



SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL
Minutes from 14 July 2022

Present: Deputy Mayor Garrick Emms (Chair), Mayor Alex Beijen (until 11:24am), Councillors Pam Colenso, Brian Jephson (until 9:58am), Alistair Plimmer, Pip Maynard, Brenda West, Colin Olds and Rebecca Fox.

In Attendance: Harry Wilson (Chief Executive Officer), Russell O’Leary (Group Manager Planning and Environment), Stefan Corbett (Group Manager Partnership and Operations), Amanda Bradley (General Manager Policy and Governance), Sheil Priest (General Manager Communications and Engagement), Catherine Clouston (Communications Advisor), Mel Barthe (Climate Change Advisor), Robyn Wells (Principal Adviser Water Transition) and Amy Andersen (Committee Advisor).
Ree Anderson, Richard Knott (Consultants).

Conduct of Business: This meeting was held in the Supper Room, Waihinga Centre, 62 Texas Street, Martinborough and via audio-visual conference, commencing at 10:00am. All members participating via audio-visual conference counted for the purpose of the meeting quorum in accordance with clause 25B of Schedule 7 to the Local Government Act 2002. 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 12:58pm except where expressly noted.

Public Forum: Jo Woodcock

Open Section

Cr Maynard read the Council affirmation.

A1. Apologies

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2022/56) to accept apologies from Cr Hay and Cr Jephson (leaving by 10:00am).

(Moved Cr Colenso/Seconded Cr Maynard)

Carried

A2. Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest.

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A3. Acknowledgements and Tributes

Cr Maynard acknowledged the passing of Paul Hiatt Somers (Hiatt) Cox, longtime member of the Martinborough community. Cr Colenso spoke of Mr Cox's work as Chair of Wharekaka and his contributions to the community, from Lions to Homework Club.

Cr Olds acknowledged the success of the Featherston Booktown festival and thanked Council for their support and contributions to these events.

Cr Olds also acknowledged the success of Matariki events held in Featherston and the work undertaken by Warren Maxwell.

A4. Public Participation

Ms Woodcock spoke against the use of COVID-19 vaccine passes and described the impact of vaccine passes on her family. Ms Woodcock queried how the vaccine passes were implemented and noted it limited access to council services.

A5. Actions from public participation

Members queried the process involved in the implementation of COVID-19 vaccine passes and Mr Wilson provided clarification.

Members acknowledged the decisions made by SWDC in relation to COVID 19 mandates were done under the advisement of Ministry of Health and central government at that time.

Action 344: To confirm and communicate to the public a clearly defined process that the Chief Executive can apply for decision making in emergency situations/under legislation, A Bradley/S Priest

A6. Extraordinary Business

Item B2, the Water Entity Services Bill Proposed Submission Report has been tabled by the Chief Executive Officer as extraordinary business today due to the urgency of meeting the select committee's deadline (one month was given for the write up of the submission).

Item B3, Recommendations from Assets and Services Committee Report has been tabled by the Chief Executive Officer as extraordinary business today due to the urgency and need for support required by the Hinekura community.

Both items could not be delayed until the Council meeting in August 2022.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2022/57) to consider the following items as extraordinary business:

1. B2 – Water Services Entity Bill Proposed Submission Report.
2. B3 - Recommendations from Assets and Services Committee Report.

(Moved Cr Jephson /Seconded Cr Olds)

Carried

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B Decision Reports from Chief Executive and Staff

B3. Recommendations from Assets and Services Committee (Item Moved)

Mr Wilson spoke to matters included in the report and answered questions posed by members on how budgets and rates might be impacted by supporting the proposed works, sources for funding and clarification on Carterton District Council's roading work relating to Admiral Hill.

Members also queried the farm track design and accessibility, potential risks and H&S during construction work, timeframes for the farm track's completion, maintenance costs and liabilities.

Members acknowledged and thanked the private landowners for their solutions and efforts to support the Hinekura community.

Cr Jephson left the meeting at 9:58am

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2022/58) to:

1. Receive the Recommendations from Assets and Services Committee Report.
(Moved Cr Olds/Seconded Cr Colenso) Carried
2. Approve the use of up to \$500,000 unbudgeted capital expenditure for phase 1 to allow Management to continue work on new roading alignment and design to be funded by a loan.
(Moved Cr Jephson/Seconded Cr Plimmer) Carried
3. Approve the use of up to \$200,000 for works from the Rural Road Reserve to continue the maintenance and improvement of the alternative route to Hinekura via Admiral Hill.
(Moved Cr Olds/Seconded Cr Jephson) Carried
4. Approve up to \$100,000 (GST inclusive) capital grant from the Rural Road Reserve to support the creation of a temporary farm track built by private landowners to reconnect the Hinekura community to the road on the Martinborough side.
(Moved Cr Olds/Seconded Mayor Beijen) Carried
5. Delegate to Chief Executive Officer to fund the reasonable costs of maintenance of the temporary farm track from the Rural Road Reserve. Noting that the range of cost for maintenance is estimated between \$4,000 to \$6,000.
(Moved Cr Plimmer/Seconded Cr Maynard) Carried
6. Delegate to the Chief Executive Officer to set conditions for the grant from the Rural Road Reserve to support the creation of the farm track. These conditions are to protect Council from any liability for the use of the track and to ensure value for money in how the grant is applied to physical works to form and maintain the track.
(Moved Cr Plimmer/Seconded Cr Fox) Carried

The meeting adjourned at 10:30am

The meeting reconvened 10:40am

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B1. Draft Featherston Masterplan Foundation Discussion Document July 2022

Mr O’Leary, with support from Mr Knott and Ms Anderson spoke to matters in the report including the engagement undertaken to produce the document, key components and options presented.

Members posed questions about housing, economic impacts, the main street and heavy traffic, how to futureproof the masterplan and timeframes/process for consultation with the Featherston community.

Members commended the work completed to date on the masterplan.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2022/59) to:

1. Receive the Draft Featherston Masterplan Foundation Discussion Document July 2022 Report.

(Moved Cr Colenso/ Seconded Cr Maynard) Carried

2. Approve the Featherston Masterplan Foundation Discussion Document July 2022 for informal public consultation, subject to any amendments.

(Moved Cr Maynard /Seconded Cr Olds) Carried

B2. Water Services Entity Bill Proposed Submission

Ms Bradley spoke to matters outlined in the report and explained how the draft submission was formulated based on member feedback during an open workshop on 11 July 2022.

Ms Bradley responded to members questions on consensus and proposed amendments. Members discussed the themes, debated the key points and various recommendations.

Mayor Beijen left the meeting at 11:24am

The meeting adjourned at 11:31am

The meeting reconvened at 11:43am

Members reviewed the proposed submission in full, with support from Ms Bradley and Mr Wilson.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2022/60) to:

1. Receive the Water Services Entity Bill Proposed Submission Report.

(Moved Cr Colenso /Seconded Cr Fox) Carried

2. Approve the submission, as set out with amendments as discussed and minuted in Attachment 1 on the Water Services Entities Bill with amendments.

(Moved Cr Olds, Seconded Cr Maynard) Carried

Cr Plimmer abstained

3. Agree to delegate authority to the Chief Executive, Mayor and Deputy Mayor to finalise the submission, including any amendments agreed by the Council as well as any minor consequential edits.

(Moved Cr Colenso /Seconded Cr Maynard) Carried

Cr Plimmer abstained

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The meeting closed at 12:58pm

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.....(Mayor)

.....(Date)

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