

**MINUTES OF SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE SUPPER ROOM, WAIHINGA CENTRE, TEXAS STREET, MARTINBOROUGH
ON THURSDAY, 1 OCTOBER 2026 AT 1:30 PM**

PRESENT: Mayor Fran Wilde (Chair), Cr Aidan Ellims, Cr Chris Archer, Cr Andrea Rutene, Cr Simone Baker, Cr Rachel Clarke, Cr Collier Isaacs, Cr Rupert Watson and Deputy Mayor Rob Taylor.

APOLOGIES: Cr Martin Bosley.

IN ATTENDANCE: Janice Smith (Chief Executive Officer), Stefan Corbett (Group Manager, Corporate Services), James O'Connor (Group Manager, Infrastructure and Community Operations), Clare Barton (Group Manager, Planning and Regulatory), and Amy Andersen (Lead Advisor, Democracy and Committees).

Items 1-5 only: Alex Pigou (Partnerships and Communications Manager), Melissa Stockley (Manager Community Operations), Charly Clarke (Chief Financial Officer), Courtenay Isherwood (Planning Manager), Mia Wilton (Environmental Services Manager).

PUBLIC FORUM: David Lloyd, Claire Bleakley and Garry Dittmer.

CONDUCT OF BUSINESS: Items 1 to 5 were discussed in this meeting in public at the Supper Room, Waihinga Centre, Texas Street, Martinborough and via audio-visual conference from 1:30pm to 1:47pm. This part of the meeting was live-streamed and available to view on our YouTube channel.

The meeting was moved to the Pūtahi Room, 19 Kitchener Street, Martinborough after a medical event - items 6 to 11 were discussed from 3:45pm to 3:55pm. This part of the meeting was not recorded or livestreamed due to technical issues.

OPEN SECTION

1 KARAKIA TIMATANGA – OPENING

All in opened the meeting.

2 APOLOGIES

There was an apology from Cr Bosley.

3 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No interests were disclosed relating to items on the agenda or interests not already recorded on a relevant register.

4 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND TRIBUTES

Councillor Ellims acknowledged the passing of Ashton Herrick, a well-known and respected local dairy farmer from the Martinborough area. Councillor Ellims noted Mr Herrick's long-standing relationship with Council through the town water supply bores located on the family farm and

extended condolences to the Herrick family. Council acknowledged the contribution Mr Herrick had made to the district

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

David Lloyd, Amalgamation Decisions

Mr Lloyd spoke to Council regarding local government reorganisation and amalgamation. He requested further community engagement and additional information on the costs and implications of amalgamation before any future decisions are made.

No questions were raised.

Claire Bleakley, Amalgamation Decisions

Ms Bleakley addressed Council regarding the consultation process for amalgamation proposals, raising concerns about community engagement, financial impacts, and the consideration of public feedback. The speaker requested further consultation following the parliamentary election.

No questions were raised.

Garry Dittmer, Correspondence and 1080

Mr Dittmer addressed Council regarding Council correspondence and matters relating to 1080 operations.

Discussion occurred during the presentation. Following disruption to proceedings, Mayor Wilde requested that Mr Dittmer conclude his presentation since his allocated time was near completion.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:47pm.

The meeting was resumed at 3:45pm.

Cr Ellims did not return to the meeting.

Note: due to a medical event which occurred during the adjournment of this meeting, the remaining items were discussed at the Pūtahi Room, 19 Kitchener Street, Martinborough and were not recorded or livestreamed due to technical issues.

6 URGENT BUSINESS

There was no urgent business.

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

7.1 MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 5 AUGUST 2026

RESOLUTION DC2026/61

Moved: Cr Archer

Seconded: Cr Isaacs

The Council resolved that the minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting held on 5 August 2026 are confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

7.2 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 20 AUGUST 2026**RESOLUTION DC2026/62****Moved: Cr Archer****Seconded: Cr Isaacs**

Council resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 20 August 2026 are confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED**8 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

There were no matters arising.

9 DECISION REPORTS FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND STAFF**9.1 MARTINBOROUGH SQUASH CLUB LEASE**

Members discussed provisions relating to financial risks, future land use, force majeure events, and the potential relinquishment of obligations.

It was noted that any amendments affecting reserve land would require further consultation, and any substantive changes to the proposal may necessitate re-consultation with the public.

