



**Minutes – 7 October 2021**

- Present:** Mel Maynard (Chair), Aidan Ellims, Michael Honey, Nathan Fenwick, Councillor Pam Colenso, Councillor Pip Maynard and Alex Mason (Youth Representative).
- In Attendance:** Harry Wilson (Chief Executive), Bryce Neems (Amenities and Waste Manager), Stefan Corbett (Group Manager Partnership and Operations), Graeme Campbell (Greater Wellington Regional Council), Steph Frischknecht (Committee Advisor) and Kaitlyn Carmichael (Committee Advisor).
- Also in Attendance** Mike Armour, Trinity Shaw, Graeme Scarr, Johnny Shaw, Clem Beck, Jenny Boyne, Alistair Boyne, Naomi Shaw and Mike Firth.
- Conduct of Business:** Due to COVID-19 restrictions this meeting was held via video conference and was live-streamed to Council's [YouTube channel](#). All members participating via video conference counted for the purpose of the meeting quorum in accordance with clause 25B of Schedule 7 to the Local Government Act 2002. The meeting was conducted between 6.30pm and 11.04pm

**1. EXTRAORDINARY BUSINESS**

Ms Maynard explained the Chairperson Report would be added as agenda item 10.1. Correspondence from community member Marcia Hunter would be discussed as part of this report.

*MCB RESOLVED (MCB 2021/55) to temporarily suspend Standing Order 14.14 to extend the public forum time limit beyond the period of 30 minutes to hear from two additional speakers. The reason for the suspension was to enable a fuller range of community views to be heard regarding the proposed closure of the Te Awaiti and Tora reserves before the Chief Executive decision regarding the closure.*

*(Moved Maynard/Seconded Ellims)*

Carried

**2. APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies.

**3. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

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#### 4. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS AND TRIBUTES

Ms Maynard acknowledged the passing of Warren Colton, a long standing resident of Martinborough, and offered condolences to Mayor Beijen.

Ms Maynard acknowledged the passing of Glen Morrison, a past roading engineer with the South Wairarapa District Council who was instrumental in a number of projects in the area.

Cr Maynard acknowledged the fire in Carterton on 7 October 2021 and sent condolences to those business and individuals involved.

#### 5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

##### Mike Armour – Footpaths and Roothing

Mr Armour raised three issues of concern regarding footpaths and roading in the Martinborough community which had been raised with Council officers previously but not rectified. Mr Armour sought support from the Board to install a footpath between Sackville/Dublin Streets and Regent/Dublin Streets, repair the road surface, repair lipless pram crossings and to investigate stormwater issues in this area.

##### Trinity Shaw – Proposed Closure of Te Awaiti Reserve for Overnight Camping

Ms Shaw raised concern about the proposed closure of Te Awaiti reserve for overnight camping. Ms Shaw considered that further research, risk assessment and consultation should occur. Ms Shaw requested the Board pass a motion asking that the South Wairarapa District Council halt the proposed closures for overnight camping.

##### Mike Firth – Te Awaiti Reserve and Livestock on Rural Roads

Mr Firth expressed concern with the recent South Wairarapa District Council Facebook post regarding Livestock on Rural Roads. Mr Firth reported that there are many factors involved in livestock on roads and requested other communication avenues be used. Mr Firth discussed the proposed closure of Te Awaiti Reserve and raised concern regarding the possible moving of campers to nearby properties. Mr Firth requested clarification on coastal rubbish collection, should the campground be closed.

##### Graeme Scarr – Proposed Closure of Te Awaiti Reserve

Mr Scarr raised concern with the proposed closure of Te Awaiti and North Tora camping grounds, outlined benefits of access and requested further investigation and data be gathered before a decision is made. Mr Scarr considered there were safety issues at the South Tora Campground limiting its suitability to become the only camping site on the coast. Mr Scarr requested the Board pass a motion requesting Council halt the proposed closure until a risk/benefit investigation and public consultation is completed.

