



**SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
**Minutes from 30 June 2021**

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- Present:** Mayor Alex Beijen, Deputy Mayor Garrick Emms, Councillors Pam Colenso, Rebecca Fox, Leigh Hay, Brian Jephson, Alistair Plimmer, 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), Rick Mead (Manager Environmental Services), Bryce Neems (Waste and Amenities Manager), and Suzanne Clark (Committee Advisor).  
Perception Planning: Deb Donaldson.
- 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 12:14pm except where expressly noted.
- Public Forum:** Mate Higginson, Ray Lilley and Charlotte Harding (Wairarapa Dark Sky Association).
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**Open Section**

Cr Plimmer read the Council affirmation.

**A1. Apologies**

*COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2021/46) to accept apologies from Cr Vickery and Cr Maynard.*

*(Moved Cr Colenso/Seconded Cr West)*

Carried

**A2. Conflicts of Interest**

No conflicts of interest were declared.

**A3. Acknowledgements and Tributes**

There were no acknowledgements or tributes.

**A4. Public Participation**

Mr Higginson thanked the amenities team for the work undertaken in Waihenga Cemetery and then outlined issues with the Innovating Streets project, pedestrian crossing lighting, unfinished footpath extensions, café furniture extending into footpath areas, and area definitions for historical names of Martinborough Square.

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Concern was expressed about receiving an invitation to undertake an online survey; a paper form was requested.

Mr Lilley supported by Ms Harding thanked Council for the work undertaken over the last four years to move the Wairarapa Dark Sky Reserve project forward. Mr Lilley noted that the International Dark Sky Association (IDA) were delighted with the draft District Plan change proposal. The Wairarapa Dark Sky Association hoped to move forward with an application to the IDA to become a Dark Sky Reserve by September 2021.

**A5. Actions from public participation**

Council would consider the Dark Sky Lighting Plan change matter under agenda item 'B2 Wairarapa International Dark Sky Reserve Outdoor Artificial Lighting Plan Change' and made the following actions for Council officers.

*COUNCIL NOTED:*

1. Action 279: Council officers were to liaise with Mr Higginson regarding the concerns raised; H Wilson
2. Action 280: Provide an update to the Assets and Services Committee on the adequacy of the districts pedestrian crossings (safety and lighting); E Stitt

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

There was no community board or Māori Standing Committee participation.

**A7. Extraordinary Business**

There was no extraordinary business.

**A8. Minutes for Confirmation**

*COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2021/47)* that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 25 May 2021 are a true and correct record.

*(Moved Cr Jephson/Seconded Cr Emms)*

Carried

*COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2021/48)* that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 26 May 2021 are a true and correct record.

*(Moved Cr Plimmer/Seconded Cr Emms)*

Carried

*COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2021/49)* that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 27 May 2021 are a true and correct record subject to the following corrections:

*To be added under the Spatial Plan Martinborough heading:*

*(Cr Fox does not support section sizes down to 400sqm and Cr Colenso does not support section sizes less than 400sqm)*

*Sentence for amendment under the Spatial Plan Greytown heading:*

*Amend 'Council officers were to relook at GC when new Greater Wellington Regional Council flooding maps would be available' to*

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'Council officers were to relook at GC once new Greater Wellington Regional Council flooding maps were adopted (adoption subject to a consultation period)'

*(Moved Cr Hay/Seconded Cr Plimmer)*

Carried

Cr Colenso abstained

*COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2021/50)* that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 2 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. Adoption of the Long Term Plan (LTP) 2021—2031 Report**

The Mayor thanked Council officers and elected members for the time and effort put into development of the LTP. The final document was balanced and provided a sensible approach to providing needed services to the district. The information from public engagements and consultation was unprecedented. A level of frustration with Waka Kotahi, due to removal of roading funding, was noted.

Mr Wilson acknowledged the team effort for development of the LTP and noted the clear signal from the community on water investment and management of wastewater. The Audit NZ opinion was included in the draft document. Public requests for relitigation of decisions was noted.

Members discussed the operational costs of water races and a desire to provide an opportunity to review sealing of rural roads sooner than the next LTP.

Concern was expressed that the Chair of the Māori Standing Committee was permitted to participate in deliberations on matters as submitted.

The meeting adjourned at 11:11am.

The meeting reconvened at 11:26am.

Members agreed that a price for mowing urupa was to be sought prior to any decision being made on whether Council would fund.

*COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2021/51):*

1. Receives the Adoption of Long Term Plan 2021—2031 and Setting of Rates Report.

*(Moved Cr Plimmer/Seconded Cr Jephson)*

Carried

2. Includes the lower, more affordable investment package for water and wastewater renewals (#1 Big Decision Option 1 presented in the LTP Consultation Document).

*(Moved Cr Fox/Seconded Cr Hay)*

Carried

3. Removes funding for rural road seal extensions and reviews this decision for the next LTP or AP (modification of #2 Big Decision Option 1 presented in the LTP Consultation Document) and that this does not stop any safety seal

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extension occurring on rural roads, and that it is Council's intention to review the criteria and policy for rural road safety and sealing.

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

4. Includes \$400k per year for new town footpaths, kerbs and channels to extend the urban footpath network (#3 Big Decision Option 1 presented in the LTP Consultation Document).

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

5. Stops urban berm mowing from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021 (#4 Big Decision Option 1 presented in the LTP Consultation Document).

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

6. Develops a new Greytown play space on the corner of Cotter and Pierce Streets (#5 Big Decision Option 1 presented in the LTP Consultation Document).

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

7. Keeps the Greytown recycling centre open (#6 Big Decision Option 2 presented in the LTP Consultation Document).

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

8. Investigates alternative locations for green waste in Greytown.

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

9. Investigates alternative locations for the Greytown recycling station.

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

10. Brings forward resourcing for an officer responsible for Solid Waste from Year 2, as proposed in the draft LTP budget, to Year 1 of the LTP.

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

11. Increases the budget for Māori liaison by \$40k from 90K per year, as proposed in the draft LTP budget, to \$130k per year.

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

Cr West abstained

12. Defers the capital expenditure for smart meter rollout from Years 1—3, as proposed in the draft LTP budget, to Years 2—4 of the LTP due to delays in the implementation of the smart meter trial.

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

13. Allocates \$200k of capital expenditure for Greytown cemetery developments in Year 1 of the LTP.

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

14. Increases the operational expenditure for a representation and a rating review in Year 1 of the LTP from \$60k, as proposed in the draft LTP budget, to \$120k.

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

15. Agrees that Council will not top up funding allocated to roading despite the reduction in funding from Waka Kotahi.

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

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16. Notes that no additional funding is required to conduct a speed review.  
(Moved Cr Hay/Seconded Cr West) Carried
17. Agrees that no additional funding is allocated for mowing of urupa.  
(Moved Cr Jephson/Seconded Cr Hay) Carried
18. Allocates \$110k in total capital expenditure in Years 2 and 3 of the LTP to deliver the Gateway to the South Wairarapa project.  
(Moved Cr Plimmer/Seconded Cr Jephson) Carried
19. Agrees no funding be allocated in this LTP for a memorial to acknowledge Māori soldiers and notes that officers will seek advice from NZ Defence Force and Returned Services Association on the correct level of recognition for fallen Māori soldiers.  
(Moved Cr Colenso/Seconded Cr Hay) Carried
20. Increases the budget for civic ceremonies from \$9k per year, as proposed in the draft LTP budget, to \$15k per year.  
(Moved Cr Hay/Seconded Cr Colenso) Carried
- Cr West abstained
21. Includes an additional \$20k in capital expenditure for compliance upgrades to Martinborough Refuse station.  
(Moved Cr Jephson/Seconded Cr Colenso) Carried
22. Allocates grant funding for community grants of \$170,00 and youth grant funding of \$75,000 for 2021/22.  
(Moved Cr Plimmer/Seconded Cr West) Carried
23. Undertakes a full rating review in Year 1 of the Long Term Plan and allocates \$60k to this work.  
(Moved Cr Plimmer/Seconded Cr West) Carried
24. Notes that the following proposed strategies and policies have been consulted on as part of the LTP consultation and adopts those strategies and policies.
- a. Financial Strategy  
(Moved Cr Hay/Seconded Cr Fox) Carried
  - b. Infrastructure Strategy  
(Moved Cr Fox/Seconded Cr Jephson) Carried
  - c. Revenue and Financing Policy  
(Moved Cr Emms/Seconded Cr Hay) Carried
  - d. Significance and Engagement Policy  
(Moved Cr Plimmer/Seconded Cr Fox) Carried
  - e. Liability Management Policy  
(Moved Cr Fox/Seconded Cr Emms) Carried
  - f. Investment Policy  
(Moved Cr Fox/Seconded Cr Emms) Carried
  - g. Development and Financial Contributions Policy

