



SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

15 July 2015

- Present:** Mayor Adrienne Staples (chair), Councillors Margaret Craig, Dean Davies, Brian Jephson, David Montgomerie, Colin Olds, Julie Riddell, Solitaire Robertson and Max Stevens.
- In Attendance:** Paul Crimp (Chief Executive Officer), Murray Buchanan (Group Manager Planning & Environment), Suzanne Clark (Committee Secretary) and for part only Tim Langley (Roading Engineer), Allanah Irvine, Adam Riding (Department of Conservation (DoC)) and Tim Porteous (Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC)).
- Public Participation and Media:** Marion and David Pawson, Bernard Jervis, Jean McDowall (Featherston Camp Memorial Trust), Caleb Harris (Dominion Post) and Hayley Gastmeier (Wairarapa Times Age).
- Conduct of Business:** The meeting was held in the South Wairarapa District Council Chambers at 19 Kitchener Street, Martinborough and was conducted in public between 9:30am and 11:55am except where expressly noted.

A Preliminary Matters

Correspondence from Sue Fox previously circulated to councillors was to be received as correspondence under agenda item E1 Mayor's Report.

A1. Apologies

*COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2015/104) to receive apologies from Cr Viv Napier.
(Moved Cr Riddell/Seconded Cr Stevens)*

Carried

A2. Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

A3. Public Participation

On behalf of the Featherston Camp Memorial Trust Jean McDowall with support from Bernard Jervis thanked Council and Featherston Community Board for their support of the sculpture project and liaising with Earthwork Landscape Architects directly. The Trust's intention was to informally explore the most suitable options for location of the sculpture and moving the wind grass sculpture was one option. The Trust sought Council approval for the artist and landscape designer to work together to place the sculpture in the most appropriate location.

Marion and David Pawson asked Council to commit to working with them to resolve fly-tipping and to take on a Featherston community recycling project to improve economic activity. Fly-tipping from Bucks Road, Featherston had left offal, garden

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rubbish and a fridge on road reserve and old cars on their property. Flax had been planted as a barrier and the NZ Army had been approached to see if they would remove the cars as an exercise.

A4. Minutes for Confirmation

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2015/105) that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 3 June 2015 be received and confirmed as a true and correct record.

(Moved Cr Craig/Seconded Cr Davies)

Carried

A5. Minutes for Confirmation

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2015/106) that the minutes of the extraordinary Council meeting held on 24 June 2015 be received and confirmed as a true and correct record.

(Moved Cr Robertson/Seconded Cr Jephson)

Carried

A6. District Council Actions

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2015/107) to receive the action items.

(Moved Cr Riddell/Seconded Cr Olds)

Carried

B Council Committee and Community Board Minutes

B1. Policy and Finance Committee

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2015/108) to receive the minutes of the Policy and Finance Committee 3 June 2015.

(Moved Cr Montgomerie/Seconded Cr Stevens)

Carried

B2. Martinborough Community Board

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2015/109) to receive the minutes of the Martinborough Community Board 22 June 2015.

(Moved Cr Olds/Seconded Cr Davies)

Carried

B3. Featherston Community Board

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2015/110) to receive the minutes of the Featherston Community Board 23 June 2015

(Moved Cr Olds/Seconded Cr Davies)

Carried

B4. Greytown Community Board

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2015/111) to receive the minutes of the Greytown Community Board 24 June 2015.

(Moved Cr Olds/Seconded Cr Davies)

Carried

C Decision Papers and Common Seal

C1. Ramsar Convention

Allanah Irvine with support from Adam Riding and Tim Porteous gave the background to the Ramsar Convention and outlined next steps for Wairarapa Moana

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to be allocated Ramsar status. It was anticipated DoC and GWRC financial commitment to the site would continue at the same level as currently funded. Ramsar status was non-statutory and land use restrictions as a result of Ramsar status being awarded were not anticipated. Councillors understood that the GWRC Regional Plan would influence regulatory requirements not Ramsar status.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2015/112):

1. To receive the information.
2. To support the application in principal recognising the improvements to the environment that can be gained from the status.
3. To request a further report from officers on the wider implications that may arise out of this designation.
4. To refer the report to the Maori Standing Committee for input.

