



South Wairarapa District Council Minutes from 26/27 April 2023

- Present:** Mayor Martin Connelly (Chair) Deputy Mayor Sadler-Futter, Councillor Aidan Ellims, Pip Maynard, Alistair Plimmer, Rebecca Gray, Martin Bosley and Aaron Woodcock, Colin Olds and Kaye McAulay
- In Attendance:** Harry Wilson (Chief Executive Officer), Amanda Bradley (General Manager Policy and Governance), Sheil Priest (General Manager Communications and Engagement), Stefan Corbett (Group Manager Partnerships and Operations), Russell O’Leary (Group Manager Planning and Environment), Paul Gardner (General Manager HR and Corporate Services), Charly (Senior Financial Accountant), Robyn Wells (Principal Advisor Water Transition) and Amy Andersen (Committee Advisor).
- Public Forum:** Robyn Ramsden and Jim Hedley
- 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 26 April, 9.00am to 12:13pm; and continued on 27 April 2:00pm to 2:25pm except where expressly noted.
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Open Section

A1. Karakia Timatanga - Opening

Cr Maynard opened the meeting.

A2. Apologies

There were no apologies.

A3. Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest.

A4. Acknowledgements and Tributes

Mayor Connelly acknowledged all service men and women who have served in the Defense Forces and all those who continue to serve today.

Mayor Connelly also acknowledged Perry Cameron of Featherston for his donation of copies of the Dictionary of New Zealand Biography to Wairarapa Library Service. Noted that Mayor Connelly and Library Services Manager, Annette Beattie have sent a letter of gratitude to Mr Cameron.

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A5. Public Participation

Robyn Ramsden – Climate Change

Ms Ramsden of Featherston spoke about issues relating to climate change in support of a protest she is organising. Ms Ramsden invited Council to attend *Climate Strike Friday*, being held on 1pm, 26 May 2023 at the Featherston Squircle which is aimed at educating and listening to the community.

Members queried how climate justice would be addressed under Te Tiriti o Waitangi, whether Ms Ramsden had knowledge of the Climate Change and Environment Committee, and if she had considered other global developments in climate change.

Jim Hedley – Water Races

Mr Hedley spoke to matters concerning the Moroa Water Race, storm water discharge and rate payments, in reference to a particular resident of Greytown. Mr Hedley highlighted historical correspondence with Council and the Ombudsman, and remaining issues he would like to be addressed to support the Greytown resident.

Mayor Connelly acknowledged issues relating to the responses Mr Hedley is seeking.

A6. Actions from public participation

Action 126: To place the issues relating to Mr Hedley's queries regarding the Moroa water races in Greytown on next ICS Committee agenda.

A7. Minutes for Confirmation

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2023/46) that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 5 April 2023 are confirmed as a true and correct record.

(Moved Cr Gray/Seconded Cr Sadler-Futter)

Carried

A8. Matters arising from previous minutes

There were no matters arising.

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B Decision Reports from the Chief Executive and Council Officers

B1. Adoption of the proposed 2023-24 Annual Plan Consultation/Engagement Document

Mr Wilson spoke to matters in the report. Members discussed the timing and ability to review the draft tabled document in detail prior to release.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2023/47) to adjourn the meeting for 20 minutes to discuss the tabled consultation document.

(Moved Cr Sadler-Futter/Seconded Cr Olds)

Not Carried

Against (Councillors Maynard, Gray, McAulay, Woodcock, Bosley and Ellims)

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2023/48) to adjourn the meeting until 12:00pm to discuss the tabled consultation document.

(Moved Cr Woodcock/Seconded Cr Ellims)

Carried

Meeting adjourned at 9:47am

Meeting resumed at 12:00pm

Cr Bosley left the meeting during the break.

Mayor Connelly noted developments arose in the adjournment and members discussed timings for a review to occur.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2023/49) to adjourn the meeting until Thursday 27 April 2023, at 2:00pm, to be held in the Supper Room, Waihinga Centre, Martinborough.

(Moved Mayor Connelly/Seconded Cr Plimmer)

Carried

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2023/50) that following the adjournment, to enter into a public excluded workshop to discuss the tabled consultation document.

(Moved Cr Plimmer/Seconded Cr Ellims)

Carried

Cr Olds withdrew the public excluded item, C2. and noted this would be deferred until the next ordinary Council meeting, 7 June 2023.

Meeting adjourned at 12:13pm, 26 April 2023

Meeting resumed at 2:00pm, 27 April 2023

All of Council present, with the exception of Cr Ellims.

Members discussed the draft consultation document tabled following requested updates. Members made note of further changes required before publication and

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requested some further updates to formatting and queried financial information in relation to rates.

Members acknowledged the work and effort that Council Officers put into the revised version of the draft consultation document.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2023/51) to:

1. Adopt the Annual Plan 2023/24 Consultation Document.
(Moved Mayor Connelly/Seconded Cr Olds) Carried
2. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive and nominated elected members to approve minor edits that don't change the intent of the content, prior to publication of the Annual Plan 2023/24 Consultation Document.
(Moved Cr Plimmer/Seconded Cr Gray) Carried
3. To have nominated members be Mayor Connelly and Deputy Mayor Sadler-Futter to approve minor edits that don't change the intent of the content, prior to publication of the Annual Plan 2023/24 Consultation Document.
(Moved Cr Maynard/Seconded Cr McAulay) Carried
4. Note that, under legislation, the 2023/24 Annual Plan must be adopted by resolution prior to 30 June 2023.
(Moved Mayor Connelly/Seconded Sadler-Futter) Carried

C 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
Public Excluded Council Meeting Minutes, 5 April 2023	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7(2)(a)	Section 48(1)(a)

This resolution (DC2023/52) 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:

Reason for passing this resolution in relation to the matter	Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for the passing of this Resolution
The withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.	Section 7(2)(a)

(Moved Mayor Connelly/ Seconded Cr Olds)

Carried

Cr Ellims joined the meeting via audio-visual conferencing at 2:20pm.

C1. Confirmation of public excluded minutes, 5 April 2023

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D Karakia Whakamutunga – Closing
Mayor Connelly closed the meeting with a karakia.

The meeting closed at 2:25pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record

.....(Mayor)

.....(Date)

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