



SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

15 May 2019

- Present:** Mayor Viv Napier (Chair), Deputy Mayor Brian Jephson, Councillors Pam Colenso, Margaret Craig, Mike Gray, Pip Maynard, Colin Olds and Colin Wright.
- In Attendance:** Jennie Mitchell (Acting Chief Executive Officer), Russell O’Leary (Group Manager Planning and Environment), Mark Allingham (Group Manager Infrastructure and Services), Suzanne Clark (Committee Advisor) and for part only Shane Sykes (Environmental Services Manager), Russell Hooper (Planning Manager) and Lawrence Stephenson (Assets and Operations Manager).
- Conduct of Business:** The meeting was held in Kiwi Hall, 62 Bell Street, Featherston and was conducted in public between 9:00am and 1:55pm.
- Forum and Other Presenters:** Amanda Taylor (House of Science), Garrick Emms, Claire Bleakley, Ray Lilley (Extinction Rebellion), Dr Sharleen Forbes, Leigh Hay (Greytown Community Board Chair) and Robyn Ramsden (Featherston Community Board Chair).

Open Section

A1. Karakia

Cr Colenso read the Council affirmation and Mayor Napier followed with an inspirational reading.

A2. Apologies

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2019/75) to accept apologies from Cr Lee Carter, Cr Ross Vickery and Raihānia Tipoki (Māori Standing Committee Chair).

(Moved Cr Craig/Seconded Cr Colenso)

Carried

A3. Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

A4. Acknowledgements and Tributes

Mayor Napier and councillors acknowledged and paid tribute to Ineka Kershaw who had recently passed away. Mrs Kershaw was a very well-known member of the community and had assisted with Martinborough community sports, the arts, sewing for children, and had been a previous member of the Martinborough Community Board. Mrs Kershaw had setup the first Martinborough Information Centre and had assisted with the initial stages of the Martinborough Town Hall strengthening project.

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Cr Wright acknowledged Bernard Teahan who had been a long standing chief executive of Trust House Masterton. Mr Teahan was instrumental in getting the licensing trust to where they are today and had orchestrated the Bottle-o store donation to the Featherston Menz Shed.

A5. Public Participation

Amanda Taylor, House of Science

Ms Taylor spoke in support of her application for financial assistance and requested Council financially support the House of Science initiative.

Garrick Emms

Mr Emms spoke of his concerns with the Featherston Wastewater Treatment Project (FWWTP) and process and considered the proposal a poor solution. Examples were provided where statements were, in his opinion, found untrue and in disagreement from statements made by other parties on the same matter. Mr Emms had found access to information on the FWWT hard to obtain. Consultation with submitters had been limited and Mr Emms requested a consultative programme be setup with Greater Wellington Regional Council, iwi, submitters and Council.

Claire Bleakley

Mrs Bleakley believed that everyone wanted wastewater out of the lakes, but it was not acceptable to put wastewater on fields without further purification. Mrs Bleakley suggested that a tertiary polishing plant be added to the current proposal to purify the wastewater to a higher standard and that treated wastewater be offered to farmers for irrigation. Mrs Bleakley requested a postponement of the hearing whilst consultation with the community and experts in water purification was undertaken.

Ray Lilley, Extinction Rebellion

Mr Lilley asked Council to declare a climate and ecological emergency in the Wairarapa region, noting that the United Kingdom, Irish and other governments had done this. Mr Lilley noted rising temperatures, declining wildlife and insect biomass, and asked Council to set climate change as the communities' number one priority.

Dr Sharleen Forbes

Dr Forbes was in opposition to raising dog fees as the increase made it harder for some owners to register their dogs. Dr Forbes supported an increase in pound fees. Dr Forbes noted examples where 'no dog signs' had been erected so owners walking dogs had to go out of their way to reach their destination.

Mayor Napier advised that signs had been erected because of feedback from the community concerned with dog faeces.

A6. Actions from Public Participation

Council noted the presentations by Garrick Emms and Claire Bleakley. Council was working through a formal process with Greater Wellington Regional Council.

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Council deferred consideration of Dr Forbes presentation on dog fees until agenda item C3 'Proposed New Dog Control Fees'.

