



Infrastructure and Community Services Committee Minutes from 20 September 2023

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- Present:** Councillor Aidan Ellims (Chair), Mayor Martin Connelly (until 2:22pm), Councillors Pip Maynard (via Zoom; until 4:10pm), Alistair Plimmer, Martin Bosley, Aaron Woodcock and Rebecca Gray.
- Apologies:** Councillor Kaye McAulay, Andrea Rutene (Māori Standing Committee Representative) and Deputy Mayor Melissa Sadler-Futter.
- Also in Attendance:** Paul Gardner (Interim Chief Executive), Stefan Corbett (Group Manager, Partnerships & Operations), Robyn Wells (Principal Advisor-Water Transition), Russell O’Leary (Group Manager Planning and Environment), Siv Fjaerestad (Community Development Coordinator) and Amy Andersen (Committee Advisor).
Laurence Edwards (Wellington Water).
- Conduct of Business:** This meeting was held in public in the Supper Room, Waihinga Centre, 62 Texas Street, Martinborough and via audio-visual conference from 1:37pm to 4:46pm. This meeting was live-streamed is available to view on our YouTube channel.
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Open Section

- A1. Karakia Timatanga - Opening**
Cr Gray opened the meeting.
- A2. Apologies**
INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES RESOLVED (ICS2023/22) to accept apologies from Ms Rutene, Deputy Mayor Sadler-Futter and Cr McAulay; and Mayor Connelly early departure.
(Moved Cr Gray/Seconded Cr Woodcock) Carried
- A3. Conflicts of Interest**
There were no conflicts of interest.
- A4. Public Participation**
There was no public participation.
- A5. Actions from public participation**
There was no public participation.

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A6. Extraordinary Business

There was no extraordinary business.

A7. Minutes For Confirmation

INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES RESOLVED (ICS2023/23) that the minutes of the Infrastructure and Community Services meeting held on 25 July 2023 are a true and correct record.

(Moved Cr Gray/Seconded Cr Bosley)

Carried

A8. Matters arising from previous minutes

There were no matters arising.

B Outstanding agenda items from the meeting held on 25 July 2023

Noted that Cr Woodcock's report would be discussed in section E of the agenda: Member's Reports.

INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES RESOLVED (ICS2023/24) to:

1. Receive the *Update from the Partnerships and Operations Group Report*, dated 25 July 2023.
2. Receive the *Action Items Report*, dated 25 July 2023.
3. Receive the *Chairperson's Report* from Councillor Ellims, dated 25 July 2023
4. Receive the *Member's Report* from Councillor Woodcock, dated 25 July 2023

[Items 1-4 read together]

(Moved Cr Gray/Seconded Cr Woodcock)

Carried

C Decision Reports from Chief Executive and Staff

C1. Joint Review of Martinborough Wastewater Treatment Plant – Connection Suspension

Mr Corbett and Ms Wells spoke to matters included in the report. Ms Wells responded to queries from members regarding: Capex dashboard expenditure and variances; Council's relationship with Wellington Water (WWL); staffing and resourcing to support three waters; LTP planning and interface with WWL; and recruitment of staff.

INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES RESOLVED (ICS2023/25) to:

1. Receive the *Joint Review of Martinborough Wastewater Treatment Plant – Connection Suspension Report*.
2. Accept recommendations 1 – 4 listed in the report.
3. Endorse observations 1 – 4 in the report.
4. Note that observation 1 in the report has been achieved.
5. Note that observation 4 is underway; and
6. Note that recommendation 3, review of the connection process, has been initiated with the SWDC and WWL Planning and Land Development Groups.

[Items 1-6 read together]

(Moved Cr Plimmer/Seconded Cr Gray)

Carried

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C2. Footpath for the Northern Side of Farley Avenue to West Street, Greytown

Members discussed options and alternatives; it was noted Cr Ellims had consulted Mr O'Leary prior to the meeting regarding consequences of not complying with components refer and the costs of land purchase.

Members sought further information as to whether the land was vested in Council, legal considerations and the implications relating to previous Council's resolution.

Members agreed that they would defer any decisions until the next meeting of the Committee.

Cr Gray requested that reports to the Committee to have more robust climate change considerations.

INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES RESOLVED (ICS2023/26) to:

1. Receive the *Footpath for the Northern Side of Farley Avenue to West Street, Greytown* Report.

(Moved Cr Plimmer/Seconded Cr Gray)

Carried

Mayor Connelly left the meeting at 2:22pm.

