

**MINUTES OF SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE SUPPER ROOM, WAIHINGA CENTRE, TEXAS STREET, MARTINBOROUGH
ON WEDNESDAY, 8 OCTOBER 2025 AT 8:30 AM**

PRESENT: Mayor Martin Connelly (Chair), Deputy Mayor Melissa Sadler-Futter, Cr Martin Bosley, Cr Aidan Ellims, Cr Pip Maynard, Cr Kaye McAulay, Cr Colin Olds, Cr Alistair Plimmer and Cr Aaron Woodcock.

IN ATTENDANCE: Janice Smith (Chief Executive Officer), Stefan Corbett (Group Manager, Corporate Services), James O'Connor (Acting Group Manager, Infrastructure & Community Operations), Russell O'Leary (Group Manager, Planning & Regulatory), Katherine Meerman (Programme Director, Local Water Done Well), Charly Clarke (Chief Financial Officer), Jessica Hughes (Principal Advisor, Legal), Narida Hooper (Pou Māori), Alex Pigou (Manager, Communications), Tim Langley (Principal Advisor, Roding), Nicki Ansell (Lead Advisor, Strategy & Performance), Mia Wilton (Manager, Environmental Services), Shanin Brider (Advisor, Community Governance), Amy Andersen (Lead Advisor, Democracy & Committees).

Toni Forrest, Amon Nunns and Sydney Mallon-Piper (Bell Gully).

CONDUCT OF BUSINESS: This meeting was held in the Supper Room, Waihinga Centre, Texas Street, Martinborough and via audio-visual conference. This meeting was live-streamed is available to view on our YouTube channel. The meeting was held in public under the above provisions from 8:30am to 12:20pm except where expressly noted.

OPEN SECTION

1 KARAKIA TIMATANGA – OPENING

All in attendance opened the meeting.

2 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

3 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr Plimmer noted he would abstain from voting decisions relating on the bylaws in items 9.4 and 9.5 due to his judicial position as Justice of the Peace, as well as the District Licencing Committee decisions relating directly to him in item 9.8.

4 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND TRIBUTES

There were no acknowledgements or tributes.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

6 URGENT BUSINESS

There was no urgent business.

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**7.1 MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 20 AUGUST 2025****RESOLUTION DC2025/40**

Moved: Deputy Mayor M Sadler-Futter

Seconded: Cr P Maynard

Council resolved that the minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting held on 20 August 2025 are confirmed as a true and correct record.

In Favour: Mayor M Connelly, Deputy Mayor M Sadler-Futter, Cr M Bosley, Cr A Ellims, Cr P Maynard, Cr K McAulay, Cr C Olds and Cr A Woodcock

Against: Nil

Abstained: Cr A Plimmer

CARRIED

8 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

There were no matters arising.

9 DECISION REPORTS FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND STAFF**9.1 APPROVAL OF WAIRARAPA TARARUA WATER LIMITED GOVERNING DOCUMENTS**

Ms Meerman, supported by Bell Gully representatives, spoke to the report and responded to queries regarding the potential for further development of the governing documents; the formation of the stakeholders forum and who will complete the appointment process and giving forum members time to drill down on the skills matrix. Members put emphasis on the selection of prospective board members and their past experiences in governance; there was also clarifications requested as to the quorum for the forum's meetings and the threshold for voting.

Members thanked Ms Meerman and the team from Bell Gully for their work on the documentation.

RESOLUTION DC2025/41

Moved: Cr C Olds

Seconded: Cr P Maynard

Council resolved to receive the *Approval of Wairarapa Tararua Water Limited Governing Documents* report.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION DC2025/42**Moved: Cr A Plimmer****Seconded: Cr P Maynard**

Council resolved to:

1. Council resolved to approve the attached Constitution and Shareholders' Agreement for the Wairarapa Tararua Water Services Organisation; and
2. Note, as the next step in the transition to the Water Services Organisation, the Council will be required to appoint a representative to the Stakeholder Forum in October/November 2025.