COUNCIL NOTED:

1. Action 315: If the Featherston wastewater hearing is deferred, organise a further set of wastewater workshops for councillors and the community to gain clarity on the proposal, ensuring there is time in the councillor workshop for councillors to work through all issues; M Allingham
2. Action 316: Prepare advice on what the consequences and costs are of the options of a. going to the wastewater hearing at the scheduled time, b. deferring the hearing, c. withdrawing the application; M Allingham
3. Action 317: Take Extinction Rebellion's request for Council to declare a climate and ecological emergency in the Wairarapa region to the Wellington Region Climate Change Working Group; Cr Jephson

A7. Community Board/Māori Standing Committee participation

Mrs Hay and Mrs Ramsden tendered Mrs Cornelissen's apologies and tabled a joint chairs report prepared following attendance at the LGNZ Community Boards Conference. Mrs Hay recommended that Council consider working with the community boards to better engage youth and Māori groups in the community and presented recommendations for consideration.

A8. Extraordinary Business

There was no extraordinary business.

A9. Minutes for Confirmation

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2019/76) that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 3 April 2019 are a true and correct record.

(Moved Cr Jephson/Seconded Cr Colenso)

Carried

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2019/77) that the public excluded minutes of the Council meeting held on 3 April 2019 are received in public.

(Moved Cr Wright/Seconded Cr Maynard)

Carried

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2019/78) that the public excluded minutes of the Council meeting held on 3 April 2019 are a true and correct record.

(Moved Cr Colenso/Seconded Cr Jephson)

Carried

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2019/79) that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 17 April 2019 are a true and correct record.

(Moved Cr Olds/Seconded Cr Gray)

Carried

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2019/80) that the public excluded minutes of the Council meeting held on 17 April 2019 are a true and correct record.

(Moved Cr Craig/Seconded Cr Gray)

Carried

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A12. Notices of Motion

Cr Gray presented an argument for supporting his notice of motion for central government funding and offered to be part of a working group to formulate a proposal. Cr Jephson noted that this issue would be raised at next year's Local Government NZ AGM and that the proposal needed to be thoroughly prepared and support sought from other councils.

Councillors expressed concern at the cost to ratepayers of high tech solutions with some endorsing lobbying central government for funding wastewater activity, and contamination of waterways from sources other than human discharge.

Cr Gray Moved that SWDC resolve to advocate for publicly funded research aimed at improving the quality of wastewater treatment and disposal nationally.

Seconded Cr Jephson

Not Carried

B Reports of Committees and Community Boards

B1. Minutes of Council Committees and Community Boards

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2019/81):

1. To receive information.
(Moved Cr Maynard/Seconded Cr Olds) Carried
2. To receive the minutes of the Hearing Committee meeting 27 March 2019.
(Moved Cr Craig/Seconded Cr Colenso) Carried
3. To receive the minutes of the Hearing Committee meeting 17 April 2019.
(Moved Cr Maynard/Seconded Cr Olds) Carried
4. To receive the minutes of the Planning and Regulatory Committee meeting 1 May 2019.
(Moved Cr Gray/Seconded Cr Olds) Carried
5. To receive the minutes of the Assets and Services Committee meeting 1 May 2019.
(Moved Cr Jephson/Seconded Cr Colenso) Carried
6. To receive the minutes of the 57 Fitzherbert Street, Featherston Subcommittee meeting 1 May 2019.
(Moved Cr Olds/Seconded Cr Craig) Carried

B2. Recommendations from Committees

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2019/82) to receive the Recommendations from Other Committees Report.

(Moved Mayor Napier/Seconded Cr Gray) Carried

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2019/83) that the 57 Fitzherbert Street, Featherston Subcommittee Terms of Reference, as set out in Appendix 1 of the report, be approved.

(Moved Cr Olds/Seconded Cr Wright) Carried

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C Decision Reports

C1. Application for Grant Funding

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2019/84):

1. To receive the Application for Grant Funding Report.
(*Moved Mayor Napier/Seconded Cr Colenso*) Carried
2. To grant House of Science \$5,000 to assist in the provision of science resources and programmes for primary and intermediate schools.
(*Moved Cr Craig/Seconded Cr Jephson*) Carried

C2. Draft Wairarapa Spatial Plan

Mr O’Leary provided an overview of the Spatial Planning process and reviewed the Draft South Wairarapa Spatial Plan with councillors with suggestions for modifications made.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2019/85):

