



SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES – 18 May 2011

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

In attendance: Dr Jack Dowds (Chief Executive Officer) and Suzanne Clark (Committee Secretary). For part only Rachel Hornsby (Group Manager Planning and Environment) and Mark Allingham (Group Manager Infrastructure and Services).

Conduct of Business: The meeting was held in the South Wairarapa Council Chambers at 19 Kitchener Street, Martinborough and was conducted in public between 9.30am and 12:20pm.

Procedural Item

In order for the resolution to make the Combined District Plan operative, to be signed under seal, councillors agreed to adjourn the meeting when an officer from Carterton District Council arrived with the Plan so the South Wairarapa District Council seal can be applied.

A Preliminary Matters

A1. Apologies

No apologies were received.

A2. Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

A3. Public Participation

There was no public participation.

A4. Minutes for Confirmation

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC 2011/49) that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 6 April 2011 were received and confirmed as true and correct.

(Moved Cr Riddell/Seconded Cr Napier)

Carried

A5. District Council Action List from 6 April 2011

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2011/50) to receive the action items list.

(Moved Cr Craig/Seconded Cr Davies)

Carried

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B Council Committee and Community Board Minutes

B1. Policy and Finance Committee

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2011/51) to receive the minutes of the Policy and Finance Committee 6 April 2011.

(Moved Cr Stevens/Seconded Cr Napier)

Carried

B2. Martinborough Community Board

The Group Manager Planning and Environment undertook to prepare a report for the next Greytown and Martinborough Community Board meetings regarding potential off-leash dog areas including clarification of the legal requirements regarding fencing.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2011/52) to receive the minutes of the Martinborough Community Board 2 May 2011.

(Moved Cr Jephson/Seconded Cr Gray)

Carried

B3. Featherston Community Board

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2011/53) to receive the minutes of the Featherston Community Board 26 April 2011.

(Moved Cr Jephson /Seconded Cr Gray)

Carried

B4. Greytown Community Board

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2011/54) to receive the minutes of the Greytown Community Board 27 April 2011.

(Moved Cr Jephson /Seconded Cr Gray)

Carried

B5. Maori Standing Committee

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2011/55) to receive the minutes of the Maori Standing Committee 9 May 2011.

(Moved Cr Riddell/Seconded Cr Robertson)

Carried

B6. Application Sub-Committee

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2011/56) to receive the minutes of the Application Sub-Committee 17 March 2011.

(Moved Cr Craig/Seconded Cr Gray)

Carried

B7. Creative Communities

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2011/57) to receive the minutes of the Creative Communities Committee 20 April 2011.

(Moved Cr Jephson/Seconded Cr Sexton)

Carried

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C Decision Papers and Common Seal

C1. Greytown Road Naming

Council considered the report and the Group Manager Planning and Environment confirmed that emergency services did not foresee a problem with a road name that bore resemblance to existing road names when responding to an emergency situation. The Greytown Community Board had been consulted and had suggested acknowledgement of the Arnold family who had previous ownership of the land.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2011/58):

1. To receive the information.

(Moved Cr Craig/Seconded Cr Jephson)

Carried

2. To approve the name Westwood Avenue pursuant to section 319A of the Local Government Act 1974 and that the Council Local Purpose Reserve adjoining this avenue (Lot 52) be named Arnold Walk.

(Moved Cr Gray/Seconded Cr Napier)

Carried

C2. Making the Wairarapa Combined District Plan Operative

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2011/59):

1. To receive the information.
2. Pursuant to Clause 17(1) of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991 to approve the Wairarapa Combined District Plan, and
3. Pursuant to Clause 20(1) of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991 that the Wairarapa Combined District Plan is made operative on 25 May 2011, and
4. That the document is executed under Council seal.

(Moved Cr Napier/Seconded Mayor Staples)

Carried

D Operational Reports

D1. Chief Executive Officer Report

Council considered the Chief Executive Officer's Report and Dr Dowds expanded further and answered councillors questions. Dr Dowds recalled no discussion at the Combined Council Forum regarding the Grow Wellington Board.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2011/60):

1. To receive the Chief Executive Officer's Report.

(Moved Cr Robertson/Seconded Cr Stevens)

Carried

D2. Planning and Environment Group Report

Council considered the Planning and Environment Group Report and the Group Manager Planning and Environment expanded further and answered councillors questions regarding unused commercial buildings in Featherston which were in disrepair.