[Items 1 & 2 read together]

In Favour: Mayor M Connelly, Deputy Mayor M Sadler-Futter, Cr M Bosley, Cr A Ellims, Cr P Maynard, Cr K McAulay, Cr C Olds and Cr A Plimmer

Against: Cr A Woodcock

CARRIED 8/1**RESOLUTION DC2025/43****Moved: Cr P Maynard****Seconded: Cr A Plimmer**

Council resolved to:

1. Delegate to the Chief Executive and the Council's appointed member of the Stakeholders' Forum to agree any required final, non-material changes to the Constitution and Shareholders' Agreement prior to signing and the Company's incorporation; and
2. Note the Chief Executive will report back to Council on any changes made under this delegation.

In Favour: Mayor M Connelly, Deputy Mayor M Sadler-Futter, Cr M Bosley, Cr A Ellims, Cr P Maynard, Cr K McAulay, Cr C Olds and Cr A Plimmer

Against: Cr A Woodcock

CARRIED 8/1**RESOLUTION DC2025/44****Moved: Mayor M Connelly****Seconded: Cr A Ellims**

Council resolved to delegate to the Chief Executive the ability to open a new bank account for the water organisation to use to meet working costs during the transition, with the account having two approvers, one of which is the Chief Executive, in line with the Council's financial delegation policy.

In Favour: Mayor M Connelly, Deputy Mayor M Sadler-Futter, Cr M Bosley, Cr A Ellims, Cr P Maynard, Cr K McAulay, Cr C Olds and Cr A Plimmer

Against: Cr A Woodcock

CARRIED 8/1

9.2 RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR REBECCA GRAY

Members noted Cr Gray's contribution during her time on Council and wished her well in future.

RESOLUTION DC2025/45

Moved: Mayor M Connelly

Seconded: Deputy Mayor M Sadler-Futter

Council resolved to:

1. Receive the *Resignation of Councillor Rebecca Gray* report;
2. Agree not to fill the vacancy of Councillor for the rest of the triennium, following Councillor Gray's resignation as of 12 August 2025;
3. Note this decision not to fill the vacancy of Councillor aligns with Section 117(3) of the Local Electoral Act 2001;
4. Note a public notice will be completed following the decision not to fill the vacancy of Councillor for the rest of triennium; and
5. Agree that Councillor Gray's responsibilities under the Community, Climate and Environmental Wellbeing Portfolio will not be filled.

[Items 1-5 read together]

CARRIED

9.3 ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT 2024/25

Ms Smith noted the audit opinion had been received with no qualifications and was received before the meeting.

Members noted it was a six years that the report has been on time and acknowledged the team effort in order to achieve this.

Ms Clarke spoke to highlights in the report including the revenue budget, contributions, economic impacts on contributions, expenses, variances and KPIs that were unmeasurable.

Mr Robertson spoke about the ARF Committee's role in relation to the Annual Report process to and thanked Ms Clarke and the Finance team for their stellar efforts and the transparency of the report. Relationships with Audit have been working well in order to achieve the Annual Report sign off as early as this.

Members thanked Bruce Robertson for his advice and independent advice which has been beneficial to the Council over the triennium.

Members discussed income expenses, in particular the reason for the reductions in contribution funding (economic impacts and potentially developers waiting for the final version of the Wairarapa Combined District Plan), and asked about previous audit issues with road smoothness.

