5.1 Revocation of Resolution DC2018/77

Given we now have a dedicated Council Chamber for the next 18 months, and we have invested in audio visual equipment to allow live streaming and recording to allow more public access to the meetings. Given the additional cost of attendance and support from Council staff when away from the Council officers, in accordance with Standing Orders paragraph 23.6, I wish to propose that Council revoke resolution DC2018/77 made on the 27 July 2018.

5.2 Advice of Council

The mayor is investigating and will forward to councillors an initiative to supply discounted 5000 and 25000 litre water storage for urban and rural ratepayers.

This is intended to be at nil financial impact to Council utilising a bulk discount from suppliers, and is intended to assist in the 2020/21 summer period.

I will advise as details are finalised.

5.3 Provision of Printed Copies of Council's Agenda

Council will be asked to approve a draft Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan at their 18 March meeting. One of the actions is to reduce solid waste including the reduction of paper prints. We have already started paper reduction by rolling out an electronic agenda system in the last triennium. To minimise our environmental footprint, we will be encouraging members of the public to bring their own device to meetings and refer to the agenda online. While we are mindful of our obligation to ensure that members of the public continue to have access to meeting agenda and guest Wifi will be available at all meeting locations. There will continue to be one printed copy in each of the South Wairarapa district libraries and limited printed copies of the agenda available at meetings for the time being.

5.4 Local Government NZ Conference

The theme for LGNZ Conference 2020 is Natural Capital: Leveraging what makes your place great. New Zealand's rural areas, towns and cities are remarkable for their differences from each other. Delegates will look at what makes our place great, and how council can play a part in turning that to an advantage.

Funding for three elected members and the Chief Executive to attend has been included in the 19/20 Annual Plan budget.

The elected members code of conduct requires Council to approve seminar/conference requests for elected members to travel outside the Wairarapa. Selected delegates are required to present a report to Council summarizing the event, including its potential significance to Council. One member may present a report on behalf of all those attending the same event.

6. Council appointments

Clause 31 of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002 provides Council with the option of appointing to a committee or subcommittee a person who is not a member of the local authority or committee if, in the opinion of the local authority, that person has the skills, attributes or knowledge that will assist the work of the committee or subcommittee. Council is asked to consider the following appointment recommendations.

6.1 Cobblestones Trust

The Cobblestones Trust Deed allows Council to appoint someone to the Cobblestones Board within 45 day of the local government election. As this timeframe has lapsed, Cobblestones Trust may make an appointment to fill the vacant position. Given this, and the conflict of interest that would arise by a councillor being appointed to the Trust given the current property transition issues, I propose that we make a recommendation to Cobblestones Trust to appoint someone who is able to represent our interests. To that end, I propose that Council endorse the recommendation of Alan Percy as Council's preferred appointee and ask that Cobblestones Trust consider formally appointing Mr Percy as our representative.

Mr Percy is the managing director of Treeline Timber Services Ltd, and is a Greytown resident interested in the long-term sustainability and viability of Cobblestones Museum.

6.2 GWRC – Waiohine Floodplain Management Plan Steering Group

On the 20 November 2019, Council endorsed the appointment of Cr Rebecca Fox and Cr Leigh Hay (interim appointee) to the Waiohine Floodplain Management Plan Steering Group. At the time, the GWRC TOR for this Group did not allow the appointment of an external appointee, however GWRC have now amended the TOR to permit the appointment of an external member. I wish to thank Cr Hay for her representation on the Group for the interim, and would like Council to endorse Colin Wright as Council's appointee on the Steering Group moving forward.

Mr Wright has vast professional experience with water and river management issues in the Wairarapa, was the 2016-2019 Council representative on this Steering Group and is a member of the Waiohine Action Group which has been working towards presenting a Waiohine River Plan incorporating a Floodplain Management Plan to the GWRC Wairarapa Committee for adoption.

7. Correspondence

7.1 Inwards

DATE	INWARDS	SUBJECT
25 January 2020	Ken Hindson	Noise Concerns

7.2 Outwards

DATE	OUTWARDS	SUBJECT
31 January 2020	Ken Hindson	Noise concerns.
2 February 2020	Greytown Little Theatre	Letter in support of their plans to build new theatre.
20 February 2020	South Coast Moana	Support for application to Provincial Growth Fund
4 March 2020	Featherston Museum Complex Society Inc.	Letter in support of application for funding

8. Other Meetings and Engagements

DATE	ENGAGEMENT	DATE	ENGAGEMENT
27/01/20	MSD RE Youth Unemployment	21/02/20	Wairarapa Moana Governance Meeting and Tour
04/02/20	Kuranui – Youth Unemployment	22/02/20	Regional Kapa Haka Masterton
07/02	Matt Shackleton – Depression Awareness	25/02/20	Water Resilience Meeting
07/02/20	Mayors meeting, Greytown	25/02/20	Promax / Farmlands Meeting
07/02/20	Induction of Alan Maxwell into Church	25/02/20	Featherston Incident Remembrance
10/02/20	Minister Twyford, Housing	25/02/20	FCB meeting
11/02/20	Dame Margaret Baisley – PGF progress	26/02/20	RSA Greytown RE costs
	Featherston Commemorates meeting	27/02/20	Cobblestones Chair RE rep
12/02/20	TVNZ Breakfast	27/02/20	Adventure Park operator
12/02/20	Lions Club State of the Region address	27/02/20	Greytown Rugby
13/02/20	Pukaha Garden Tour and Education	27/02/20	MCB Meeting
17/02/20	Arrow FM presence in SWai	28/02/20	Zone 4 Council Meeting
17/02/20	WEDS meeting	02/03/20	Team Greytown Meeting
20/02/20	GTLT board meeting and discussion	02/03/20	Dest Wairarapa GM Meeting

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