

**MINUTES OF SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL
SOCIAL RESILIENCE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE SUPPER ROOM, WAIHINGA CENTRE, TEXAS STREET, MARTINBOROUGH
ON THURSDAY, 2 JULY 2026 AT 10:00 AM**

PRESENT: Cr Simone Baker (Chair), Cr Chris Archer, Cr Rupert Watson, Deputy Mayor Rob Taylor and Mayor Fran Wilde.

IN ATTENDANCE: Janice Smith (Chief Executive Officer), James O'Connor (Group Manager, Infrastructure and Community Operations), Stefan Corbett (Group Manager, Corporate Services), Melissa Stockley (Manager, Community Operations), Matt Vins (Manager, Corporate Support), Nigel Carter (Senior Advisor Community Resilience & Emergency Management) and Amy Andersen (Lead Advisor, Democracy and Committees).

Darlene Rastrick (Ministry of Social Development); Liam Kernaghan (Chorus); Simon Roseingrave (Kia Hākinakina); and Carterton District Council staff – Becks Clarke, Nicola Belsham, Damion Kauika

CONDUCT OF BUSINESS: This meeting was held in the Supper Room, WaiHINGA Centre, 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 10:05am to 12:12pm except where expressly noted.

OPEN SECTION

1 KARAKIA TIMATANGA – OPENING

All in attendance opened the meeting.

2 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

3 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No interests were disclosed relating to items on the agenda or interests not already recorded on a relevant register.

4 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND TRIBUTES

There were no acknowledgements and tributes.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

6 ACTIONS FROM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

7 URGENT BUSINESS

There was no urgent business.

8 INFORMATION REPORTS FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND STAFF**8.1 MARCH UPDATE FROM MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT**

Members heard that job seeker numbers are still increasing but growth is slowing. More people are remaining on benefits for longer, and over half of MSD clients now receive health condition or disability-related support.

Mayor Wilde left at 10:29am.

MSD outlined employment, housing and social support programmes.

Mayor Wilde returned at 10:32am.

Members discussed seasonal employment, employer support, emergency housing, youth employment, and links with the Mayor's Task Force for Jobs.

ACTION SRC2026/01

MSD to provide information on employer engagement across the Wairarapa to help promote local employment opportunities.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SRC2026/02

Moved: Cr Archer

Seconded: Cr Watson

The Social Resilience Committee resolved to receive the March Update from Ministry of Social Development report.

CARRIED

8.2 CHORUS UPDATE - FIBRE NETWORK

Mr Kernaghan spoke to the presentation included in the agenda and advised that Chorus plans to retire the national copper network by 2028, with 274 copper connections remaining in South Wairarapa.

Members discussed rural telecommunications resilience, emergency backup communications, satellite options and advocacy for improved rural connectivity, particularly for isolated communities.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SRC2026/03

Moved: Cr Taylor

Seconded: Cr Archer

The Social Resilience Committee resolved to receive the Chorus Update – Fibre Network report

CARRIED

8.4 KIA HĀKINAKINA UPDATE REPORT

Mr Roseingrave of Kia Hākinakina reported on its work supporting 45 clubs and organisations, governance development, school partnerships, community recreation programmes, and volunteer development.

Members discussed long-term funding sustainability, sponsorship opportunities, and demand for recreational and physical activity programmes.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SRC2026/04

Moved: Cr Watson

Seconded: Cr Archer

The Social Resilience Committee resolved to receive the Kia Hākinakina Update Report.

CARRIED

8.5 MAYORS TASK FORCE FOR JOBS OVERVIEW AND UPDATE

Ms Clarke, supported by Ms Belsham and Mr Kauika

The committee received an update on the regional three-council model, which has supported more than 600 young people into employment since 2020.

Discussion focussed on youth mental health, engagement pathways, gaps in data on disconnected young people, and opportunities to strengthen programme reporting and integration.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SRC2026/05

Moved: Cr Watson

Seconded: Cr Archer

The Social Resilience Committee resolved to receive the Mayors Taskforce for Jobs Overview and Update.

CARRIED

8.3 COMMUNITY BOARDS COMMUNITY RESILIENCE AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Mr Carter provide a progress report on community emergency hubs, local planning and resilience initiatives.

Members discussed the role of mana whenua in emergency planning, communication during recent weather events, the effectiveness of Antenno messaging, and challenges in balancing emergency response activities with longer-term resilience planning.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SRC2026/06**Moved: Cr Archer****Seconded: Mayor Wilde**

The Social Resilience Committee resolved to:

1. Receive the Community Boards Community Resilience and Emergency Management Update report.
2. Discuss the work programme and provide feedback as appropriate.

CARRIED**9 PUBLIC EXCLUDED BUSINESS****RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SRC2026/07****Moved: Cr Archer****Seconded: Cr Watson**

The Social Resilience Committee resolved that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

The general subject matter of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48 for the passing of this resolution	Plain English reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter
9.1 - Senior Housing	s7(2)(a) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons	s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7	Protect the privacy of senior housing tenants

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 11:52am.

The meeting was resumed in public excluded at 11:58am.

10 KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA – CLOSING

All in attendance closed the meeting with a karakia.

The meeting closed at 12:12pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record.

..... (Chair)

..... (Date)

..... (Chief Executive)

..... (Date)