



# SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**16 May 2018**

- Present:** Mayor Viv Napier (Chair), Deputy Mayor Brian Jephson, Councillors Lee Carter, Margaret Craig, Pam Colenso, Pip Maynard, Colin Olds and Colin Wright.
- In Attendance:** Paul Crimp (Chief Executive Officer), Mark Allingham (Group Manager Infrastructure and Services), Jennie Mitchell (Group Manager Corporate Support), Russell O’Leary (Group Manager Planning and Environment) and Suzanne Clark (Committee Secretary).
- Conduct of Business:** The meeting was held in the Council Chambers, Martinborough and was conducted in public between 9:00am and 12:46pm except where expressly noted.
- Forum and Other Presenters:** Jade Holley, Jennifer Grey, Martine Bijker and Robyn Ramsden (Featherston Community Board Chair).

## Open Section

- A1. Karakia**  
Cr Wright opened with a karakia.
- A2. Apologies**  
*COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2018/39) to receive apologies from Cr Ammunson.  
(Moved Cr Jephson/Seconded Cr Craig) Carried*
- A3. Conflicts of Interest**  
There were no conflicts of interest declared.
- A4. Acknowledgements and Tributes**  
Mayor Napier acknowledged the recent passing of Cr Olds father.
- A5. Public Participation**  
Ms Holley asked Council to seek expert, community board and public opinion on what should be done with the vacant land in Featherston and suggested that one option should be to demolish the Town Square. Ms Holley believed public consultation on the Town Square development was inadequate and requested information about what was included in stage 1 development and for stage 2 development plans to be provided showing budget and completion dates.

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Ms Grey tabled Council documents that traced the Featherston land swap and development of the Town Square. Ms Grey was concerned that the Featherston vacant land was not suitable for commercial development and queried the Council statement that knowledge of the easement was not known. Ms Grey requested that the Town Square was finished and that commercial development be fast tracked. An independent investigation into the matter was called for with learnings publicly reported.

Ms Bijker requested that Council learn from its mistakes and that comments from business leaders, community boards and the public be interpreted as helpful. Ms Bijker asked for Cr Wright's notice of motion to be removed from the current agenda, or for councillors to abstain from voting, as the Mayor should not be absolved from responsibility before the Featherston vacant land issue had been resolved.

**A6. Actions from Public Participation**

Members discussed the presentations and agreed that more information was required so the history of developments were understood. It was proposed that the information be reviewed in a workshop or by the Audit and Risk Working Party. A decision was made and recorded under agenda item E1 Chairperson's Report.

**A7. Community Board Participation**

On behalf of Featherston Mrs Ramsden asked Council staff to show respect for the people of Featherston, to treat all towns equally, and to engage with the community to achieve the outcomes of the recent Featherston public meeting. Mrs Ramsden asked for the Featherston vacant land to be immediately graveled and used in whatever way the community saw fit.

Mr Crimp undertook to discuss name calling with staff.

**A8. Minutes for Confirmation**

*COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2018/41) that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 4 April 2018 are a true and correct record.*

*(Moved Cr Craig/Seconded Cr Colenso)*

Carried

**A10. Extraordinary Business**

There was no extraordinary business.

**A11. Notices of Motion**

Mayor Napier vacated the chair.

Deputy Mayor Jephson assumed the chair.

Cr Wright noted that the Mayor's performance was being judged on one issue, much of which occurred prior to Mrs Napier being elected as mayor. Mayor Napier led a very democratic Council and was elected by the public in an open process. Cr Wright stated that the district needed a leader and problems could only be solved if there was no confusion over who led.

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*COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2018/43)* to express confidence in Mayor Vivien Napier as the duly elected leader of the Council for this triennium.

*(Moved Cr Wright/Seconded Cr Craig)*

Carried

Cr Carter abstained.

Cr Carter abstained on the basis that the following key deliverables need to be completed before confidence could be given: The governance review, the Featherston Main Street land review, and the Featherston public meeting on the issue.