##### Clem Beck – Reputational Risk and Rates Rise

Mr Beck requested that the Board ask the South Wairarapa District Council what actions are planned to rectify the rates being set higher than indicated in the Long Term Plan consultation, and why the 6-weekly timeline between the Martinborough Community Board meetings had been extended.

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#### Johnny Shaw – Proposed Closure of Te Awaiti Reserve

Mr Shaw raised concern with the proposed closure of the Te Awaiti Reserve for overnight camping and questioned the proposed reasoning behind the proposal. Mr Shaw requested the Board pass a motion to request Council to halt the proposed closure of Te Awaiti Reserve for overnight camping.

#### Naomi Shaw – Proposed Closure of Te Awaiti Reserve

Ms Shaw voiced concern about the proposed closure of the Te Awaiti Reserve for overnight camping. She also acknowledged potential closure of North Tora campsite. Ms Shaw discussed concerns with the process followed with this potential closure and requested the Board pass a motion to request Council to halt the proposed closure of Te Awaiti Reserve for overnight camping.

#### Jenny Boyne – Proposed Closure of Te Awaiti Reserve

Ms Boyne discussed concern over the proposed closure of the Te Awaiti Reserve and North Tora campsite for overnight camping. Ms Boyne noted the impact these closures would have on overnight camping in the area, and on the property of local residents. Ms Boyne discussed the lack of funding and maintenance these campsites have received. Ms Boyne considered that flooding at Tukurumuri required further attention.

The meeting adjourned at 7.51pm.

The meeting reconvened at 7.58pm.

#### **10.1 Chairperson Report - Topic 3 Te Awaiti Campground (item moved)**

Ms Maynard spoke to matters as outlined in Topic 3 of the Chairperson Report. Ms Maynard read an email on behalf of Marcia and Ian Hunter, who are long term Tora residents, outlining their concern with the proposed closure of Te Awaiti Reserve for overnight camping.

### **6. ACTIONS FROM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr Corbett indicated that there is no plan to install new unplanned footpaths this financial year. These issues would be reviewed for the upcoming fiscal year, once subsurface work is complete. Identified repairs and maintenance would be investigated this fiscal year.

*MCB NOTED:*

Action 486: To investigate correspondence from Mr Armour regarding roading and footpath repairs sent to Council on 9 September 2020 to ensure that Mr Armour has received a response, S Corbett.

Action 487: To report back to Mr Armour with a timeframe for the work identified at the 7 October 21 MCB meeting, should it be programmed, S Corbett.

Mr Wilson discussed opportunities to improve and use other modes of communication regarding stock on roads.

Mr Wilson and Ms Frischknecht provided an explanation for variations in the Board's meeting schedule.

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Community public meetings on Rates would be held prior to 17 November 2021.

**10.1 Chairperson Report - Topic 3 Te Awaiti Campground (item moved)**

Mr Wilson spoke to concerns raised regarding the proposed closure of the Te Awaiti and North Tora campgrounds for overnight camping. Mr Wilson acknowledged community views and discussed flood risks and concerns for public safety.

Mr Campbell presented flood risk information as provided to Mr Wilson from the Greater Wellington Regional Council.

The meeting adjourned at 9.39pm.

The meeting reconvened at 9.50pm.

*MCB RESOLVED (MCB 2021/56) that an extraordinary meeting be held on 13 October 2021 at 6.30pm to address remaining agenda items (7 – 12), to allow for additional time to discuss agenda item 10.1, Topic 3.*

*(Moved Ellims/Seconded Maynard)*

Carried

*MCB RESOLVED (MCB 2021/57) that the meeting extend past 10.30pm for the purpose of continuing discussion on agenda item 10.1, as per standing order 4.2.*

*(Moved Cr Maynard/Seconded Fenwick)*

Carried

Ongoing discussion on potential risks of flooding at Te Awaiti campground. Potential options for mitigating this risk to the community were also discussed by members. Members undertook to gather further information regarding risk elimination and mitigation to present to the Chief Executive prior to a decision being made.

The meeting closed at 11.04pm.

**Confirmed as a true and correct record**

.....Chairperson

.....Date

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