



Hearings Committee

Minutes for Hearings and Deliberations on the Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 29 November 2023

Present:	Mayor Martin Connelly (Chair), Councillors Rebecca Gray and Kaye McAulay.
Apologies:	Councillors Alistair Plimmer and Pip Maynard.
In attendance:	Amanda Bradley (General Manager Democracy and Engagement), Rick Mead (Manager Environmental Services) and Amy Andersen (Committee Advisor). Emma Wright-McHardie and Natalie Street (GMD Consultants).
Submitters:	Frank and Lisa Cornelissen; Jenny Boyne.
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 09.03am to 10:02am except where expressly noted.

- 1. Karakia Timatanga – opening**
Mayor Connelly opened the meeting.
- 2. Apologies**
HEARINGS COMMITTEE RESOLVED (HC2023/12) to accept apologies from Cr Plimmer and Cr Maynard.
(Moved Cr McAulay/Seconded Cr Gray) Carried
- 3. Conflicts of Interest**
There were no conflicts of interest declared.
- 4. Confirmation of minutes**
HEARINGS COMMITTEE RESOLVED (HC2023/13) to accept the minutes of the Hearings Committee meeting held on 20 September 2023 as a true and accurate record.
(Moved Mayor Connelly/Seconded Cr McAulay) Carried

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5. Submissions Hearings on the Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw

The Committee heard submissions from:

- Frank and Lisa Cornelissen

Members queried the use of the dump station and whether this could be moved; and the possible increase in damage to driveways.

- Jenny Boyne

Members queried whether the district's maps showing these boundaries are up to date and who is responsible for this.

Members acknowledged the strength of the submissions from presenters which will be prioritised in the deliberations.

6. Freedom Camping Bylaw Hearings Report

Ms Bradley spoke to matters included in the report and clarified the next steps (deliberations to occur in early 2024 after the completion of the Ambassador Programme).

Mr Mead responded to queries from members including: signage, setting expectations and encouraging proper usage of sites for freedom camping (work of Ambassadors/Regulatory Officers – providing education and information to users); concerns relating to 28 day stay limit and how this will be monitored and enforced. Mr Mead noted that costs relating to the programme of work required to educate and inform the public is yet to be provided to Council.

HEARINGS COMMITTEE RESOLVED (HC2023/14) to:

1. Receive the *Freedom Camping Bylaw Hearings Report*;
(*Moved Mayor Connelly/Seconded Cr Gray*) Carried
2. Receive 52 submissions received during the consultation period;
3. Receive 1 late submission from submitter de Groot, # 53, received Monday 20 November;
4. Note that there were 2 members of the public who spoke to their submission;
5. Request any further information and/or clarification required from Council staff prior to the Council meeting to be scheduled in early 2024 for the deliberations of the Freedom Camping Bylaw; in particular to a) Vintners Lane and b) ensuring that the bylaw does not impinge on private properties.

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[Items 2-5 read together]

(Moved Mayor Connelly/Seconded Cr McAulay)

Carried

F Karakia Whakamutunga – closing

Mayor Connelly closed the meeting.

The meeting closed at 10:02am.

Confirmed as a true and correct record

.....(Mayor)

.....(Date)

..... (Chief Executive)

.....(Date)

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