(Moved Mayor Staples/Seconded Cr Jephson)

Carried

C2. Proposal for Naming Lake Ferry Settlement

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2015/113):

1. To receive the information.
2. To support the proposal to formally name Lake Ferry Settlement with the proviso that the advisement letter clarifies that the name is for the settlement not the lake.
3. Refer the report to the Maori Standing Committee for information.

(Moved Cr Stevens/Seconded Cr Craig)

Carried

Cr Montgomerie and Cr Jephson voted against this motion.

C3. Waste Water Sewer Lateral Replacement Management

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2015/114):

1. To receive the information.
2. That lateral renewal up to the boundary, where necessary, will be undertaken at Council's cost but only when main pipeline renewal is being undertaken. This will be regarded as an operational expense.
3. That Council in the meantime will not fund depreciation of private lateral assets.
4. That private property owners remain responsible for lateral renewal maintenance and renewal as per the bylaw when the above points do not apply.
5. That the policy is altered to reflect this change and that the bylaw remains unchanged.

(Moved Cr Olds/Seconded Cr Riddell)

Carried

C4. Featherston 2033 Strategy

Mr Buchanan advised a grammatical correction to the first sentence of clause 2.4 noting that 'forward' should be used to finish the sentence. The recommended reports 'A' and 'C' would be funded from current operational budgets and the consultants brief would be outcome focused.

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COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2015/115):

1. To receive the information.
2. To adopt the purpose, aim and strategic tasks for the Featherston 2033 Strategy.
3. To agree to adopt and proceed with the “Key Action 1 High Value Investigations”;
 - A. Traffic and circulation
 - B. Land use survey
 - C. Gateway study
 - D. Economic development
4. To agree to prioritise ‘A’ and ‘C’ for investigation this year with ‘B’ and ‘D’ subject to a separate decision to proceed and fund.
5. To adopt “Key Action 2 Informing” as the basis for subsequent stages in the development of the Featherston 2033 Strategy.

(Moved Mayor Staples/Seconded Cr Robertson)

Carried

C5. Waiohine River Draft Floodplain Management Plan

Councillors noted that funding of existing flood protection schemes was scheme based.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2015/116):

1. To receive the information.
2. To support the draft Floodplain Management Plan (FMP) in principle.
3. That Council’s funding preference for the implementation of the FMP is scheme based with the rate levied by GWRC.
4. To advise GWRC of the above resolutions.

(Moved Cr Davies/Seconded Cr Stevens)

Carried

D Operational Reports

D1. Planning and Environment Group Report

The Group Manager Planning and Environment noted the following report corrections: Accreditation review should be ‘2016’ not ‘2015’ and the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act should be ‘2012’ not ‘2015’. Councillors discussed the Pilbrow prosecution, the resolution of the Martin and Read resource consent application and the increasing work load of the Environmental Health team due to the Food Act 2014 requirements.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2015/117) to receive the information.

(Moved Cr Jephson/Seconded Cr Montgomerie)

Carried

D2. Infrastructure and Services Group Report

Mr Langley discussed capital improvement tenders in Featherston, the resolution of the Greytown waste treatment plant odours, various road maintenance and improvements matters with councillors. Emergency services and library usage was discussed.

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COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2015/118):

1. To receive the Infrastructure and Services Group Report.
(*Moved Cr Stevens/Seconded Cr Olds*) Carried
2. Action 440: Determine whether a bond is taken to cover potential ground or utility damage when Martinborough Square is hired; M Allingham
3. Action 441: Review Broadway Street, Martinborough to see whether loose chip needed to be reswept; M Allingham

D3. Chief Executive Officer Report

Mr Crimp reported that new Local Government Commission commissioners had been appointed and the local government reorganisation process continued. Mr Crimp discussed the waste water consent hearings, good rate arrears results and a planned OH&S project.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2015/119):

