



**SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
**Minutes from 28 July 2021**

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- Present:** Mayor Alex Beijen, Deputy Mayor Garrick Emms, Councillors Pam Colenso, Rebecca Fox, Leigh Hay, Brian Jephson, Pip Maynard, Alistair Plimmer, Ross Vickery and Brenda West.
- In Attendance:** Harry Wilson (Chief Executive), Euan Stitt (Group Manager Partnerships and Operations), Russell O’Leary (Group Manager Planning and Environment), Karen Yates (Policy and Governance Manager), Katrina Neems (Chief Financial Officer), Rick Mead (Manager Environmental Services), Bryce Neems (Waste and Amenities Manager), James Whitham (Planning Manager), Shiel Priest (Communications Manager), Paul Gardner (HR Manager), and Suzanne Clark (Committee Advisor).  
Wellington Water: Lawrence Stephenson.
- Conduct of Business:** The meeting was held in the Supper Room, Waihinga Centre, Texas Street, Martinborough and was conducted in public between 10:00am and 1:22pm except where expressly noted.
- Also in attendance:** Lee Carter, Daphne Geisler, Warren Woodgyer and John Errington.  
Mel Maynard (Martinborough Community Board Chair).  
Lucy Cooper (Cobblestones Trust Board appointee) via audio-visual link.
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## **Open Section**

Cr Hay read the Council affirmation.

### **A1. Apologies**

There were no apologies received.

### **A2. Conflicts of Interest**

Cr Plimmer declared a conflict of interest with the Mayor’s correspondence to NZ Police.

### **A3. Acknowledgements and Tributes**

Cr Maynard acknowledged the passing of mana whenua Tiki McGregor as well as Alan Styles. Mr Styles had volunteered his time and plumbing skills to Hau Ariki Marae.

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#### **A4. Public Participation**

Mrs Carter stated that Council communications on the recent rates rises could have been better and that a formal complaints process should be utilised. Mrs Carter requested a series of public meetings to address concerns and queried why rates had risen following consultation and how they could be made more affordable. Mrs Carter spoke about the hardship of people on fixed incomes.

Ms Geisler stated that the final adopted rates were different from what was in the published consultation document and that the average rates rise as promoted was misleading. Ms Geisler noted that Council had approved an overall increase of 28% and queried how Council could allow this. Ms Geisler requested that Council publish the correct rates rise numbers.

Mr Woodgyer noted the community outcry on rates. Incomes were not being topped up at the same level as rates were rising. Mr Woodgyer was disillusioned and requested information showing rates collected in each ward and where it was spent. Mr Woodgyer suggested all ratepayers should be invited to participate in community surveys. Mr Woodgyer spoke of the rising costs of employing Wellington Water, rising staff levels, and unnecessary expenditure.

Mr Errington noted that figures he would be using in his presentation were readily available and that overall rates had increased by 28%, with urban rates increasing more than average due to the increase in the value of urban property. Mr Errington believed the rates examples were misleading and deceptive and he invited Council to reconsider rates communications issued.

#### **A5. Actions from public participation**

*COUNCIL NOTED:*

1. Action 327: Consider the public forum rates submissions (28 July 2021) and what communication measures were appropriate for relaying further information; S Priest

#### **A6. Community Board/Māori Standing Committee Report from Meetings**

Ms Maynard sought Council support for an upcycling facility in order to remove waste from landfill and to meet Council's goal for climate change.

Ms Maynard queried what measures were being put in place to cover staffing vacancies; primarily for the purpose of ensuring that contracts and full services were being delivered to the community.

Ms Maynard requested that alternative roads for Hinekura be investigated and queried whether there was an engineer's solution to the roading problem.

Ms Maynard noted the Martinborough Community Board vote of no confidence on the Innovating Streets Project and requested that the Assets and Services Committee consider the Board's other road safety requests.

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Mr Wilson noted the views of the Board and that Council officers wanted to work more positively with the Board in the future. An upcycling station had not been budgeted for, but Council could investigate contract implications and the possibility of making land available if a community organisation wanted to run an upcycling facility.