D Information Reports from the Interim Chief Executive and Staff

D1. Update from the Partnerships and Operations Group

Mr Corbett spoke to matters in the report and responded to queries from members including: Greytown greenspace (rugby grounds), roading and equity, emergency works funding, Greytown Wheels Park (carpark), overspends on water, clarifying Greytown Community Board's involvement in leasing the Old Library in Stella Bull Park, cleaning services contract providers and procurement/tender processes; and Greytown Hall foundation repairs.

Noted Council Officers undertook to speak with the Greytown Community Board for their thoughts on the Greytown Hall / Town Centre (official name) foundation repairs.

Mr Corbett provided an update on the Martinborough Square lighting project provided by Mr Corbett, noting they would seek to move this project into roading programme for first year of Long Term Plan to save on costs.

Members queried the original source of lighting project funding, staging the project and prioritisation of crossings to progress the project. Council Officers will provide an update on timeframes and ideas before the next meeting of the committee.

Mr Gardner provided a brief update on funding submissions to the Waka Kotahi Board for Cape Paliser Road. Mr Corbett responded to queries from members regarding the Hinekura Road realignment - timeframes and progress update; MWTP compliance and new connections (timeframes and pre-empting issues once resolved); and the Information Management role.

Members requested that a representative from NZ Police attend the next Council meeting in relation to the Draft Carterton and South Wairarapa interim Speed Management Plan.

INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES RESOLVED (ICS2023/27) to receive the Update from the Partnerships and Operations Group Report.

(Moved Cr Gray/Seconded Cr Plimmer)

Carried

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Adjourned at 3:15pm.
Reconvened at 3:27pm.

D2. Update on Implementation of Te Rautaki Rangatahi o Wairarapa – Wairarapa Youth Strategy

Mr Corbett spoke to matters included in the report and responded to queries from members including: the Youth Development Coordinator position; use of Te Whatu Ora funding and funds available to develop activities.

Members acknowledged the work undertaken by Ms Fjaerestad and the quality of the report.

Cr Maynard left the meeting at 4:10pm

INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES RESOLVED (ICS2023/28) to

1. Receive the *Update on Implementation of Te Rautaki Rangatahi o Wairarapa – Wairarapa Youth Strategy* Report.

2. Note that recruitment of a Youth Development Coordinator is underway, utilizing external funding from Te Whatu Ora.

3. Note that Masterton, Carterton and South Wairarapa District Councils (the Wairarapa District Councils) have agreed Year 1 Regional Flagship Initiatives.

4. Note that the Implementation of Te Rautaki Rangatahi o Wairarapa – Wairarapa Youth Strategy (the Strategy) is on track to commence in Financial Year 2023/24.

(Moved Cr Gray/Seconded Cr Woodcock)

Carried

D3. Action Items

Updates were sought in relation to actions:

- 398 – water races – Robyn sent an update On 11 Sept via email.
- 215 – progress before next meeting.
- 516 – examine alternative funding measures, but not a priority.

Actions 117 & 210 were closed. Members requested that Council Officers circulate the new traffic management guidelines to all elected members when they are available.

INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES RESOLVED (ICS2023/29) to

receive the *Action Items* Report.

(Moved Cr Woodcock/Seconded Cr Bosley)

Carried

E Member's Report

E1. Report from Cr Gray

Cr Gray noted that this issue has been active for several years and further discussion was required to support the community.

Mr Corbett informed the Committee that Waka Kotahi has informed they will renew the problem culvert, they will pay for it and work will be completed around Christmas time when work on level crossings is completed by Kiwi Rail. Mr Corbett informed that 350ml pipe will be installed for greater flow, but it may create downstream issues. He also informed that the inlet catch pit is being replaced and upgraded, which will provide upstream clearance which leads down into the pipe.

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*INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES RESOLVED (ICS2023/30) to receive the Member's Report on Drainage at the corner of Daniell Street and Fitzherbert Street in Featherston from Councillor Gray.
(Moved Cr Bosley/Seconded Cr Woodcock)*

Carried

Item moved from Section B:

Members Report from Cr Woodcock

Noted Cr Woodcock the report was not a criticism of staff, and about policy. Cr Woodcock spoke to matters included in the report. It was agreed Mr Gardner, Cr Ellims and Cr Woodcock would discuss further offline as Cr Gray had to leave the meeting and quorum was lost.

The meeting closed at 4:46pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record

.....(Chair)

.....(Date)

.....(Chief Executive)

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