



Minutes – 8 July 2021

- Present:** Mel Maynard (Chair), Aidan Ellims, Michael Honey, Nathan Fenwick, Councillor Pip Maynard, Councillor Pam Colenso and Alex Mason (youth representative).
- In Attendance:** Mayor Alex Beijen, Harry Wilson (Chief Executive), Euan Stitt (Group Manager Partnerships and Operations), Sheil Priest (Communications Manager) and Steph Frischknecht (Committee Advisor).
- Conduct of Business:** The meeting was conducted in public in the Martinborough Town Hall, Texas Street, Martinborough between 6.30pm and 9.17pm.

1. EXTRAORDINARY BUSINESS

MCB RESOLVED (MCB 2021/30) to temporarily suspend standing order 14.14 and extend the public forum time limit from 30 minutes to 60 minutes due to high public interest.

(Moved M Maynard/Seconded Fenwick)

Carried

Ms Maynard explained Topic 2 of the Chairperson Report would be considered ahead of agenda item 7.1, and a Hinekura Road Update Report would be tabled under Action 606 of agenda item 8.1.

2. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

3. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest.

4. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS AND TRIBUTES

Ms Maynard paid tribute to Tiki Rangimarie Tamahau Mahupuku McGregor, a Rangatira of Ngati Hikawera who are Mana Whenua in Martinborough, who had recently passed away. He will be missed for his kindness and knowledge and commitment to his whānau, community and church.

Mr Ellims paid tribute to Paul Cutfield who had recently passed away. Mr Cutfield was a long term resident who had done a lot of conservation work at Aorangi Forest Park.

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5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Allan Hogg and Dudley-Anne Hill, Martinborough Business Association – Winter Martinborough event 2022 and onwards

The association sought the support of the Board for a winter festival to be held in Martinborough throughout August. Mr Hogg, with support from Ms Hill, outlined the rationale for the timing of the event, proposed themed approach, marketing approach, potential collaboration with Destination Wairarapa, and potential use of the Martinborough Square and Waihinga Centre.

Stuart Campbell – Innovating Streets programme and survey

Mr Campbell believed a recent survey seeking community input into Innovating Streets had insufficient options to capture all community views and that the proposed design did not reflect community feedback. The Board was asked to pass a motion of no confidence in the consultation and community engagement process and to request the project be halted until Council showed the majority of the community supported the design.

Louise Lyster – Housing and Zoning

Ms Lyster spoke about the growth options presented as part of the Spatial Plan consultation and believed there needed to be more analysis. Ms Lyster urged the Board to stay engaged and to investigate the facts under each option to ensure a sound evidential basis for growth planning.

Don McCreary – Hinekura Road

Mr McCreary spoke on behalf of a number of Hinekura residents and considered that access to Hinekura Road had been lost due to a lack of proactive repair work. Mr McCreary stated that businesses were refusing to use the alternative route due to safety reasons, outlined the direct and indirect costs of losing heavy vehicle access, and questioned why remedial action had not been carried out.

Jane Cameron – Hinekura Road

Ms Cameron endorsed the points made by Mr McCreary regarding Hinekura Road and stated that truck access is essential to business. Ms Cameron believed rural roads had been left to deteriorate but was encouraged to hear of a more proactive approach outlined in the Hinekura Road Update Report.

Taylor Mauriohoo – Food truck licences

Mr Mauriohoo, owner of a food truck business, spoke of a concern he had of the Innovating Streets programme for businesses as he understood one of the current hawker licences at the Martinborough Square would be lost.

Brett Dumbleton – Ruakokopatuna Road

Mr Dumbleton spoke of his disappointment that the programme to seal Ruakokopatuna Road would not continue and stated the request would continue to be raised. Mr Dumbleton responded to questions on the condition of the road and members assured Mr Dumbleton they would continue to advocate for the improvement of rural roads in Martinborough.

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Christine Webley – Rubbish, Recollections and Bouquets

Ms Webley spoke of a new community-led resource centre in Featherston and asked for the Board's support to engage with Council on a reuse/upcycling service in Martinborough.

Ms Webley spoke on matters of principle, process and accuracy, stating the proposal to seal Ruakokopatuna Road was referenced in response to an Annual Plan submission. Ms Webley believed the funds for Innovating Streets could have been better spent and the costs should capture staff time.

Ms Webley offered a bouquet to the Board for their functionality.

Clayton Hartnell – Roothing

Mr Hartnell spoke of road safety issues across the district that had not been rectified and wanted to understand what the roading process was.

Members advised Mr Hartnell they would be inviting those involved with Ruamāhanga Roads, a shared roading maintenance contract between South Wairarapa and Carterton District Councils, to present so they could understand the process and share this information with the community.

Clem Beck – Innovating Streets

Mr Beck expressed concern with the communication and consultation process for Innovating Streets, particularly the lack of involvement of the community and Community Board, lack of notification of engagement activities and short timeframes given for proposing alternative design ideas. Mr Beck believed the design did not fit with the historical nature of the town and also spoke of the need for improved lighting at the square.

John Thomson – Innovating Streets

Mr Thomson spoke against the Innovating Streets programme, questioned how funding for the initiative was prioritised over essential road repairs, and sought assurance of its removal at the end of the trial period. Mr Thompson expressed concern about the consultation process and believed the design did not improve road safety or comply with the historic precinct.

Alex Wall – Rates increase

Mr Wall considered the high attendance and range of issues raised during the public forum reflected Council's performance and believed Council had got consultation the wrong way around.