RESOLUTION DC2026/63**Moved: Cr Isaacs****Seconded: Cr Baker**

Council resolved to:

1. Receive the 'Martinborough Squash Club Lease' Report;
2. Note the strong support of the proposed lease of Council reserve land to the Martinborough Squash Club received in response to public notification; and
3. Approve the granting of a lease to the Martinborough Squash Club for a single 30 year term commencing on 1 November 2026 for a starting annual lease fee of \$400 plus GST subject to three yearly reviews.

[Items 1-3 read together]

CARRIED

9.2 PRIVATE PLAN CHANGE REQUESTS AND THE STATUS OF THE PROPOSED WAIRARAPA COMBINED DISTRICT PLAN

RESOLUTION DC2026/64

Moved: Cr Isaacs

Seconded: Cr Clarke

Council resolved to:

1. Receive the report "*Private Plan Change Requests and the Status of the Proposed Wairarapa Combined District Plan*";
2. Direct officers to engage with Carterton District Council and Masterton District Council to get agreement to make operative the parts of the Proposed Wairarapa Combined District Plan not subject to appeal; and
3. Agree to progress making operative those parts of the Proposed Wairarapa Combined District Plan not subject to appeal.

[Items 1-3 read together]

CARRIED

9.3 WITHDRAWAL OF FAULT HAZARD AREA – 139, 155 AND 157 TE MAIRE ROAD

RESOLUTION DC2026/65

Moved: Cr Isaacs

Seconded: Cr Archer

Council resolved to:

1. Receives the report "Withdrawal of Fault Hazard Area – 139 Te Maire Road".
2. Resolves, pursuant to Clause 8D, Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991, to withdraw the Fault Hazard Area mapped on the properties at 139, 155 and 157 Te Maire Road, Kahutara (legally described as Lots 1 – 3 DP 613062) from the Proposed Wairarapa Combined District Plan.
3. Directs officers to publicly notify the withdrawal and the reasons for the withdrawal in accordance with Clause 8D of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991.
4. Directs officers to amend the Proposed Wairarapa Combined District Plan maps and associated planning documents to remove the Fault Hazard Area from 139, 155 and 157 Te Maire Road following the public notification of the withdrawal.

[Items 1-4 read together]

CARRIED

9.4 DOG CONTROL POLICY AND PRACTICES 2025/2026**RESOLUTION DC2026/66****Moved: Cr Watson****Seconded: Cr Taylor**

Council resolved to:

1. Receive the *Dog Control Policy and Practices 2025/2026* Report;
2. Adopt the *Dog Control Policy and Practices 2025/2026* Report;
3. Authorise the Chief Executive to make the report publicly available; and
4. Authorise the Chief Executive to give public notice on Council's website of the *Dog Registration, Dog Control Practices, Enforcement and Requests for Service Statistics for the year 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 and statistics on Councils dog control activities for the year 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026* section of this report.

[Items 1-4 read together]

CARRIED**9.5 ADOPTION OF SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL'S FORMAL MEETING SCHEDULE 2027****RESOLUTION DC2026/67****Moved: Cr Clarke****Seconded: Cr Isaacs**

Council resolved to:

1. Receive the *Adoption of South Wairarapa District Council's Formal Meeting Schedule 2027* Report.
2. Adopt the schedule of meetings for Council, community boards and committees for 2027, as attached in Appendix 1.
3. Delegate to the Chief Executive the authority to alter the schedule of ordinary meetings following consultation with the relevant chairperson.

[Items 1-3 read together]

CARRIED

10 PUBLIC EXCLUDED BUSINESS**RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC****RESOLUTION DC2026/68****Moved: Mayor Wilde****Seconded: Cr Isaacs**

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

The general subject matter of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48 for the passing of this resolution	Plain English reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter
10.1 - Public Excluded Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 20 August 2026	s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities	s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7	Relates to discussion regarding the Wairarapa Waste Management and Minimisation Contract Report
10.2 - Waiti Waters Limited's Terms of Accession to the Local Government Funding Agency	s7(2)(i) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)	s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7	is to protect the commercial negotiations between the LGFA and Waiti Waters on the terms of the borrowing. This has been requested by the Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA).

CARRIED**11 KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA – CLOSING**

All in attendance closed the meeting with a karakia.

The meeting closed at 3:55pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record.

..... (Mayor) (Chief Executive)

..... (Date) (Date)