



**South Wairarapa District Council
Extraordinary Meeting
Minutes from 13 September 2023**

Present:	Mayor Martin Connelly, Deputy Mayor Melissa Sadler-Futter, Councillors Alistair Plimmer, Rebecca Gray, Martin Bosley and Aaron Woodcock.
Apologies:	Councillors Colin Olds, Pip Maynard, Aidan Ellims and Kaye McAulay.
In Attendance:	Paul Gardner (Interim Chief Executive Officer), Amanda Bradley (General Manager Policy and Governance), Karon Ashforth (General Manager, Finance), Charly Clarke, Nicki Ansell (Lead Community Advisor), and Amy Andersen (Committee Advisor). Philip Jones (Consultant).
Conduct of Business:	This meeting was held in the Supper Room, Waihinga Centre, 62 Texas Street, Martinborough and via audio-visual conference. This meeting was recorded and is available to view on our YouTube channel. The meeting was held in public under the above provisions from 8:48am to 10:17am except where expressly noted.

Open Section

A1. Karakia Timatanga - Opening

Mayor Connelly opened the meeting.

A2. Apologies

COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2023/121) to accept apologies Councillors Colin Olds, Pip Maynard, Aidan Ellims, Kaye McAulay.

(Moved Mayor Connelly /Seconded Cr Gray)

Carried

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A3. Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

A4. Public Participation

There was no public participation.

A5. Actions from public participation

There was no public participation.

A7. Extraordinary business

There was no extraordinary business.

B. Decision Reports from the Interim Chief Executive and Council Officers

Mr Gardner acknowledged and talked to the work involved in getting the report through for today.

Ms Bradley spoke to the complexities of the topic, and additional work currently happening around frequently asked questions (FAQs).

Council Officers and Mr Jones responded to queries including:

- background examples of land vs capital,
- clarity around adding extra rates being a redistribution rather than an increase to revenue,
- remission on sports fields and clubs and removing barriers to sports clubs,
- including sites of significance as described in the Combined District Plan,
- structure/wording in particular areas of the consultation document,
- question 6 and the impact this would have on the overall rates and the complexity of fairness and differentials and,
- charging water based on volumetrics and queried future change to this in the LTP and Policy.

Members discussion included:

- the view of Council on remission of rates on sites of significance,
- option to remit rates on privately held land that becomes identified in the future as site of significance,
- rates on water-races and clarification on overflow from Greytown and the effects on storm water and queried the rates remission vs service levels,
- Members queried consultation on this in the rates review, indicating this is an issue people can raise during the submission process,
- rates remission on sports fields and queried the ability to guarantee who the beneficiaries of this would be and how this relates to redistribution of rates.

Members clarified the need for Review and Financing Policy, as a document to set out the Council's decision-making process and is that it is a legislative requirement for Council.

Members discussed Q7 and Q1, and the need to ask specific questions related to change. There was also discussion relating to obtaining a wide range of feedback, and the Rating Review vs Long Term Plan feedback.

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COUNCIL RESOLVED (DC2023/122) to:

1. Adopt the Financial Policies for consultation based on Cr Sadler-Futter to work with Council Officers on the final edit of the Policies.
(Moved Mayor Connelly /Seconded Cr Bosley) Carried
2. Adopt Questions 1-7 for Community Consultation on Financial Policies.
(Moved Mayor Connelly/Seconded Cr Woodcock) Lapsed
3. Include a specific question related to rates rebates for sports grounds after question 1.
(Moved Cr Plimmer/Seconded Cr Woodcock) Carried
4. Amend the wording in question 6.
(Moved Mayor Connelly/Cr Bosley Seconded) Carried
5. Adopt the Financial Policies Consultation questions.
(Moved Mayor Connelly /Seconded Cr Plimmer) Carried

The meeting closed at 10:17am.

Confirmed as a true and correct record

.....(Mayor)

.....(Date)

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