



SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES – 21 September 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) and for part only Paul Crimp (Group Manager Corporate Support), Glenn Bunny (Group Manager Planning and Environment) and Mark Allingham (Group Manager Infrastructure and Services).

Conduct of Business: The meeting was held in the South Wairarapa District Council Chambers at 19 Kitchener Street, Martinborough and was conducted in public between 9.55am and 12:30pm.

Prior to the start of the District Council meeting Haami Te Whaiti and PJ Devonshire, General Manager of Kahungunu ki Wairarapa, gave a presentation on the South Wairarapa GIS Heritage Sites Project.

A Preliminary Matters

A1. Apologies

No apologies were received.

A2. Conflicts of Interest

Cr Dean Davies declared a conflict of interest with the subject matter of agenda item C6 'Wairarapa Gambling Venues Policy'.

A3. Public Participation

There was no public participation.

A4. Minutes for Confirmation

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC 2011/124) that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 10 August 2011 were received and confirmed as true and correct with the following amendments.

Under item E4, 'Cr Stevens' as mover should be deleted and replaced with 'Mayor Staples on behalf of Cr Stevens'.

Under item E2 Cr Sexton, delete 'Wairarapa District Rural Fire Board'.

(Moved Cr Craig/Seconded Cr Davies)

Carried

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A5. Action Items

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC 2011/125):

1. To receive the action items from 10 August 2011.

(Moved Cr Jephson/Seconded Cr Gray)

Carried

2. Action 949: Clarify which portion of the car park behind the South Wairarapa Working Mens Club is Council owned. Gain an understanding of the Working Mens Club policy on freedom camping in their car park, and whether Council are policing the no camping in the Council car park; G Bunny

B Council Committee and Community Board Minutes

B1. Policy and Finance Committee

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2011/126) to receive the minutes of the Policy and Finance Committee 10 August 2011.

(Moved Cr Craig/Seconded Cr Davies)

Carried

B2. Martinborough Community Board

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2011/127) to receive the minutes of the Martinborough Community Board 29 August 2011.

(Moved Cr Craig/Seconded Cr Davies)

Carried

B3. Featherston Community Board

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2011/128) to receive the minutes of the Featherston Community Board 30 August 2011.

(Moved Cr Craig/Seconded Cr Davies)

Carried

B4. Greytown Community Board

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2011/129) to receive the minutes of the Greytown Community Board 31 August 2011.

(Moved Cr Craig/Seconded Cr Davies)

Carried

B5. Maori Standing Committee

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2011/130) to receive the minutes of the Maori Standing Committee 5 September 2011.

(Moved Cr Craig/Seconded Cr Davies)

Carried

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2011/131) to note the resignation of Mrs Niniwa Munro as member and chair of the Maori Standing Committee and formally convey appreciation of Mrs Munro's contribution to Council via the Committee.

(Moved Cr Robertson/Seconded Cr Sexton)

Carried

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B6. SPARC Rural Travel Fund

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2011/132) to receive the minutes of the SPARC Rural Travel Fund Assessment Group 25 August 2011.

(Moved Cr Craig/Seconded Cr Davies)

Carried

C Decision Papers and Common Seal

C1. Application to Erect Election Sign on Council Land

Councillors considered the report and the need to be consistent with policy across the South Wairarapa and the need for consistency with other Wairarapa Councils.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2011/133):

1. To receive the information.
2. To approve the temporary use of Otairua Reserve by all political parties to erect election signs during the 2011 General Elections provided they comply with all other relevant standards in the Wairarapa Combined District Plan.

(Moved Cr Napier/Seconded Cr Gray)

Carried

Cr Davies voted against this motion.

3. Action 950: Advise all political parties of the Council resolution regarding signage for the 2011 general election; G Bunny

C2. Amendment to the Featherston Liquor Control Bylaw 2010

Councillors considered the report and discussed police support of liquor control bylaws, the public consultation process that would be followed and the need to ensure the public and industry were adequately notified of the proposed changes.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2011/134):

1. To receive the information.
2. To adopt the Statement of Proposal to the Featherston Liquor Control Bylaw to go out for public consultation.

(Moved Mayor Staples/Seconded Cr Napier)

Carried

C3. Refreshed Council Logo Report

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2011/135):

1. To receive the information.
2. To adopt the refreshed SWDC logo with changes as discussed.

(Moved Cr Craig/Seconded Cr Jephson)

Carried

3. Action 951: Reduce the size of the sheep in the new SWDC logo; G Bunny

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C4. Dog Control Annual Policy and Practices Report 2010/2011

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2011/136):

1. To receive the information.
2. That pursuant to Section 10A of the Dog Control Act 1996, the South Wairarapa District Council report on Dog Control Policy and Practices for 2010/11 be adopted, publicly notified, and forwarded to the Secretary for Local Government.

