MINUTES OF SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL
SOCIAL RESILIENCE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE SUPPER ROOM, WAIHINGA CENTRE, TEXAS STREET, MARTINBOROUGH
ON THURSDAY, 5 NOVEMBER 2026 AT 12:30 PM

PRESENT: Cr Simone Baker (Chair), Cr Chris Archer, Cr Peter Biggs, Cr Rupert Watson and Mayor Fran Wilde.

APOLOGIES: Cr Rob Taylor.

IN ATTENDANCE: Cr Collier Isaacs and Cr Rachel Clarke.

Janice Smith (Chief Executive Officer), James O'Connor (Group Manager, Infrastructure and Community Operations), Nigel Carter (Senior Advisor, Community Resilience and Emergency Management), Melissa Stockley (Manager, Community Operations), Marcus Harvey (Library Manager), Alex Pigou (Partnership and Communications Manager) and Amy Andersen (Lead Advisor, Democracy and Committees).

Damion Kauika, Nicola Belsham and Becks Clarke (Carterton District Council).

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 12:30pm to 2:04pm except where expressly noted.

OPEN SECTION

1 KARAKIA TIMATANGA – OPENING

All in attendance opened the meeting.

2 APOLOGIES

2.1 APOLOGIES - 5 NOVEMBER 2026

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SRC2026/10

Moved: Cr Baker
Seconded: Cr Watson

The Social Resilience Committee resolved to accept apologies from Cr Taylor.

CARRIED

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 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

8.1 MINUTES OF THE SOCIAL RESILIENCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 2 JULY 2026

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SRC2026/11

Moved: Cr Archer
Seconded: Mayor Wilde

The Social Resilience Committee resolved that the minutes of the Social Resilience Committee meeting held on 2 July 2026 are confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

9 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

There were no matters arising.

10 INFORMATION REPORTS FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND STAFF

10.2 MAYORS TASK FORCE FOR JOBS OVERVIEW AND UPDATE

The Committee received a presentation highlighting the work being undertaken to support young people into employment and training opportunities from Ms Belsham, Ms Clark and Mr Kauika. They outlined a range of initiatives, including interview preparation workshops, peer support sessions, guest speakers, employability skill development, and wellbeing activities. Members heard examples of positive outcomes achieved through individual support and relationship building, including successful employment placements for young people facing barriers to employment.

The Committee was also informed of the organisation's partnership with the Carterton Youth Village, which provides support for vulnerable young people experiencing challenging circumstances. Members discussed the importance of helping young people access identification, banking services, employment opportunities, and wider social support networks.

The Committee acknowledged the value of the programme and the positive impact it is having on young people across the district.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SRC2026/12

Moved: Mayor Wilde
Seconded: Cr Biggs

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

CARRIED

10.3 POU MĀORI CONTRIBUTION TO SOCIAL RESILIENCE OUTCOMES

The Committee received a presentation from Narida Hooper on the strategic and community-focused work undertaken to support social resilience outcomes across the district.

Members were updated on strengthening relationships with mana whenua and the increasing level of engagement occurring across council projects and initiatives. The Committee also heard about youth engagement work, including collaboration with the Youth Council and current research projects aimed at understanding the perspectives of young people and encouraging future community leadership.

The presentation outlined the role of Māori liaison functions within emergency management, including support for marae, iwi, and whānau during emergency events. Members noted the positive collaboration occurring across councils and emergency management partners.

Discussion also covered internal capability building, Te Tiriti o Waitangi awareness, use of te reo Māori, cultural competency, and opportunities for council staff to engage with tikanga Māori practices.

Members thanked Ms Hooper for her significant contribution and acknowledged the positive impact of her work, particularly in supporting whānau following recent community events.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SRC2026/13

Moved: Cr Watson
Seconded: Cr Archer

The Social Resilience Committee resolved to:

1. Receive the Pou Māori Contribution to Social Resilience Outcomes
2. Note the contribution of the Pou Māori role to social resilience, cultural wellbeing, emergency preparedness, community connectedness, and community development across South Wairarapa
3. Support Council to meet its Te Tiriti o Waitangi obligations by fostering meaningful engagement with mana whenua, recognising Māori interests and promoting equitable and resilient outcomes for communities across the district.

CARRIED

10.4 SOUTH WAIRARAPA LIBRARIES REPORT

The Committee received the first Library Service report presented through the Social Resilience Committee from Mr Harvey.