Reports tabled at the meeting are available on the SWDC [meetings page](#):

[Tabled Item 9.3 SWDC 25J audit report – final \(unsigned\)](#)

[Tabled Item 9.3 2024-25 Annual Report Draft for adoption 8Oct2025](#)

[Tabled Item 9.3 2024-25 Summary Annual Report Draft for adoption 8Oct2025](#)

[Tabled Item 9.3 24-25 Representation Letter for signature by Mayor & CE – 1 copy](#)

[Tabled Item 9.3 Local authority unmodified summary audit report w EOM \(unsigned\)](#)

[Tabled Item 9.3 SWDC Report to ARF Comm 2025](#)

RESOLUTION DC2025/46

Moved: Cr M Bosley

Seconded: Cr K McAulay

Council resolved to receive the Adoption of the Annual Reports 2024/25 report.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION DC2025/47

Moved: Cr C Olds

Seconded: Cr M Bosley

Council resolved to note that the Assurance, Risk, and Finance Committee endorsed the adoption of the Annual Report 2024/25 and Summary Annual Report 2024/25 at an online meeting on 2nd of October 2025.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION DC2025/48

Moved: Cr M Bosley

Seconded: Deputy Mayor M Sadler-Futter

Council resolved to:

1. Adopt the Annual Report 2024/25
2. Adopt the Summary Annual Report 2024/25
3. Approve the carry-over of capital budget from the 2024/25 year to the 2025/26 year, as outlined in the appendix.
4. Delegate to the Chief Executive authority to correct minor grammatical and other errors.
5. Authorise the Mayor, and Chief Executive authority to sign these reports.

[Items 1-5 read together]

CARRIED

9.4 ADOPTION OF THE CAPE PALLISER PAPER ROAD BYLAW

Ms Hughes, supported by Ms Hooper, spoke to the report and tabled an updated copy of the proposed bylaw ([Tabled Item 9.4 Final draft – Bylaw V1](#)) and noted that the enforcement date had been updated to 1 December 2025.

Cr Ellims noted that majority of submissions supported vehicle restrictions, not vehicle banning and queried the intent of the original bylaw, and sought changes to the proposed bylaw that would allow responsible members of the community retain access.

Noted that staff have engaged surveyors for paper road and work will be starting shortly.

Members debated expectations for the entirety of the work to be completed, 12 versus 24 months.

Members queried period for review vs expiry of the bylaw, seeking further explanation of the finite period. Ms Smith clarified that the word *review* allow officers to come back to the council table in the next two years if there are issues that cannot be addressed in the 24 month time period.

Members sought further clarification from officers on the timings and finite period for the bylaw and also asked for an update version of the map (purple outline showing the paper road area in question).

As there was further work to be done before Council could make a decision, Mayor Connelly asked for the paper left to lie on table until morning tea to address any amendments.

RESOLUTION DC2025/49

Moved: Cr A Ellims

Seconded: Cr C Olds

Council resolved to receive the *Adoption of the Cape Palliser Paper Road Bylaw* report.

CARRIED

9.5 WAIRARAPA CONSOLIDATED BYLAW ADOPTION REPORT

Ms Ansell spoke to the report and provided information on the key changes including public spaces and beauty; the process for adoption; water services (the three parts of the bylaw related to water will not expire - will stay in force and be used by new entity).

Noted that both Masterton and Carterton District Councils have approved the bylaw at their most recent Council meetings.

Deputy Mayor Sadler-Futter spoke about the process the Wairarapa Policy Working Group took to make their recommendations.

Cr Ellims left at 9:34am.

Queried changes and what residents may find is different – bylaw is now clearer (e.g. beekeeping-number of bees kept has been reduced).

Cr Ellims returned at 9:37am.

Ms Ansell responded to questions relating to signage (limits on sandwich boards and accessibility on footpaths), removal of traditional Māori tattooing from bylaw and rules regarding outdoor dining.

RESOLUTION DC2025/50**Moved:** Cr C Olds**Seconded:** Deputy Mayor M Sadler-Futter

Council resolved to receive Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw Adoption Report.