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- (Moved Cr Fox/Seconded Cr Emms)* Carried
- h. Remission of Rates Policy  
*(Moved Cr Fox/Seconded Cr Emms)* Carried
- i. Remission of Rates on Māori Freehold Land Policy  
*(Moved Cr Fox/Seconded Cr Emms)* Carried
- j. Postponement of Rates Policy  
*(Moved Cr Fox/Seconded Cr Emms)* Carried
- k. Grants Policy  
*(Moved Cr Fox/Seconded Cr Emms)* Carried
25. Notes that the updated fees and charges schedule for 2021/2022 is included in the Long Term Plan.  
*(Moved Cr Emms/Seconded Cr Jephson)* Carried
26. Adopts the Long Term Plan 2021—2031 (one copy was tabled) in accordance with Section 93 of the Local Government Act 2002.  
*(Moved Cr Fox/Seconded Cr Emms)* Carried
27. Delegates to the Chief Executive and Mayor the authority to make minor changes to the Long Term Plan 2021—2031 document.  
*(Moved Cr Plimmer/Seconded Cr Hay)* Carried
28. Adopts the rates resolution for the 2021/22 year in accordance with the Local Government Rating Act 2002, including the “Part B” notice.  
*(Moved Cr Jephson/Seconded Cr Fox)* Carried
29. Carries over operating and capital expenditure from the 2020/21 year to the 2021/22 year and notes that final figures will be presented to the Finance Audit and Risk Committee after the end of the financial year.  
*(Moved Cr West/Seconded Cr Colenso)* Carried
30. Action 281: Obtain pricing for mowing the districts’ urupa as part of the Section 17a review of Parks and Reserves; E Stitt
31. Action 282: Determine whether the Schedule of Prospective Capital Expenditure spreadsheet can be amended to identify the carried forward \$240k for the dog pound; K Neems
32. Action 284: Provide the Water Race Subcommittee the operational costs for running the Moroa and Longwood Water Races; E Stitt

**B2. Wairarapa International Dark Sky Reserve Outdoor Artificial Lighting Plan Change**

Mr O’Leary with support from Ms Donaldson outlined the background to the Dark Sky Plan change notification and submissions process noting that all concerns as raised by submitters were resolved so a hearing was not needed. The commissioner was recommending that the proposed plan change be approved. Members discussed the process for one-off events that wouldn’t comply with the proposed Plan change, and the potential to review the new changes during the wider District Plan review currently being undertaken.

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*COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2021/52):*

1. To receive the Wairarapa International Dark Sky Reserve Outdoor Artificial Lighting Plan Change Report.  
*(Moved Cr West/Seconded Cr Fox)* Carried
2. To receive the recommendation of the Independent Hearings Commissioner on the Plan Change for Wairarapa International Dark Sky Reserve – Outdoor Artificial Lighting Plan Change.  
*(Moved Cr Colenso/Seconded Cr Plimmer)* Carried
3. To adopt the recommendation of the Independent Hearings Commissioner as a Council decision and directs officers to notify the decision in accordance with the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991.  
*(Moved Cr Colenso/Seconded Cr Plimmer)* Carried

**E1. Mayor’s Report**

Mayor Beijen expressed a desire to understand elected member views on the three water reforms as well as the remits as presented in the report.

Cr Hay briefed members on her meeting with Lucy Cooper, the proposed Council appointee to the Cobblestones Trust Board.

*COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2021/53):*

1. To receive the Report from His Worship the Mayor.  
*(Moved Mayor Beijen/Seconded Cr West)* Carried
2. To delegate presiding delegate authority to the Mayor to vote on the seven LGNZ remits on behalf of Council.  
*(Moved Cr Plimmer/Seconded Cr Fox)* Carried
3. To delegate alternate delegate authority to the Deputy Mayor to vote on the seven LGNZ remits on behalf of Council should the presiding delegate be absent.  
*(Moved Cr Plimmer/Seconded Cr Hay)* Carried
4. To nominate Cr Fox as Council’s third representative delegate under rule G13 of the LGNZ Constitution.  
*(Moved Cr Plimmer/Seconded Cr West)* Carried
5. Appoints Lucy Cooper as Council’s representative on the Cobblestones Museum Trust Board.  
*(Moved Cr Hay/Seconded Cr Fox)* Carried

**Confirmed as a true and correct record**

.....(Mayor)

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