Members were advised that library usage continues to grow, particularly through online services. The service now provides access to approximately 40,000 physical items and more than 50,000 digital resources through the SMART libraries network. Programmes including story times, school visits, Digital Seniors, and JP clinics are experiencing strong participation.

The report highlighted the important role libraries play in supporting community wellbeing, providing safe public spaces, facilitating social connection, and supporting residents experiencing social challenges.

The Committee noted that library staff are now trained to support Emergency Operations Centre activations and will participate in an upcoming emergency management exercise.

Significant technology improvements have been completed, including self-service kiosks, digital displays, equipment upgrades, and improved emergency response capability. Members also received an update on a proposal to introduce click-and-collect lockers at Martinborough and Featherston libraries to improve after-hours access to library services and council resources.

Members discussed self-service kiosk implementation, collection tracking capabilities, visitor numbers, and opportunities to further understand customer service centre usage within library facilities.

The Committee noted that visitor numbers had increased from approximately 21,000 visits in one quarter to 27,000 visits in the most recent three-month period.

Members thanked staff for their innovation and commitment to improving services.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SRC2026/14

Moved: Cr Biggs
Seconded: Cr Watson

The Social Resilience Committee resolved to:

1. Receive South Wairarapa Libraries report;
2. Note the information included in the report.

CARRIED

10.5 COMMUNITY RESILIENCE AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UPDATE

The Committee received an update on community resilience initiatives and emergency management activities from Mr Carter.

Members were advised on progress made through community board workshops focused on emergency hub familiarisation and strengthening community connections. Particular emphasis was placed on the successful Greytown Community Resilience Expo, which provided residents with the opportunity to learn about emergency hubs, preparedness, and local support networks.

The Committee heard that strong community connections are now developing across all three towns, providing a solid foundation for the next phase of resilience planning. This work will focus

on strengthening communication networks and community-led response arrangements before, during, and after emergency events.

Members noted the positive level of community engagement and support for resilience initiatives.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SRC2026/15

Moved: Mayor Wilde
Seconded: Cr Archer

The Social Resilience Committee resolved to receive the Community Resilience and Emergency Management Update report.

CARRIED

ITEM MOVED:

10.1 KIA HĀKINAKINA UPDATE REPORT

The Committee received an update on sport and recreation activities across the district. The provider advised that while community event delivery had been quieter in recent months, significant planning work was underway.

Members heard that ongoing support continued to be provided to schools, teachers, and tamariki, with positive progress being made in encouraging participation and skill development. Work was also continuing to develop partnerships across the South Wairarapa, including discussions with the South Wairarapa Primary Schools Cluster regarding support for cycling initiatives and events.

The Committee was advised that planning was underway for two children's triathlon events in December, following community feedback seeking more frequent opportunities. An update was also provided on the proposed Southern Coastal Walk, a community event being developed in partnership with local landowners and the Ōnoke/Lake Ferry community. The event is expected to attract visitors from outside the district, generate economic benefit, and provide fundraising opportunities for the local community.

Members requested that future reports include greater detail on stakeholder engagement, organisations worked with, and services delivered throughout the district.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SRC2026/16

Moved: Cr Biggs
Seconded: Cr Archer

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

CARRIED

10.6 ACTION ITEMS

SRC 2026/01 – The Committee noted the MSD data action was closed. No further actions noted in this meeting.

11 PUBLIC EXCLUDED BUSINESS

RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SRC2026/17

Moved: Mayor Wilde
Seconded: Cr Archer

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
11.1 - Public Excluded Minutes of the Social Resilience Committee Meeting held on 5 November 2026	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	Relates to the Senior Housing report and protecting the privacy of senior housing tenants
11.2 - Seniors Housing Portfolio Review - Stage One Findings and Direction for Stage Two	s7(2)(a) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons s7(2)(c)(ii) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information would	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	Note that the withholding of information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 is necessary to protect the privacy of existing tenants and avoid disclosure of information relating to the personal circumstances and housing needs of vulnerable residents under section 7(2)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987. The report also contains information relating to potential future

	be likely otherwise to damage the public interest s7(2)(f)(i) - free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of any local authority s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities		negotiations and commercial options for the Council's seniors housing portfolio under sections 7(2)(h) and 7(2)(i).

CARRIED

12 KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA – CLOSING

All in at closed the meeting with a karakia.

The meeting closed at 2:06pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record.

…….. (Chair)

…….. (Date)

…….. (Chief Executive)

…….. (Date)