

**SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL**



# Draft Annual Plan 2007-2008

## Hearing of Submissions

**Minutes of a meeting held in the District Council chambers, Kitchener Street, Martinborough on Wednesday 20 June commencing at 9.00am.**

**Present:** Deputy Mayor V L Napier and Councillors M W Beckett, B J Clark, S H Davis, K J Lyford, P R March, D R Phelps, K R Sexton and J D Tenquist.

**Officers Present:** Messrs G B Page (Chief Executive) and R Mangar (Manager Works and Services)

*Deputy Mayor Napier in the Chair*

### **PUBLIC BUSINESS**

**1. APOLOGIES**

**RESOLVED**

**(Beckett/Tenquist)**

**DC2007/76 THAT apologies received from Mayor A L Staples and Cr D Phelps be accepted.**

**2. HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS ON DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2007/2008**

**9.00am Janelle McKenzie, NZ International Arts Festival**

Janelle spoke to her submission. The 2006 Festival showed a 21% increase in ticket sales for the Wairarapa. Schools involved in the Wairarapa increased from 2 to 5. Involvement by schools is hindered by transport on top of the costs for tickets. The Festival is considered to be of a very high quality and the support of councils is vital across the region. South Wairarapa District Council's continued support would be welcomed. An international group may be scheduled for the Wairarapa in 2008. The Council suggested continued use of Kuranui College. SchoolFest had appeared in the Wairarapa in the past. Explanation given on what would be best brought to Wairarapa. King and Country was a success.

**9.13am Lois Pitt and Wayne Regnault, Greytown Community Sport & Leisure Soc Inc.** Lois explained the role of the Society which is to assist support the volunteers involved in the Clubs.

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They had had assistance in the past from the Council with regard to rent and grants. Has offered advice and assistance to Clubs outside of Greytown. Trustlands Trust are not offering to be an upfront sponsor at this stage, but may be a last resort. Sponsors for salaries are becoming more and more difficult. Club contributions will always be limited.

21% of the Societies work is outside of Greytown.

**9.25am Gavin Southey - Greytown Rugby Club**

Rugby and other users would welcome the ability to be able to irrigate the rugby grounds. The Rugby Union do not give support at a Club level. The Society has done a great job to assist the volunteers. The Club rents the grounds from Trustlands Trust who provide a grant. Now the Club has joined with Tuhirangi which has been a success. 4 or 5 ACC claims recently. The Club has grown to be representing wider than Greytown and really is South Wairarapa wide. Currently using Council water.

**9.36am Derek Moore**

Derek spoke to his submission, and hoped that sealing a kilometre of road with about 12 houses being served by the road, could be put on the roading schedule. Dangerous for his family and others and not helped by those who race along the road. Cr K Sexton said it is on the Works and Services Programme. The road does serve a wide recreational area which increases the traffic to a high level.

**9.50am George Kirk plus a team of club members and the Manager, Martinborough Gold Club**

George spoke to his submission and gave the history of the land on which was used by the Club. The drive was sealed in the early 1980's, thought to be paid for by Council. Support by the Squash Club was given for this work. The idea of it being paid for from the rent i.e. in effect being paid for by the Clubs, was suggested. All other upgrading of facilities has been paid for by the Club which has 379 members. Original funding came from the time of the Martin's involvement.

*[council broke for lunch and returned at 10.10am]*

**10.10am Mr N & Mrs P Davis**

Mrs Davis spoke to the submission on this matter by a number of ratepayers in the area. The behaviour of campers was a real problem, many with dogs which are an extra problem. The other problem is the roading which has constant issues and the increasing number of subdivisions approved means more vehicles are using the roads. Tourist's numbers cannot be controlled. Day picnickers are welcome but not overnighters. Concern expressed regarding fire situation.

**10.22am Jill Thomas**

Jill spoke to her submission. Valuation rises are of concern and the flow on to rates. Council does not need a camp manager it needs a park manager. Trees in front of town hall need pruning, at the least. Change in water, now leaves blue marks on basin. Some leaks are from the water races. New leak at 69 or 71 West Street. Explanation given of the way Council operates.

**10.37am Dayle Clarkson, Sport Wairarapa**

Dayle spoke to the Sport Wellington submission and thanked Council for its support. Connecting Communities project will have a new employee starting in July. Concern expressed on funding demands which could come on to Council. Why not have one

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model, such as Greytown? The situation has been discussed at a management level. The submission did not actually ask for funding. Dayle said she would get back to the Council, but basically requested a continuation of the existing grant.