CARRIED**RESOLUTION DC2025/51****Moved:** Mayor M Connelly**Seconded:** Deputy Mayor M Sadler-Futter

Council resolved to:

1. Agree to the Wairarapa Policy Working Group (Working Group) recommendations that:
The Wairarapa District Councils adopt the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw 2025 and give public notice of the making of the Bylaw;
2. Note that the Working Group heard submissions on 14 August 2025 and undertook deliberations on 19 August 2025 with respect to the proposed Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw;
3. Note that subject to adoption, the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw 2025 will come into force on 1 November 2025;
4. Note that the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw 2019 will no longer apply from the time when the Wairarapa Consolidated Bylaw 2025 comes into force;
5. Note that approval from the Minister of Conservation has been given regarding Part Two: Public Places (including Parks and Reserves), which is required before the bylaw can come into force.

[Items 1-5 read together]

In Favour: Mayor M Connelly, Deputy Mayor M Sadler-Futter, Cr M Bosley, Cr A Ellims, Cr P Maynard, Cr K McAulay, Cr C Olds and Cr A Woodcock

Against: Nil

Abstained: Cr A Plimmer

CARRIED 8/0

9.6 FEATHERSTON RAILWAY CROSSING ROAD STOPPING

Mr Langley spoke to the report, noting this was a procedural matter to allow works being undertaken by Kiwirail. Members queried what compensation there would be for the changes – Mr Langley noted this hasn't been discussed with Kiwirail as yet.

Members acknowledged the compromise for the road closure and highlighted concerns from the community regarding the Brandon Street crossing. Whilst noting that Kiwirail had undertaken consultation, members remain concerned about the knock on effect of extra traffic in the area and impacts on safety and suggested NZTA/Kiwirail should look into safer measures at the intersection, such a roundabout.

Members queried ownership of the land (this is Council land), and the approval process – Mr Langley noted that the road stopping changes once approved are gazetted and the ministers approval for changes like this relates to unformed roads (rural).

RESOLUTION DC2025/52

Moved: Cr C Olds

Seconded: Cr A Ellims

Council resolved to receive the Featherston Railway Crossing Road stopping report.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION DC2025/53

Moved: Deputy Mayor M Sadler-Futter

Seconded: Cr C Olds

Council resolved to note that public notification of the proposal to stop portions of Bell and Brandon Streets will be undertaken in accordance with Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 1974.

In Favour: Mayor M Connelly, Deputy Mayor M Sadler-Futter, Cr M Bosley, Cr A Ellims, Cr P Maynard, Cr K McAulay, Cr C Olds and Cr A Plimmer

Against: Cr A Woodcock

CARRIED 8/1

RESOLUTION DC2025/54

Moved: Cr C Olds

Seconded: Mayor M Connelly

Amendment – became a part of the substantive resolution.

Council resolved to agree to declare that approximately 363 m2 of Bell Street (being SO 618892) will be stopped as a legal road and is vested in the Rail corridor.

In Favour: Mayor M Connelly, Deputy Mayor M Sadler-Futter, Cr M Bosley, Cr A Ellims, Cr P Maynard, Cr K McAulay, Cr C Olds and Cr A Plimmer

Against: Cr A Woodcock

CARRIED 8/1

RESOLUTION DC2025/55**Moved: Mayor M Connelly****Seconded: Cr C Olds****Amendment – became a part of the substantive resolution.**

Council resolved to agree to declare that approximately 608 m2 of Brandon Street (being SO 618894) will be stopped as a legal road and is vested in the Rail corridor.

In Favour: Mayor M Connelly, Deputy Mayor M Sadler-Futter, Cr M Bosley, Cr A Ellims, Cr P Maynard, Cr K McAulay, Cr C Olds and Cr A Plimmer

Against: Cr A Woodcock

CARRIED 8/1**RESOLUTION DC2025/56****Moved: Mayor M Connelly****Seconded: Deputy Mayor M Sadler-Futter**

Council resolved to delegate to the Chief Executive Officer all powers necessary to proceed with the process to stop the legal road; comprising 363 m2 of Bell Street (being SO 618892) and 608m2 of Brandon Street (being SO 618894) and to complete the transaction.

