



SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – 22 October 2008

- Present: Mayor Adrienne Staples (Chairperson), Councillors Margaret Craig, Dean Davies, Mike Gray, Viv Napier, Julie Riddell, Solitaire Robertson, Keith Sexton and Max Stevens.
- In attendance: Dr Jack Dowds (CEO), Gaye Rowberry (Secretary), Ravi Mangar (MWS), Sonny Te Maari (MSC) and Chris Gorman (Senior Planner) for items A-C1, John Bell, Destination Wairarapa Items E2 and Tere Lenihan (SWSCC) and Denise Allen (Wairarapa DHB) Items G2 and Nathan Jones (PWC).
- Conduct of Business: The meeting was held at the District Council Chambers in Martinborough and was conducted in public between 9.30am - 3.00pm.

A Preliminary Matters

- 1. Apologies:**
COUNCIL RESOLVED to accept an apology from Cr Dianne Phelps.
(*Staples/Napier*)
- 2. Public Participation:** None.
- 3. Minutes for Confirmation:**
The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 24 September were confirmed as true and correct subject to the following amendment; that there was an amendment to minutes of 27 August concerning the Gambling Policy which had not been noted. (*Napier/Craig*).

B Council Committee and Community Board Minutes

COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive the September 2008 minutes of the Policy and Finance Committee. (*Gray/Davies*)

Nathan Jones (PWC) attended part of the meeting to discuss the analysis of the Special Reserves/Trust Funds.

COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive the October 2008 minutes of the Maori Standing Committee. (*Stevens/Robertson*)

COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive the minutes of the October 2008 meeting of the Martinborough Community Board. (*Sexton/Stevens*)

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COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive the minutes of the October 2008 meeting of the Featherston Community Board. (*Sexton/Stevens*)

COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive the minutes of the October 2008 meeting of the Greytown Community Board. (*Sexton/Stevens*)

C Planning and Regulatory

COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive the September 2008 Hearings Committee report. (*Gray/Craig*)

COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive the September 2008 report on planning activities, the reports of the Applications Sub-Committee dated 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 September 2008. (*Gray/Craig*)

COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive the September 2008 Liquor Licensing report. (*Davies/Napier*)

COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive the October 2008 Building Services report. (*Sexton/Craig*)

D Operational Reports

D.1 CEO – Finance – Corporate

COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive the CEO's report on Finance and Corporate Services for October 2008 and the tabled financial reports for the month ending 30 September 2008. (*Craig/Riddell*)

Congratulations were noted to Jack Dowds (CEO) regarding the new look for the Council building foyer.

D.2 Works and Services

COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive the Works and Services report for October 2008. (*Gray/Sexton*)

E Representation Reports

E.1 Mayor's report

COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive the Mayor's report for September/October 2008. (*Staples/Craig*)

- It was agreed that there was no funding available this financial year to look at the amalgamation of Councils.
- Forty two people voted regarding the Featherston toilets, 36 for the Promotional Group design. Costings will be investigated and the decision will be based on costs and the standard of the facilities.

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[Action: Ravi Mangar to look at Featherston toilet plans and make a recommendation.]

- Swimming pool costs have escalated and hours have been shortened. Greytown and Martinborough pools are nearly ready.

[Action: Pool covers for swimming pools need to be investigated to save on heating costs].

Next year it is planned to look at possibly opening one pool in the district early on a rotational yearly basis.

<p><i>DC2008/354 COUNCIL RESOLVED</i> that the proposed site for the Greytown Skatepark behind Arbor Reserve is agreed to, providing the following conditions;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ That a Resource Consent is obtained.▪ That the project is fully funded before any work for the skatepark commences.	<p>22 October 2008 (Stevens/Riddell)</p>
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[Action: Mayor to ask Gawith Burrige for a legal opinion on whether any Pain Farm funds can be used to investigate rezoning a portion of the Farm for commercial use].

E.2 Reports from Councillors

COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive the report from Destination Wairarapa Inc.
(Napier/Gray)

John Bell attended the meeting and spoke to his report, the following was noted.