**10.52a** **Jason Osborne and Duncan Disbury – Greytown Cricket Club**  
**m** Jason and Duncan spoke to the submission; the Club has been going since 1867. The Club nearly folded, but has seen many personal changes in the last 5 years, including paying a grounds man. Have had a stall at the Martinborough Fair, unique position in the Wairarapa i.e. doing it all themselves as other councils keep the grounds. Rep game last year went well but they want to go the next level including more mowing of outfield, twice a week required during Spring. Water required for junior wickets, looking at getting a bore. Irrigation system required. Potholes in driveway at carparks.

Have spoken to contractor and they do not have equipment for the 20mm height required. The other priority is the irrigation. Also help required with the painting of the building. Council has spent money on maintenance of the building. The Greytown Sport and Leisure Society have been very helpful, especially in seeking funds from various trusts.

**11.08a** **Liz Kennedy and Graham Croton – Cobblestones Trust**  
**m** Liz and Graham spoke to the submission. Have just finished the shop building. Would like the same funding and have in mind the upgrade of the Crafters Heaven building. Some of the buildings are of a size that professionals have to be brought in for painting. More grants will have to be sought to keep up the maintenance work. More requirements being brought on by insurance e.g. fire equipment. Income does not include some rentals. A lot of the Council funds go on rates.

**11.23a** **Ravi Mangar, Manager Works and Services**  
**m** Ravi spoke to his submission and the increasing costs of water supply hence his request to increase the rate from \$1.25 per cubic metre to \$1.50 per cubic metre. The clause to be added in the Annual Plan regarding solid waste. The cost of rubbish bags need to be consistent. Lake Ferry sewerage, financial contributions, carry over of some financial costs will change. Tora subdivision roads will get a subsidy provided the cost benefit ratio is OK.

**11.46a** **Dean Davis, Chair Featherston Community Board**  
**m** Dean spoke to the main points of the submission, toilet block to take priority, hopefully finished by December. Great work done on walking tracks. Main Street Group need to be advised if funding is to change. The other subjects were also briefly covered including the shifting of the 50kph sign to near the lookout and the intersection on Fitzherbert Street with Ludlam and Watt Street, plus the crossing outside Featherston School.

*[The meeting broke for lunch at 12.036pm and resumed at 12.38pm]*

Acting Mayor Viv Napier explained the situation with regard to the rural property purchased by Helen Forlong in Kuratawhiti Street in Greytown and her request for a water connection. Because of the exceptional circumstances it was:

**RESOLVED** *(Sexton/Tenquist)*  
**DC2007/77 THAT** pursuant to Clause 3.3.4 of the Town Water Supply Policy, approval be given for a rural connection for the water supply to Helen Furlong's property in Kuratawhiti Street, Greytown.

### **3. REVIEW OF SUBMISSIONS**

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Council then went through submissions to consider its decisions.

1. Rural Fire Authority

Council endorsed the submission and confirmed that greater emphasis was being given to rural fire by the Council and this would continue.

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2. Housing New Zealand

Council noted the submission and in particular items 14, 15 and 16. Council are very aware of the effect of rates for property owners, but thought it was a bit rich for Housing NZ to be making comments of this kind since they had pulled out of the Wairarapa after selling their housing stock.

3. Wairarapa Balloon Society Inc.

Council considered the request for funding and agreed to the request for \$5,000. The event was considered to be a success.

4. NZ International Arts Festival

Council considered that this event had a direct spin off for the Wairarapa and agreed to the request for funding of \$7,000 over the next 2 years i.e. \$3,500 per year.

5. Featherston Community Centre Charitable Trust

Council noted that it had undertaken improvements to the gutter and footpath entrance and confirmed its earlier decision that it would not undertake the reseal of the car park because for the setting of precedent issue.

6. Greytown Community Sport and Leisure Society Incorporated

Council noted the very good work being undertaken by the Society and the positive effect this was having on clubs and their members. It agreed to give a grant of \$2,000 in addition to the rent of office space in the refurbished Greytown Town Hall.

7. Greytown Rugby Football Club

There were some concerns expressed over whether a bore would be successful and the future for the club in its present location. The success for the club was noted. Council agreed to contribute \$2,000 toward a pump to take water from the nearby water race.