Deputy Mayor Jephson vacated the chair.

Mayor Napier assumed the chair.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10am for morning tea.

The meeting reconvened at 10:30am.

## **B Council Committee and Community Board Minutes**

### **B1. Reports and Minutes of Council Committees and Community Boards**

*COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2018/44)*

1. To receive the Reports and Minutes of Council Committees and Community Boards.
2. To receive the minutes of the Maori Standing Committee 26 March 2018.
3. To receive the minutes of the Audit and Risk Working Party 18 April 2018.

*(Moved Cr Jephson/Seconded Cr Colenso)*

Carried

## **C Decision Reports from Chief Executive and Staff**

### **C1. Cotter Street Recommendations**

Report withdrawn by Chief Executive.

### **C2. Remit to Local Government NZ**

Councillors noted that central government will be moving away from supporting fossil fuel investment and that banks themselves were already shifting investment focus. Some concern was expressed about Council supporting an industry specific remit that could mean job losses.

*COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2018/42):*

1. To receive the Remit to Local Government NZ Report.

*(Moved Cr Craig/Seconded Cr Colenso)*

Carried

2. Not to support the remit from Greater Wellington Regional Council on fossil fuel investment.

*(Moved Cr Craig/Seconded Cr Colenso)*

Carried

Cr Carter abstained.

Cr Carter left the meeting at 10:30am.

Cr Carter returned to the meeting at 10:33am.

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## **D Operational Reports**

### **D1. Planning and Environment Group Report**

Mayor Napier welcomed Mr O'Leary as Council's new Planning and Environment Manager. Members discussed progress on the new dog pound, the commissioner's decision from the Greytown Structure Plan hearing, Martinborough residential land investigation, and the notable trees update project with Mr Crimp.

*COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2018/45):*

1. To receive the Planning and Environment Group Report.  
*(Moved Cr Maynard/Seconded Cr Wright)* Carried
2. Action 285: Check the Planning and Environment Report section 2.5 Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act table for consistency; R O'Leary
3. Action 286: Prepare an update report for the next Council meeting on the investigation into Martinborough available residential land; R O'Leary

### **D2. Infrastructure and Services Group Report**

The Group Manager Infrastructure and Services discussed rural roading, installation of responsive speed signs in key locations around the district, and the Featherston wastewater proposal public meeting with members.

*COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2018/46)* to receive the Infrastructure and Services Group Report.

*(Moved Cr Craig/Seconded Cr Colenso)* Carried

### **D3. Chief Executive Officer Report**

Mr Crimp discussed the introduction of yearly surveys timing, Waihinga Centre progress and ongoing management, and the proposed Accommodation Working Group with members.

*COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2018/47):*

1. To receive the Chief Executive Officer's Report.  
*(Moved Cr Jephson/Seconded Cr Wright)* Carried
2. To receive the financial statements report for the period ended 28 February 2018.  
*(Moved Cr Jephson/Seconded Cr Colenso)* Carried
3. To convene an Accommodation Working Group comprising three councillors, the Mayor ex officio, Chief Executive and three group managers.
4. To appoint councillors Olds, Wright and Maynard to the Accommodation Working Group.  
*(Moved Cr Jephson/Seconded Cr Craig)* Carried
5. Action 287: Prepare a Terms of Reference for the Accommodation Working Group to include time commitments, reporting and recommendation mechanisms; P Crimp

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#### **D4. Action Items Report**

*COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2018/48)* to receive the District Council Action Items Report.

*(Moved Cr Maynard/Seconded Cr Olds)*

Carried

#### **E Chairperson's Report**

##### **E1. Report from Her Worship the Mayor**

Mayor Napier would be reviewing all councillor portfolios following the Featherston by-election. Members further discussed the planned Featherston public meeting regarding the vacant land and clarified the course of action.

*COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2018/49):*

1. To receive the Mayor's Report.

*(Moved Jephson/Seconded Cr Maynard)*

Carried

2. To make an interim appointment of Cr Colin Olds as the South Wairarapa District Council representative on the Wairarapa Moana Governance Group.