Mr Wall believed the rates and rubbish bag price increases were too high and urged Council to consider other options and focus on the basics.

6. ACTIONS FROM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members discussed the supply and demand of hawker sites and investigating alternative locations outside Martinborough Square. Discussion with the Martinborough Business Association was recommended should alternative locations be considered.

MCB NOTED:

1. Action 313: Raise the idea of a resource centre for reuse/upcycling in Martinborough at the next Council meeting, M Maynard.

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2. Action 314: Write a letter of support to Martinborough Business Association for a Martinborough winter festival and request being kept informed of the event planning, M Maynard.
3. Action 315: Investigate whether the parking spaces being occupied at Martinborough Square is limiting the ability of hawker site setup and whether the available space can be extended, R O'Leary.
4. Action 316: Invite those of Ruamāhanga Roads, a shared roading maintenance contract between South Wairarapa and Carterton District Councils, to present to the Board on the processes for roading maintenance across the district, E Stitt.

10.1 Chairperson Report – Topic 2 Innovating Streets and Road Safety
(item moved)

MCB RESOLVED (MCB 2021/31) to receive the Chairperson Report.

(Moved Ellims/Seconded Fenwick)

Carried

Ms Maynard spoke to the road safety recommendations as outlined in the Chairperson Report. The matters had been presented to the Assets and Services Committee and would be added to the work programme to investigate.

Mr Wilson updated members on the Innovating Street programme, covering engagement and consultation activities, design adjustments made in response to community feedback, the road safety objectives of the programme, and the design engineer approach being undertaken to trial different options and obtain regular feedback before its removal.

Members expressed concern at the lack of consultation with the Community Board to which Mr Wilson apologised and acknowledged the Community Board could have been better involved.

Members discussed the makeup and involvement of the project team, remaining funds available, and believed there were other roading issues that posed a greater safety risk. Mr Wilson advised of other programmes of work in place to address these issues.

MCB RESOLVED (MCB 2021/32) to pass a vote of no confidence in the consultation with the Martinborough Community Board on the Innovating Streets programme

(Moved Ellims/Seconded Fenwick)

Carried

Councillors Colenso and Maynard abstained

Mr Wilson advised it was important to hear the full range of views and encouraged members to hear from people who supported the project. Mr Wilson updated members of unacceptable bullying and intimidation behaviour and measures put in place to protect workers on the project.

8.1 Action Items Report – Action 606: Hinekura Road Update

(item moved)

Mr Wilson outlined the background to the Hinekura Road situation noting that it was a complex problem that was continually changing. Officers were following the advice of geotechnical engineers to address the issue.

Mr Wilson responded to questions from members regarding timeframes and agreed with the suggestion that an alternative route be investigated concurrently.

Members discussed the long-standing nature of the issue, communications with Hinekura residents, attendance at a public meeting to be scheduled in Hinekura, and the repair of bridges within the district.

MCB RESOLVED (MCB 2021/33) to receive the Hinekura Road Update Report.

(Moved Fenwick/Seconded Cr Colenso)

Carried

7. COMMUNITY BOARD MINUTES

7.1 Martinborough Community Board Minutes – 27 May 2021

MCB RESOLVED (MCB 2021/34) that the minutes of the Martinborough Community Board meeting held on 27 May 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

(Moved Cr Colenso/Seconded Cr Maynard)

Carried

8. CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND STAFF REPORTS

8.1 Action Items Report

Members requested the roading programme and report on the Waiinga Centre lessons learned be presented to the next Community Board meeting.

Members discussed funding allocated in the Long Term Plan to investigate town entrance signs and Mr Fenwick updated members that local graphic designer, Andy Shaw, expressed interest in designing the Bidwill's Cutting sign. Martinborough Automotive Ltd would fund the design drafting costs for the Bidwill's Cutting sign which would then be presented to the Community Board.

MCB RESOLVED (MCB 2021/35) to receive the Action Items Report.

(Moved Ellims/Seconded Cr Colenso)

Carried

8.2 Income and Expenditure Report

Members discussed retaining funds set aside for the Martinborough Community Garden in case they found a new location, and utilising the Board's grant funds to support community groups rather than projects. Members would explore creating a budget similar to that of the Māori Standing Committee.

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MCB RESOLVED (MCB 2021/36) to receive the Income and Expenditure for 1 July 2020 – 31 May 2021.

(Moved Cr Colenso/Seconded Ellims)

Carried

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no notices of motion.

10. CHAIRPERSONS REPORT

10.1 Chairperson Report

Ms Maynard spoke to matters as outlined in the Chairperson Report, including matters raised by the community and Matariki flags invoices. Members wanted to liaise with officers to investigate the costs to purchase BBQs and discussed how this may be funded.

MCB RESOLVED (MCB 2021/37) to hold grant funding rounds biannually in August and February and that half the available grant funds will be made available in each of the two rounds, with any unspent funds from the August round being made available in the February round.

(Moved Maynard/Seconded Ellims)

Carried

Councillor Colenso abstained

MCB NOTED:

Action 317: Liaise with Council officers to investigate purchasing suitable BBQ options for coastal reserves, N Fenwick.

11. MEMBER REPORTS

There were no member reports.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

Members discussed reduced police resourcing in the district and would seek an update from Constable Jo Kelly at an upcoming meeting. The correspondence would be held over until information had been obtained.

MCB RESOLVED (MCB 2021/38) to receive the inwards correspondence.

(Moved Ellims/Seconded Fenwick)

Carried

The meeting closed at 9.17pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record

.....Chairperson

.....Date

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