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COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2011/61):

1. To receive the Planning and Environment Group Report.

(Moved Cr Sexton/Seconded Cr Gray)

Carried

D3. Corporate Support Group Report

Council considered the Corporate Support Group Report, including the application for rates remission and expenditure from the Pain Farm account.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2011/62):

1. To receive the Corporate Support Group Report including the financial statements to 31 March 2011.
2. To approve pursuant to the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 and Councils policy for the remission of rates, a 100% remission of rates for the land covenanted to the Queen Elizabeth the Second National Trust, owned by Ian Michael Atkinson and Heather Joy Atkinson and described as areas A & B on plan DP 67432 being part lot 4 DP 6128 Block VI, Haurangi Survey District (7.9440 Ha); and Part Lot 4 DP6128 shown as area C on DP 437771 (3.0760ha).
3. To approve expenditure from Pain Farm to the amount of \$17,600 which includes: \$2,000 for an arborists report and works, \$1,000 for picnic tables for the Martinborough Pool, \$5,000 for fibreglassing of Martinborough Paddling Pool, \$1,600 for Martinborough Town Square power box upgrade, \$5,000 for review of Martinborough Square Reserves Management Plan, \$3,000 for a development plan for Centennial and Considine Park.

(Moved Cr Stevens/Seconded Cr Sexton)

Carried

4. To acknowledge and congratulate council officers for the work undertaken in running a well-organised annual planning process resulting in a quality Draft 2011/12 Annual Plan.

(Moved Cr Napier/Seconded Cr Craig)

Carried

Council adjourned for morning tea and to sign the Combined District Plan under seal at 10:20am.

Council reconvened at 10:45am.

D4. Infrastructure and Services Group Report

Council considered the Infrastructure and Services Group Report and the Group Manager Infrastructure and Services answered councillors questions relating to management of the recycling initiative, commercial recycling and waste volumes.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2011/63):

1. To receive the Infrastructure and Services Group Report.

(Moved Cr Robertson /Seconded Cr Riddell)

Carried

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2. Action 663: Create a scripted laminated card for hirers of the Martinborough Town Hall to read to gathered audiences/groups advising of the earthquake risk of the Hall and evacuation procedures; M Allingham

E Representation Reports

E1. Mayor's Monthly Report

Councillors considered the Mayor's monthly report and Mayor Staples expanded verbally.

Mayor Staples asked for Council's support of her nomination by Upper Hutt City to the position of Vice President at the LGNZ National Council upcoming elections.

ANZAC services attended were well supported by the communities, however Councillors noted the wreaths laid by Council in Greytown, Featherston and Martinborough had been removed after the services by persons unknown and asked that these wreaths, which were laid on behalf of the district, were left in place.

Councillors were sympathetic to the dust problem experienced by George Road and discussed possible solutions. It was noted that the District Plan does not prohibit industry in a rural area.

The Mayor reported that the Rimutaka Hill summit will be sealed by NZTA. Ideas for presenting a historical panel display and picnic area had been discussed with Greater Wellington Regional Council and Upper Hutt City Council.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2011/64):

1. To receive the Mayor's monthly report.
(Moved Mayor Staples/Seconded Cr Napier) Carried
2. To support the nomination of Mayor Staples to the Vice President position at the LGNZ National Council elections.
(Moved Cr Craig/Seconded Cr Sexton) Carried
3. Action 664: Acknowledge receipt of an email from T&J Roberts and advise of the discussion on the proposal at the District Council; Mayor.
4. Action 665: Acknowledge receipt of the letter from B&L George, advise of Council discussion and invite the Georges to make a submission to the Draft Annual Plan; Mayor
5. Action 677: Write to/follow-up with Coltons regarding contributing towards the cost of sealing Georges Road or other ideas to reduce dust nuisance to residents; M Allingham

E2. Reports from Councillors

Cr Craig

Cobblestones Trust, Wairarapa Road Safety Council, Wellington Region Waste Forum

Cr Craig tabled and spoke to a report for Cobblestones Trust, the Wairarapa Road Safety Council and Wellington Region Waste Forum.

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Cr Davies

Southern Wairarapa Safer Community Council, Combined Plan Committee, Planning Hearings Committee

Cr Davies had attended a meeting of the Southern Wairarapa Safer Community Council and reported that a vacancy for a social worker still existed and would be readvertised.

On behalf of the organisers Cr Davies thanked Council for the use of ANZAC Hall at no charge for the Us for Them Christchurch earthquake fundraiser event, and noted the event was a huge success.

Cr Gray

Greytown Oxidation Pond Advisory Group

Cr Gray reported that the Greytown Oxidation Pond Advisory Group will meet with stakeholders to provide an opportunity for discussion and review on the resource consent application before it is submitted to the Wellington Regional Council.