In Favour: Mayor M Connelly, Deputy Mayor M Sadler-Futter, Cr M Bosley, Cr A Ellims, Cr P Maynard, Cr K McAulay, Cr C Olds and Cr A Plimmer

Against: Cr A Woodcock

CARRIED 8/1**9.7 AMENDMENTS TO THE RISKPOOL TRUST DEED**

Ms Clarke spoke to the report and noted this Riskpool is winding down, but this is a necessary document and this includes amendments as per the appendix.

RESOLUTION DC2025/57**Moved: Cr A Plimmer****Seconded: Cr M Bosley**

Council resolved to receive the Amendment to the Riskpool Trust Deed.

CARRIED**RESOLUTION DC2025/58****Moved: Mayor M Connelly****Seconded: Cr M Bosley**

Council resolved to:

1. Note the purpose and effect of the proposed amendments as outlined in this report and the attached papers;
2. Approve South Wairarapa District Council consenting to the amendments to the Riskpool Trust Deed, as set out in the attached letter dated 21 August 2025; and
3. Authorise the Chief Executive to sign and return the attached consent form on behalf of Council.

[Items 1-3 read together]

CARRIED

9.8 END OF TRIENNIUM MATTERS

Mr Corbett spoke to the report and responded to members questions relating to the District Licencing Committee appointments. Members acknowledged Cr Plimmer's work on the District Licencing Committee and floated the idea of extending his appointment three years. Other members were keen for new Council to have the ability to make decisions on this in the new triennium.

RESOLUTION DC2025/59

Moved: Mayor M Connelly

Seconded: Deputy Mayor M Sadler-Futter

Council resolved to receive the End of Triennium Matters Report.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION DC2025/60

Moved: Deputy Mayor M Sadler-Futter

Seconded: Cr P Maynard

Council resolved to:

1. Note that the last Council meeting of the current triennium will be held on 8 October 2025 and that no formal meetings of the Council, its Committees or Subcommittees are scheduled to be held until the new Council is sworn in on 29 October 2025;
2. Agree that, subject to the limitations set out in clause 32(1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act, the Chief Executive (in consultation with the Mayor-elect) be authorised to make decisions over and above their normal delegations in respect of urgent matters for the period from the day following the Electoral Officer's declaration of election results until the new Council is sworn in;
3. Note that any decisions made under this delegation will be reported to the first ordinary meeting of the Council;
4. Note that should any urgent decisions be needed during the period 16 - 29 October 2025 which require significant political input, or at law must be made by Council, then an urgent Council meeting will be called;

5. Note that this delegation is subject to the limitations in clause 32(1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002;
 6. Note that in the case of a civil defence emergency, the Chief Executive may use her powers under clause 21(3) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002 to call the first inaugural meeting with less than the usual 7 days' notice requirements to allow the Mayor to act in declaring a state of local emergency or giving notice of a local transition period;
 7. Note that the Wairarapa Combined District Plan Joint Committee will be discharged at the end of triennium and options will be explored after the 2025 Local Body Elections;
 8. Agree that pursuant to Clause 30(7) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002, the Māori Standing Committee shall not be deemed to be discharged on the coming into office of the members of the Council elected at the 2025 triennial general election of members;
 9. Agree that pursuant to Part 5 of the Local Government Act 2002, the District Licencing Committee shall not be deemed to be discharged on the coming into office of the members of the Council elected at the 2025 triennial general election of members; and
 10. Agree to delegate the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Group Manager Planning & Regulatory, the authority to appoint hearings panels if required to consider any notified resource consent applications during the period between the existing Council going out of office and the new Council establishing its committee arrangements and delegations.
- [Items 1-10 read together]

CARRIED

RESOLUTION DC2025/61

Moved: Cr C Olds

Seconded: Deputy Mayor M Sadler-Futter

Council resolved to approve the following in relation to the District Licencing Committee:

