



South Wairarapa District Council Minutes from 21 February 2024

- Present:** Mayor Martin Connelly (Chair) Deputy Mayor Sadler-Futter (until 11.54am), Councillor Aidan Ellims (from 11:12am to 11:39am; from 12:49pm), Colin Olds, Alistair Plimmer (from 12:43pm), Rebecca Gray, Martin Bosley, Pip Maynard and Kaye McAulay.
- Apologies:** Councillors Aaron Woodcock; Councillors Alistair Plimmer and Aidan Ellims (partial attendance).
- In Attendance:** Martinborough Community Board: Storm Robertson (Chair), Mel Maynard, Karen Krogh.
- Greytown Community Board: Louise Brown (Chair)
- Janice Smith (Chief Executive Officer), Amanda Bradley (General Manager Policy and Governance), James O'Connor (Manager Partnerships and Operations) Russell O'Leary (Group Manager Planning and Environment), Stefan Corbett, Leanne Karauna (Principal Advisor Māori) (via Zoom), Nicki Ansell (Lead Community Advisor), Robyn Wells (Principal Advisor Water Transition), Alex Pigou (Communications Team Lead), Andrew McEwan (Acting Manager Environmental Services) and Amy Andersen (Committee Advisor)
- Public Forum:** Louise Lyster and John MacGibbon.
- Conduct of Business:** This meeting was held in the Supper Room, Waihinga Centre, 62 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 10.30am to pm except where expressly noted.
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Open Section

A1. Karakia Timatanga - Opening

Mayor Connelly opened the meeting with a karakia.

A2. Apologies

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2024/01) to accept apologies from Cr Woodcock; and Cr Plimmer for all items except item F1. Cr Ellims except for extraordinary business (E2), item B and item F1.

(Moved Cr McAulay/Seconded Cr Gray)

Carried

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A3. Conflicts of Interest

Mayor Connelly declared a conflict of interest in public excluded section.

A4. Acknowledgements and Tributes

Cr Maynard acknowledged and congratulated Trevor Hawkins for his inclusion on the New Year Honours List 2024 and awarded the Queen's Service Medal. Members supported Mayor Connelly in sending a letter to Mr Hawkins, congratulating him on behalf of Council.

Cr Maynard also paid tribute to Gerald Hensley (CNZM) who passed away in February and acknowledged his work as a New Zealand diplomat and public servant; her thoughts are with his family and many friends throughout the district.

Cr Olds acknowledged Featherston resident, Pat Flynn and expressed best wishes for her 100th birthday in March.

A5. Public Participation

Louise Lyster – Speed Management Review

Ms Lyster spoke to Council about the Speed Management Review, including that the action was not on the Council action register, signage and clear communication with public.

John MacGibbon - Dublin Street

Mr resident, 40km zone. Be reduced 30km for heavy traffic at all times, changed needed to reduce deterioration of street and children attending school.

Members queried issues relating to roading infrastructure and Mr MacGibbon's recent observations of the street.

Members reassured Mr McGibbon there is an action for officers to follow up on Mr MacGibbons concerns.

A6. Actions from public participation

Noted that speed review is being followed up through Strategy Working Committee and actions have been captured on that action register.

Officers confirmed there is a different maintenance schedule for heavy bypass.

Action 57: Confirm addresses on Dublin Street to follow up work requests/issues with Wellington Water (leaks in road). *J Smith*

Action 58: Members requested a report on Mr O'Leary's position on the current Spatial Plan, in respect to the history and status of the heavy bypass on Dublin Street. *R O'Leary.*

A7. Extraordinary business

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2024/02) to add the 2024-34 Alternative to the Long-Term Plan Report to the agenda as Item C2. The item was not on the agenda as the option was not notified to Council until Tuesday 13 February and staff required time to evaluate the option. The discussion on the item can't wait for a future meeting as the audit of the consultation document was due to commence this week.

(Moved Mayor Connelly/Seconded Cr Olds)

Carried

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COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2024/03) to add the report from the Mayor on Pain Farm to the agenda as Item E2. This item was not on the agenda as the issue arose after the meeting agenda was published. The discussion on the item can't wait for a future meeting as Council recognises the urgency of the issue to respond to community concerns.

(Moved Mayor Connelly/Deputy Mayor Sadler-Futter)

Carried

C2. ITEM MOVED - 2024-34 Alternative to the Long-Term Plan

Ms Smith spoke to matters included in the report.

Crs queried royal assent of key legislation, disadvantages that Council should be aware of if Council approve an enhanced Annual Plan, clarification on contents of enhanced AP; what happens with rating review (1 July 2024).

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2024/04) to:

1. Receive the 2024-34 Alternative to the Long-Term Plan Report.

(Moved Mayor Connelly/Seconded Cr Olds)

Carried

2. That Council defers the 2024-34 Long-term Plan for one year and consults on a 2024-25 Enhanced Annual Plan with the additions laid out in the new legislation and adopts a Long-Term Plan (2025-34) by 30 June 2025.

