

SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL EXTRAORDINARY MEETING Public Excluded Minutes from 24 August 2022

Present:

Mayor Alex Beijen (Chair), Deputy Mayor Garrick Emms, Councillors Pam Colenso, Leigh Hay, Brian Jephson, Alistair Plimmer, Pip Maynard, Brenda West, Rebecca Fox and Colin Olds.

In Attendance:

Harry Wilson (Chief Executive Officer), Russell O'Leary (Group Manager Planning and Environment), Stefan Corbett (Group Manager Partnerships and Operations), Karon Ashforth (General Manager Finance), Amanda Bradley (General Manager Policy and Governance), Sheil Priest (General Manager Communications and Engagement), Rick Mead (Environmental Services Manager), Paul Gardner (General Manager HR & Corporate Services), James O'Connor (Manager Partnerships and Operations), Catherine Clouston (Communications Advisor), Suzanne Clark (Property Portfolio Advisor), and Amy Andersen (Committee Advisor).

Conduct of Business: This meeting was held in the Supper Room, Walhinga Centre, 62 Texas Street, Martinborough and via audio-visual conference. All members participating via audio-visual conference counted for the purpose of the meeting quorum in accordance with clause 25B of Schedule 7 to the Local Government Act 2002. The meeting was held under public excluded provisions from 9:16am to 2:58pm except where expressly noted.

Open Section

A2. Conflicts of Interest

Cr Emms declared a conflict of interest as he is currently the President of the Wairarapa Racing Club and this entity operates a motorhome park.

B Public Excluded Business

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
Lake Ferry Holiday Park	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7(2)(a), section 7(2)(g), and section 7(2)(h)	Section 48(1)(a)

This resolution (DC2022/73) is made in reliance on Section 48(1) 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
The withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.	Section 7(2)(a)
The withholding of the information is necessary to maintain legal professional privilege.	Section 7(2)(g)
The withholding of the information is necessary to enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.	Section 7(2)(h)

(Moved Cr Hay/Seconded Cr Colenso)

Carried

B1. Lake Ferry Holiday Park Report

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2022/74PE) to receive the Lake Ferry Holiday Park Report.

(Moved Cr Maynard /Seconded Cr Plimmer)

Carried

Members debated whether to defer or move forward with consideration of the report. Cr Fox expressed her disappointment that Council were not able to make a decision at this stage, due to the lengthy period of time to progress these matters.

Cr Plimmer left the meeting at 10:01am.

Cr Plimmer returned to the meeting at 10:03am.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2022/75PE) that item B1 – Lake Ferry Holiday Park Report be removed from the agenda and deferred for consideration by the incoming Council.

(Moved Cr Olds/Seconded Cr Plimmer)

Carried

Cr West and Cr Emms Abstained
Casting Vote - Mayor Beijen

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2022/76PE) to revoke the resolution DC2022/75PE: "That item B1 — Lake Ferry Holiday Park Report be removed from the agenda and deferred for consideration by the incoming Council

(Moved Cr Olds/Seconded Cr Colenso)

Carried

Cr Emms Abstained

The meeting was adjourned at 10:31am.

The meeting was reconvened at 2:14pm.

Mr Wilson noted during the adjournment, LGNZ confirmed that in this matter, Council are conducting business as usual.

Ms Clark, with support from Mr Wilson spoke to matters outlined in the report and the options presented. Ms Clark responded to questions on attempts to sell the Lake Ferry Holiday Park; exemptions to support lease renewal; returns on the resale of assets; timeframes for agreements for negotiated exit; costs to rectify breaches; ways to work with site owners who are non-compliant; and processes to support improved communication with and her whānau.

Members discussed the preferred options to determine the best course of action for both Council and

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2022/77PE)

[Read together]

- Note that the Chief Executive has delegation to terminate the Lake Ferry
 Holiday Park lease but not to approve the required unbudgeted CAPEX required
 to move forward with a parallel negotiated exit process as outlined in preferred
 option three.
- Agree that the Chief Executive progress the preferred option three at Lake Ferry Holiday Park and that prior to any offer for purchase being made to the lessee a decision on expenditure is sought from the incoming Council.
- Agree that this report and associated minutes stay in public excluded until the Chief Executive determines there are no longer any reasons to withhold the information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act.

(Moved Cr Jephson/Seconded Cr Plimmer)

Carried

Cr West and Cr Emms Abstained

 Encourage Council Officers to use a facilitator to ensure an equitable discussion between parties is held, if possible.

(Moved Cr Maynard/Seconded Cr Hay)

Carried

Cr West and Cr Emms Abstained

The meeting closed at 2:58pm

Confirmed as a true and correct record

(Mayor)

29/9/27 (Date)