- a) Approve appointment of two commissioners to serve as Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson.
- b) Appoint Alistair Plimmer as Commissioner, South Wairarapa District Council, effective from 12 October 2025.
- c) Appoint Catherine Rossiter-Stead as Commissioner to service as the Deputy Chairperson, South Wairarapa District Council effective from 12 October 2025.
- d) Agree that the term of appointment for both commissioners be temporary until 31 March 2026.
- e) Appoint Alistair Plimmer to the shared District Licensing Committee for all three councils effective 12 October 2025 until 31 March 2026.

In Favour: Mayor M Connelly, Deputy Mayor M Sadler-Futter, Cr M Bosley, Cr A Ellims, Cr P Maynard, Cr K McAulay, Cr C Olds and Cr A Woodcock

Against: Nil

Abstained: Cr A Plimmer

CARRIED 8/0

Meeting adjourned at 10:22am.

Meeting returned 10:43am.

9.4 ADOPTION OF THE CAPE PALLISER PAPER ROAD BYLAW (CONTINUED)

Ms Smith spoke to the amended version of the bylaw as presented to the Council: [Tabled Item 9.4 Final draft – Bylaw V2 ADOPTED](#).

Differences noted in the following sections: 1) title commencement and revocation – hard lock in of 24 month period; in Purpose section 3 the map was removed as well as the reference to map. The definition of the ULR was also updated. Also noted if anything changes in relation to the survey of the road, officers week seek updates via Land Information (LINZ).

Members thanked Ms Smith and the team in providing the update to the bylaw.

Members further queried that if in two years the survey, fencing and stakeholders group decisions are completed and ran ahead of schedule, that there was the ability for the enforcement of the bylaw to be revoked. Ms Smith provided Council assurance that if everything was completed, there would be a short consultation process to revoke the bylaw earlier.

Members queried whether there was an easier way to revoke this bylaw without consultation. Ms Smith noted officers would have to discuss this with lawyers first.

Member highlighted that there had been considerable discussion held in deliberations relating to the period of 12 versus 24 months for the bylaw.

Members they were here to make decisions based on the unformed legal roads, noting that if a survey had been available, it would have been beneficial in making decisions on the bylaw.

Ms Smith confirmed that surveyors would on site to complete work relating to the paper road by end of the month.

Ms Smith noted any work along this road must to be done in conjunction with Heritage NZ and may have to engage with archaeologists - time would be needed to ensure that this work can be completed.

Members discussed access for vehicles to support others in emergencies, as well as individuals who have mobility issues.

Correction to the report: the date for public notification is set for the 14 October 2025.

RESOLUTION DC2025/62

Moved: Mayor M Connelly

Seconded: Cr K McAulay

Amendment – became the substantive resolution.

Council resolved to adopt the Cape Palliser Paper Road Access Bylaw 2025, as amended at the meeting.

<u>In Favour:</u> Mayor M Connelly, Deputy Mayor M Sadler-Futter, Cr M Bosley, Cr P Maynard, Cr K McAulay and Cr C Olds <u>Against:</u> Cr A Ellims and Cr A Woodcock <u>Abstained:</u> Cr A Plimmer CARRIED 6/2
RESOLUTION DC2025/63 Moved: Mayor M Connelly Seconded: Cr K McAulay Council resolved to approve the bylaw to come into force on 1 December 2025. <u>In Favour:</u> Mayor M Connelly, Deputy Mayor M Sadler-Futter, Cr M Bosley, Cr P Maynard, Cr K McAulay and Cr C Olds <u>Against:</u> Cr A Ellims and Cr A Woodcock <u>Abstained:</u> Cr A Plimmer CARRIED 6/2
RESOLUTION DC2025/64 Moved: Mayor M Connelly Seconded: Deputy Mayor M Sadler-Futter Additional resolution Council resolved to note that if all matters are cleared prior to 30 November 2027, that officers move to make an earlier revocation of the bylaw. <u>In Favour:</u> Mayor M Connelly, Deputy Mayor M Sadler-Futter, Cr M Bosley, Cr A Ellims, Cr P Maynard, Cr K McAulay, Cr C Olds and Cr A Woodcock <u>Against:</u> Nil <u>Abstained:</u> Cr A Plimmer CARRIED 8/0
RESOLUTION DC2025/65 Moved: Mayor M Connelly Seconded: Cr P Maynard Amendment – became the substantive resolution Authorise the Chief Executive to make any minor editorial changes to the Cape Palliser Paper Road bylaw if required. <u>In Favour:</u> Mayor M Connelly, Deputy Mayor M Sadler-Futter, Cr M Bosley, Cr A Ellims, Cr P Maynard, Cr K McAulay, Cr C Olds and Cr A Woodcock <u>Against:</u> Nil