(Moved Olds/Seconded Cr McAulay)

Carried

E2. ITEM MOVED Report from His Worship The Mayor – Pain Farm

Mayor Connelly spoke to his report.

Cr Ellims joined meeting via Zoom at 11:12am.

Ms Maynard (representing the Martinborough Community Board) spoke to Council regarding lack of information to the MCB regarding Pain Farm and this issue, concerns about public consultation. MCB sought Council action to stop the designation, using trust lands for anything outside of deeds of trust/wills. Queries about wastewater impact on property and future state of the land

Cr queried would it be appropriate time for preliminary work for stopping designation, what is implications of stopping the designation from happening; what information was given to CLG,

Ms Smith spoke about current work, but not looking at alternative until clear on what was proposed during consent process and legal opinion from 2011.

Cr Ellims left the meeting at 11:39am.

MCB requested input into what is considered by the CE.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2024/05) to:

1. Receive the Mayor's report regarding Pain Farm.

2. Request that the CEO present a report to the next Council meeting setting out:

- a. The history behind the Pain Farm being permitted to be used for wastewater disposal.

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- b. Reporting on the further legal advice that will be sought regarding the use of Pain Farm for this purpose.
3. Request that the CEO consider publishing the key findings (or parts of them) in advance of the next Council meeting to reassure residents and interested people of the legality of the use of Pain Farm for wastewater disposal and of the consultation that occurred at the time.

[Items 1-3 read together]

(Moved Mayor Connelly/Seconded Cr Maynard)

Carried

A8. ITEM MOVED - Minutes for Confirmation

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2024/06) that the minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting held on 7 December 2023 are confirmed as a true and correct record.

(Moved Cr Gray/Seconded Cr Bosley)

Carried

A9. ITEM MOVED - Matters arising from previous minutes

There were no matters arising.

B. Report Backs and Updates from Community Boards

Greytown Community Board

Ms Brown spoke to Council about Action 455, point 4 – Greytown Venue expressions of interest. Requested change to advertisement of expression. For community benefits. Members reassured Ms Brown that the community groups will be considered during the evaluation process.

C Decision Reports from the Interim Chief Executive and Council Officers

C1. Dog Tag for Life

Cr Maynard left at 11:56am.

Mr O’Leary spoke to matters included in the report.

Members made observations in relation to costs for implementation and issues around current technology, potential savings, support for limiting waste and climate change.

Cr Maynard returned at 11:58pm.

Mayor Connelly suggested working with Kapiti District Council for lessons learned.

Members requested future reporting to include costs for tablets/IT to support mobile work.

Members also queried other ways to reduce waste for current tags and reusing them.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2024/07) to:

1. Receive the *Dog Tag For Life* Report.

(Moved Cr Olds/Seconded Deputy Mayor Sadler-Futter)

Carried

2. That Council maintains the current annual approach for the issuing of dog tags for dog registration through to June 2025.

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3. That officers work alongside Carterton District Council to further evaluate implementation aspects of the Dog Tag For Life system from a lessons learned perspective.

[Items 2 and 3 read together]

(Moved Mayor Connelly/Seconded Cr Olds)

Carried

Meeting adjourned at 12:16pm.

Cr McAulay left during the adjournment.

Meeting reconvened at 12:26pm.

D Information Reports from the Interim Chief Executive and Council Officers

D1. Action Items

Action 461 – Ms Bradley noted she is in contact with Rosie Swanson, Greytown Sports and Leisure, noting that further information relating to the budget for AP/LTP was required and further reporting (funding/budget source) will occur that can be included in deliberations.

E Mayor's Report

E1. Report from His Worship The Mayor

Mayor Connelly spoke to the report.

Members discussed roles and responsibilities relating to the Water Resilience Interim Governance Group.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2024/08) to receive the Report from His Worship the Mayor.

(Moved Mayor Connelly/ Seconded Deputy Mayor Sadler-Futter) Carried

F Public Excluded Business

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:

| Report/General Subject Matter | Reason for passing this resolution in relation to the matter | Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for the passing of this Resolution |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Leave of Absence Request | Good reason to withhold exists under section 7(2)(a). | Section 48(1)(a) |
| Mayor's Report | Good reason to withhold exists under section 7(2)(e). | Section 48(1)(a) |

This resolution (DC2024/09) is made in reliance on Section 48(1) 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:

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| The withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons. | Section 7(2)(a) |
| The withholding of the information is necessary to avoid prejudice to measures that prevent or mitigate material loss to members of the public. | Section 7(2)(e) |

(Moved Cr Olds/Seconded Cr Bosley)

Carried

Cr Plimmer joined the meeting at 12:43pm.

Cr McAulay returned to the meeting at 12:44pm.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20pm.

Meeting reconvened at 1:33pm.

The meeting closed at 1:40pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record

.....(Mayor)

.....(Date)

.....(Chief Executive)

.....(Date)

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