8. Mr M Spink – 2007 International Youth Skills

Council grants are not for individuals and it was decided to refer this request to the Greytown Community Board.

9. Joan Smith – Featherston Matters

Council noted that work on the pool seating was already underway and other matters had been referred to the Works and Services Committee. With regard to picnic tables and a BBQ for Card Reserve it was felt that this would set a precedent and become targets for vandalism.

10. Roothing New Zealand

Council noted the submission and was advised that its contractor Oldfields was an initiator of Operate Safe and had the necessary qualifications.

11. Martinborough Square Development Group

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Council noted the submission and the good work that the Committee had undertaken. Ongoing work including the raising of other pedestrian crossings is already included in the Works and Services programme, other suggestions will be considered over time.

12. Featherston Community Board

Council considered the variety of matters raised in the submission.

- Toilet block. Capital funding has been allowed, but the proposal has yet to go to public consultation and it is known there are a variety of views held.
- Funding of signage and track improvements can be funded from Reserves staged over time. What are the priorities?
- Main Street Beautification. There is some confusion over the ongoing funding which has to be sorted out.
- Card Reserve Management Plan. The Plan with changes will go to the next RMWP meeting in the near future.
- Featherston Swimming Pool. Ongoing maintenance required at a satisfactory level. New seating will be in well before December.
- Wairarapa Lake Domain and Lake Wairarapa. GWRC will be approached to determine how the plans for a special reserve status is developing.
- Water conservation. Cr M Beckett's regular column will include information on water usage. Encouragement of tank usage for new and existing homes will be considered as part of the ongoing H<sup>2</sup>O to Go initiative.
- Solid Waste. Cr Beckett's column will include the packaging issue, which longer term is a matter for the waste strategy. Zero waste is the ultimate aim and steps will be taken against illegal dumping.
- Featherston Roads. A meeting will be arranged, including the Community Board and other interested parties with Transit consultants.

13. Lake Ferry Sport and Recreation Committee

Both the hoop and the proposed small court will be funded from Reserves.

14. Irrigation Project

This is now likely to be picked up by the Wellington EDA, but the concept described in the submission is not correct.

15. Trust House Supermarkets

Council's decision included under item 36. The bags will be sold to the supermarkets for 65 cents per bag, minimum 2,000 bags at a time and Council will deliver. Council will sell bags at its outlets for 75 cents per bag but will not limit the supermarkets to a price of lots of 10 at a time.

16. Greytown Cricket Club

Council referred the matters of mowing and water supply to the Works and Services Committee for wide reconsideration as to the benefits of having Central District games. Council agreed to the repairs of potholes and sealing of the carparks from Reserves funding. Council also agreed to provide paint in the following year so the building can be painted.

17. NZ Historic Places Trust

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Council noted the submission and the various points in it including the conference in November on earthquake risk buildings and thought it would be good if someone from Council could attend.

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18. Bucks Road Sealing
- Council noted this submission and referred it to the Works and Services Committee to work through the process.
19. Pukeo West Road Sealing
- Council noted this submission and referred it to the Works and Services Committee to work through the process.
20. Martinborough Golf Club
- Council noted that the Club was on Council reserve land and decided its contribution would be relief of two years of lease payments. Council would also upgrade the entrance. The option chosen by the Club was expensive and resealing would be cheaper.
- 21-23 Oteri River Mouth Camp Ground plus Mr Riddiford's late submission
- Council took on board the situations which have arisen and the behaviour of some campers. As it is a reserve management issue it was referred to the Reserves Management Working Party. It was noted that a lot of money had been spent by Council relating to flood repairs over the past few years and not recognised by residents. Issues regarding dogs would be considered at the hearing on 11 July. The fire situation would also be kept under review.
24. Wellington Regional Chamber of Commerce
- Council noted the submission which would be acknowledged appropriately. Some points in the submission were considered to be a "bit rich".
25. Active Wairarapa
- Council noted the submission and in particular the point made about performance measures for parks and reserves and asked Officers to investigate this further. Council agreed to make a contribution of \$4,000 in the 2007/2008 year. The walkway proposed for Greytown on the stop bank was described.
26. Sport Wellington
- Council noted the submission and agreed to a contribution of \$4,000 for the 2007/2008 year.
27. Greytown Community Board
- Council noted the submission including the Main Street funding going to the Town Hall refurbishment and the suggestion of consideration of issues for youth in the future. The covered pool concept was also noted, a previous report on this was currently being updated.
28. Martinborough Community Board
- The submission seeks some funding from Pain Farm funds which are able to be sought at any time, but also best included as works in the Annual Plan and an allowance will be made.

