



**SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL
Extraordinary Meeting
Minutes from 2 September 2020**

- Present:** Deputy Mayor Garrick Emms (Chair until 10:25am) and Mayor Alex Beijen (Chair from 10:25am), 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), Bryce Neems (Amenities and Waste Manager), Glenda Seville (Community Development Coordinator), Lisa Matthews (Regional Positive Ageing Coordinator), Annette Beattie (Library Services Manager) and Suzanne Clark (Committee Advisor).
Wellington Water: Ian McSherry and Jeremy McGibbin.
Perception Planning: Debbie Donaldson.
- Conduct of Business:** The meeting was held in the Martinborough Town Hall, Waihinga Centre, Texas Street, Martinborough and was conducted in public between 10:00am and 12:55pm except where expressly noted.
- Also in Attendance:** Viv Napier, Tom Love, Ray Lilly (The Wairarapa Dark Sky Association), Daphne Geisler, Eva Fenwick
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Open Section

Cr Vickery read the Council affirmation.

A1. Apologies

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2020/92) to accept lateness apologies from Mayor Alex Beijen.

(Moved Cr West/Seconded Cr Hay)

Carried

A2. Conflicts of Interest

Cr West declared a conflict of interest with the Planning and Regulatory Committee recommendation in report ‘B3 Recommendation from Planning and Regulatory Committee’ relating to the proposed alcohol prohibition area.

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A3. Acknowledgements and Tributes

Cr Vickery acknowledged the passing of Bob Petelin, a former South Wairarapa District Council councillor.

A4. Public Participation

The Wairarapa Dark Sky Association delegation thanked Council for support of their project to date and spoke in support of the proposed draft Wairarapa International Dark Sky Outdoor Artificial Lighting Plan Change.

Mrs Geisler outlined the background and Council approvals given for the Martinborough Playground project and queried whether Council had confidence in the project management and financial rigour of the project.

Mrs Fenwick brought to Council's attention the Management Plan for Martinborough Square Reserve and that any changes to the town centre, must comply with the Plan. Mrs Fenwick cautioned against the pedestrian precinct proposal due to businesses needing truck access through the Square, and vehicle access needs to the money machine.

Mayor Beijen joined the meeting at 10:22am.

Mayor Beijen assumed the Chair at 10:25am.

A5. Actions from public participation

The Wairarapa Dark Sky Association presentation would be considered under agenda item 'C1 – The Draft Wairarapa International Dark Sky – Outdoor Artificial Lighting Plan Change for Public Notification Purposes Report'.

Mr Wilson undertook to respond to Mrs Geisler's questions.

Mr Wilson advised that the pedestrian precinct proposal had originated from a presentation to the Martinborough Community Board (MCB) during the public forum. The MCB had not made a recommendation to Council on the matter and Council had not passed a resolution for proceeding.

A6. Extraordinary Business

There was no extraordinary business.

A7. Community Board/Maori Standing Committee Report from Meetings

There was no report from the Māori Standing Committee or the community board chairs.

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A8. Minutes for Confirmation

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2020/93) that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 20 May 2020 are a true and correct record subject to the insertion of 'no' into paragraph A4 so it reads 'There were no actions from public participation'.

(Moved Cr Emms/Seconded Cr Fox)

Carried

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2020/94) that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 19 August 2020 are a true and correct record.

(Moved Cr Plimmer/Seconded Cr Colenso)

Carried

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2020/95) that the public excluded minutes of the Council meeting held on 22 July 2020 are confirmed in public.

(Moved Cr Jephson/Seconded Cr Plimmer)

Carried

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2020/96) that the public excluded minutes of the Council meeting held on 22 July 2020 are a true and correct record.

(Moved Cr Vickery/Seconded Cr Emms)

Carried

A9. Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

B Reports of Committees and Community Boards

B1. Minutes of Council Committees and Community Board

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2020/97):

1. To receive the information.
2. Receive the minutes of the Māori Standing Committee meeting 4 August 2020.
3. Receive the minutes of the Greytown Community Board meeting 5 August 2020.
4. Receive the minutes of the Featherston Community Board meeting 11 August 2020.

(Council informally received the above minutes)

5. To receive the minutes of the Assets and Services Committee meeting 12 August 2020.

(Moved Mayor Beijen/Seconded Cr West)

Carried

6. To receive the minutes of the Planning and Regulatory Committee meeting 12 August 2020.

(Moved Cr Vickery/Seconded Cr Emms)

Carried

7. To receive the minutes of the Martinborough Community Board meeting 13 August 2020.

(Moved Cr Maynard/Seconded Cr Fox)

Carried

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8. Receive the minutes of the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee meeting 20 August 2020.

(Moved Cr Emms/Seconded Cr Hay)

Carried

B2. Recommendations from Finance Audit and Risk Committee

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2020/98):

1. To receive the Recommendations from Finance, Audit and Risk Committee Report.
2. To defer conducting the Customer Satisfaction Survey until early in 2021.

(Moved Cr Hay/Seconded Cr Vickery)

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 11:04am.

The meeting reconvened at 11:16am.

B3. Recommendations from Planning and Regulatory Committee

Resolution two was made conditional in case of event disruption due to COVID-19.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2020/99):

1. To receive the Recommendations from the Planning and Regulatory Committee Report.
2. That pursuant to Clause 3.2 of the South Wairarapa Liquor Control Bylaw 2011, to order a prohibition of alcohol consumption or possession of alcohol for the public places as shown in Appendix 1 of the officer's report as an 'Alcohol Prohibition Area'. The prohibition is to be effective on 15 November 2020 from 12:00 midday to 9:00pm subject to Toast Martinborough occurring.