Cr Napier

SPARC Rural Travel Fund,

Cr Napier reported that the Combined Plan Committee (joint with Carterton and Masterton) was working well together.

Cr Riddell

Healthy Homes, Wairarapa Library Service Committee

Cr Riddell had nothing to report from Healthy Homes. The Wairarapa Library Service Committee had met and provided an update on initiatives such as eBooks, strategies to assist student readers, writing of a membership policy and business plan.

Cr Robertson

South Wairarapa Community Arts Council

Cr Robertson reported that the Community Arts Council Committee had met and grants were approved as per the minutes included in Council agenda and that the next funding round would close in October 2011.

Cr Stevens

Wairarapa District Rural Fire Board

Cr Stevens reported that the Fire Board had purchased a new fire appliance for Castlepoint and that a MOU was being drafted for councils regarding the transfer of assets and leasing of properties. The Board would be advertising for an assistant principal fire officer.

Cr Sexton

Wairarapa District Rural Fire Board

Cr Sexton had nothing to report.

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COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2011/65) to receive the tabled report from Cr Craig and the verbal reports from Councillors.

(Moved Cr Stevens/Seconded Cr Gray)

Carried

E3. Focus Group Minutes and Reports

Waste Water

Cr Stevens tabled the Waste Water Focus Group minutes and provided an update from the meeting.

Waste Management

Cr Robertson tabled the Waste Management Focus Group minutes and provided an update from the meeting. Several Councillors had received complaints from members of the community regarding the ability to contact Earthcare on their 0800 number.

Emergency Services

Cr Riddell tabled the Emergency Services Focus Group minutes and provided an update from the meeting.

Water Supply & Water Races

Cr Sexton tabled the Water Supply and Water Races Focus Group and provided an update from the meeting. Council noted that if a third party facilitator was used a role description and cost of providing this service would need to be determined.

Reserves & Amenities

Cr Robertson tabled the Reserves and Amenities Focus Group minutes, and spoke to points of interest.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2011/66):

1. To receive the tabled focus group minutes and reports from Councillors.

(Moved Cr Riddell/Seconded Cr Napier)

Carried

2. Action 666: Review the best method for ratepayers to log waste issues and complaints given the Earthcare 0800 number is not a 24hr service, and address concern that officers may not be made aware of common issues or the number of complaints received if calls bypass Council; M Allingham.
3. Action 667: Replace the stolen tsunami warning signs at the bottom end of Western Lake; M Allingham

E4. Council Appointments

Destination Wairarapa

Council reviewed the reports and finances from Destination Wairarapa.

Arbor House Trust Board

Council agreed that Arbor House would provide reports and recommendations of appointment to the Greytown Community Board and not directly to Council. Likewise the appointment to the Arbor House Board is made by the Community Board, and as such Arbor House can be removed from the Council agenda.

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COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2011/67):

1. To receive the reports from Destination Wairarapa.

(Moved Cr Stevens/Seconded Cr Craig)

Carried

E5. WRC Advisory Committees

Waiohine Floodplain Management Planning Advisory Committee

Cr Napier and Cr Gray had not been able to attend the GWRC Waiohine Floodplain Management Planning Advisory Committee, but Cr Napier provided an update from the minutes received.

Awhea Opouawe Scheme Committee

Cr Jephson had attended a meeting of the Awhea Opouawe Scheme Committee. No issues or concerns were noted.

Lower Valley Development Scheme Advisory Committee

Cr Sexton reported that some tension at the meeting of Committee. GWRC are determining the best way forward.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2011/68) to receive the verbal reports from the GWRC Advisory Committees.

(Moved Cr Napier/Seconded Cr Jephson)

Carried

F Decision Papers and Common Seal (Additional Papers)

F1. Elected and Non-Elected Members' Remuneration

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2011/69):

1. To receive the information.
2. To approve the salaries for 2011/2012 for Councillors, for recommendation to the Remuneration Authority.
3. To approve the salaries and meeting fees for 2011/2012 for non-elected members of Council Committees.
4. To confirm the policies for the payment of expenses/allowances and the Mayoral Car.

(Moved Mayor Staples /Seconded Cr Craig)

Carried

5. That an amendment be made to the Remuneration Policy to provide for an increase in the mileage rate from 70 cents to 74 cents per km.

(Moved Cr Napier /Seconded Cr Riddell)

Carried

Confirmed as a true and correct record

.....(Mayor)

.....(Date)

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