**COUNCIL NOTED:**

1. Action 328: Liaise with Waka Kotahi and the Community Board chairs to see if a workshop can be scheduled to discuss the Waka Kotahi consultation; H Wilson

**A7. Extraordinary Business**

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor tabled appointments reports and the Deputy Mayor tabled a report from the 2021 LGNZ Conference.

**A8. Minutes for Confirmation**

*COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2021/54)* that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 30 June 2021 are a true and correct record.

*(Moved Cr Fox/Seconded Cr Emms)*

Carried

**A9. Notices of Motion**

There were no notices of motion.

**B Recommendations from Committees and Community Boards**

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

*COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2021/55):*

1. To receive the information.  
*(Moved Cr Vickery/Seconded Cr Plimmer)* Carried
2. To receive the minutes of the Māori Standing Committee meeting 8 June 2021.
3. To receive the minutes of the Wairarapa Library Service Committee meeting 9 June 2021.
4. To receive the minutes of the Greytown Community Board meeting 9 June 2021.
5. To receive the minutes of the Featherston Community Board meeting 15 June 2021.
6. To receive the minutes of the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee meeting 16 June 2021.
7. To receive the minutes of the Assets and Services Committee meeting 7 July 2021.
8. To receive the minutes of the Planning and Regulatory Committee meeting 7 July 2021.

*(Moved Cr Jephson/Seconded Cr Colenso)*

Carried

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## C Decision Reports from Chief Executive and Staff

### C1. Proposed Alcohol Control Bylaw 2021 Report

Ms Yates with support from Mr Mead answered members' questions relating to alcohol ban areas and the evidence that would be required to incorporate a ban into the bylaw, bylaw review timelines, stream-lining the alcohol ban process for Toast Martinborough, and engagement undertaken with the community to date.

*COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2021/56):*

1. To receive the Proposed Alcohol Control Bylaw 2021 Report.  
*(Moved Mayor West/Seconded Cr Colenso)* Carried
2. Agrees that, in accordance with section 147A of the Local Government Act 2002, the proposed bylaw is justified as a reasonable limitation on people's rights and freedoms.
3. Agrees that, in accordance with section 155 (1) of the Local Government Act 2002, the proposed bylaw is the most appropriate way of addressing the perceived problem of crime or disorder caused or made worse by the consumption of alcohol in public places.
4. Agrees that, in accordance with section 155(2) of the Local Government Act 2002, the proposed Alcohol Control Bylaw 2021 is the most appropriate form of bylaw and is not inconsistent with the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.
5. Approves the consultation timeframes and approach described in the proposed Alcohol Control Bylaw 2021 Statement of Proposal.
6. Adopts the proposed Alcohol Control Bylaw 2021 Statement of Proposal including the proposed Alcohol Control Bylaw 2021 for public consultation in accordance with the Special Consultative Procedure, as provided in sections 83, 86 and 156 of the Local Government Act 2002.
7. Delegates authority to the Planning and Regulatory Committee to hear and consider submissions and make recommendations back to the Council on the final Alcohol Control Bylaw 2021.
8. Appoints a Councillor who has accreditation provided by the Making Good Decisions Programme to Chair the Planning and Regulatory Committee for the purposes of the Alcohol Control Bylaw 2021 hearings and review process.
9. Delegates the power to the Chief Executive to amend the Alcohol Control Bylaw 2021 Statement of Proposal to include any amendments agreed by Council and any minor consequential edits.  
*(Moved Cr West/Seconded Cr Colenso)* Carried

The meeting adjourned at 11:32am.

The meeting reconvened at 11:51am.

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**C2. Revoking Council Resolution Permitting Subdivision Council Owned Land in Greytown Report.**

Members discussed how the resolution came to Council's attention noting current housing welfare work being investigated and a desire to make the best decision on Council land and housing moving forward.

Mr Wilson answered members' questions on identification of public land parcels and leases, and advised that there was no risk to Council if the resolution was left active.