(Moved Cr Maynard/Seconded Cr Hay)

Carried

3. That pursuant to Rule 24.2.3 of the Wairarapa Combined District Plan to waive the requirement to create an esplanade reserve under Section 345(3) of the Local Government Act 1974.

4. To stop the portion of road in the above referred land in accordance with the Local Government Act 1974 and transfer ownership to Greater Wellington Regional Council for soil conservation and river protection purposes.

(Moved Cr Fox/Seconded Cr Plimmer)

Carried

B4. Recommendations from Assets and Services Committee

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2020/100):

1. To receive the Recommendations from the Assets and Services Committee Report.
2. That the management and further investigation of the Greytown stormwater system (which uses the Moroa Water Race Network as a conduit) and any consequent funding for capital improvement works within the Greytown urban area, needs to be considered by the Assets and Services Committee

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and that any resourcing to secure that outcome in any way is not funded by Moroa Water Race ratepayers.

(Moved Cr Jephson/Seconded Cr Fox)

Carried

C Decision Reports from Chief Executive and Staff

C1. The Draft Wairarapa International Dark Sky – Outdoor Artificial Lighting Plan Change for Public Notification Purposes

Mr O’Leary and Ms Donaldson discussed the proposal with members and answered questions relating to outdoor sporting venues, lighting colour, personal security systems, the local authority districts covered by the proposed Plan change, and next steps.

Ms Donaldson noted that if the proposed Plan changes were adopted the new lighting standards would only apply to new construction or replacement lighting as existing use rules would apply to installations that met the previous District Plan requirements.

Members requested that an adjustment be made to the proposal before public notification commenced, to allow lighting curfew exemptions for events.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2020/101):

1. To receive the draft Wairarapa International Dark Sky – Outdoor Artificial Lighting Plan Change for Public Notification Purposes Report.
2. To approve the Draft Wairarapa International Dark Sky Outdoor Artificial Lighting Plan Change for public notification, as part of progressing the Council initiated plan change, with the expectation that comment raised by councillors will be addressed before public notification.

(Moved Cr Maynard/Seconded Cr Hay)

Carried

3. Action 449: Prior to public notification, amend the Outdoor Artificial Lighting Plan Change proposal to allow curfew exemptions for events; R O’Leary

C2. Committee Appointments

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2020/102):

1. To receive the Committee Appointments Report.

(Moved Cr Fox/Seconded Cr Maynard)

Carried

2. To appoint Toni Kerr (Hau Ariki Marae) as a member on the Māori Standing Committee.

(Moved Cr Jephson/Seconded Cr Plimmer)

Carried

C3. Positive Ageing Strategy Implementation Plan

Ms Matthews outlined the goals of the Positive Ageing Strategy and outlined examples of the Strategy implementation within the community.

Ms Beattie discussed library accessibility projects to improve connectivity within the South Wairarapa with members.

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COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2020/103):

1. To receive the Positive Ageing Strategy Implementation Plan Report.
(*Moved Cr Emms/Seconded Cr Colenso*) Carried
2. To endorse the South Wairarapa District Council Positive Ageing Strategy Implementation Plan.
(*Moved Cr Colenso/Seconded Cr Hay*) Carried

D Information Reports

D1. Community Wellbeing Update Report

Ms Seville and Mr Wilson gave a presentation to Council on what community led development should look like, and Council's role within that framework.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2020/104) to receive the Community Wellbeing Update Report.

(*Moved Cr Vickery/Seconded Cr West*) Carried

D4. Action Items Update

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2020/105) to receive the Action Items Update Report.

(*Moved Cr Fox/Seconded Cr Jephson*) Carried

E Chairperson's Report

E1. Report from His Worship the Mayor

Mayor Beijen reported that all Local Government NZ remits had been passed unanimously and noted the invitation to appoint a councillor to the Hood Aerodrome Strategic Advisory Group.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2020/106):

1. To receive the Report from His Worship the Mayor.
(*Moved Cr Fox/Seconded Cr Colenso*) Carried
2. To appoint Cr Brenda West as Council's representative on Masterton District Council Hood Aerodrome Strategic Advisory Group.
(*Moved Cr Plimmer/Seconded Cr Hay*) Carried

D Information Reports (continued)

D2. Martinborough Wastewater Treatment Plant Overflow Update

Mr McSherry, Mr McKibbin and Mr Wilson outlined what was currently known about the Martinborough Wastewater Treatment Plant incident noting there appeared to be no environmental or health impacts and that an event investigation would be conducted. Councillors' questions on the impact of stormwater to the system, age of the infrastructure, ability of the system to cope with increased population during summer, staffing experience, a plant audit, and a timeline for investigative outcomes was discussed.

Wellington Water were operating transparently and would share information as it became available.

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COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2020/107) to receive the Martinborough Wastewater Treatment Plant Overflow Update Report.

(Moved Cr Plimmer/Seconded Cr Vickery)

Carried

D3. Water Leak Detection Update

Mr McSherry and Mr McKibbin discussed smart meter installations, the effect of the Martinborough pipe flushing on leak statistics, public education on how to monitor household use, and water policies and waivers with members.

Cr Maynard left the meeting at 12:46pm.

Mayor Beijen left the meeting at 12:48pm.

Cr Maynard returned to the meeting at 12:48pm.

Cr Emms assumed the Chair.

Mayor Beijen returned to the meeting at 12:49pm and assumed the Chair.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2020/108) to receive the Water Leak Detection Update Report.

(Moved Cr Colenso/Seconded Cr Jephson)

Carried

Confirmed as a true and correct record

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