



**Hearings Committee
Minutes for Hearings and Deliberations on Dog Control Policy and Bylaw
20 September 2023**

Present:	Mayor Martin Connelly (Chair), Councillors Rebecca Gray, Pip Maynard and Kaye McAulay.
Apologies:	Councillor Alistair Plimmer.
In attendance:	Kaity Carmichael (Lead Policy Advisor), Amanda Bradley (General Manager Policy and Governance), Russell O’Leary (Group Manager, Planning and Environment), Rick Mead (Environmental Health Manager) Andrew McEwan (Bylaw Officer) and Amy Andersen (Committee Advisor). Adam Mattsen, Charles Barker, Owen Jeffries and Justine Jones (Wellington Water Limited).
Submitter:	Alex Beijen.
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 live-streamed is available to view on our YouTube channel. The meeting was held in public under the above provisions from 11.00am to 12:01pm except where expressly noted.

A Open Section

- A1. Karakia Timatanga – opening**
Mayor Connelly opened the meeting.
- A2. Apologies**
HEARINGS COMMITTEE RESOLVED (HC2023/09) to accept apologies from Cr Plimmer.
(Moved Cr Gray/Seconded Cr Maynard) Carried
- A3. Conflicts of Interest**
There were no conflicts of interest declared.

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A4. Confirmation of minutes

HEARINGS COMMITTEE RESOLVED (HC2023/10) to accept the minutes of the Hearings Committee meeting held on 16 August 2023 as a true and accurate record.

(Moved Cr Gray/Seconded Mayor Connelly)

Carried

B Submissions Hearings on Dog Control Policy and Bylaw

The Committee heard one submission from Mr Beijen on behalf of Tina Day, Cape Paliser Residents and Ratepayers Association.

Mr Beijen responded to queries from members regarding the preference for dogs being leashed at all times and what should Council say to those who do not agree with the the Cape Paliser Residents and Ratepayers Association's submission.

C Deliberations on Dog Control Policy and Bylaw

C1. Dog Control Policy and Bylaw Deliberations Report

Ms Carmichael spoke to matters included in the report and responded to queries from members regarding support for change to the bylaw in coastal areas.

Mr Mead responded to queries from members regarding leashing of dogs and sheep measles, camping in coastal areas/grounds and defining locations where dogs are permitted; dogs in swimming pools (Dogs in Togs event in Featherston); dogs at events with large numbers of people and concerns regarding dogs being left in cars; lifetime dog tags and whether a provision for this is relevant to the bylaw; the list of banned breeds; whether the Ngawi Campground could include a section for dogs.

HEARINGS COMMITTEE RESOLVED (HC2023/11) to:

1. Receive the *Control of Dogs Policy & Bylaw Hearings and Deliberations Report*.
2. Receive the 10 submissions made for the formal Control of Dogs Policy and Bylaw consultation.

3. Note that there was one member of the public who spoke to their submission.

[Items 1-3 read together]

(Moved Cr Maynard/Seconded Cr McAulay)

Carried

4. Recommend to Council at its meeting on 27 September 2023 that it adopt the Control of Dogs Policy.

5. Recommend to Council at its meeting on 27 September 2023 that it amend the Control of Dogs 2013 bylaw, including the following amendments:

- i) Page 91 - Schedule A, part i to read: Any public building or public place, including any swimming pools, cemeteries, library buildings or recreation centres, under the control or management of the Council and any other

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areas where dogs may pose a threat to the public. The Chief Executive may make an exception for special events in the interest of community building and education.

- ii) Page 91 Schedule A, include part v - Any part of the District that is subject to events notified by the Chief Executive.
- iii) Page 91 Schedule A, part iv - to allow for dogs in the Ngawi Campground and Ngawi surf breaks.

[Items 4-5 read together]

(Moved Cr Maynard/Seconded Mayor Connelly) Carried

F Karakia Whakamutunga – closing

Mayor Connelly closed the meeting.

The meeting closed at 12:01pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record

.....(Mayor)

.....(Date)

..... (Chief Executive)

.....(Date)

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