Mr Wilson noted that the Chair of the Greytown Community Board was unable to make the meeting and was unhappy that the report had not been filtered through the Community Board prior to being presented to Council.

After consideration of the request from the Greytown Community Board, Council resolved to defer consideration of the report until the Board had received an opportunity to provide comment.

*COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2021/57):*

1. To receive the Revoking Council Resolution Permitting Subdivision of Council Owned Land in Greytown Report.

*(Moved Cr Fox/Seconded Cr Maynard)*

Carried

2. To refer the Revoking Council Resolution Permitting Subdivision of Council Owned Land in Greytown Report to the Greytown Community Board for a recommendation prior to the report being considered at a future Council meeting.

*(Moved Cr Jephson/Seconded Cr Fox)*

Carried

**D Information Reports**

**D1. Water Storage**

Mr Stitt with support from Mr Stephenson answered members' questions on the lifespan of PVC bladders, the future usefulness of Boar Bush Gully as a water reservoir, population growth, earthquake resilience, timeframe for commissioning bladders at the Waiohine Water Treatment Plant, the PVC effect on water odour and taste, and water sources for responding to fire fighting demands.

*COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2021/58) to receive the Drinking Water Storage Assessment Overview Report.*

*(Moved Cr Fox/Seconded Cr Colenso)*

Carried

**D1. Action Items Report**

Members discussed the action item updates and related issues.

Members noted the need to identify ongoing trail maintenance costs alongside any future plans for trail development.

*COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2021/59) to receive the Action Items Report.*

*(Moved Cr Vickery/Seconded Cr Colenso)*

Carried

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## **E Chairperson's Report**

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

The Mayor discussed the Uber Urban project, setting up of a Community Awards Working Party and appointment of a councillor to this working party, and the resignation of Frank van Steensel from the Water Race Subcommittee.

An update was provided on the Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs and members discussed formally establishing a governance structure to oversee this work.

The Mayor discussed meetings attended as per the tabled appointments report, and lobbying for the replacement of Waihenga Bridge and local Policing. An email response would be provided to the open letter from Karen Krogh.

Members noted that some appointments would need to be reviewed later in the year but agreed not to make changes at this meeting.

*COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2021/60):*

1. To receive the Report from His Worship the Mayor.  
(Moved Cr Colenso/Seconded Cr West) Carried
2. To establish the Community Awards Working Party, adopt the Terms of Reference, and appoint Cr Colenso to the Working Party.  
(Moved Cr Colenso/Seconded Cr Fox) Carried

## **F Appointments Reports**

### **F1. Joint Committees/Working Groups**

The Wairarapa Library Service minutes were included in report B1 Minutes of Council Committees and Community Boards.

### **F2. GWRC Committees/Groups**

There were no reports.

### **F3. Appointments**

Cr Plimmer spoke to public safety on buses as included in the Wairarapa Road Safety Council report submitted.

Ms Cooper introduced herself as the Council appointee to Cobblestones Trust Board and outlined upcoming events and the importance of the Museum to the community.

### **F4. LGNZ Conference Report**

Cr Emms spoke to his report on the LGNZ Conference. Seven remits were passed to direct LGNZ's policy advocacy.

*COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2021/61) to receive the reports from appointments.*

(Moved Cr Fox/Seconded Cr Colenso) Carried

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**G Public Excluded Business**

**G1. Confirmation of Public Excluded Council Minutes 2 June 2021**

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:

<b>Report/General Subject Matter</b>	<b>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to the matter</b>	<b>Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for the passing of this Resolution</b>
Confirmation of Public Excluded Council Minutes 2 June 2021	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7(2)(a)	Section 48(1)(a)

This resolution (DC2021/62) 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:

<b>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to the matter</b>	<b>Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for the passing of this Resolution</b>
The withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons	Section 7(2)(a)

*(Moved Cr Fox/Seconded Cr Plimmer)*

Carried

**Confirmed as a true and correct record**

.....(Mayor)

.....(Date)

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