(Moved Cr Napier/Seconded Cr Gray)

Carried

3. Action 952: Provide Roger Barton with a copy of the SWDC Dog Control Policy and Practices Report for 2010/11; G Bunny.

C5. Weathertightness Financial Assistance Package Scheme

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2011/137):

1. To receive the information.
2. To agree to become a participating territorial authority under the Financial Assistance Package (FAP).
3. That the Chief Executive be authorised to sign the Relationship Agreement between the Crown and the Council, and the Services Contract with the Department of Building and Housing (DBH), and any other documentation related to the Council's participation in the FAP.

(Moved Cr Robertson/Seconded Cr Riddell)

Carried

C6. Wairarapa Gambling Venues Policy

The Councillors reviewed the revised gambling policy noting that there was no limit on the amount that could be spent at stand alone TAB venues, and unlike pokie machines (mostly owned by Trusts) the revenue collected at TABs is not given back to the community. Although a valid consideration, there are no stand alone TAB venues in the Wairarapa.

Cr Davies abstained from discussion.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2011/138):

1. To receive the information.
2. To approve the revised Wairarapa Gambling Venues Policy for public consultation with amendments as discussed.

(Moved Cr Napier/Seconded Cr Jephson)

Carried

3. Action 953: Update 'Council' in the 2nd to last paragraph of the introduction to 'Councils'. Update clause 2.6 to reflect adoption of the Combined District Plan; G Bunny

C7. Proposed Featherston Outdoor Public Sculpture/Artwork

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2011/139):

1. To receive the information.

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2. That the report requested by the Community Board be prepared with some urgency.
3. That public comment on this report be called for under the auspices of the Featherston Community Board and the Aratoi Foundation.
4. That the report be available on Council's website.
5. That an information board with an explanation of the project, the Clifford Square Master Plan and photographs of possible sites be on display in the Featherston Library.

(Moved Mayor/Seconded Cr Davies)

Carried

C8. Draft Annual Report 2010/2011

The Group Manager Corporate Support tabled the Draft Annual Report 2010/11 and noted that the land gifted to the Hau Ariki Marae some years ago had now been formally transferred off Council books.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2011/140):

1. To receive the information including the tabled Draft Annual Report 2010/2011 and amended financial statements.
2. To adopt the Draft Annual Report, subject to alterations, and subject to audit.

(Moved Mayor Staples/Seconded Cr Craig)

Carried

3. Action 954: Add to the Draft Annual Report dates relating to the Rural Fire and Civil Defence changes; P Crimp

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.

Councillors discussed the request from Ms Kelly Russell to erect a plaque in the Featherston gardens and noted that plaques are best kept to designated areas as although plaques may be located in what is deemed a suitable location at present, in future the location may limit land use and/or landscape redesign.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2011/141) to receive the Chief Executive Officer's Report.

(Moved Cr Jephson/Seconded Cr Craig)

Carried

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2011/142) that a plaque in memory of John Leslie Pilcher may be laid at Dorset Square in Featherston.

(Moved Cr Davies/Seconded Cr Sexton)

Carried

D2. Planning and Environment Group Report

Council considered the Planning and Environment Group Report.

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Cr Gray congratulated dog control staff for the work achieved in both education and enforcement.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2011/143):

1. To receive the Planning and Environment Group Report.

(Moved Cr Gray /Seconded Cr Stevens)

Carried

D3. Application Subcommittee Report

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2011/144):

1. To receive the Application Subcommittee Report.

(Moved Mayor Staples/Seconded Cr Robertson)

Carried

D4. Corporate Support Group Report

Council considered the Corporate Support Group Report, and the Group Manager Corporate Support answered councillors' questions.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2011/145):

1. To receive the Corporate Support Group Report including the tabled financial statements to 31 July 2011 and a LTP timetable memo.

(Moved Cr Sexton/Seconded Cr Riddell)

Carried

D5. Infrastructure and Services Group Report

Council considered the Infrastructure and Services Group Report and the Group Manager Infrastructure and Services answered queries relating to the floating wetlands trial, waste and recycling, and Martinborough playground.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2011/146):

1. To receive the Infrastructure and Services Group Report.

(Moved Cr Gray /Seconded Cr Davies)

Carried

2. Action 955: Include a graph in the next I&S report which reports on paper, plastic and glass recyclables as a percentage against total waste; M Allingham

3. Action 956: Provide a report to the 10 October 2011 MCB meeting on the priority of playground upgrade works against available budget, and instigate a discussion on removal of equipment which does not meet OSH standards; M Allingham

4. Action 957: Clarify why a variation of license at Soldier's Memorial Park to occupy a portion of the grounds was required; M Allingham

E Representation Reports

E1. Mayor's Monthly Report

Councillors considered the Mayor's monthly report and Mayor Staples expanded verbally and tabled correspondence from Local Government NZ, Mayors Taskforce for Jobs, Greater Wellington Regional Council, Ministry of Economic Development and Christchurch City Council.