1. To receive the Draft South Wairarapa District Spatial Plan Discussion Document Report.
(*Moved Mayor Napier/Seconded Cr Jephson*) Carried
2. To approve the release of the Draft South Wairarapa Spatial Plan Discussion Document for public feedback.
3. To delegate to the Planning and Regulatory Committee the sign-off of the Communications Plan for Draft South Wairarapa Spatial Planning Discussion Document.
4. To delegate to the Planning and Regulatory Committee the timing for release of the Draft South Wairarapa Spatial Planning Discussion Document.
(*Moved Cr Olds/Seconded Cr Craig*) Carried

C3. Proposed New Dog Control Fees

Mr O’Leary advised that a one month notification of fees needed to be provided to the public to meet legislation, which is why consideration of dog fees had been brought forward. Members discussed increasing impounding fees and setting fees in accordance with Council’s Revenue and Financing Policy and non-registration of dogs.

Councillors requested that the public were notified in future annual plan consultation documents of the requirement to consider dog fees prior to hearings.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2019/86):

1. To receive the Proposed New Dog Control Fees Report.
(*Moved Cr Maynard/Seconded Cr Colenso*) Carried
2. To approve the proposed dog control fees for the 2019/2020 financial year.
3. To give notice of fees for registration of dogs by public notification no less than one month prior to the new fees taking effect.
(*Moved Cr Olds/Seconded Cr Jephson*) Carried
4. Action 318: Check that the public good proponent of funding dog regulation comes from both urban and rural ratepayers; J Mitchell

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C5. Joining the Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA) as a Guarantor

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2019/87):

1. To receive the Joining the Local Government Funding Agency as a Guarantor Report.
2. To note the content of the report.
3. To confirm Council's intention to join LGFA as a guarantor (noting it has already acceded as a borrower in 2016) as per Council's 3 April 2019 resolution (DC2019/47).
4. To delegate authority to the Acting Chief Executive to execute the following documents for the purposes of recommendation '3' above:
 - a. Security Stock Certificate (in relation to the Equity Commitment Deed);
 - b. Security Stock Certificate (in relation to the Guarantee);
 - c. Stock Issuance Certificate;
 - d. Section 118 Chief Executive Certificate; and
 - e. Officer's Certificate.
5. To authorise any two of the Council's elected members to execute the following deeds for the purposes of recommendation '3' above:
 - a. Accession Deed; and
 - b. Accession Deed to Guarantee and Indemnity.
6. To delegate to the Acting Chief Executive to execute such other documents and take such other steps on behalf of Council as the Chief Executive considers it is necessary or desirable to execute or take to give effect to recommendation '3' above.
7. To approve the amendments to the Investment Policy as shown in Appendix 1.
8. To approve the amendments to the Liability Management Policy as shown in Appendix 1.

(Moved Cr Wright/Seconded Cr Jephson)

Carried

C5. Adoption of Positive Ageing Strategy

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2019/88):

1. To receive the Positive Ageing Strategy Report.
2. To adopt the Draft Positive Ageing Strategy with amendments as discussed.
(Moved Cr Craig/Seconded Cr Colenso)
3. Action 319: Correct the consultation periods shown in paragraph 6.2; J Mitchell

Carried

D Information Reports from Chief Executive and Staff

D1. Chief Executive Officer Report

Ms Mitchell discussed collaboration with wineries progress for chlorine free water solutions, and the rural broadband initiative with councillors.

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COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2019/89):

1. To receive the Chief Executive Officer Report.
(Moved Mayor Napier/Seconded Cr Olds) Carried
2. To receive the financial statements and report for the period ended 28 February 2019.
(Moved Cr Craig/Seconded Cr Colenso) Carried
3. Action 320: Work with the Martinborough wineries to see if agreement can be reached for a joint statement on the chlorination issue; J Mitchell

D2. Martinborough Water Lutra Recommendations

Mr Allingham and Mr Stephenson discussed the actions and plans being applied to the Lutra recommendations, determination of a permanent water supply solution and the district wide spread of costs with councillors.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2019/90):

1. To receive the Martinborough Water – Lutra Corrective Actions Recommendations Report.
2. To note the responses to each corrective action.
(Moved Mayor Napier/Seconded Cr Gray) Carried
3. Action 321: Provide a continuing update to Council on action of the Lutra recommendations; M Allingham

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2019/91) to give priority to finalising a permanent multi-barrier approach for Martinborough Water Supply.

(Moved Cr Wright/Seconded Cr Jephson) Carried

D2. Action items

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2019/92) to receive the District Council Action Items Report.