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29. Mrs Jill Thomas

The Council noted the submission which would be acknowledged appropriately.

30. Federated Farmers

The Council noted the submission which would be acknowledged appropriately. These matters will also be brought to the attention of the newly formed Rural Services Committee.

31. Eva Fenwick

Council noted the submission. Money from the power shares are kept in Council's Reserves funding. Maintenance of the water system is contracted out but Council has no intention of selling the system. Installation of water meters are part of Council's long term water conservation strategy.

32. David Bull

Council noted the submission and referred it to the Martinborough Community Board.

33. Wairarapa Railway Restoration Society Inc.

Council noted the submission and while supportive of the Society felt it had made its contribution by giving the shed in Greytown to the Society, and that the matter should be referred to the Carterton District Council, as the shed would end up on their district if the project proceeded.

34. Cobblestones

Council noted the submission and the good work being done by the Trust. It agreed to continue with the grant of \$6,500 for the 2007/2008 year, most of which would be spent on rates.

35. Robert Petelin

The submission was noted by the Council. Random samples show that some properties do exceed the current limit of 450cm. The meters are part of Council's long term water conservation strategy.

36. Work and Services Manager

In working through the submission Council agreed to the proposed increase in water charge from \$1.25 to \$1.50 per cu. It also agreed to the proposed increase to \$7.50 per bundle of 10 bags, consistent across Council's outlets, plus delivery of bags to supermarkets. The prices to be effective from 1 August 2007. Council also agreed to suitable wording going into the Annual plan indicating that if ratepayers are unable to pay upfront for the financial contribution for the Lake Ferry sewerage scheme then the Council will allow instalments over 5 years. Carry over estimates of work will adjust in the Annual Plan in line with the latest financial information. The Tora subdivision works will also be included; these works will get a subsidy provided there is a suitable cost benefit.

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37. Settlement Plans

Council agreed that we should start work on the settlement plans developing them over time. These would have to be done within existing budgets in a similar way to reserve management plans. An estimate of cost for settlement plans will be obtained by Officers.

38. Martinborough Squash Club

Council considered the submission and agreed to give them funding of \$400 for coaching of junior players.

**RESOLVED** *(Clark/Sexton)*  
*DC2007/78 THAT Council suspend Standing Orders 2.7.1 "Time Limits at Meetings" to allow the meeting to proceed and the business to be completed.*

Grant Funding Totals for Annual Plan 2007/2008

Go Wairarapa	100,000
Irrigation Project	7,500
MRI	25,000
Healthy Homes	12,000
Southern Wairarapa Safer Community Council	10,000
Wine Trail Signage (carried over)	6,000
Christmas Concert	10,000
Cobblestones	6,500
Balloon Festival	5,000
Arts Culture & Heritage Strategy	5,000
Active Wairarapa	4,000
Sport Wellington	4,000
Martinborough Golf Club (estimate)	8,000
Enviroschools	2,000
Power Grants	2,175
International Festival of Arts	3,500
Greytown Sport and Leisure	2,000
Greytown Rugby Club	2,000
Martinborough Squash lob	400
	\$215,075

Council agreed to these grants and then went through the notes from the public meetings.

The Council requested that the Works and Services Committee do an inspection of the swimming pools and grounds prior to the opening of pools for the summer season.

Council noted that no submission had been received from Aratoi and asked that they be written to giving the reasons why Council had made this decision.

Council requested that with regard to the funding allocated to Go Wairarapa that it be made clear to the Directors that there would be a requirement for more tourism performance measures and regular monthly reporting, including finances. It was noted that the South Wairarapa Business Enterprise had taken money into Go Wairarapa, and this had clearly now gone. It was requested that Officers look into the renting of facilities to Go Wairarapa.

The Tukurumuri recycling depot would have the signs denoting what recycling bin to use, replaced.

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Council noted that a public presentation by UCOL had been raised with them at a meeting of the Martinborough Community Board.

A meeting was requested to be arranged with a variety of people concerning the loss of public parking space at Lake Ferry.

Council requested Officers to ensure some allowance was made for the Rural Services Committee.

It was agreed the Annual Plan 2007/2008 now completed subject to input from the Community Board.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 3.55pm.

**CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD**

.....(Mayor)

.....Date

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