1. To receive the Chief Executive Officer Report.
2. To receive the Financial Statements for the 11 months ended 31 May 2015.
(*Moved Cr Robertson/Seconded Cr Davies*) Carried

D4. Illegal Rubbish Dumping

Councillors discussed the report noting that Trash Palace Recycling Centre, Porirua had closed as Porirua Council had removed funding, that erecting physical barriers and cameras had the effect of moving fly-tipping to alternate locations, that any intervention was likely to have financial implications to the ratepayer and that prosecutions needed solid evidence in order to be successful.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2015/120):

1. To receive the information.
2. That the Waste Minimisation Officer review the fly-tipping problem by determining how it is addressed in NZ and other parts of the world and report back to Council.
3. That the Featherston Police be contacted and asked to direct community patrol surveillance to known fly-tipping hotspots.
(*Moved Cr Jephson/Seconded Cr Riddell*) Carried

E Representation Reports

E1. Mayor's Report

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2015/121) to receive the information and tabled correspondence from Sue Fox.

(*Moved Mayor Staples/Seconded Cr Davies*) Carried

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2015/122):

1. That Council's preference for the proposed Featherston Camp Memorial Trust sculpture is for it to remain where it is located on the plan, as approved by Council.

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2. That Council will liaise with Earthwork Landscape Architects to ensure the Featherston Camp Memorial Trust sculpture is shown off to its best advantage.
3. To acknowledge the receipt of the Featherston Camp Memorial Trust letter asking for the relocation of the wind grass sculpture and advise that Council does not support this proposal.

(Moved Cr Robertson/Seconded Cr Davies)

Carried

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2015/123) that Cr Brian Jephson be appointed as Acting Mayor from 25 July 2015 to 5 August 2015 during Mayor Adrienne Staples' absence.

(Moved Mayor Staples/Seconded Cr Craig)

Carried

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2015/124) that the Fell/Heritage Museums Featherston be permitted to display objects in the Featherston Information Centre subject to negotiating an agreement through the Amenities Manager.

(Moved Cr Olds/Seconded Cr Riddell)

Carried

F2. Reports from Councillors

Cr Craig

Wairarapa Road Safety Council, Wellington Region Waste Forum

Cr Craig tabled a Wairarapa Road Safety Council report and verbally highlighted work being undertaken in community. The Wairarapa Road Safety Council had released a poster highlighting projects being undertaken in the community.

Cr Montgomerie

Cobblestones Museum, Economic Development Task Group

Cr Montgomerie reported that the Museum continued with fundraising and strategic planning and were grateful for the funding allocated from Council during the LTP process.

Cr Stevens

Wairarapa Rural Fire Board

Cr Stevens reported that the Board had made a submission on the Fire Services Review discussion document.

F3. Council Groups and Working Parties

Community Safety and Resilience Working Party

Cr Riddell spoke to the report submitted to the meeting.

Martinborough Community Centre Steering Group

A decision paper would be put forward to the August 2015 Council meeting.

Emergency Services Working Group

Cr Riddell reported that a meeting was scheduled for 22 July 2015.

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COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2015/125) to receive councillor reports, including tabled reports.

(Moved Cr Jephson/Seconded Cr Craig)

Carried

F4. GWRC Advisory Committees

Lower Valley Development Scheme Advisory Committee

Cr Jephson reported that the Committee had met and undertook to forward the minutes when they were available.

Wairarapa Moana Wetlands Co-ordinating Committee

Following the last Committee meeting where there was concern about the proposed introduction of Ramsar status for Lake Wairarapa, Cr Olds had organised a meeting with farmers, DoC and Federated Farmers to address concerns.

Whaitua Committee

Cr Olds reported that there was a community engagement meeting on the 17 August 2015. There would be two rounds of community engagement meetings and the final draft Whaitua Implementation Programme would be released for public consultation before being incorporated into GWRC's Regional Plan.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2015/126) to receive reports from GWRC advisory committees.

(Moved Cr Montgomerie/Seconded Cr Robertson)

Carried

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