



SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES – 26 March 2008

Present: Mayor Adrienne Staples (Chairperson), Councillors Margaret Craig, Dean Davies, Mike Gray, Viv Napier, Diane Phelps, Julie Riddell, Solitaire Robertson, Keith (Porky) Sexton and Max Stevens.

In attendance: Griff Page (CEO), Louise Lyster (MDC) Ravi Mangar (MWS), Chris Gorman/Shelagh Noble (Resource Management team)[items A-C].

Conduct of Business: The meeting was held at the District Council Chambers in Martinborough and was conducted in public between 9.30am -11.30am and 12.40-1.25pm. Between 11.30 and 11.45 part of the meeting was held with the public excluded.

A Preliminary Matters

1. Apologies: It was noted that Sonny Te Maari (MSC representative) was unable to attend this meeting. *(Sexton/Riddell)*
2. Public Participation: None
3. Minutes for Confirmation: The minutes of the Council meeting held on 27 February 2008 were confirmed as true and correct. *(Gray/Davies)*

B Council Committee and Community Board Minutes

COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive the February 2008 minutes of the Policy and Finance Committee *(Stevens/Robertson)*

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

COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive the minutes of the March 2008 meetings of the Martinborough, Featherston and Greytown Community Boards. *(Sexton/Riddell)*

C Planning and Regulatory

COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive a monthly report on planning activities and the Applications Sub-Committee reports dated 5, 12, 19, and 27 February 2008. *(Gray/Napier)*

COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive the Building Services Report on activities for February 2008. (*Stevens/Robertson*)

D Operational Reports

1. CEO – Finance – Corporate

COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive the CEO's report on Finance and Corporate Services for the month of February 2008. (*Gray/Napier*)

2. Works and Services

COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive:

- Works and Services report on activities
- Report on Works and Services Performance Measures to 31 December 2007
- Minutes of a Works and Services Committee meeting held on 19 March 2008.
(*Staples/Sexton*)

Water Meters: the project would be 80% complete by year end; it will be necessary to budget for funds to complete the remaining 20% in 2008/2009.

Proposed Moroa Water Race Bylaw: the MWR committee would be making recommendations on the issues raised in the submissions.

COUNCIL RESOLVED to adopt the recommendation from the Works and Services Committee that Council decline the request from Mr Terris for reduced financial contributions for his subdivision.

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3. Works and Services Performance Measures to 31 December 2007

The report, tabled at the meeting, appeared to show satisfactory achievement of performance targets. Queries were raised as to whether "nil complaint / no complaint / no disruptions" etc, meant there had been no complaints/disruptions or that the complaints/disruptions had been resolved within the time set out in the performance standards.

E Representation Reports/Information Papers/Presentations

1. Mayor's report

COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive the Mayor's report dated 19 March 2007.
(*Staples/Phelps*)

COUNCIL RESOLVED that two delegates (the Mayor and one Councillor) would attend the Local Government NZ conference in July and 1 delegate would attend the Youth in Local Government Conference in October 2008.

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2. Reports from Councillors

COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive the verbal reports from Councillors. (Gray/Stevens)

Hinakura forest fire:

- Cr Riddell, on behalf of Council and the Hinakura community, formally expressed appreciation for the efforts of the Rural Fire Service in responding so effectively to the recent forest fire.
- Cr Sexton acknowledged that it had been a challenging exercise and it was reassuring to see that the team and systems had performed extremely well in a real-time disaster situation.

Ngawi fire truck: A cheque for \$5,000, raised by the local community, was presented to Council.

Drought situation: Statistics on rainfall and river flows were circulated.

3. Destination Wairarapa

Peter Wilson (General Manager), John Bell (Council representative), Steve Blakemore (Chairman) gave an update on the activities of Destination Wairarapa.

F Decision Papers

1. Remuneration Authority – Elected Members Remuneration 2008/2009

COUNCIL RESOLVED to Council adopt the recommendation from the Policy and Finance Committee and the three Community Boards and recommend to the Remuneration Authority:

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- A 4.66% salary increase for all elected positions for 2008/2009.
- That the following elected positions to receive an additional salary increase of \$570: Councillor, Works and Services Committee Chairperson; Community Board Chairperson.

2. Public Excluded

COUNCIL RESOLVED that the public be excluded from the following part of the meeting: Item: F2. Recommendation for the purchase of an interest in land for the purpose of maintaining sewerage facilities. This resolution was made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government 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 this part of the meeting in public are as follows:

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- Protection of the privacy of natural persons - section 7(2)(a)
- Conduct of negotiations - section 7(2)(i)

Public Excluded (continued)

Item F2 was discussed and will be separately minuted.

COUNCIL RESOLVED to come out of the public excluded section of the meeting.

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(Craig/Gray)*

Confirmed as a true and correct record

.....(Mayor)

.....(Date)