*(Moved Mayor Napier/Seconded Cr Maynard)*

Carried

*COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2018/40):*

1. That a workshop will be convened at the earliest possible opportunity for council to receive all information regarding the land between Daniel Street and Birdwood Street, Featherston including any information on the Featherston Town Square development stage 1 and 2.
2. That following the workshop, the Risk and Audit Working Party will review recommendations from the workshop and receive and evaluate the material and prepare a report to be presented to the 27 June 2018 Council meeting.
3. The Audit and Risk Working Party will assess the need and make a recommendation to Council on whether there is a need for the report to be reviewed independently.

*(Moved Cr Colenso/Seconded Cr Carter)*

Carried

#### **F Members' Reports**

##### **F1. Reports from Councillors**

###### **Cr Craig**

**Wairarapa Road Safety Council, Wellington Region Waste Forum, Wellington Region Waste Management and Minimisation Plan Joint Committee (WRWMMP), Civic Awards Working Party**

Reports from WRWMMP meetings held on the 9 and 23 April 2018 and a meeting of the Wairarapa Road Safety Council held on the 24 April 2018 had been included in Council papers.

###### **Economic Development Task Force**

The Economic Development Task Force was no longer active and had been overshadowed by the Wellington Regional Investment Plan which would be reviewed by Council in June 2018.

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**Cr Colenso**

**Wairarapa Library Service, Community Safety and Resilience Working Party**

A report for a meeting of the Wairarapa Library Service would be included in the next Council papers.

**Cr Wright**

**Cobblestones Museum**

Cr Wright reported that Cobblestones were planning an exhibition late 2018 to showcase life in Greytown in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century.

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

**Cr Jephson**

**Awhea Opouawe Scheme Committee, Wairarapa Committee, Regional Climate Change and Natural Hazards Working Group, Wairarapa Committee**

An Awhea Scheme Committee meeting had been held. Planting of Ushers Hill was discussed and the tree extraction at Stoney Creek was going well. A meeting of the Climate change Working Group was planned for 5 June 2018.

**Cr Wright**

**Waiohine Floodplain Management Plan Steering Group, Wairarapa Committee**

Cr Wright reported that good progress was being made on flood protection solutions and noted that the interim flood maps, now in use by Council, showed a lesser impact to Greytown from flooding.

The Wairarapa Committee had met on the 15 May 2018; the passenger rail service and Waiohine floodplain was discussed.

**Cr Carter**

**Public Transport Working Group**

**COUNCIL NOTED:**

1. Action 288: Request the GWRC Public Transport Working Group Terms of Reference and minutes/notes of past meetings; P Crimp

Cr Maynard left the meeting at 12:25pm.

Cr Maynard returned to the meeting at 12:26pm.

**Cr Olds**

**Wairarapa Moana Governance Group, Ruamahanga Whaitua Committee, Lower Valley Development Scheme Advisory Committee**

A meeting of the Wairarapa Moana Governance Group had been held and consideration of management committee appointments as part of the Treaty settlement process was discussed.

Cr Olds gave a detailed update on the Whaitua Committee's brief and progress, including consultation with communities. The final document would be included in

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GWRC's Natural Resources Plan. Managing water take requirements in low flow periods may require high volume users to consider water storage options. The Waitua Sub-committee undertook to review the preconsultation document. Mayor Napier thanked Cr Olds for representing Council on the Committee.

Cr Carter left the meeting at 12:37pm.

Cr Carter returned to the meeting at 12:38pm.

**G Reports from Appointments and Outside Organisations**

**G1. Appointments**

Members discussed the commercial accommodation monitor as presented in the Destination Wairarapa report and whether it was an accurate reflection of visitor stays due to uptake of Airbnb accommodation.

*COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2018/50) to receive councillor reports and reports from appointments.*

*(Moved Cr Wright/Seconded Cr Olds)*

Carried

**Confirmed as a true and correct record**

.....(Mayor)

.....(Date)

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