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Councillors agreed that occasions such as Youth Week, International Volunteer Day, International Day of Older Persons etc should be discussed during the LTP process so these celebrations can be marked.

The Mayor advised members that she had been selected to attend CLAIR Study Tour of Japan from 6-16 November 2011. Council would not incur any expense from this trip.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2011/147)

1. To receive the Mayor's monthly report including tabled correspondence.
(Moved Cr Mayor Staples/Seconded Cr Napier) Carried
2. That Cr Sexton and Cr Davies be appointed to the Lake Wairarapa Co-ordinating Committee.
(Moved Mayor Staples/Seconded Cr Napier) Carried

E2. Reports from Councillors

Cr Craig

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

Cr Craig had previously provided the Wairarapa Road Safety report to councillors.

There was nothing to report from the Wellington Region Waste Forum.

Cr Craig gave a presentation on the proposed Cobblestones Museum new purpose built entrance building.

Cr Davies

Cr Davies would be attending the Combined District Plan Committee hearings on the 23 September (Greytown Historic Precinct extension) and 27 September (Waingawa Structure Plan and Carterton South Structure Plan).

Cr Gray

Greytown Oxidation Pond Advisory Group

Cr Gray had nothing to report from the Greytown Oxidation Pond Advisory Group, but gave an update from the Wairarapa Public Transport Review.

Cr Napier

SPARC Rural Travel Fund

The minutes from the SPARC funding round were included in Council agenda papers.

Cr Riddell

Healthy Homes, Wairarapa Library Service Committee

Cr Riddell reported that the Wairarapa Library Service Committee had met and an updated membership policy would be presented to the Policy and Finance Committee for consideration.

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Cr Riddell tabled a report on a libraries special event and councillors asked that service centres in libraries and alternative funding options for libraries be discussed during the LTP process.

Cr Robertson

South Wairarapa Community Arts Council

Cr Robertson reported that a Creative Communities meeting would be held November 2011.

Cr Stevens

District Rural Fire Board

Cr Sexton reported that the Fire Board had held their AGM and officer appointments had been made. An assistant principal fire officer had been appointed.

Cr Sexton

Cr Sexton had nothing to report.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2011/148):

1. To receive verbal and written updates from councillors.

(Moved Cr Riddell/Seconded Cr Craig)

Carried

E3. Focus Group Minutes and Reports

Water Supply and Water Races, Reserves and Amenities and Emergency Services Focus Groups
Minutes were tabled.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2011/149)

1. To receive the minutes of the Focus Group meetings.

(Moved Cr Craig /Seconded Cr Jephson)

Carried

2. Action 958: Review the Featherston Cemetery lease to see whether the grazing arrangement is short-term/long-term in view of Council wishing to develop the area; M Allingham
3. Action 959: Request the GCB review whether the Greytown public toilet sign at the Town Centre is required after the RWC. Not advertising these toilets was recommended by the Reserves and Amenities Focus Group due to vandalism; M Allingham

E4. Council Appointments

Destination Wairarapa

Council reviewed the reports and finances from Destination Wairarapa.

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*COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2011/150) to receive the Destination Wairarapa reports.
(Moved Cr Stevens /Seconded Cr Davies)* Carried

E5. WRC Advisory Committees

Waiohine Floodplain Management Planning Advisory Committee

Cr Napier reported that a meeting was to be held in the week commencing 26 September 2011 to discuss public comments from the recently held open days.

Awhea Opouawe Scheme Committee

Cr Jephson had nothing to report.

Lower Valley Development Scheme Advisory Committee

Cr Sexton reported that the next meeting was scheduled for 30 September 2011 and opening of the river mouth was on the agenda.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2011/151):

1. To receive the reports from the WRC Advisory Committees.

(Moved Cr Craig/Seconded Cr Napier) Carried

F Correspondence

F1. Inwards

Letter from Kelly Russell to Dr Jack Dowds regarding a memorial plaque dated 22 August 2011.

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2011/152) to receive the inwards correspondence.

(Moved Cr Sexton/Seconded Cr Stevens) Carried

Confirmed as a true and correct record

.....(Mayor)

.....(Date)

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