Abstained: Cr A Plimmer

CARRIED 8/0

10 INFORMATION REPORTS FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND STAFF

10.1 ACTION ITEMS

Action 126 – Cr Maynard sought updates regarding Pain Farm. Ms Smith noted updates since June 2025, that the withdrawal of the designation through Wairarapa Combined District Plan process and negotiations of alternate land for wastewater disposal were still ongoing. Action will remain open.

Action SWC2025/153 will also remain open.

All other actions closed.

11 MAYORAL REPORTS

11.1 MAYORAL REPORT - OCTOBER 2025

Mayor Connelly spoke to his report, acknowledging council officers for their work over the triennium, as well as highlighting issues regarding illegal rubbish dumping and exploration of what can be done about this. Councillors asked for further reporting to be submitted to the actions list for new Council to address.

ACTION DC2025/66

Directs the CEO bring to a Council meeting in next year, a plan to deter and prevent illegal rubbish dumping using Community-Based Solutions; Neighbourhood initiatives and Regulatory Tools.

Responsible Manager: J Smith

12 APPOINTMENT REPORTS

12.1 MEMBERS FEEDBACK FROM THE MĀORI STANDING COMMITTEE AND COMMUNITY BOARDS

Cr Ellims reported that the Martinborough Community Board had continued to be busy up until the end of this triennium and highlighted key achievements including the allocation of Pain Estate grants around \$100,000. Cr Ellims also highlighted the upcoming upgrade to the Pain Estate homestead, and the Community Board's contributions to planning for the Christmas parade and Christmas in the Square and the Walk Wairarapa – Heartbeat walk (to located mobile defibrillators and the enhanced development plan for Considine Park which includes pump track and swimming pool.

Cr Maynard also acknowledged the Community Board's LGNZ award for work on civil defence and raising awareness/capability, as well as Nigel Carter's work in relation to this.

Cr Woodcock noted all the Community Boards had a social event recently, before the triennium came to an end..

13 PUBLIC EXCLUDED BUSINESS

RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

RESOLUTION DC2025/67

Moved: Mayor M Connelly

Seconded: Cr P Maynard

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
13.1 - Public Excluded Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 20 August 2025	s7(2)(a) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons	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 the CEO Employment Committee recommendations.

13.2 - Greytown Land Purchase	s7(2)(a) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons	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	The personal information of the property owner should be protected as the paper refers to the address of the property they own.
13.3 - Papawai and Kaikōkirikiri Trusts Land Exchange	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	the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).
13.4 - Papawai Ahu Whenua Trust Land Exchange	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	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).
13.5 - Waters Capital Projects Financial Delegations	s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities s7(2)(i) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage,	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	To protect information that relates to a contract tender and negotiation process.

	negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)		
CARRIED			

14 KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA – CLOSING

All in attendance closed the meeting with a karakia.

The meeting closed at 12:20pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record.

..... (Mayor/Chair) (Chief Executive)

..... (Date) (Date)