(Moved Cr Colenso/Seconded Cr Jephson) Carried

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2019/93) that moving forward, Council action items are presented to the committees as appropriate.

(Moved Cr Craig/Seconded Mayor Napier) Carried

E Chairperson's Report

E1. Report from Her Worship the Mayor

Mayor Napier outlined the Wairarapa mayors' concerns regarding no NZTA funding to implement solutions identified by the NZTA business case on State Highway 2 safety.

Cr Olds left the meeting at 12:13pm.

Cr Olds returned to the meeting at 12:14pm.

Cr Gray left the meeting at 12:14pm.

Cr Gray returned to the meeting at 12:16pm.

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COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2019/94):

1. To receive the Mayor's Report. Carried
2. *(Moved Mayor Napier/Seconded Cr Olds)* Carried
3. That Council confirms the offering of Chief Executive to Harry Wilson and notes that he has accepted the role.
(Moved Cr Wright/Seconded Mayor Napier) Carried
4. To approve the attendance of Cr Olds and Cr Carter at the LGNZ Conference in Wellington, on the proviso that if councillors must be able to attend the entire conference. Cr Colenso is the alternate.
(Moved Cr Jephson/Seconded Cr Craig) Carried
5. To note the proposed amendments to the LGNZ rules and agree to discuss and consider the rule changes at a workshop of councillors prior to the June Council meeting.
(Moved Mayor Napier/Seconded Cr Maynard) Carried

F Members' Reports

F1. Reports from Councillors

Cr Craig

Civic Awards Working Party

Mayor Napier thanked Cr Craig for her work progressing the civic awards.

Cr Olds

Wairarapa Road Safety Council, Wairarapa Trails Advisory Group

Cr Olds tabled the Wairarapa Road Safety Council AGM report and minutes and suggested Wairarapa Road Safety Council matters were directed to the Assets and Services Committee for consideration as a permanent agenda item.

Cr Wright

Cobblestones Museum

Cobblestones Museum were concerned about changes being made by Greytown Trustlands Trust and were making a submission to the annual planning process.

Cr Colenso

Wairarapa Library Service Joint Committee, Community Safety and Resilience Working Party, Wellington Region Waste Management and Minimisation Plan Joint Committee, Wairarapa Safer Community Trust

Cr Colenso would be attending a meeting of the Wellington Region Waste Management and Minimisation Plan Joint Committee on 17 May 2019.

Cr Gray/Cr Vickery

Wairarapa Policies Joint Working Group

Councillors Vickery and Gray had attended the Wairarapa Policies Joint Working Group Bylaws hearing.

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F2. Reports from Appointments to Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) Committees

Cr Olds

Wairarapa Moana Governance Group, Ruamāhanga Whaitua Committee, Lower Valley Development Scheme Advisory Committee, Wairarapa Trails Advisory Group

Lower Valley Development Scheme and Wairarapa Moana meetings were now scheduled. Cr Olds indicated that Whaitua would be requesting variations to the GWRC Proposed Natural Resources Plan. Minutes from a Wairarapa Trails Advisory Group meeting were tabled.

Cr Wright

Wairarapa Committee, Waiohine Floodplain Management Plan Steering Group

A Wairarapa Committee meeting had been cancelled and the Waiohine Floodplain Management Plan Steering Group were making steady progress.

Cr Jephson

Awhea Scheme Advisory Committee, Wellington Region Climate Change Working Group

Cr Jephson would attend an upcoming Awhea Scheme Advisory Committee meeting and climate change issues were to be discussed at the next Wairarapa Combined Council meeting.

G Reports from Appointments and Economic, Cultural & Community Development

G1. Appointments

There were no reports from appointments.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2019/95) that councillor reports and reports from appointments are received.

(Moved Mayor Napier/Seconded Cr Gray)

Carried

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H Consideration of Public Excluded Business

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2019/96) that the public be excluded from the following part of the meeting, namely:

H1. Wairarapa Combined District Plan; Plan Change 9 – Appeal Settlement Proposal

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
Wairarapa Combined District Plan; Plan Change 9 – Appeal Settlement Proposal	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7(2)(c)	Section 48(1)(a)

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) 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
c) to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information – i) would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied; or ii) would be likely otherwise to damage the public interest.	Section 7(2)(c)

(Moved Cr Colenso/Seconded Cr Wright)

Carried

Confirmed as a true and correct record

.....(Mayor)

.....(Date)

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