- That visitor numbers are down approximately 20% which is very similar to other tourist areas.
- Main I-Site is open to everyone but Destination Wairarapa website is members only. Membership has dropped since Go Wairarapa. Membership drop is of concern.
- Training for the staff was discussed with any training available to include Featherston staff, with staff asking for one key contact for Destination Wairarapa.
- Need for more surveys of tourists with postcodes inclusion suggested.
- Question was asked about letter sent to Chair of the Board re moving main I-Site to Featherston had had no reply as yet.

COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive representation reports from Councillors.
(Davies/Riddell)

It was noted that if Organic farmers did not want weed spraying outside their property they needed to contact the SWDC and they would be responsible for their own control of the weeds.

Information Centre weeding not completed.

Greytown's water usage a concern. Tests are being carried out for leakage.

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[Action: Ravi Mangar to put a report to next meeting on rural water charges].

F Decision Papers

F.1 Recommendations from Committees and Community Boards.

1. Policy and Finance Committee -24 September Stella Bull Park – old library

<p><i>DC2008/355 COUNCIL RESOLVED</i> that the following directions be given regarding the leasing of the old library in Stella Bull Park:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Advise the preferred tenderer that the date for submitting a proposal had nearly expired and that Council wished to make a decision at the Council meeting on October 22, 2008.2. Council was not prepared to entertain external structural alterations or additions to the building and is of the opinion that the public will not find it acceptable for there to be a major encroachment into the reserve area.	<p>22 October 2008 (Staples/Stevens)</p>
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[Action: Advertisement for the above to be organised asap]

2. Maori Standing Committee – 13 October 2008

<p><i>DC2008/356 COUNCIL RESOLVED THAT</i> Resource Consent 3566, Rural Subdivision Prairie Holm Company Ltd:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• As the land is along-side an internationally recognized wetland, that an Esplanade Reserve or Esplanade Strip be considered for this subdivision.• If the land is to be purchased for an Esplanade Reserve that Central Government be petitioned for funding.	<p>22 October 2008 (Davies/Gray)</p>
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3. Mayor's October report

<p><i>DC2008/357 COUNCIL RESOLVED THAT</i> the matter of amalgamation and the proposed study be included in our LTCCP to gauge whether the concept has sufficient support amongst our residents to warrant furthering the investigation.</p>	<p>22 October 2008 (Stevens/Napier)</p>
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Further information may be in the Pain Farm file.

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F.2 Approval of Road Name Applications

<i>DC2008/358 COUNCIL RESOLVED</i> to receive the report from the Resource Management Planning and name the public roads on stage one of the Cottage Grove subdivision; Road 1: Strand Street Road 2: Waterloo Court Road 3: Trafalgar Court	22 October 2008 (Napier/Davies)
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F.3 Re-wording of Road Name Changes proposal 5

<i>DC2008/359 COUNCIL RESOLVED</i> receive the report from the CEO and that Whangaimoana Road, from the junction with Lake Ferry Road to the turn-off to Whangaimoana beach, and all of Whatarangi Road <u>including Ngawi Drive</u> be re-named Cape Palliser Road.	22/10/2008 (Stevens/Sexton)
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F.4 111 West Street, Greytown - Encroachment

<i>DC2008/360 COUNCIL RESOLVED</i> to purchase this piece of land being 111 West Street, Greytown.	22/10/2008 (Stevens/Sexton)
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G General

G.1 United Way NZ Newsletter

COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive the Newsletter from United Way NZ.
(Stevens/Napier)

G2 WHO Safer Community.

<i>DC2008/361 COUNCIL RESOLVED</i> that the South Wairarapa District Council becomes a partner in the investigation and instigation of a Safer Wairarapa model.	22 October 2008 (Sexton/Napier)
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Tere Lenihan and Denise Allen attended part of the meeting to discuss the proposal. Tere Lenihan will investigate funding for a Coordinator and an employing body.

Confirmed as a true and correct record

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.....(Date)

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